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Belmont, Carson-Newman report record enrollments

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Two of Tennessee Baptists' three colleges and universities have reported record fall enrollments.

For the first time in its history, enrollment at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, topped the 2,200 mark, with 2,207 students, 44 more than last year's record number.

Despite reports of a slow-down in first-time freshmen students nationwide, Carson Newman's freshmen class enrollment broke last year's number, reaching the 445 mark. The number of students returning to complete their education at C-N also surpassed college officials' projections.

Enrollment at Belmont University in Nashville reached 3,009, the largest student body in its history. In that number is Belmont's largest undergraduate class (2,636) and graduate class (373). The full-time enrollment was up almost 2 percent over last year.

Forty-six states and more than 40 countries are represented in Belmont's student

body. The freshmen class is also the largest ever with 722 first-time students enrolling.

The outlook was not quite as good at Union University in Jackson. Fall enrollment there totaled 2,068, a 13 percent decrease from the university's 1994 total of 2,370.

The drop in enrollment at Union is attributed primarily to the downsizing of Union's Memphis campus at Baptist Memorial Hospital, which closes its doors officially in 1996. The program, which enrolled 334 students last fall, concluded pre-nursing courses at the end of 1995. Memphis campus enrollment now stands at 95 students who will complete bachelor of science in nursing studies in 1996.

While total enrollment for the Jackson campus experienced a 3 percent decrease, graduate enrollment increased by 16 percent. Overall enrollment at the Jackson campus totaled 1,973, down from the 1994 total of 2,036.

Director of Admissions Carroll Griffin attributed the enrollment decline on the Jackson campus to the community's boom-

ing economic climate.

"Any time jobs are plentiful, unemployment is low, and wages are comparatively high, numbers will be down at many institutions of higher education," Griffin said, adding that because of those factors "we were not surprised to see a decline in enrollment."

The academic quality of incoming freshmen seems to be on the rise at all three schools.

Union's freshmen class posted a record average ACT score of 24.2. In addition, 68 percent of all freshmen ranked in the top 15 percent of their high school graduating class.

For the seventh year at Carson-Newman, the ACT scores of incoming freshmen are above national and state averages. The average freshmen at C-N scored 22.5 on the national exam, compared to the state and national averages of 20.3 and 20.8.

Belmont's standardized test scores represent the highest of any class entering the university. The class' mean ACT was 23 while the SAT mean score was 1100. □

Produce church newsletter economically: use state paper

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — It's budget planning time for Tennessee Baptist churches, and the process often has to be stretched to meet the needs.

Yet, several churches have discovered money can be saved when the *Baptist and Reflector* is used to print the church newsletter.

Jeff Mathis, chairman of the stewardship committee at

Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory, noted one of the most time-consuming and costly projects in any church office budget is the newsletter.

Tulip Grove discovered the *Baptist and Reflector* to be "the answer to our problem," Mathis said, noting the church found the paper to be a "cost-effective means of keeping our membership informed of not only local church news, but also state and world-wide news

while freeing up time for our overworked church secretary.

"The *Baptist and Reflector* makes more than just financial sense; it makes good common sense," Mathis said.

Jim McCluskey, pastor of Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, said he discovered several years ago "our church could send the *Baptist and Reflector* to every family and include a church page for less than it would cost to do our

own weekly church paper.

"The special church page is well-received. We also eliminated several hours of office work spent each week in addressing and mailing our weekly church mail-out.

"And, we saved 20 percent of the cost. That's wise spending," McCluskey said.

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SBC Cooperative Program gifts top previous fiscal year's record total

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The Southern Baptist Convention ended the 1994-95 fiscal year with a record \$145,739,489 in Cooperative Program gifts, surpassing by nearly \$3 million the record given last year, according to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

For the SBC fiscal year, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, the \$145.7 million total for 1994-95 is 2.01 percent, or \$2.87 million above last year's record gifts of \$142,866,782.

In addition, designated gifts for the year rose to \$132,830,194, also a record, compared to last year's

amount of \$127,828,517, an increase of \$5,001,677, or 3.91 percent. The 1994-95 total also is more than \$9 million or 6.74 percent above the SBC's program allocation budget of \$136,539,730.

Since the year-end totals surpassed the basic budget, the overage was distributed in a special SBC-approved method: 37 percent to the Foreign Mission Board; 31.5 percent to a capital needs budget benefitting the Home Mission Board, the six SBC seminaries, and the Radio and Television Commission; and the remaining 31.5 percent distributed according to the regular allocation budget percentages to all SBC entities. □



Welcome to the TBC

Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Director James Porch, second from right, welcomes Chuck Groover, right, pastor of Hobson Pike Church, Mt. Juliet, and Richard Schumpert, pastor of Central Church, Spring City, and his family, Janet and Benjamin to the Baptist Center. They were attending an orientation for church staff new to the state. See page 13 for more photos.

Hurricane recovery needs prayer, volunteers

Baptist Press

MEMPHIS — Jim Henry, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, issued a call last week for Southern Baptists to "pray, go, and give" in response to destruction caused by Hurricane Opal.

At the same time, volunteers from four state conventions began feeding and cleanup operations across the southeast. Other state conventions continued to be on standby.

Opal struck the Florida panhandle the evening of Oct. 4 with winds of up to 140 mph, with remnants continuing across Alabama and Georgia. The storm, which killed at least 15 people and caused an estimated \$1.8 billion in damage in Florida alone, was the latest in one of the busiest storm seasons on record.

Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla., called on Southern Baptists to "join me in prayer for the families of those who have lost loved ones and homes, for the recovery of those who are injured, and for the safety of those public servants who

have been on the front lines throughout this disaster.

"I also ask that you pray for our Southern Baptist volunteers who are already at work all over the region, providing physical and spiritual food and comfort.

"It may be that God is calling some of us to do more than pray," Henry added. "If so, let me encourage you to contact your state convention Brotherhood office first about the possibility of volunteering your services in the weeks to come, as the recovery effort continues. Or you may feel led to provide a monetary contribution in support of these efforts."

The Florida Baptist Convention moved 20 staff members to the area to assist in damage assessment and response planning and had set up a command post in Fort Walton Beach. Feeding units were setting up in Fort Walton, Destin,

Niceville, and Panama City.

Elsewhere, an Alabama feeding unit was operating at First Church, Enterprise, Ala., while Texas Baptist Men located their feeding unit in Niceville, Fla. The Texas team made the 800-mile trek to Florida in a three-vehicle caravan: an 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig with a self-contained field kitchen; a command post — a recreational vehicle equipped with communications equipment; and a four-wheel-drive utility vehicle.

Units in Georgia were preparing meals at Central Church in Douglasville while two cleanup crews worked in the area. Another feeding unit was operating at First Church, Pine Mountain. State convention disaster relief units in Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina remained on alert.

Those who wish to make donations in support of the disaster relief effort may send contributions to the SBC Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn., 38104. The contribution should be designated for disaster relief. □



HENRY

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Parham proposes agenda for ethical church leadership

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The ethical Christian must know the difference between what he or she has the right to do and what is the right thing to do, according to Robert Parham, director of the Nashville-based Baptist Center for Ethics.

Parham, a member of Woodmont Church, Nashville, borrowed the definition of ethics from former Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart to introduce a seven-point agenda for ethical church leadership Oct. 2. He spoke at the opening session of a BCE-sponsored "Church Growth with Leadership Integrity" conference at Providence Church here.

In America, particularly, people are prone to talk about their rights. And while some individuals and groups may be denied their full rights, that is

not the major problem the nation faces, he said. "Our problem is not a lack of rights but a lack of responsibility."

In response to this challenge, Parham outlined a seven-point agenda for church leaders to act ethically.

(1) Be positive. Christians often speak in terms of the negative, he said, noting prohibitions on drinking, dancing, and smoking as illustrations. "It's high time for thoughtful Baptists to be for something rather than against something all the time," he declared.

(2) Be proactive. "Too often we are passive Christians waiting on God to tell us what to do rather than taking an ini-

tiative and taking a risk," he said.

(3) Act with your neighbor's welfare in mind. Parham told a story about two men, one of whom decided to drill a hole in his side of the boat. The other man protested that the boat would sink, but the driller said not to worry because he was drilling the hole only under his seat. Americans are so individualistic that the tendency is to "engage in actions without thinking of the consequences for our neighbors who are in the raft with us," he said.

(4) Act today for tomorrow. The current culture promotes a short-sightedness based on self-gratification, Parham said. This contrasts with some Native American traditions, which emphasize decision-making based on the impact to be felt seven generations later, he explained. "Such forward

thinking is a biblical idea based on love for one's neighbor."

(5) Sometimes do nothing. This Sabbath ethic, demonstrated by God in the creation of the world, says that "doing nothing sometimes may be the ethical thing to do," he said.

(6) Be civil. Parham labeled civility a "contemporary fruit of the Spirit" generally absent from heated debates on issues such as abortion, gun control, and school prayer. He suggested the question ethical Christian leaders ought to ponder is, "How do we state our own positions without bashing our opponents?"

(7) Play. Everyone needs time to rest and relax, lest the task of Christian living becomes a burden, Parham said. "Sometimes the right thing to do is to interrupt our serious efforts to change the world with play." □



PARHAM

Daily Partnership Prayer Requests

October

- 14 — Pray for the medical team as they travel to Warsaw today. They will be working in Tarnow and Bialystok, Poland, Oct. 14-23.
- 15 — Pray for the Toronto Baptist Fellowship, Canada, as they look to purchase a new building.
- 16 — Pray for Charles and Barbara Layton as they coordinate our partnership in Poland.
- 17 — Pray that the 253 churches of Michigan will meet their Frances Brown State Missions Offering goal of \$75,000 as they try to reach their state for Christ.
- 18 — Pray for Jennifer Vantrease who serves in Baptist student ministries at the University of British Columbia.
- 19 — Pray for David and Barbara Wyman as they teach a seminary extension course in Montreal, Canada, Oct. 19-21, on "Meeting the Spiritual Needs of Children." The course must be translated from English into French.
- 20 — Pray that many from Tennessee will volunteer and serve through our partnerships in 1996.

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Media helps alcohol remain nation's most popular drug

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A conservative estimate is 13 million Americans, about one of 10 of legal drinking age, are alcoholics. "Alcohol is the nation's No. 1 drug," said Jack Johnson, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

"A startling fact is that only 10 percent of the drinking-age population consumes more than half of all alcoholic beverages sold," he said. Johnson noted that if all alcoholics were to "magically recover, the alcohol industry's gross revenue would be cut in half.

"The alcohol industry, obviously, is going to do everything in its power to see that such

magic does not happen.

"The industry will continue pushing to keep its well-oiled mythology intact through advertising and media support. That mythology portrays alcohol as a special magic that can make one successful, sophisticated, and sexy. Without this magic potion, one's life is depicted as dull, mediocre, and ordinary," Johnson said.

Johnson said "alcohol advertising and alcohol glorification by media tunes out the fact that alcohol-related problems are responsible for more than 100,000 deaths each year" and costs U.S. society more than \$135 billion in economic losses while the "personal cost to families is incalculable." □

WMU mails 'special report'

Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Woman's Missionary Union has released a "WMU Special Report" in response to an Aug. 25 letter mailed to Southern Baptist churches by Jerry Rankin, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board.

The four-page WMU report, mailed the week of Sept. 27, includes a letter explaining WMU's plans to produce "missions education supplements" for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and 10 short articles on ways WMU is working to support the missions efforts of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission boards.

The WMU report was sent to pastors, directors of missions, and church and associational WMU leaders in a third-class mailing. Copies also were

sent to SBC agency executives, state convention executive directors, and state editors in a first-class mailing.

A letter on the cover of the WMU report opens with an expression of thanks "for your support of Woman's Missionary Union" and an acknowledgement of Rankin's letter.

In his letter, Rankin called for prayer for WMU to reverse its plans to produce materials for CBF, an organization of moderate Southern Baptists opposed to current convention leadership.

The WMU cover letter's first paragraph concludes with the purpose of its report: "Perhaps our response will interpret for you the activities in which we are engaged."

The subsequent paragraphs note WMU's October release of coeducational missions education material. "These will focus

exclusively on the work of the Home and Foreign Mission boards," the cover letter states.

Beginning in 1996, the letter continues, "For those churches who request it, we will make available in our coed materials a supplement which will give information about Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missions work and their missionaries. This is a cost-recovery project and will be marketed only by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship."

The letter then states WMU's intention to continue its historic relationship with the HMB and FMB, noting all WMU products support the two SBC mission boards.

