

# Baptist and Reflector

May 29, 1996

VOL. 162 ■ NO. 22

STATEWIDE EDITION

■ **this  
week's  
news**

**global —**

- Ashland City pastor returns to pray in land where war once raged. — Page 4

**national —**

- C.B. Hogue selected to lead NAMB search. — Page 2

- New book explores rich history of Baptist state papers. — Page 3

**state —**

- Widow of space shuttle commander reveals 'silver lining' in tragedy. — Page 6

- Sweetwater volunteers build 16th chapel in Brazil. — Page 7

- Wondering how much your church gave to the CP during the second quarter of 1995-96? See pages 8-13.

**MOVING?** Cut out and mail address label and new address to *Baptist and Reflector*, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024

## Single adults gather for TBC conference

By Connie Davis  
*Baptist and Reflector*

**BRENTWOOD** — The first single adult conference held by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 18 years drew 155 participants last weekend.

The convention is gearing up to provide for single adults once again, said Don Mauldin of the TBC. Because of an improved financial picture in recent years, the convention is able to re-focus on the group, he explained.

Single adult ministry is vital, said Mauldin, because singles are the fastest growing segment of the population. Never-married singles ages 25-29 have tripled in number from 1970 to 1994. Additionally, never marrieds of all ages make up 23 percent of the population, he said.

Tennessee singles from as far away as Johnson City in East Tennessee and Covington in the west gathered for training, inspiration, and fellowship at the Baptist Center May 17-18.

Mike Dugan, minister of Christian life at First Church, Murfreesboro, led a session on what he termed the number one personal need of an individual outside of the need for the Savior — significance.

People need not fear that a search for significance will lead to conceit, said Dugan, because God gave people value when he made them.

Drawing from the book, *The Search for Significance*, by Robert McGee, Dugan said God created people with an understanding of their significance. But when mankind believed the first lie of Satan, it became vulnerable to other lies.

Four lies that people believe lead to a feeling of a lack of significance, said Dugan. They include what could be termed the performance trap, approval addict, the blame game, and shame.

The performance trap can be rendered impotent when people understand that God has provided justification for sin through the death of his son, Jesus.

"We don't have to meet those standards anymore. God met those standards through Jesus," he said.

The only standards people should try to meet are God's, Dugan explained, adding that God provides many incentives to obey him. One is his love. God's love is not earned but is free, which is unlike any other religion, he pointed out.

The next lie is that approval will earn significance. Approval addicts adopt someone's standards other than God's, continued Dugan. Christians often confuse acceptance with approval. In other words, he said, Christians should want people to like them, but not necessarily to approve of them.

Arbitrary definitions of success and failure in society set Christians up for the blame game, said Dugan. Instead, Christians should realize that no one is tarnished goods in God's view.

In his counseling, he hears people say they can't change. It isn't true, he said. The Bible says Christians are a new creation in Christ. Many people encapsulate one event into their persona. Often that one event is a mistake which the person lets destroy the rest of their life, Dugan explained,



**VISITING DURING A BREAK** in the Single Adult Conference are members of Hilldale Church, Clarksville, from left, Lori Byard; Lucinda Thompson; Max Holt, minister to single adults; Mark Willoughby; Jim Habegger; Tom Weeks; Cole Stovall; and Kathy Doubler. — Photo by Connie Davis

thus believing the lie of shame.

The Holy Spirit is the source for destroying the hold of these lies over lives, said Dugan. Christians should be in a battle between their emotions and their will.

"We've got to take control of our minds," he said. But the natural mind won't agree with God's truth, warned Dugan, referring to I Corinthians 2:14. The answer is a mind which relies on the Holy Spirit, he concluded.

Greg Tibbetts, a Franklin divorce attorney, told of his experiences dealing with Christians seeking divorces.

People should start working on their relationship while they are dating rather than waiting until they are married, said Tibbetts. Paradoxically, many couples either make that mistake or view marriage as their goal and stop working on the relationship after the ceremony.

Christians want a good

marriage, he said. His clients come to him with their dreams shattered. They divorce because everyone that is married is not joined together by God, said Tibbetts. Marriage and being joined together by God are two different things, he said.

Becoming one — marriage — is a process, he said. Christians get divorced within and despite the biblical grounds for divorce because oneness comes with a price, he stated.

The best approach to finding oneness in a relationship is an ability to change, said Tibbetts. For example, Christians have to change spiritually so they can grow closer to God.

Change should not be directed at the other person, he observed. People in relationship should not try to change the other person.