"These are days of missions advance. It behooves us to join hands with all Great Commission Christians to spread the Gospel to every part of the world," the letter concludes. □

Rwandan Baptists need aid

By Wendy Ryan
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Schools, clinics, churches, and the office of the Baptist Union of Rwanda all need to be repaired for Baptist work to move ahead in Rwanda.

Baptist pastors also need food, medical care, and bicycles to get around.

After a Sept. 13-19 fact-finding visit in Rwanda, Paul Montacute, director of Baptist World Aid, said the mostly Tutsi Baptist leadership needs a lot of help, especially as they are still burying the dead from the massive human destruction in their country from warfare between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes.

Among the buildings that must be restored is "Le Petit

Seminaire," the Rwandan Baptist high school described as the "crown jewel" of the union and key to the strategy of educating future Baptist leaders. They hope the school can be reopened by Jan. 1.

The headquarters of the Baptist union, ransacked during the fighting, needs to be repaired and refitted so the union can operate.

Despite all the destruction Montacute saw, he also met people like the pastor at Nyantanga who said church attendance is growing every week "with a special emphasis on repentance."

Baptist World Aid continues to seek funds to assist both the union and the Association of Baptists in Rwanda. Donations may be sent to BWaid, 6733 Curran Street, McLean, Va., 22101-6005. □

ACTS announces three-year pact with F&V channel

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The Faith and Values Channel (F&V) and ACTS (American Christian Television System), the cable television service operated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, have announced a new three-year programming agreement.

A joint statement Oct. 2 from Nelson Price, chief executive officer of F&V, and Jack Johnson, president of the RTVC, reads: "Both parties believe the arrangement helps the channel fulfill its purpose of providing interfaith and evangelical programming with a broad viewership appeal to the American public."

Johnson said he was pleased with the announcement. "...We are continuing on a major cable network that stresses family values, and I think the general public and our constituency will be pleased by the new look of the Faith and Values Channel."

Specific details of the agreement, however, were not being released by either party Oct. 2, nor the date of the agreement's beginning date. Currently ACTS programming appears on the F&V Channel eight hours per day in four different time slots.

ACTS has been on the F&V Channel since 1992. □

Conference speaker offers tips on handling conflict

Associated Baptist Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Conflict is inevitable in the church, according to Dave Odom, a specialist in helping congregations resolve conflict.

"The definition of peace is not the absence of conflict," said Odom, director of the Center for Congregational Health in Winston-Salem, N.C. Odom led a session on conflict resolution during the Baptist Center for Ethics conference on "Church Growth with Leadership Integrity."

Ministers often are the last to admit that conflict has risen to dangerous levels, Odom said. And even laypeople often deny the presence of conflict in the church, he added.

Odom outlined a process that conflict often follows in churches and noted some conflicts can be thwarted by facing them head-on as they arise. As conflicts elevate

to higher levels, the chances of avoiding long-term damage decreases, he noted.

The first step to resolving conflict is to understand that different people employ different styles of conflict management, Odom said. He outlined six styles identified by Speed Leas:

- **Persuade.** The persuader assumes that the other person is simply ignorant or incorrect and needs to be changed. This assumes that with enough persuasion, the other person will change positions.

- **Compel.** The compeller uses the force of authority to demand compliance.

- **Avoid/accommodate.** This style, which Odom said is the most common for ministers, leads a person to stay out of the conflict, either actively or passively. While such a style is sometimes appropriate, it is dangerous at other times, he said.

- **Collaborate.** The collaborator gets everybody together to look for a "win-win"

solution. But Odom said such an outcome may not be possible in every situation.

- **Negotiate.** The negotiator employs a strategy similar to the collaborator, but doesn't look for a "win-win" solution. In this model, no one gets everything they want, but some resolution is achieved.

- **Support.** The supporter merely listens to the conflict without offering any solution or direction. This is the style most often employed by counselors, he said.

Each of the styles may be appropriate in certain settings, Odom noted. An effective leader will know how to adapt to the circumstances and not remain stuck in one style, he explained.

The simplest way to manage conflict is to keep it at the most basic level or move it back to that basic level, Odom said. This basic level focuses on "we have a problem to solve" rather than on personalities and side issues. □

Atlanta church reaffirms Stanley

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — First Church, Atlanta, overwhelmingly reaffirmed Charles Stanley as senior pastor during a special business meeting Oct. 1. The special meeting resulted from a petition of eight of the 14,000 FBC members who claim Stanley, whose wife, Anna, has filed for divorce, should step down as pastor.

Stanley received several standing ovations from the 2,500 members in attendance. He said God reconfirmed his call to First Baptist during a personal three-week retreat in the mountains of North Carolina last month.

"I prayed that God would show me what to do, and I will live or die by this statement — 'You keep doing what I called you to do until I call you to do something different,'" he said.

"If God wants to move me, he can do it. Somebody has decided I've not been listening to God. But when he tells me to step aside, I am ready and willing at any given moment. I will not be in disobedience to God. I have to live by what I believe God is telling me," he said.

During the meeting the church also approved a special committee to study qualifications of pastors and deacons in relation to separation and divorce. The committee includes non-church members including Georgia Baptist pastors Nelson Price and Ike Reighard. A divorced man can't serve as a deacon at FBC.

An effort to increase the number of members required to call a special business meeting from 7 to 500 or 5 percent of the membership did not pass. □



Union Association officers

Union Association met Oct. 5 with Hickory Valley Church, Sparta, for its annual meeting. Officers include, from left, Randy Garrell, vice moderator, pastor of Hill Road Church; Ray Maynard, director of missions; Nancy Johnson, clerk; and Bobby Moore, pastor of Cherry Creek Church, moderator.

Jamestown pastor discovers 'you can go home again'

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

JAMESTOWN — Thomas Wolfe didn't know about Glenn Patton when he wrote his famous novel, *You Can't Go Home Again*.

On the other hand, Patton has not read Wolfe's book. But he has read the Bible.

Patton was born within a mile of where First Church, Jamestown, is located today. Many years and thousands of miles later, Patton returned to his hometown two years ago to serve as pastor of First Church.

"The Bible says Jesus went home again to Nazareth," Patton observed. "His people rejected him, but he tried."

Patton had no qualms about returning to Jamestown after being away for approximately 40 years.

"To this point, I know God brought me and the church together," Patton affirmed.

In fact, Patton recalled a conversation with a professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake

Forest, N.C., in the late 1950s.

"The professor asked me if I would ever be willing to go back and serve in my hometown. He cited a study that showed if people in the Cumberland Plateau region were to be reached for the Lord, it would have to be done by 'one of them,'" Patton recalled.

Patton comprehends what his seminary professor told him. "You have to understand the people of the Cumberland Plateau in order to effectively minister to them," he said. "They are country folk who are basically deeply sincere and will trust you — until they are crossed."

Patton recounted his journey which led him away from Jamestown.

After seminary, he and his first wife, Georgia (who died in 1985) were appointed in 1966 as missionaries to the West Bank area of Jordan. They lived in Jerusalem before transferring out of English-speaking work into Arab-speaking work in Lebanon where he served as chaplain and taught at the Beirut Baptist School.

The Pattons served there until 1978

when they took a two-year leave of absence because of his wife's health problems. Two years later she was diagnosed with cancer so they were never able to return to the mission field.

Though he has never gone back Patton is still deeply interested in the country which is now open once again to Americans. And while he didn't try to correspond with Lebanese friends for a long time because he feared it would make trouble for them, Patton occasionally hears from others about how his Baptist friends are doing over there.

One of his best memories is a revival he preached at the Beirut school. Over two days 50 students came forward with some kind of decision, Patton recalled. And, of those students, 25 were Muslim. "I thought that was normal, but I later learned it was not."

After returning to the States, Patton served as pastor of Northside Church, Columbia, and First Church, Wartburg. His wife died while they were serving the Wartburg church.

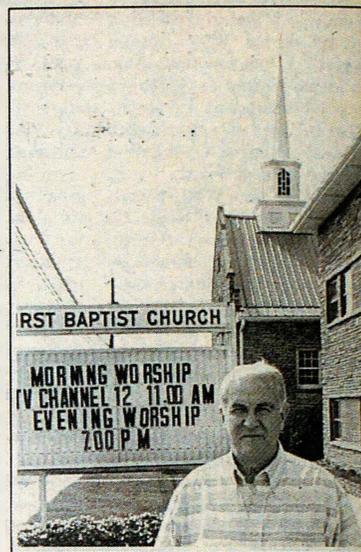
In 1987 Patton remarried. He and his wife, Dottie, were serving a small congregation in Rockwood and he had thought about retiring when the call came from Jamestown. Just five months before he had suffered a heart attack, but now is in good health once again.

The call was not the first he had received while away from home. Patton noted that four or five times over the years, including once while he was in Beirut, First Church, Jamestown, had contacted him, but it never seemed to be the Lord's will at the time.

When that last call came, however, Patton knew "the Lord impressed me to go to Jamestown."

The past two years in his hometown have been the best of his pastoral ministry, Patton affirmed.

There have been 57 additions to the



JAMESTOWN NATIVE Glenn Patton stands outside First Church, where he is now pastor.

church membership during the two years and the church has prioritized some things that need to be done, including building a family life center and purchasing some property for additional parking. The church also recently begun a television ministry.

The church held a tent revival earlier this summer with evangelist Harold Hunter and had more than 120 decisions. The church hopes to sponsor a 5,000-seat tent revival next summer in conjunction with other churches in the area. "If we do that I think we can make a difference in our town," Patton said.

In the meantime Patton believes without a doubt that "you can go home again."

And, while he has not read Wolfe's book, he plans to do so in the future just to "read what he says." □

Patton recalls friendship with Sergeant York

For Baptist and Reflector

JAMESTOWN — History buffs will be interested in knowing Glenn Patton, pastor of First Church, was a personal friend and a distant cousin of World War I hero Sergeant Alvin York.

York was a boyhood friend of Patton's father, George W. Patton, he related.

Patton recalled that York offered to help him get appointed to West Point, but Patton had already joined the Marines.

"I always have considered it an honor that Sergeant York was willing to seek an appointment to West Point for me," Patton said. Patton said York told his dad that the military needed Christian officers.

On a visit to York shortly before his death, Patton asked York to tell him about the battle in France which made him a war hero.

"He told me the night before the battle he prayed all night. The next day there were bullet holes through his shirt, coat, and trousers, but they 'never drew one drop of blood out of me.'"

Patton still maintains a friendship with York's son, Edward, who is a Nazarene preacher. □

Nashvillians collect food and medicine for Ukraine

For Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — This winter, many families in the rural areas of the Ukraine will be forced to choose between heat and food.

That kind of decision is the result of the harsh economic climate that persists following the dismantling of the Soviet Union.

To help relieve some of the suffering faced by the Ukrainians, a Nashville-based group is gathering food and medical supplies.

Gary and Dixie Hines, members of Brook Hollow Church, Nashville, set up Cornerstone International Ministries after a visit to the Ukraine a year ago.

Hines says the group is dedicated to helping those in the

rural areas of the Ukraine, places that are usually left out of other aid programs.

Dixie Hines has made four trips to the Ukraine in the past year. She says the spirit of the people keeps her involved. "The people are so generous. ... They don't complain or ask for things."

Cornerstone Ministries is putting together two 20-foot containers of food and supplies to ship to Sambeer, a small rural city in the Ukraine. The containers will be shipped in mid-October so they will arrive the first of December, in the dead of winter there.

The U.S. state department will pay the freight to ship the two containers, Hines said, but the rules are strict — "no booze, no bullets, and no Bibles."

Also, he added, no food will be sent that does not have nutritional value.

Donations of staple foods like rice, flour, canned meats, and dried milk are needed for the containers, along with non-prescription medicines like cough syrups, aspirin, and antacids.

Brook Hollow Church has been serving as a collection point for the donations which have been coming in since Sept. 30. The church will be open Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for anyone who would like to make a donation.

"Anyone who wants to help is welcome, and we are grateful. The more food and medicine we can gather, the more people will be helped through this effort," Hines said. □

Tickets now available for Minister's Wives luncheon at TBC meeting

CHATTANOOGA — Plans are underway for the 1995 Tennessee Baptist Convention's Minister's Wives Luncheon to be held Nov. 14 from noon to 2 p.m. at Central Church, Hixson.

The theme of this year's program is "Seasons." Sandy Smith, wife of Southern Baptist evangelist Bailey Smith, will be the featured speaker. Angie McGregor, staff member at Central Church, will provide special music.

Smith is a noted conference and retreat speaker, seminar leader, and Bible study leader. She has spoken to ladies groups across the nation.

McGregor is a Chattanooga native and graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased through the church office or at the convention. Round trip shuttle bus transportation will be provided from the Trade Center to Central Church for the luncheon.

Paulette Phillips, pastor's wife at Central, is president of the minister's wives group. Marie Atkins, pastor's wife at Silverdale Church, is vice president.

For more information, call the Central Church office at (615) 877-6462. □

TBC theme: transforming vision into calling

It's convention time for Tennessee Baptists. Read this week's paper. It is planned to inform Tennessee Baptists about an important November 14-15 meeting in Chattanooga.

In a month messengers from churches will convene for the 121st annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Elect your messengers. Make sure they are properly equipped with valid messenger cards. Name your full contingent, all the messengers for which your church qualifies.

Discuss the meeting itself, the speakers and the reports, the theme, the resolutions, the music, prayers, and the role of the church in the life of the convention.

Discuss the budget proposals, look over the plans and programs as explained in this week's *Baptist and Reflector*. In other words, do all you can do to be prepared. Pray for proposals, recommendations, reports, and all that will be on the agenda.

And, when the convention is over and messengers have returned, let them discuss the "happenings" with the church body at a convenient time.

Though the annual session is dominated by pastors (in numbers), it provides opportunity for a fellowship of definitive purpose, to include laity, a time for retrospect and reflection, and a challenge to set sail for committed service to the Lord Jesus in the coming year.

There is always enough fellowship

and renewal to blend in with business and budget. We must let it happen. Most messengers are serious about convention matters.

The best decisions are made with God as the leader, and when our prayers are consistent with his bold, perfect plans.

All matters which may seem grandiose to us are for naught if they are not his plans for Tennessee Baptists.

So it is privilege and duty of those leaders who speak to us, who seek to guide us, whose aim it is to inspire Tennessee Baptists. Spiritually, it is their duty to see the Tennessee vineyard through the eyes of Jesus Christ, to have his heart for lost people, to walk with him as he lifts up the lonely, heals the hurting, welcomes the weary, blesses the broken-hearted.

During convention sessions, Tennessee Baptists should be aware of how much we do for ourselves. We must remember that Jesus said he did not come to heal the healthy or to preach to the saved people. Rather, he said he came to bind the wounds of the battered and to rejoice over that one lost sheep, the one missing coin.

Every ounce of our combined energy, each minute of our time, every discussion, every message, every verse of music and singing, every prayer has vast importance in God's kingdom planning.

Is there precedence for this? Romans 12 certainly teaches "living sacrifices" and the sincerity of love. The chapter

closes with a concise summary of the discussion of Christian love and life. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Is this asking too much for the people of God? No. Is it asking for that to which we are accustomed? No.

Let's hearken then to the key Scripture verse for the Golden State Mission Offering's week of prayer. II Corinthians 8:12, "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

Of course the main thrust of that verse is for sacrificial financial support. But we can safely say that people of God have knowledge of what he wants us to be with our salvation. It is saying to us that *being* is more vital than *doing*.

Now if all this sounds heavy or "preachy," let it be so. The intent is simply to express the belief that God wants all Tennessee Baptists, all saved people, to put our Christianity into practice. We saw a church sign that expressed it well.

"If we practice all we preach," it said, "we may have to practice overtime."

Planning has been done. Recommendations and reports are ready. The music and messages will warm our hearts.

No doubt the churches of Hamilton County Association will do what they can to make us all welcome and comfortable.

We must be careful to make our practicing of Christianity be commensurate with our preaching. □

■ one word more

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
editor

Many miles to walk

Dwight Jackson and Dale Gann had told him about a visit from some Baptists in America. So at the appropriate time he started on his journey, walking.

It was not a long trek for Muganda Shamba Samuele, only about 130 miles.

He had never seen an airplane on the ground. He had never been to his nation's capital city, Bujumbura, where the only airport was situated.

But he did not doubt the existence of airplanes, nor the

actuality of the visit by fellow Baptists. He wanted to be there to meet them, to see them, to talk with them.



ALLEN

Muganda Shamba Samuele walked much of the 130 miles to Bujumbura, hitching a ride with the Jacksons out of Rubura.

He was there when we arrived, there with the small retinue of missionaries and Burundi Baptist leaders.

In the circle of new friends seated later in the comfort of the Ganns' home, Pastor Shamba Samuele was not a commanding presence. But to me, he came to be the essence of spiritual strength found only in true servanthood.

He was unobtrusive yet impressive when we traveled (riding, by the way) to his church at Kibati a few days later.

There with his gracious wife he welcomed us, treated us with a cool drink, and showed us the church house and a thriving school.

As the school children thronged about us, he decided they needed to start the day's classes. Pastor Shamba Samuele smiled, clapped his hands loudly, and the children scrambled to the schoolyard. We saw that love and respect were mutual feelings.

We talked while his wife ground grain for food, laughing off our offers to help. He told us about his dreams, not only to expand the school, but to enlarge the church house and to involve more of his people in evangelism.

God often puts special people in our paths when we need a change of direction, a shift in priorities. I'm glad he does.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Muganda Shamba Samuele. I mean to pay it. □

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

■ just for today

By Fred Wood
pastor emeritus
Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile

Carl: "You're all dressed up, Charlie. Where are you going?" Charlie: "To Jim Brown's funeral." Carl: "Oh, is he dead?" Charlie: "No. He's going to die next week, but the preacher will be out of town. So the funeral is today."

Take this truth

Do foolish questions deserve foolish answers? No! Don't waste your time trying to answer every thoughtless inquiry. Most people don't really want an answer when they ask something insignificant. It is best to smile and turn away. The least response the better!

Memorize this Scripture

"Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like him" (Proverbs 26:4).

Pray this prayer

"Lord, keep me from wasting time with every foolish question that comes my way. Help me realize when I answer a fool according to his folly, I help him become 'wise in his own conceits.'" □

How to describe anxiety

Anxiety has been described as the official emotion of our age. Many of us live in a sense of dread.

There are things that we fear. Some of our fears are rational and real. Others are irrational and imagined. The anxiety that arises in our lives because of these fears is described as phobias.

Anxiety is often responsible for everything from heart attacks and ulcers to flare-ups in arthritis and asthma.

Our Lord taught us in the Sermon on the Mount that we should not "worry" or "be anxious" about our lives; what we will eat, what we will drink, or what we will wear (Matthew 6:25-34).

Jesus teaches us by saying: "This is why I tell you: do not be worried about the food and drink you need in order to stay alive, or about the clothes for your body. After all, isn't life worth more than food? And isn't the body worth more than clothes?" (v. 25, TEV).

He concludes this section by saying, "So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the

■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor and professor

troubles each day brings" (v. 34, TEV).

This week I will try to describe the problem of anxiety. Then we will look at some methods for defeating this problem.

We also will consider the relationship of this problem with another problem of our day, busyness.

We Christians have a way of explaining away our problems. For instance, I hear many Christians saying that they don't "worry" about anything.

But they are extremely concerned about certain outcomes in their lives.

We get the idea that if we don't call it worry it really doesn't count. We all at times have a certain sense of bravado which enables us to deny our real problems.

I remember a lapel pin that was given to me. It carried the message, "I don't get ulcers; I give them."

That statement embodies what I call the "bantam roost-

er" complex. For city slickers without the benefit of agricultural background, a bantam is a small breed of chicken.

If you put a bantam rooster in a barnyard with ordinary chickens, the bantam is the one most often found crowing and kicking up dust.

He is doing this in order to convince himself as well as the others that in the pecking order, he is as big as they are.

Let's address the issue of *needed* anxiety. A certain amount of anxiety is actually beneficial.

Many a student has done much better on an examination because anxiety over the possibility of a bad grade motivated him to spend more time studying. There is an appropriate place for beneficial anxiety.

We must learn to distinguish between beneficial and detrimental anxiety. The focus of the remaining articles in the next issues of the *Baptist and Reflector* will be on the detrimental forms of anxiety in order to equip us to avoid it. □



BARKLEY

Church gives 21 percent to CP and is hands-on for missions

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

POWELL — In this pastoral suburb of Knoxville, a powerhouse of missions works steadily and quietly to help others. The institution isn't a corporate giant or even a large congregation. It's a small Baptist church — Bells Campground Church in Powell — which knows how to get things accomplished when it comes to missions.

The church gives 25 percent of its offerings to missions — 21 percent to the national Cooperative Program giving plan and 4 percent to Midland Association — which ranks it 21st in percentage giving among Tennessee's 2,900 churches. Also, the members have formed missions teams which tackle one big project each year and other smaller jobs during the year.

The missions factor is as ubiquitous among the characteristics of this church as music appreciation is widespread among other congregations. Bells Campground Church is small in that it has an average Sunday School attendance of about 130. This summer the church planned its ninth annual missions effort. A team of 42 planned to do construction work in Canada to support the Canada/Tennessee Baptist Partnership.

When their assignment was canceled, the group decided to redirect their efforts to speed up an already planned renovation of their church building. They saved about \$40,000 in costs and remained debt-free because the renovation was mostly done by church members.

The congregation also gives to special offerings for missions. It gave \$12,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions last year.

The church has been able to do all this with the leadership of a bivocational pastor until two years ago. Jack Anderson, pastor, retired at that time and was called by the church full-time. The former mechanical engineer in Oak Ridge has served the church for 18 years and has been fully involved in the missions efforts.

The church's missions character may have been sparked as far back as 1987 when members decided to build an educational wing on the church, said Anderson, and work with a church in Michigan to support the Tennessee/Michigan Partnership.

But the church found their niche when a team went to do construction for victims of Hurricane Hugo in 1990, explained Gene Foster, Brotherhood director. During that effort, members met Curtis Fowler of Knoxville, a Mission Service Corps volunteer for Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood for the past 15 years. Fowler began calling on the building team at the church.

Their talent — construction — depends on Kenneth Harbin, a member who owns a construction company with his sons, Mike and Danny, who also are members of the church. Another church member who works with Harbin is Earl Lett. These men are the core of the building team at Bells Campground. "The rest of us just help," said Foster.

Following Hugo, the team has

worked on a church in Cleveland, Crossville, Jackson County, and built a house in a week through the Habitat for Humanity organization in Lenoir City for victims of a tornado. Team members also have done many smaller jobs.

One of those smaller projects the team remembers fondly is the reroofing of the home of a pastor and his family in East Tennessee. The pastor, who served an independent Baptist church, had leukemia, Foster explained. Another job Fowler recommended them for was to follow-up when a team from another church couldn't complete the new home at Oakdale for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. They helped complete the house. Churches members now share needs for construction help about which they learn.

They've seen suffering and tears of thanks and congregations move from a small house which would seat about 25 to a debt-free church building.

These projects "brought us a lot closer to the tremendous needs people



'WE KNOW EVERY PAINT STROKE,' said Gene Foster, right, about the renovation church members just completed of the church building. Others involved join him in front of the building and include, from left, Pat Lett, Betty and Jack Anderson, pastor, and Curtis Fowler.

have," said Anderson.

Fowler noted "a lot of churches keep their resources within themselves," but not Bells Campground Church.

The success of the missions activities may be that whole families can go, said Foster, and members have found a way to use their talents to make a difference in the world. A good result of that is that people who were sporadic in their involvement have become more involved and others have joined. The missions organizations have grown, too, noted Pat Lett, Woman's Missionary Union director for 17 years.

"We've made a lot of friends and met a lot of people. We hope we've touched a lot of lives because they certainly have ours," said Foster. □

Creative arts group in Memphis does missions work

For Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — What started out as a clowning ministry in a local church six years ago has become an associational creative arts outreach which has ministered in prisons, retirement homes, and camps in

eight states.

The Rainbow Express Ministry is made up of 15 members who have formed Agape Clowns and Puppets and the Stage 3 Drama and Music group. The members include a computer programmer, florist, nurse, teacher, secretary, a

worker at the Internal Revenue Service and with the juvenile justice system, artist, choreographer, and photographer. They range from ages 13 to over 65 and hold memberships in four different denominations. But they get together to minister, said Stephanie Rhodes, director.

Rhodes, who is a bivocational

Mission Service Corps volunteer through Shelby County Association in order to direct the ministry, said the effort has changed her life. The member of Broadmoor Church, Memphis, who works in the juvenile justice system, said she was shy before joining the clowning group at Broadmoor which developed into Rainbow Express. The ministry has been life-changing in more ways than one, she added, because it has changed her and other members and those to whom the group has ministered.