Some dating relationships aren't meant to be forever. Some people believe they should — See Single, page 2

## New design for B&R, still old friend

Next week's issue of the *Baptist and Reflector* will be different — but it still will be the same paper!

The front page will introduce a distinctly new "face" for the *Baptist and Reflector*.

Look at the banner and you will see an interpretative design about the paper's comprehensive role as the official newsjournal for Tennessee Baptists.

"Face-lifting" continues on the inside pages. Special emphasis columns and

other standard features will have new titles.

Editor Wm. Fletcher Allen reminds readers the current design is four years old.

The staff has been working on a more "user friendly" design for several weeks.

"Undertaking a new design requires patience, imagination, and caution," Allen said. The readers get strong consideration, he added. The paper must be attractive, informative, and newsworthy.

Additional changes to the standard fare will be introduced in upcoming issues. Those features which are favorites of readers will be continued, even though they may have a different look.

Tennessee Baptist news and features will always get high priority.

Now is a good time for church budget committees to consider including the *Baptist and Reflector* in the budget for families and staff members, Allen added.

— Editor

- Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor
- **Subscribe to the Baptist and Reflector** for one year and receive 50 copies. Family or individual subscription — \$7.50, clubs of 10 or more subscriptions — \$7.25, church (more than 50 percent of families) — \$6.50. Send check/money order to address below.
- **To contribute a news item**, call or write Editor Wm. Fletcher Allen; Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor; or Connie Davis, assistant editor.
- **To advertise** — Lonnie Wilkey, associate editor or editor.
- **For billing and subscription list questions** — Betty Williams, bookkeeper
- **For information about trial subscription plan** for church or association edition — Editor Allen, Lonnie Wilkey, Connie Davis, or Susie Edwards, administrative secretary
- **For information about local church edition** — The Editor, or Mary Nimmo, church pages coordinator
- **For production answers** — Lonnie Wilkey or Connie Davis
- **Publisher** — Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board
- **Board of directors:** Frank Hawkins, chairman; Russ Dunham vice chairman; Charles Anderson, Christine Bess, Hinton Climer, Eugene Cotey, Herbert Higdon, Ken Hubbard, Diane Jordan, Lynn King, Pat Landrum, Paul Medley, Bill Northcott, Charles Parker, Richard Patton, Mike Thrower, Conyer Walker, Gary Watkins, and Ambers Wilson
- **Office** — Baptist and Reflector, 5001 Maryland Way, Brentwood, Tenn., 37027
- **Mailing address** — P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024
- **Phone** — (615) 371-2003. **FAX** — (615) 371-2080
- **Membership** — Southern Baptist Press Association
- **Address changes** — Baptist and Reflector, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024
- **Postmaster** — Second class postage paid at Brentwood and at additional mailing office. (USPS 041-780)
- **Frequency of issue** — The paper is published weekly except for the weeks of Christmas and Fourth of July.



Printed on recycled paper

## Hogue to lead committee seeking NAMB executive

By Herb Hollinger  
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE— The remaining seven members of a special 13-member group to search for a president of the North American Mission Board have been nominated, according to Bob Reccord, chairman of the Implementation Task Force which is coordinating the denominational restructuring.

The 13-member incorporator group is one part of the articles of incorporation for the NAMB to be submitted to messengers at the June 11-13 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C.B. Hogue, retired executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention, will chair the group called NAMB incorporators.

Hogue was the messenger to the 1993 Southern Baptist

Convention in Houston who made the motion to study the denomination's structure, which led to a 1995 SBC vote approving the "Covenant for New Century."

That restructuring, to be finalized if a revision to SBC By-law 15 is approved for a second time this year by messengers in New Orleans, will reduce the number of SBC agencies from 19 to 12 and merge three agencies — Brotherhood, Radio and Television and the Home Mission Board — into NAMB.

In addition to Hogue, nominees for incorporators are B. Carlisle Driggers, executive director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention; Fred Lowery, pastor of First Church, Bossier City, La.; Alice Sanders, a homemaker and member of First Church, Wales, Fla.; John O. Yar-

brough, pastor of First Church, Perry, Ga., and Georgia Baptist Convention president; Michael Hamlet, pastor of First Church, North Spartanburg, S.C., and former chairman of the RTVC; and **Robert Sorrell, associate pastor of Bellevue Church, Cordova.**

Yarbrough and Sorrell are members of the SBC Executive Committee which created the Implementation Task Force following the convention's approval of the restructuring plan.