Rainbow Express does the usual work of creative arts groups, like working the Mid-South Fair in Memphis where they mingled with the crowd and did allusions with a Gospel message. And they do performances for community and church events.

However, the group has been innovative in that it has ministered in correctional facilities, in-

cluding a maximum security prison in Grady, Ark. During one visit 12 men were saved, reported Rhodes, and 400 observed their performance. After another service at a facility in Pine Bluff, Ark., several members of the group returned to visit with a prisoner they had met. When they arrived, they learned the man already had made a salvation decision.

Rainbow Express also has gotten involved in communication with language groups and those who are mentally challenged, which is possible because the language of the troupe often is mime or action.

Team members have traveled to South Dakota and Nebraska to do missions work for the last three years. Rhodes credits much of their success to the about 200 prayer partners of Rainbow Express.

"We just feel like this variety of members and talents allows us to cross every denomination, race, age, language, and other barriers that exists ... and there are lots of them these days," said Rhodes. □



PERFORMING IN ABERDEEN, S.D., are, from left, Evergreen, a.k.a., Nancy Miller, a member of Broadmoor Church, Memphis; Sparkle, who is Charlotte Salvaggio, a member of First Assembly of God Church, Bartlett; and Frumpy, who is Raymond Johnson, a member of Trinity Church, Cordova. Rainbow Express was working in a housing project during a mission trip there.



FRECKLES, left, a.k.a., Raymond Johnson of Rainbow Express, poses with a new friend made at a block party held by a congregation in West Memphis, Ark.

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Convention holds 121st annual meeting

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
Baptist and Reflector

Chattanooga hosts Tennessee Baptists Nov. 14-15 for their 121st annual meeting. Messengers will meet there on the banks of the Tennessee River, for the first time since 1983 when Fred Steelman, Red Bank Church pastor, was president.

The two-day sessions and many of the auxiliary meetings will be held in the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Convention and Trade Center.

Up to 2,000 messengers are expected.

Registration of messengers is scheduled at Red Bank Church on Monday, from 1 to 5 p. m.; and at the Convention and Trade Center from 1 to 4 p. m.; and continues at the Convention and Trade Center on Tuesday. Messengers are encouraged to have registration cards properly authenticated by their local church before arriving at the conven-

tion site.

The compact program includes:

- Messages from two convention presidents and the TBC executive director;

- Several scheduled times to accommodate business matters from reports and from messengers;

- Music from combined handbells and voice choirs, orchestras and other musicians;

- Elections of convention officers for 1995-96

- Presentation, discussion, and voting on the recommended TBC's Cooperative Program budget of \$26.9 million, an increase from \$26.1.

- Reports from TBC ministries, colleges, institutions, and Executive Board.

- Report and recommendation from the Long-range Planning Committee.

- Report on Partnership Missions activities with Poland, Michigan, and Canada, and a possible relationship with Costa Rica.

Major speakers include Jim Henry, SBC president, former pastor of Two Rivers Church in Nashville, and pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla.; Frank Hawkins, TBC president; and James Porch.

Theme for the meeting is "Transforming Vision into Calling: Partners with Christ."

President Hawkins, pastor of First Church, Kingsport, will preside. Other officers include M. B. Howard, layman from Covington, vice president; Wesley

Pitts, director of missions for Cumberland Association, second vice president; Wallace Anderson, retired Tennessee Baptist Convention employee, recording and statistical secretary; Dan Ferrell, TBC employee, registration secretary; and James Porch, treasurer (and Executive Board executive director).

Parliamentarian for the meeting is Reed Dixon, and Julian Suggs is music coordinator.

The committee on arrangements, which planned the convention program and other proceedings, is chaired by Charles Bryan, pastor of Central Church, Alcoa.

The first day's program begins at 9 a. m. on Tuesday (Nov. 14). After the convention is organized at 9:20, various reports of Executive Board staff ministries will be given then, and throughout the two-day sessions.

A miscellaneous business session, one of several, is scheduled for 10:50, followed later by a message from James Porch.

New church staff members and retiring directors of missions will be recognized on Tuesday afternoon also, prior to a second business session.

The first portion of the Executive Board report is scheduled in the afternoon along with TBC budget recommendations. Highlighting the Tuesday evening program will be a report with recommendations from the Long-range Planning Committee and Hawkins' presidential message.

Bivocational pastors and small church pastors will be recognized also.

More Executive Board ministries will report on Wednesday morning, along with a third business session and more of the



HENRY



PORCH



SAGER

Executive Board report.

Election of a new president is scheduled for Wednesday morning and time for a second election follows the business session.

Prior to lunch on Wednesday, messengers will hear the convention sermon preached by Doug Sager, pastor of First Concord Church, Knoxville.

Early on Wednesday afternoon, reports will be given by the *Baptist and Reflector*, TBC educational institutions, and Executive Board ministries.

Later in the day, messengers will elect officers who have not been voted on earlier. Reports will be heard from committees on arrangements, resolutions, constitution and bylaws, boards, and committees.

A final miscellaneous business session is sandwiched among the committee reports.

It is always possible for messengers to alter some of the reports, but it is not prevalent.

The committee on boards and committee on committees bring nominations for the Executive Board, several standing committees, and trustees for colleges and other institutions.

Wednesday evening is scheduled as a time of worship and celebration.

A highlight of that session will include musicians from Carson-Newman College, the Associational Choir from Hamilton Association, and recognition of officers serving this convention and newly-elected officers.

The concluding event of the 121st annual meeting will be the message of Jim Henry, Southern Baptist Convention president. □

Message from president

By Frank Hawkins, TBC president and pastor, First Church, Kingsport

On Nov. 14-15 Tennessee Baptists will gather at the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Convention and Trade Center for the 121st annual meeting. Under the theme, "Transforming Vision into Calling: Partners With Christ," we will worship, fellowship, and conduct the business of our great convention. I urge Tennessee Baptists to participate.

Each session will have a 15-minute worship period, with Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, and Union University as worship leaders. All sessions will end with focused prayer time, led by people from our churches.

In the opening session, James Porch, our executive director-treasurer will share with us his dreams and vision for our convention. The convention sermon will be given by Doug Sager, pastor of First Church, Concord. In the closing session, we will hear a message from Jim Henry, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla. In that same session handbell choirs, orchestra, and combined choirs from Hamilton County Baptist Association churches will present inspirational music.

On Tuesday evening prior to my opportunity to address the messengers, Gary Coltharp, pastor, First Church, Jackson, will lead the Long-range Planning Committee in presenting its report to our convention. This committee has worked diligently and competently for two years in putting together a challenging vision plan for us to consider.

As your president, I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting. My hope and prayer is that we will grow in our partnership with Christ and with one another. □



HAWKINS

Committee requests resolutions prior to convention annual meeting

For *Baptist and Reflector*

Messengers desiring to present a resolution before the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which meets Nov. 14-15 at the Chattanooga/Hamilton County Trade Center are asked to mail a copy of the resolution prior to the annual meeting.

Resolutions can be mailed to the office of the Executive Director, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024-0728.

All resolutions received in the office will be presented to the Committee on Resolutions for their consideration.

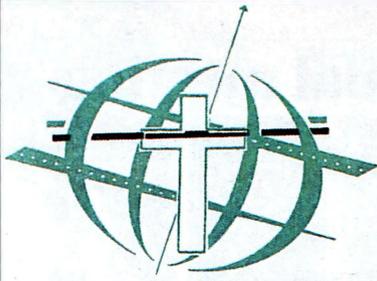
According to convention bylaws, "Resolutions, including those sent to the Committee on Resolutions prior to the convention, must be submitted during a business session only by registered messengers. Resolutions must be submitted no later than the last miscellaneous business session of the first day of the convention. Only titles of proposed resolutions shall be read into the record when presented, but the full resolution must be in writing and submitted to the presiding officer, recording secretary, and the Committee on Resolutions."

According to TBC bylaws, the Committee on Reso-

lutions is to receive written resolutions from the floor, and review, comment on, draft, and recommend "any memorials or resolutions it may deem wise from among those referred to it by the convention."

Submitting any resolutions prior to the convention will greatly facilitate the work of the Resolutions Committee. □

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Tuesday Morning
Nov. 14

8:45 a.m. — Pre-session Music: Tennessee Baptist Chorale
9:00 a.m. — **Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
9:05 a.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Union University
9:20 a.m. — **The Convention Organizes** — Committee on Credentials — Doug Sager
Committee on Arrangements — Charles Bryan
Welcome and Announcements — David Myers
9:30 a.m. — **The Convention Ministers**
Congregational Hymn — Doug Jewett
WMU — Katharine Bryan
Foundation — W. L. Childs, Jr.
Treasurer — James Porch
Committee on Audits — Mark Wilson
Southern Baptist Convention (Representatives from Southern Baptist Agen-

Convention Program

cies) — Frank Hawkins
Partnership Missions — Terry Sharp
10:50 a.m. — **The Convention Acts**
Miscellaneous Business (Items of business may be introduced at this time by convention messengers)
11:05 a.m. — **The Convention Celebrates**
Congregational Hymn — Jim Justice
Tennessee Baptist Chorale — Julian Suggs
Executive Director-Treasurer's Message — James Porch
11:50 a.m. — **The Convention Confesses**
Prayer Leader: Clara Brincefield

Tuesday Afternoon

Nov. 14

1:45 p.m. — Pre-session Music: Directors of Missions Chorus
2:00 p.m. — **The Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
Hymn of Praise — Tom Wickes
2:05 p.m. — **The Convention Ministers**
Executive Board Ministries
Historical Committee — Toby Everett
Benevolent Institutions — Adult Homes: J.L. Ford; Children's Homes: Gerald Stow;
Hospitals: Dale Collins
3:15 p.m. — **The Convention Affirms**
Congregational Hymn — Lamar Puckett
Recognition of New Church Staff Members and Retiring Directors of Missions — James Porch
3:35 p.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Union University
3:50 p.m. — **The Convention Acts**
Executive Board Report and Budget Recommendations — Paul Moody
Constitution and Bylaws Committee — Michael Madewell
Miscellaneous Business
4:45 p.m. — **The Convention Intercedes** — Prayer Leader: Don and Helen Jones

Tuesday Evening

Nov. 14

6:45 p.m. — Pre-session Music: FBC, Kingsport

7:00 p.m. — **The Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
7:05 p.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Belmont University
7:20 p.m. — **The Convention Affirms**
Recognition of Bivocational Pastors and Small Church Pastors — Frank Hawkins
7:30 p.m. — **The Convention Envisions**
Congregational Hymn — Bill Simpson
Long-range Planning Committee Report and Recommendations — Gary Coltharp
8:20 p.m. — **The Convention Celebrates**
Choir — FBC, Kingsport
President's Address — Frank Hawkins
9:00 p.m. — **The Convention Dedicates** — Prayer Leader: Beverly Smothers

Wednesday Morning
Nov. 15

8:45 a.m. — Pre-session Music: FBC, Concord
9:00 a.m. — **The Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
9:05 a.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Belmont University
9:20 a.m. — **The Convention Ministers**
Executive Board Ministries
9:50 a.m. — **The Convention Acts**
Congregational Hymn — John Burkett
Election of Officers (President)
Committee on Resolutions — James Royston
Executive Board Report (Continued) — Paul Moody
Discussion and Adoption of Budget
Miscellaneous Business
Election of Officers (Continued)
10:55 a.m. — **The Convention Celebrates**
Choir — FBC, Concord
Convention Sermon — Doug Sager
11:35 a.m. — **The Convention Petitions** — Prayer Leader: James Moorhead

Wednesday Afternoon

Nov. 15

1:45 p.m. — Pre-session Music: Music De-

partment, Carson-Newman College
2:00 p.m. — **The Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
Congregational Hymn — Brian Elliott
2:05 p.m. — **The Convention Ministers**
Baptist and Reflector — Fletcher Allen
Educational Institutions — Cordell Maddox
Executive Board Ministries
3:15 p.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Carson-Newman College
3:30 p.m. — **The Convention Acts**
Election of Officers (Continued)
Committee on Arrangements — Charles Bryan
Committee on Resolutions — James Royston
Miscellaneous Business
Constitution & Bylaws Committee — Michael Madewell
Election of Officers (Continued)
Committee on Boards — Raymond Boston
Committee on Committees — Carl Price
4:50 p.m. — **The Convention Praises** — Prayer Leader

Wednesday Evening

Nov. 15

6:45 p.m. — Pre-session Music: Hamilton County Area Churches
7:00 p.m. — **The Convention Assembles** — Frank Hawkins
Congregational Hymn — Darrell Newman
Recognition of Officers (Incoming/Outgoing) — James Porch
7:10 p.m. — **The Convention Worships** — Worship Leaders: Carson-Newman College
7:25 p.m. — **The Convention Celebrates**
Congregational Hymn — Billy Appling
Associational Choir — Hamilton County Baptist Association
Gospel Message — Jim Henry
8:30 p.m. — **The Convention Commits** — Prayer Leader: Ken Weathersby

Pastors' Conference focuses on being 'good soldier'

For *Baptist and Reflector*

The Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will be Nov. 13 at Red Bank Church, Chattanooga. The theme is "A Good Soldier" and it is being led by Ron Herrod, president who is an evangelist based in Oak Ridge; David Daugherty, vice president who is pastor of Shellsford Church, McMinnville; and Greg Bowers, secretary who is pastor of First Church, Portland.

The program features several speakers from out of state including Paige Patterson, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; Herb Reavis, pastor, North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jimmy Jack-

son, pastor, Whitesburg Church, Huntsville, Ala.; and Steve Gaines, pastor, First Church, Gardendale, Ala.

Program personalities from Tennessee include Robert Burch, pastor, Calvary Church, Knoxville; Roger Freeman, pastor, First Church, Clarksville; H. Dean Haun, pastor, Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage; Harold Hunter, evangelist based in Jacksonville, Fla., and Nashville; Hollie Miller, pastor, Sevier Heights Church Knoxville; Fred Steelman, pastor, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga; Daugherty, and Herrod.



GAINES



JACKSON



PATTERSON



REAVIS

Sessions are 9 a.m. — noon, when Burch, Miller, Hunter, and Patterson will speak; 1-4:30 p.m., featuring Daugherty, Freeman, Haun, and Gaines and the election of officers; and 6:30-9:30 p.m., when Jackson, Herrod, and Reavis will speak.

Proposed Cooperative Program Budget

Area	94-95 Budget	95-96 Proposed Budget
Executive Board Ministries & Administration		
Executive Board Administration		
Executive Board Operations	92,980	85,750
Executive Office.....	253,787	317,858
Cooperative Program Development.....	0	75,000
Public Relations	91,041	97,974
	437,808	576,582
Central Administrative Division		
Division Office.....	106,938	117,585
Accounting Services.....	132,196	67,226
Baptist Center Operations	434,782	446,971
Capital — Baptist Center	45,136	0
Camp Carson	35,619	44,629
Camp Linden.....	6,473	18,967
Human Resources Office	219,560	241,881
Computer Services	0	127,496
Program Services	422,218	384,249
	1,402,922	1,449,004
Church Program Division		
Brotherhood.....	216,017	213,512
Church Music	162,158	183,223
Church Media Library/Recreation	89,631	114,532
Discipleship Training	315,292	371,374
Sunday School.....	353,160	369,685
Woman's Missionary Union	425,426	436,391
	1,561,684	1,688,717
Convention Ministries Division		
Division Office.....	132,943	141,389
Church Annuity Programs.....	68,760	80,068
Church/Minister Relations	136,415	138,774
CP & Stewardship Promotion	132,164	136,048
Evangelism	169,790	172,144
Missions Department	537,028	595,886
Associational Missions Program.....	1,127,020	1,127,020
Partnership Missions	117,484	115,575
Student Ministries Campus	947,815	974,411
Student Ministries Office	175,682	164,650
	3,545,101	3,645,965
Executive Board Ministries	6,947,515	7,360,268
Convention Operations		
<i>Baptist and Reflector</i>	357,722	374,896
TBC Committees & Annual Meeting	82,500	105,200
TBC Audits	75,500	75,500
	515,722	555,596
Christian Education		
Belmont University	2,036,316	2,036,316
Carson Newman College.....	2,036,316	2,036,316
Union University.....	2,036,316	2,036,316
Harrison Chilhowee	308,120	308,120
Historical Archives.....	15,000	15,000
CRV Scholarships	75,000	75,000
	6,507,068	6,507,068
Christian Services		
Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes	224,254	224,254
Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.....	1,109,454	1,109,454
Tennessee Baptist Foundation.....	305,252	305,252
	1,638,960	1,638,960
Southern Baptist Convention	9,365,559	9,637,135
Preferred Item	1,209,810	1,270,249
Cooperative Program Total.....	26,184,634	26,969,276

Convention Activities

Monday, Nov. 13

- 10:00 a.m. — Committee on Credentials — Trade Center, Board Room
- 1:00 p.m. — Committee on Resolutions — Trade Center, Chicamauga Room
- 1:30 p.m. — Constitution & Bylaws Committee — Trade Center, Board Room
- 3:30 p.m. — Executive Board Meeting — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza Room C
- 6:00 p.m. — Church Music Conference Banquet — Ridgedale Baptist Church
- 6:30 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association Dinner — The Loft Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association, Chattanooga Choo Choo

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- 7:30 a.m. — TBC Presidents' Breakfast — Chattanooga Marriott, Signal Mountain Room
- 9:00 a.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention
- Noon — Southern Seminary Luncheon — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza Room C
- Noon — Carson-Newman College Alumni — Chattanooga Marriott, Ball Room Plaza C
- Noon — Ministers' Wives Luncheon — Central Baptist Church, Hixson, 5208 Hixson Pike
- Noon — New Orleans Seminary Luncheon — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza Level
- 2:00 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention
- 4:45 p.m. — Committee on Resolutions — Trade Center, Chicamauga Room
- 5:00 p.m. — Annuity Dinner — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza C
- 5:15 p.m. — Belmont Alumni and Friends Dinner — Chattanooga Choo Choo
- 6:45 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- 6:30 a.m. — *Baptist and Reflector* Jogger's Jubilee — Convention Center
- 7:00 a.m. — Agency Leadership Breakfast — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza C
- 9:00 a.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention
- 12:30 p.m. — Southwestern Seminary Luncheon — The Loft Restaurant
- 12:30 p.m. — Midwestern Seminary Luncheon — Chattanooga Marriott
- 1:00 p.m. — Developmental Disabilities Ministry Support Groups Meeting (BHEP, BHRA, CHRI) — Chattanooga Marriott, Plaza Room
- 2:00 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention
- 4:50 p.m. — Executive Board Meeting — Marriott Hotel, Plaza Room C
- 6:45 p.m. — Tennessee Baptist Convention

WMU plans fellowship for missionaries, other Baptists

For *Baptist and Reflector*

For the second year Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will host a Missions Extravaganza to thank missionaries and their families for their service and allow them a time to fellowship with each other and Tennessee Baptists, reported Katharine Bryan, Tennessee WMU executive director. The pre-convention event will be Nov. 13 at First Church, Chattanooga.

About 80 Tennessee missionaries are expected and they will range from foreign, home, active, retired, and former. Accompanying many of them will be MKs (missionary children) and parents. Also journeymen and US-2ers will be involved.

The event will begin with a Missions Fair at 3 p.m. to allow missionaries to share their experiences. A dinner will

follow at 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Several missionaries will share testimonies and music following the dinner. The Missions Fair will continue from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

"It will be a time of fellowship and affirmation for them," said Bryan of the missionaries.

To buy tickets for the dinner, send \$6 per person to Tennessee WMU, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024-0728. The reservation deadline is Nov. 3. The office also can be contacted at (615) 371-2038. □

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Bold face type indicates a person nominated for a full term or an unexpired term. An asterisk (*) indicates nomination for a second term.

All information is given by the Committee on Boards and was provided by the TBC Executive Office. Corrections are requested and are to be addressed to the TBC Executive Director's office (615) 371-2090.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
EAST**

1. *Diane Jordan, FBC, Jefferson City
2. *James Robertson, Sharon Church, Knoxville
3. *John Yarbrough, Unaka Avenue Church, Johnson City
4. *Don Paris, Avondale Church, Chattanooga
5. *Tony Rutherford, Northport Church, Newport
7. *Frank Hawkins, FBC, Kingsport
8. *Michael Hodges, FBC, Gatlinburg
9. Brian B. Courtney, FBC, Sneedville
10. Howard G. Olive, Monte Vista Church, Maryville
11. Charlie W. Boggan, FBC, Newport
12. J. Reed Dixon, FBC,

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**Sweetwater
MIDDLE**

13. *Marshall Gupton, Una Church, Nashville
14. *Randall Rogers, FBC, Gordonsville
15. *B. Kevin Goza, FBC, Lebanon
16. Kay Quintero, FBC, Smithville
17. Judson Hays, FBC, Old Hickory
18. Jewell B. Jennings, FBC, Lebanon
19. Paul Durham, Radnor Church, Nashville
20. Charles J. Spurlin, FBC, Tullahoma
21. Tommy Stevens, Meadow View Church, Lawrenceburg
22. Larry Gilmore, College Heights Church, Gallatin

WEST

23. Jane L. Hardaway, Germantown Church, Germantown
24. * Ronnie J. Wilburn, Meridian Church, Jackson
25. * Ralph Thomas, FBC, Oakland
26. * Joe E. Franklin, Eldad Church, Trenton
27. * William F. Northcott, FBC, Covington
28. * Bill Robbins, Allen Church, Brownsville
29. Lawrence O. Hudson, Monument of Love Church, Memphis
30. J. Howard Ragsdale, FBC, Union City
- 31.
32. Kenny Yau, First Chinese Church, Memphis
33. Dennis H. Trull, FBC, Savannah

Term Expiring 1997

10. Doris June Large, Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville (E)

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

1. Sally Ensley, Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain (E)
 2. S. M. Maddox, Immanuel Church, Nashville (M)
 3. Ron Blankenship, Haywood Hills Church, Nashville (M)
 4. Freddie Lou Bolton, Highland Heights Church, Memphis (W)
 5. Neal Chatham, Fowlkes Church, Fowlkes (W)
- Term Expiring 1996**
5. Don Wilson, Kensington Church, Memphis (W)
- BELMONT UNIVERSITY**
1. Harold Frelix, Priest Lake Church, Hermitage
 2. Joseph C. Hutts, Forest Hills Church, Nashville
 3. * Norman Jerre Richards, Oak

- Valley Church, Franklin
 4. * Mack Hannah, Harpeth Heights Church, Nashville
 5. * Robert Welch, FBC, Clarksville
 6. * Donald Dixon, Highland Church, Tullahoma
 7. * Ginnie Thornton, Glendale Church, Nashville
 - 8.
 9. * William Albright, Tusculum Church, Nashville
 10. * Randall Baskin, Radnor Church, Nashville
 11. Larry Thrailkill, Brentwood Church, Brentwood
 12. Charles Hellman, Jr., Grace Church, Pleasant View
 13. Jimmie White, FBC, Lebanon
- Term Expiring 1996**
4. Robert Haley, Jr., Belmont Heights Church, Nashville

**Non-Tennessee
Term Expiring 1998**

1. Danny Fouch, FBC, Glasgow, KY
2. Carolyn Patton, FBC, Highland NC

Term Expiring 1996

3. John H. Williams, Southside Church, Jacksonville, FLA
- CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE**
1. * Curtis Sexton, Main Street Church, Lake City
 2. * Truett Pierce, FBC, Sneedville
 3. * Henry Blanc, FBC, Jefferson City
 4. * Carlos Peterson, FBC, Athens
 5. * Marion Cook, FBC, Cleveland
 6. * Robert Coulter, Alpha Church, Morristown
 7. Marvin Cameron, West Hills Church, Knoxville
 8. Fred Steelman, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga
 9. Jeanette Blazier, FBC, Kingsport
 10. Patsy Wallace, FBC, Sevierville
 11. Lonas Tarr, FBC, Jefferson City
- Term Expiring 1997**
- Ted Russell, FBC, Concord
- Non-Tennessee
Term Expiring 1998**
- John Shults, FBC, Greenville, SC
- Term Expiring 1997**
- Sidney D. Mason, FBC, Roanoke, VA
- Term Expiring 1996**
- Dalmuth Shealy, FBC, Ray Town, MO

UNION UNIVERSITY

1. * W. Matt Tomlin, Wards Grove Church, Jackson
2. * Ronald Harris, FBC, Somerville

Memphis (W)

5. Betty Byrne, Union Avenue Church, Memphis (W)
- Term Expiring 1997**
2. Clay Austin, FBC, Blountville (E)
- CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**
1. Faye Robbins, Woodmont Church, Nashville (M)
 2. Greg Bowers, FBC, Portland (M)
 3. Mark Gregory, FBC, Murfreesboro (M)
 4. Jerry Tidwell, West Jackson Church, Jackson (W)
 5. Lowell Meade, FBC, Milan (W)
- COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**
1. Marvin Spivey, Woodbine Church, Nashville (M)
 2. Michael Oliver, FBC, Hartsville (M)
 3. Marie S. Johnson, Greenvale

3. * William A. Adcock, FBC, Newbern
 4. * Benard Blasingame, FBC, Adamsville
 5. * Walton West, First Church, Huntingdon
 6. * John Drinnon, Germantown Church, Germantown
 7. * Faye Kesterson, Birds Creek Church, Paris
 8. * Billie Friel, FBC, Mt. Juliet
 9. * Max Walker, FBC, Selmer
 10. * Barbara Freels, Bellevue Church, Cordova
 11. Gary Taylor, Englewood Church, Jackson
 12. William Prine, FBC, Clarksville
 13. Mack Forrester, FBC, Ridgely
 14. Roy L. White, Cordova Church, Cordova
 15. Shelby Massey, Woodland Church, Brownsville
 16. Polk Glover, FBC, Obion
- Non-Tennessee
Term Expiring 1998**
- James McAfee, Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, GA
- Term Expiring 1997**
- Bettye Whiteaker, Park Cities Church, Dallas, TX

HARRISON-CHILHOWEE ACADEMY

1. * Glenn Toomey, Fairview Church, Morristown
 2. * Loren Miller, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville
 3. * Ingil Cho, Cumberland Church, Knoxville
 4. * David Acres, Mt. Harmony Church, Knoxville
 5. Herb Fuller, Madison Avenue Church, Maryville
 6. Roy Gilleland, III, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville
 7. Don Dills, Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg
- Non-Tennessee**

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES, INC.