According to Reccord, pastor of First Church, Norfolk, Va., the primary task of the NAMB incorporators is the search for a president of the new agency. Their nominee must be presented to the NAMB trustees for election.

According to the charter of NAMB, two trustees from each

of three affected agencies complete the 13-member group. Those six, announced earlier, are C. Donley Brown, Keith D. Corrick, John P. Avant Jr., Charles G. Fuller, Omer Ray Finch Jr., and William G. Underwood.

The six incorporators from the three agencies will form a subcommittee of the incorporators group to nominate a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the NAMB from its full slate of trustees elected at the 1997 SBC annual meeting in Dallas.

"This is a change from the ITF's original thinking because HMB trustees wanted only trustees of NAMB to have input into board officer nominees. All of the six incorporators from the three agencies are eligible to be nominated NAMB trustees in 1997," Reccord said. □

## Single adults gather for Tennessee Baptist ...

— Continued from page 1

hang on to a relationship God has given. "Not always," said Tibbetts.

Just like Abraham obeyed when God told him not to kill his son, Isaac, people in relationships need to obey God although it seems like God is contradicting himself.

"God is not the schizoid in this relationship," said Tibbetts. "Trust him. Don't plunge the knife in Isaac's heart to prove that God said it."

Christians shouldn't be afraid to be assertive in their search for a relationship, Tibbetts said. "People somehow think it's more spiritual to sit at home and wait for

it to happen." Instead of being more spiritual, the person is afraid of making a mistake.

Tibbetts told the singles he felt God's call to ministry so he quit his law practice. When he had to return to it to provide for his family, he learned that God had a plan for him — to help Christians divorcing. He has practiced law for 23 years.

He said he learned much of his philosophy on marriage from his wife, Kathy, said Tibbetts.

His hints for dealing with change follow:

- Know that change is a constant.
- Accept it as a good.
- Allow time to bring you into a place

of new understanding.

● Even though you are moving toward becoming one you will never agree on everything all the time. That is right.

● Be honest at all times in dating. That doesn't mean to tell all on the first date. But don't cover up. Just say, "I don't feel comfortable talking about that yet."

● At the point where the dating turns to engagement, get your entire past into the open.

● As your dating or marriage progresses, expect times of misunderstanding, of frustration, of anger, of hurt. But, don't stay there. Let time and love take you beyond that into outrageous joy. □

## Resolutions Committee members to withdraw, another resigns

Baptist Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Southern Baptist Convention President Jim Henry announced May 23 he has asked one member of the SBC Resolutions Committee to withdraw and another has resigned.

Henry discovered he had appointed 12 people to the committee when SBC bylaws call for only 10. His reasoning was to "widen participation in our

SBC life."

Asked to resign was Ferris Jordan of Louisiana who consented to do so, Henry said.

Buddy Sutton of Arkansas resigned from the committee.

Sutton's resignation follows recent criticism of his appointment.

Larry Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, distributed to news media May 21 a letter he had written to Henry asking the president to with-

draw the appointment.

Larry Page, head of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, also was critical of the Little Rock attorney's appointment in an interview with the *Indiana Baptist*.

Sutton is a managing partner in a firm which drafted an amendment which is part of a November ballot initiative in Arkansas said to be pro-gambling.

A spokesman for Henry said

he did not want to comment on the Sutton matter.

SBC Executive Committee President Morris Chapman told Baptist Press, "When I became aware 12 members had been appointed to the committee though SBC bylaws call for 10, and this opened the possibility of a challenge to the president's appointments during the convention, I called the matter to the president's attention." □

## President supports marriage legislation

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton supports legislation which would enable states to refuse recognition of homosexual marriages, a White House spokesman said May 22.

The president's endorsement of the Defense of Marriage Act came a week after a congressional hearing on the issue.

Homosexual rights proponents criticized the president for his action. □

## Court strikes down ban on homosexual rights laws

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled as unconstitutional a state amendment which prohibited local or state laws granting civil rights status to homosexuals.

The 6-3 decision striking down Colorado's Amendment 2 as a violation of the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause drew stinging dissent from the court's minority, led by Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, and pro-family organizations.

Critics of the *Romer v. Evans* opinion, however, could find slight solace in the high court's failure to elevate homosexuality to the status of a protected class, such as race. The high court also failed to mention its 1986 *Bow-*

*ers v. Hardwick* opinion, which upheld a state's right to criminalize homosexual conduct.