1. * Billy Hammonds, FBC, Trenton
 2. * Richard Holden, FBC, Alcoa
 3. Don Turner, FBC, Lebanon
 4. * Larry Parrott, McPheeters Bend Church, Church Hill
 5. Carol M. Richardson, FBC, Memphis
 6. Ronald L. Galyon, FBC, Pulaski
 - 7.
 8. Howard R. Houston, New Mitchell Grove Church, Halls
 9. Jim Joyner, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga
- Term Expiring 1996**
- 6.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.

1. * Bill Baird Griffith, Bingham Heights Church, Cookeville
2. * Pat White, FBC, Lebanon
3. * Earl Skogman, FBC, Concord
4. Stan Smith, FBC, Henderson
5. Aaron D. Stout, FBC, Spencer
6. Louise O. Hunter, Riverside Church, Nashville

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

1. * Earl Deusner, FBC, Selmer
2. Jim Stanley, Judson Church, Nashville
3. John Garner, Clearview Church, Franklin
4. Linda Ryan, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville
- 5.

Term Expiring 1997

4. Jim Clark, Bellevue Church, Nashville

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.

1. * W. T. Powell, Germantown Church, Germantown
 2. * Milton Magee, FBC, Dyersburg
 3. Warren Nunn, FBC, Halls
- BAPTIST HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INC.**

1. * James G. Holleman, FBC, Clarksville
2. * W. D. Thomason, Green Hills Church, Mt. Juliet
3. * Carole Cantrell, Springfield Church, Springfield
4. * Joe Casey, Eastland Church, Nashville
5. * Ray Cleek, FBC, Lebanon
6. * Carroll Owen, Creeviewood Church, Nashville
7. * Clarence K. Stewart, Long Hollow Church, Hendersonville
8. Gloria Price, Parkway Church, Goodlettsville
9. Swanson Bennett, FBC, McMinnville

THE BAPTIST HEALTH SYSTEM OF EAST TENNESSE, INC.

1. * Harry Mynatt, Valley Grove Church, Knoxville
2. Warren Gonch, FBC, Oak Ridge
3. * Ronald F. Murray, Central Church, Johnson City
4. * Wilson Borden, FBC, Maryville
5. * Jack Easterday, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville
6. Paul E. Walker, Central Church, Bearden
7. Robert Calloway, FBC, Jefferson City
8. James Hudson, FBC, Madisonville
9. Dudley Cockrum, Inskip Church, Knoxville

Report of Committee on Committees for 1995-96

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COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

1. Charlotte Baker, FBC, Sweetwater (E)
2. Scott Thomas, Mt. Harmony Church, Knoxville (E)
3. Joe Stacker, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville (M)
4. Bill Owen, Mt. Carmel Church, Cross Plains (M)
5. Gordon Crocker, White Station Church, Memphis (W)

Term Expiring 1997

1. Richard Childress, Signal Mountain Church, Signal Mountain (E)

COMMITTEE ON AUDITS

1. Charles Groves, III, FBC, Chattanooga (E)
2. Philip McNeal, Kimball Church, Kimball (E)
3. James F. Moody, FBC, McEwen (M)
4. Charles L. Harrison, Belmont Heights Church, Nashville (M)
5. Steve A. Carr, Antioch Church, Humboldt (W)

COMMITTEE ON BOARDS

1. Doug McPherson, Cedar Grove Church, Maryville (E)
2. Lillian Roe, FBC, Clarksville (M)
3. Jeff Clark, Hillcrest Church, Manchester (M)
4. Bob Matthews, Berclair Church,

Memphis (W)

5. Betty Byrne, Union Avenue Church, Memphis (W)
- Term Expiring 1997**
2. Clay Austin, FBC, Blountville (E)
- CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE**
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1. Marvin Spivey, Woodbine Church, Nashville (M)
 2. Michael Oliver, FBC, Hartsville (M)
 3. Marie S. Johnson, Greenvale

Church, Watertown (M)

4. Michael Peasall, First Church, White House (M)
 5. Bobbie Wylie, Southside Church, Dyersburg (W)
- HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**
1. Verna Ruth Abbott, FBC, Kingsport (E)
 2. John Pinkston, Buffalo Grove Church, Jefferson City (E)
 3. William J. Fallis, Immanuel Church, Nashville (M)
 4. Todd Wilson, Munford Church, Munford (W)
 5. Bill Wernet, First Church Whiteville (W)
- Term Expiring 1997**
4. Fred Rolater, Southeast Church, Murfreesboro (M)
- COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**
1. Jeff Sames, Broadway Church,

Knoxville (E)

2. Mason C. Goodman, Riverside Church, Harriman (E)
3. Roy Fisher, FBC, Donelson, (M)
4. Jerry Winfield, Forest Hills Church, Nashville (M)
5. Rick Marshall, Audubon Park Church, Memphis (W)



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■ Ridgeview Church, Chattanooga, ordained Clyde Ross, Edd Ralston, Robert Ware, and David Carlisle as deacons Oct. 1.

■ the leaders

■ Mike Adams, pastor, First Church, Linden, has been called as pastor of Lincoya Hills Church, Donelson, effective Oct. 1.

■ Fulton Church, Henning, has called Gary Higginbotham as pastor.

■ Mount Lebanon Church, Covington, has called Jerry Ashley as pastor.

■ Barker's Chapel Church, Friendship, has called Oscar White of Bolivar as pastor. White is serving his first church. He was ordained Sept. 17 at First Church, Grand Junction, where his father-in-law, Ron Davidson, is pastor.

■ Calvary Church, Eliza-

bethon, has called Ben Hansard as youth/education minister.

■ Elene Cantrell retired Sept. 30 after 22 years as church secretary at First Church, Livingston. She was recognized and presented a crystal vase and cash gift on Sept. 24 during the morning worship service.

■ the churches

■ Puryear Church, Puryear, held its final observance of the 150th anniversary of the church Sept. 17 with homecoming activities. The theme of all of the anniversary activities was "A Glorious Past to Uphold and a Brighter Future to Mold." Gerrald Bland, former pastor who is interim pastor, Second Church, Lenoir City, spoke and Bette Stalneck, musician from Ripley, performed. A luncheon followed.

■ Fellowship Church, Millington, will hold revival Nov. 5-8. Bill Britt will speak and Michael Higdon will lead the music.

■ Leoma Church, Leoma, will hold Ladies' Night Out Oct. 24. Carol Ann Draper, wife of Jimmy Draper, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak. Call (615) 852-2904 for more information.

■ the associations

■ Nashville Association will hold a National Divorce Recovery Seminar Nov. 3-4, at First Church, Nashville. Also, on Nov. 10-11 it will host a Criminal Justice Ministry Conference. Tom Turner, coordinator of prison ministries for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Emmett Solomon, director of such ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will speak. For more information on either meeting, call (615) 251-2294.

■ the schools

■ Gary and Dixie Hines, founders of Cornerstone International Ministries (CMI)



RECOGNIZING THEIR PASTOR, Doug Plumlee, second from left, on his fifth anniversary after giving him a plaque are deacons, from left, Joe Frank White, Ralph Bryant, and Rick Denton.

and members of Brook Hollow Church, Nashville, have established the CMI Scholarship Fund at Belmont University, Nashville, to provide scholarships for Ukrainian students. The first recipient is Hala Onishko, who served as an interpreter for the Hines during one of their mission trips to the Ukraine. The Hines have also funded a scholarship at the Bible Institute in L'viv in the Ukraine.

■ The Bible Training

Center of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, has announced the second session of the center for 1995-96. It will begin Oct. 14 and continue for eight weeks. The courses are "The Revelation," "Developing Spiritual Stewardship" and "Theological Highlights." The center offers four eight-week sessions per school year. The program is for any Bible student. Benefactors have provided funds to cover most of the expenses. For information, call (423) 573-8321.

Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

Communion for homebound

By David W. Hull, pastor
First Church, Knoxville

This Sunday morning we gather in the sanctuary to observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. These two events help us to remember

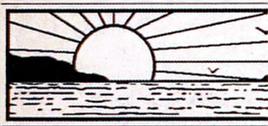
what Jesus Christ has done for us, and they serve as a tangible reminder of what he has called us to do for him through faithful service. This service will tie together the two ordinances around the theme of forgiveness.

Even as I invite you to be present for the gathering by the water and at the table, I am aware that many in our congregation are unable to come to worship in our sanctuary. Our church has quite a few homebound members who worship regularly by television, offer prayers for our church, fellowship by means of the telephone, and support the

ministry of First Baptist with their tithes. However, when it comes to tasting the bread and juice of communion, these people are unable to experience fully this holy event.

We are trying something new this Sunday. Homebound members of our congregation have been contacted to invite their participation in a special communion service. Deacons from our church will be going to the homes of the members who have agreed to participate in this service. The deacons and the member will worship together by watching the service on television. When we come to the time in the service for sharing of the bread and the cup, the deacon will serve the member so that they can fully experience the Lord's Supper through the tasting of bread and drinking from the cup.

I am thankful for our deacons who will be going to homes so that this kind of service is possible. This is one way that we can involve our homebound members in worship so that they may feel a greater part of our church. After all, that is what "communion" is all about! □



Enjoy the sunrise at the eighth annual Tennessee Baptist Joggers' Jubilee

Join us in Chattanooga! Everyone is a winner!

- For all walkers, joggers, and runners! Join us at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Chattanooga Convention Center. We will meet there in the parking lot and walk or jog around the center. This is not a race, but a time for Tennessee Baptists to enjoy fun, fellowship, and exercise together. Our numbers have grown each year, so plan to join the fun and fellowship.
- Prizes donated by TBC institutions and departments will be awarded to all participants.
- We will finish by 7:15 a.m. to give you plenty of time to return to your hotel to get ready for the morning session of the convention.
- Are you interested? We would like to know how many to expect, so please return this form by Nov. 3.

REGISTER NOW —

Mail to: Baptist and Reflector
P.O. Box 728
Brentwood, Tenn. 37024

I plan to participate in the 1995 Joggers' Jubilee
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

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RESUMES REQUESTED: Goodsprings Church, Etowah, is seeking a part-time music/youth minister. Send resumes to Goodsprings Church, 927 Co. Rd. 660, Etowah, TN 37331.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni Luncheon

We would like to welcome all NOBTS alumni to Chattanooga on Nov. 14 at noon at the Marriott Convention Center on the Plaza Level. The luncheon cost is \$10. NOBTS staff and faculty member Mark Foley will speak. For more information, call Dallas Roscoe at (423) 875-6767.

Battle Creek Church remembers 150 years of history

Battle Creek Church, Robertson County Association, doesn't mind being old.

In fact, church members expressed joy and excitement as they gathered for homecoming Oct. 1 to celebrate the church's 150th birthday.

Pastor O. Jewell Barrett and a lively congregation were awed by the past, rejoiced in the present, and expressed keen anticipation

about the future.

A "time capsule" in the form of a safety box, was placed in a wall for future opening. It contained many items donated by members, including a church history, a letter from Barrett, a poem, a tooth of little Sarah Goff who lost it in church, a copy of the latest local paper, and a copy of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

Barrett said other items

would be added before the capsule was sealed.

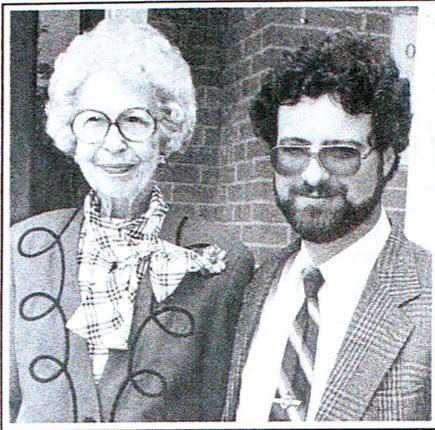
Former pastor Richard Lucas preached, several church groups sang, and the church history was distributed.

Former member Naomi Watts Ragland, 90, was present. She is a descendant of the Watts family who donated land for the first building site in 1844.

□ — Wm. Fletcher Allen



ROBERTSON COUNTY director of missions Dennis Pulley, left, with Battle Creek pastors James Talley, 1979-90; Jewell Barrett, current pastor since 1992; and Richard Lucas, 1949-51.



NAOMI WATTS RAGLAND, 90, was baptized at Battle Creek when she was 16. She later became a member of Springfield Baptist. With her is her great nephew Roger Watts, who shares her interest in church and family history.



LADIES' QUARTET from left, included church members Vickie Warrick, Linda Hand, Merry Balthrop, and Angie Goff.

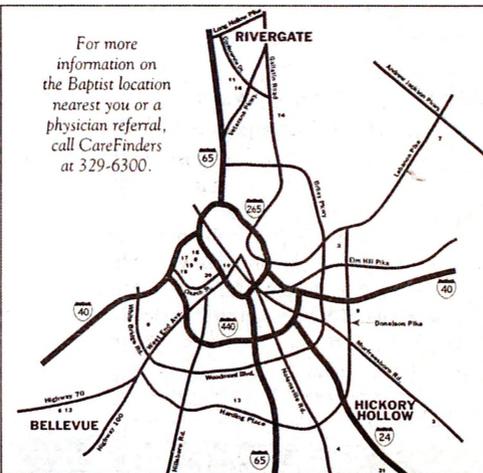


SARAH GOFF, age 6, contributed her first lost tooth to the box which was placed with other historical mementos in a wall for future opening.

Ask for directions to Baptist Hospital and you'll get 21 different answers.

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For more information on the Baptist location nearest you or a physician referral, call CareFinders at 329-6300.



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- 3. 2547 Murfreesboro Rd.
- 4. 5441 Nolensville Rd.
- 5. 7640 Highway 70S
- 6. 28 White Bridge Rd.
- 7. 4473 Lebanon Pike
- 8. 1911 State St.

Baptist Occupational Medicine Centers

- 9. 1420 Donelson Pike, Suite B15
- 10. 342 21st Ave., N.
- 11. 740 Conference Dr.

Baptist Medical Centers

- 12. Baptist Bellevue Medical Center
7640 Highway 70S
- 13. Baptist Medical Center South
394 Harding Place

Baptist Healthcare Group

- 14. 602 Gallatin Rd.
- 15. 5801 Cross Blvd.
- 16. 740 Conference Dr.
- 17. 1633 Church St.
- 18. 300 20th Ave., N.

Baptist Worksmart Center

- 19. 2525 Perimeter Place

Baptist Hospital Home Care

- 20. 1921 Hayes St.

Baptist Family Care Center

- 21. Cool Springs Family Care Center
7106 Moores Lane

All services provided in a non-discriminatory manner.

New church staff introduced to work of state convention

For the first time in several years, the Tennessee Baptist Convention hosted an orientation for staff members new to the state. Seventy-six people met Oct. 2-3 at the Baptist Center in Brentwood to learn about TBC programs and ministries. Participants also visited TBC departments and entities and viewed exhibits provided by TBC institutions. □



CHILHOWEE ASSOCIATION Director of Missions John Churchman, right, came with Pastor Terry Tuley of Smoky View Church, Maryville, and his wife, Jill.



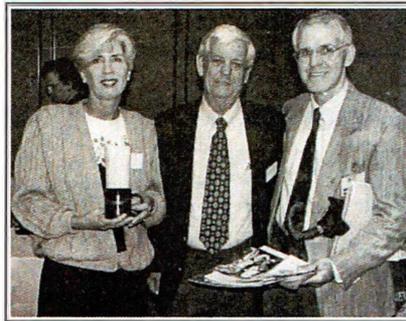
ABOVE, from left, David Willard, minister of music, First Church, Dyersburg, visits with Ben Hansard, minister of youth/education at Calvary Church, Elizabethton, and his wife, Monique. **BELOW**, Tommy Strong, center, manager, Camp Linden, visits with Richard Savage, minister of education, First Church, Lexington, and his wife, Sandy.



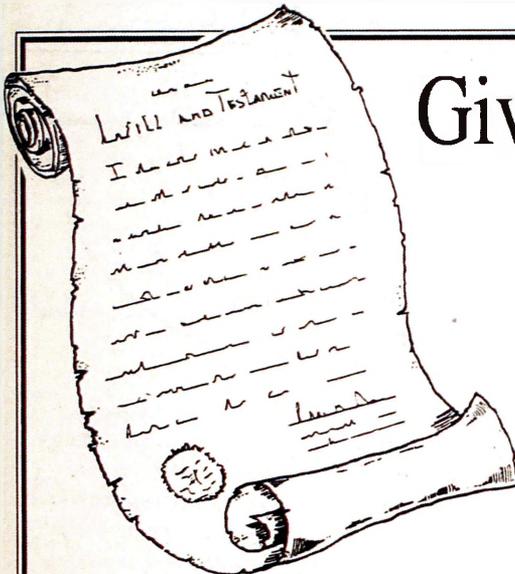
GREG LOVE, left, pastor, Mt. Tirzah, Newbern, picks up some computer pointers from TBC computer staffers Mike Overcash, right, and David McDonald.



IRCEL HARRISON, left, director of the TBC Student Ministries Department, chats with Donald Douglas, youth and outreach minister at Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville.



RENEWING A friendship were Buddy Strickland, left, director of missions, Sequatchie Valley Association, and Lawrence Harris, pastor of Park Grove Church, Ethridge, in Lawrence County Association. Strickland is a former pastor from that area.



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American Family Association ends four-year boycott of Kmart

Baptist Press

TUPELO, Miss. — With the American Family Association recently ending its four-year boycott of Kmart, two lessons have been learned, said a Southern Baptist spokesman.

Lamar Cooper, a Christian Life Commission staff member who coordinates the agency's anti-pornography efforts, noted economic boycotts to express moral convictions can be effective and sometimes it requires perseverance to gain the intended result.

The conclusion of the boy-

cott came when Kmart's new chairman, Floyd Hall, informed AFA the discount chain store had ended affiliation with bookstores which sell pornographic materials, just as the organization had asked.

Hall wrote AFA President Donald Wildmon in September saying the corporation would "honor its tradition as a family-oriented store that shares many of the same values as your organization. As I hope you know, recently Kmart com-

pleted the total sale of all of our book subsidiaries and no longer has any affiliation with Waldenbooks or Borders."

In recent years Kmart has suffered serious financial decline. Wildmon said the boycott "was not totally responsible for

the economic woes of Kmart but (it was) certainly a major part of their economic decline."

Wildmon stated, noting the boycott was supported by thousands of churches. □

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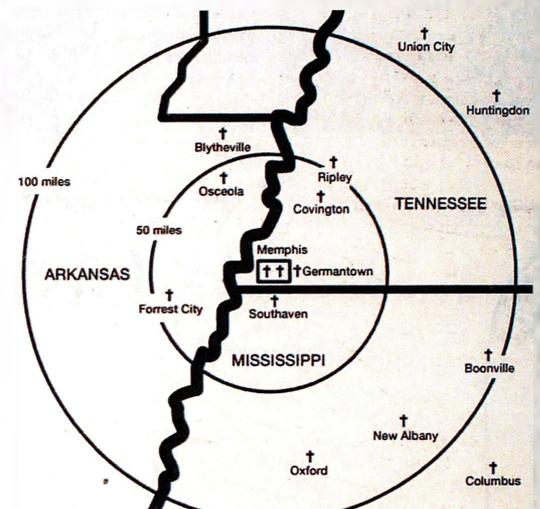
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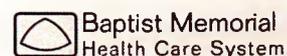
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II Peter 1:1-11**

Developing character

By Charles Parker

We have just seen another Miss America crowned. Accounts of former holders of this coveted crown show that many of them have given great service to national life. Others have gone on ... to mediocrity or worse. Would you want the high point in your life to be so early you never rose above it? Yet many college athletes, war heroes, and others make their marks early, then go downhill.

What about Christians? Do we succeed early and coast, or do we keep going? II Peter 1 calls for spiritual growth to be demonstrated in Christian character. As John R. Sampey used to say, "Yes, conversion is the end of salvation ... the front end." In fact, II Peter begins and ends with challenges to growth. The final verse is a ringing charge to grow in grace (ch. 3:18). However, the opening verses of the letter present the "how to" of the "what" of the last verse.

In verse 1 Peter reminded his readers of the foundation of faith upon which is built the edifice of faithful, growing character, all the result of God's grace that leads to complete salvation.

Verses 2-4 emphasize the resources the Christian has for growth. Verse 2 speaks of God's presence in a personal knowledge of God. We also have "divine power," according to verse 3, which is good news because we know by experience that we often fail. Sometimes, an unsaved person will use the excuse, "I can't live the Christian life." If sincere, such a person is near the kingdom! We cannot live the Christian life in our own strength. We also have another resource, mentioned in verse 4, the "great and precious promises" of God. Paul said essentially the same thing in II Corinthians 1:20. God's presence, power, and promises enable us to live by kingdom standards instead of being corrupted by the world.

Verses 5-7 consist of a list of 8 "characteristics of Christian maturity," "facets of Christian growth," or "the ladder of faith," as they have been variously described. In verse 1, faith was the foundation upon which to build. Such growth, empowered by God, is also by human "diligence" or "effort." While it is sometimes hard to separate God's part and our part, Christian growth is not automatic.

To faith we add "virtue" or "goodness," the courageous moral excellence ascribed to Jesus Himself in verse 3. It is a general word for good character. Next comes "knowledge" (vv. 2-3) which is basically insight, perception, or practical wisdom. To knowledge we add "temperance" or "self-control." Carl Sandburg wrote of the zoo within us and cautioned us to learn to control those wild animals or they will control us. Also, II Peter 3:3 warns against the self-indulgent. "Patience," "perseverance," or "endurance" comes next. To steadfastly face troubles keeps us from becoming spiritual dropouts or quitters. "Godliness," a rare New Testament word, describes a lifestyle of true reverence that is the opposite of egocentricity. Alice Longworth Roosevelt said, "The trouble with father was he always wanted to be the bride at every wedding and corpse at every funeral." Is there any of that in us? To godliness we are to add "brotherly kindness" or "mutual affection," a family word that reminds us of the church as God's family. We round out our characters with "clarity" or "love," the great New Testament word agape, the ultimate expression of Christian love described in John 3:16 and I Corinthians 13.

Peter concludes this section in verses 8-11 by reminding his readers of the outcomes of choosing to grow or not to grow. Will we grow or fail to grow? □ — Charles Parker is pastor of First Church, Oliver Springs.

Saul becomes a disciple

By Kim Allen

**Convention Uniform Series
for October 15
Focal Passages:
Acts 9:1-6; 10-20**

Historically the persecutions which broke out in Jerusalem against the church continued after the death of Stephen because the movement had a leader. Saul of Tarsus, member of the Sanhedrin, a zealous Hebrew, thought it his religious duty to kill Christians. Although chapter 8 gave notice of the church's work of evangelism throughout Samaria, the church was not safe from attacks. It was in this context in chapter 9 that the sudden conversion of "public enemy number one" — Saul is viewed as a miracle. The enemy of Christianity is converted to Christ and comes over to the side of the church to serve Christ and the church with the same fervor.

At Stephen's death, which Saul consented to, he would hear Stephen pray for their forgiveness. Saul remembered the same words coming from the Son of God from Calvary's cross. Was Saul an eye-witness of the crucifixion of Christ? What a subject to study.

The crisis points of Saul's life takes place on the road to Damascus. In outline form it would appear somewhat like this:

The conversion — verses 1-9

Saul is seen in verse 2 as a persecutor and all he did against the church. Later he finds that he was fighting against Christ. One who attacks the church attacks the Lord.

As a convert in verses 3-9, the turning point is on the road to Damascus. Can you imagine the scene, a light brighter than the sun at mid-day knocking this man to the ground as the Lord appeared unto him. This was his cry changing Christianity at work.

The vision of Christ is seen by Saul and is understood even as he falls to the ground in enlightenment.

The voice of the Lord rang out and others heard sound but lacked the understanding of the conversation between Saul and the Lord. They were conscious of the light but unconscious that it was the *Light of the World*. Saul heard the voice to the depth of his soul and knew the voice in his heart as he replied, "who are you Lord?"

Blind and helpless Saul was led to Damascus as God revealed to him his new vocation. What God wanted him to do and to become Saul's consuming desire. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is the whole of Christian experience. Saul's obedience is the expression of the new faith by new life.

Verses 10-19 bring about the Consecration. Saul's original reason to go to Damascus to find Christians was correct and God spoke to one man, named Ananias, in a vision. God told Ananias to go where Saul was praying and he went to minister to Saul.

This passage stresses the reality of church fellowship as Paul becomes a member of the community. He is baptized; he prays; he is given the right hand of fellowship as a member of the redeemed family; he is called brother; he is now one of the saints; he is a chosen vessel of God (Christ chose him before he chose Christ); he professes his faith; he breaks bread in fellowship; and he begins to preach Christ to others. What a transformation!

Verses 19-31 should be entitled "The Consequences." After his confession, Paul is commissioned and he enters his new life of service to a new Master. Surprise is evident among the Christians who fear a trap, and among the enemies of the church who are skeptical and disdainful. A plot sprang up against Paul during this time and Paul had to prove both the reality and sincerity of his changed life over and over. He now begins to translate his faith into action.

The church here and the other congregations as part of the whole church now has a rest for a while. During this period there is growth spiritually and in numbers. The storm of opposition has lost its punch and Christ won his enemy to become his slave.

A life story for us to realize is, no matter how vile one is, God can change even the spots of the leopard to serve his purposes: the proclaiming of Christ Jesus. □ — Kim Allen is pastor of Little West Fork Church, Clarksville.

The helping hand of God

By Phil Lovelace

The coming of Ezra to Jerusalem — ch. 7:6, 25-28

The Artaxerxes of Ezra 7:1 is "Artaxerxes Longimanus" who ruled Persia from 465 to 425. In his seventh year he permitted Ezra, the priest-scribe, to return to Jerusalem to assist the people in their spiritual needs. In verses 1-5 Ezra's genealogy is listed; the proof that Ezra was a priest from the family of Aaron. Ezra was a student of the Law, a scribe; see Jeremiah 8:8. Apparently Ezra had requested permission from the king to return to Jerusalem. Ezra realized that the remnant in the restored nation desperately needed spiritual guidance. It took Ezra four months to make the journey of nearly 1,000 miles from Babylon to Jerusalem. The good hand of the Lord was upon him and he prospered; see Nehemiah 1:10; 2:8, and 18.

The king decreed that any Jew could go with Ezra and return to the land. Those Jews would also take with them a large free-will offering from Babylon to assist in the work of the Lord. Darius gave Ezra an "expense account" (vv. 20-22) up to about \$100,000, to be taken from the king's treasury. Ezra's task was to establish order and religious worship in the land (vv. 25-26). Ezra's

**Bible Book Series for October 15
Focal Passages: Ezra 7:6, 25-28;
8:15, 21-22, 31**

doxology in 7:27-28 shows how grateful he was to the Lord for answering prayer.

Ch. 8:15, 21-22, 31

Chapter 8 lists the names of the families and the men that accompanied Ezra on his hazardous trip to Jerusalem. It was important that the Levites go along because it was their duty to study the Word and teach it to the people. Unfortunately, Ezra had to "draft" some of the Levites because they did not volunteer to go (vv. 15-20). Ezra proclaimed a fast, because he knew that God alone could prosper their journey. The very testimony of the nation was at stake, for Ezra had told the king that they would not require a military escort — for the Lord would take care of them. This fasting and prayer is a good example for us today; for the Lord answered them (vv. 21-23). Ezra chose 24 godly men to carry the treasures (vv. 24-30). He warned them that God would require an accounting when they reached Jerusalem.

What a beautiful picture of the

Christian life — of Christian stewardship today. God has entrusted us with spiritual treasures and at the Judgment Seat of Christ, will give an account of our stewardship.

The group departed in April 458 and arrived in Jerusalem in July — traveling an average of seven miles a day.

The people deposited their treasures and it was found that each man had been faithful. They heeded Ezra's warning "Watch and keep!" (v. 29).

Application:

God always has a leader when a crisis arrives. Ezra felt a divine compulsion to take a group back to Judah and to instill new life into the backslidden community. He was a man of heroic faith, and he has taken his place as one of Israel's staunchest and most effective leaders. The helping hand of God was upon Ezra. God has not changed today.

God still helps those who are committed to carrying out his work. □ — Phil Lovelace is pastor of First Church, Somerville.

SBC leaders cite need for federal gambling commission

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — A federal commission to scrutinize gambling's effects on the nation should be established, Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry and Christian Life Commission Executive Director Richard Land said in a letter to the 35 members of the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

Committee hearings on the proposal were to have begun Sept. 29. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., is committee chairman.

The letter stated, "We agree with the sponsor of H.R. 497, Rep. Frank Wolf, R.-Va., the United States is on a 'gambling binge.' We also share Rep. Wolf's assertion, 'This is an issue of national economic importance, and I believe the new Congress should examine it closely.'"

Wolf introduced the bill to form the National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission for the purpose of compiling information on gambling's effect on economics, crime, families, and individuals. □

FMB provides relief funds to Yugoslavians

Baptist Press

BELGIUM — Southern Baptists continue to help victims of fighting between ethnic groups that once formed Yugoslavia, most recently through \$254,500 in relief funds.

Through the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptists are helping to feed more than

75,000 people within the Yugoslavia war zone during September and October.

Also, missionaries will use \$100,000 to provide emergency food for homeless refugees in Serbian Yugoslavia. About 250,000 refugees fled from the Krajina region of Croatia into Yugoslavia during August. Krajina had been held by Serbians since 1991 but was retaken by Croatian forces in a four-day offensive.

"Most, if not all, of these people have absolutely nothing except the clothes on their backs," said FMB missionary Randy Bell. Funds are being directed to the most pressing needs identified: food, housing, bedding, and hygiene. Bell and his wife, Joan, are based in Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia. □

Broadman & Holman to distribute 'fast food' communion packets

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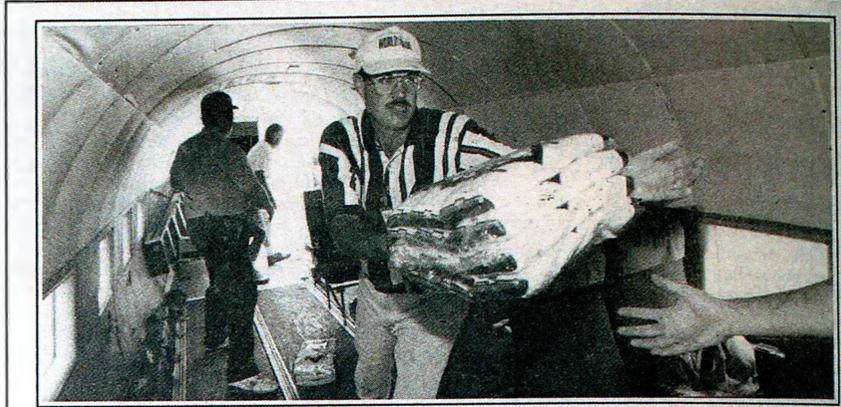
NASHVILLE — The latest innovation in an ancient Christian practice soon goes public — a small pack that contains a communion wafer and grape juice.

Some hail it as God-inspired while others dismiss it as religious kitsch — "McCommunion" — for a throwaway culture.

Whatever it is, "Remembrance" communion sets — sanitary, convenient, and \$29.99 per box of 210 — will be in Christian retail stores in November.

Promoters think it's perfect for outdoor worship settings, nursing homes, and prisons.

The communion packs were invented by Jim Johnson, a Chicago businessman who



Aiding hurricane survivors

On the French West Indian island of Guadeloupe, missionary Mark Smith loads relief supplies onto an aircraft. The supplies and food — two shipments totaling 11,500 pounds — were bound for St. Maarten and Antigua, Caribbean islands hardest hit by Hurricane Luis. About 2,500 pounds were donated by Guadelupian Baptists, the rest by Southern Baptists. Smith, a Foreign Mission Board area missionary for the Caribbean, was part of a team of Southern Baptist relief planners who traveled to the islands to assess needs and deliver food and supplies. From now to mid-December, 240 Southern Baptist volunteers will help rebuild on St. Maarten and Antigua. The project is part of a major relief effort there, sponsored by the FMB and SBC Brotherhood Commission. For information about volunteering, call (800) 280-1891. — Photo by Ken Touchton

aims to produce 100 million kits a month. He's working on a wine version. It's patented in 68 countries.

Broadman & Holman, a division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the sole distributor to Christian bookstores. □

BSSB trustees vote funds for Draper chair at Southwestern Baptist Press

RIDGECREST, N.C. — Baptist Sunday School Board trustees unanimously authorized a gift of \$200,000 to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the James T. Draper Jr. Chair of Pastoral Ministries Sept. 25 at their fall meeting here.

Established in 1994, the Draper chair will be activated when designated endowment funds reach \$1 million.

In speaking for the motion, Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, where Draper is a member, said the board is the beneficiary of the heritage of Southwestern Seminary's influence on the Draper family.

Sutton noted Draper, his dad and his grandfather are all Southwestern graduates and that Draper is a former trustee and chairman of the trustees at the Fort Worth seminary. "The roots of the Draper family run deep at Southwestern," he said. □



DRAPER

Jess Moody resigns California pastorate

Baptist Press

PORTER RANCH, Calif. — Jess Moody has resigned as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Church here.

Moody, 70, had been pastor of the congregation, earlier known as First Church, Van Nuys, 19 years.

He cited his age and family health concerns as reasons.

Moody was president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference in the mid-1960s and a nominee for SBC president in 1991. □

CBF to seek Sherman's successor; relocation planned in Atlanta

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of moderate Baptists opposed to current SBC leadership, is seeking a new leader and making plans to relocate its offices at Mercer University's Atlanta campus.

Cecil Sherman, 67, CBF coordinator since 1992, announced during a CBF coordinating council meeting Sept. 28 he will retire from the position June 30, 1996.

Also during the meeting, the CBF announced plans to purchase a \$1.25 million, four-acre tract adjacent to Mercer's Atlanta campus and enter a five-year rental agreement on the campus beginning in 1997 in a building to be built for Mercer's proposed theology school, set to open in 1996.

The CBF lists 1,400 supporting churches, an annual budget of \$13 million, 80 missionaries, and 21 staff members. □

Hendricks to lead Baptist studies at Brite Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — William L. Hendricks, senior professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has accepted the position of director of the Baptist studies program and lecturer in theology at Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, effective Aug. 15, 1996.

Hendricks was on Southern's faculty from 1984 until his retirement last December.

Hendricks also taught at Southwestern and Golden Gate seminaries. □

Home Mission Board seeks prison chaplains

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — The Federal Bureau of Prisons has a large number of openings for chaplains.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is seeking people who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college, a master of divinity degree from an accredited theological seminary, four units of CPE, are preferably under 37 years of age, and have two years of ministry experience. For information, call Albert Holmes or Huey Perry at (770) 410-6489 or 410-6496. □

WMU introduces new magazines for girls in grades one through six

Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Responding to requests from Girls in Action leaders, Woman's Missionary Union has created two new age-appropriate magazines for girls.

Beginning with October releases, WMU now offers *Discovery* for girls in the first through fourth grades and *GA World* for fifth and sixth grade girls.

Previously *Discovery* was the only magazine for girls in first through sixth grades. Although the new magazine carries the name of the previ-

ous one, the format and treatment of the magazine have been redesigned.

The decision to produce two magazines for girls was developmentally driven, explained Barbara Massey, design editor for both magazines.

"As an educator, I've known that a magazine that services first through sixth grade is far too wide an age span," she said.

Discovery was redesigned to be age-appropriate for younger girls while *GA World* was created to fit the learning needs for older girls. □