The court's 14-page opinion, written by Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, rejected Colorado's argument the amendment only forbids special rights, not equal rights for homosexuals. "To the contrary, the amendment imposes a special disability upon those persons alone," he wrote. "Homosexuals are forbidden the safeguards that others enjoy or may seek without constraint."

Scalia attacked the opinion for its lack of a sound basis. He called it "long on emotive utterance, short on relevant legal citation," and said it has no "foundation in American constitutional law, and barely pretends to." □

# Florida board disfellowships 'charismatic' churches

By Keith Hinson  
For Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Baptist Convention state board of missions has voted to disfellowship two of its "at-large churches" and to engage in further study of a third congregation.

Adopted during the board's May 17 meeting at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, the recommendations to disfellowship came from an ad hoc committee appointed in January.

The two churches excluded from participation in FBC programs include Trumpets of Truth International (formerly First Church of Homosassa Springs) and Riverside Christian Fellowship (formerly Riverside Church) in Hernando.

The ad hoc committee will continue its study of issues related to Main Street in Inverness, according to a third recommendation adopted by the

Florida board.

The board's actions came in the wake of two churches withdrawing from Alachua Association last year and the association's disfellowshipping a third congregation because of alleged charismatic doctrines and practices.

Messengers to the annual meeting of the Alachua association in October voted to disfellowship Trumpets of Truth and had also been slated to vote on disfellowshipping the Riverside church. But the Riverside congregation chose to withdraw in a letter presented to the associational credentials committee a few minutes before the meeting began.

Main Street Church withdrew from Alachua in a letter submitted to associational officials in August 1995.

Following the Alachua vote, the three congregations became "at-large churches," which meant they could contribute to state convention pro-

grams even though they were not members of a local association of churches.

In the May 17 vote by the state board of missions, John Sullivan, FBC executive director-treasurer, was instructed "not to receive any Cooperative Program funds or mission gifts" from Riverside and Trumpets of Truth.

The board also requested the credentials committee of the Florida Baptist State Convention "to deny credentials ... for the purpose of seating (the two churches') messengers at the annual state convention meeting."

Regarding Trumpets of Truth, Sullivan told the board the ad hoc committee had "met with these folks for about two hours. ... There was very little, if any, with which I could identify as a Baptist. One of the things that bothered me as much as anything else is they believe the gift of prophecy supersedes Scripture."

Dan Southerland, board president and a member of the ad hoc committee, said the committee's recommendation to disfellowship Trumpets of Truth was "in our estimation, clear cut."

Riverside's pastor, Charles Brennan, said the congregation declined to participate in any meetings with the ad hoc committee, Sullivan told the board. "Basically, these folks did not want to talk," Southerland said. "It's real hard to work out differences when they did not want to do that."

The ad hoc committee told the board it needed more time to "dialogue with the leadership of Main Street Church, Alachua association, and any other affected parties."

Sullivan said he had received a recent letter from Leary Willis Jr., Main Street pastor, who restated the congregation's desire to remain an "at-large church" with the FBC. □

## Research of ancient sources fuels new Genesis commentary

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Ken Mathews recognizes Genesis has been interpreted in different ways by scholars over the centuries, so when he sat down to write his commentary on the first book of the Bible, he wanted to move beyond modern critical observations.

"There is a sense that proper interpretation began after the Reformation, which feeds a great prejudice against anything that antedates modern critical studies," said Mathews, author of *Genesis, 1-11*, the latest release in the *New American Commentary (NAC)* series by the Broadman & Holman publishing arm of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

"I wanted to show how the critical methodology, in terms of the whole span of the history of interpreting Genesis, takes a different tack altogether. Not everyone has assumed critical presuppositions or put the critical method into practice," said Mathews, professor of Old Testament at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, Ala.

This larger context had Mathews researching the interpretation of Genesis from its first mention in Deuteronomy 4, where Moses uses the book to preach concerning idolatry, through the apostolic traditions that appealed to Genesis when teaching on such matters as divorce, through the rich Jewish and Christian scholarship that paved the path for modern interpretations.

"I also wanted to bring in the remarkable epigraphic finds we have recovered over the last century and a half from the Ancient Near East, especially those things that pertain to early Genesis — the Mesopotamian and Egyptian records of origins and how they were understood," Mathews said.

"I tried to deal with how we can learn from these materials without becoming slaves to comparative methodology," he said.

"Against the backdrop of antiquity, we can see the uniqueness of the biblical revelation — how, in fact, it had to be revelation because it was so distinctive," Mathews added. □

# Book details history of Southern Baptist state papers

By Wm. Fletcher Allen  
For Baptist Press

BRENTWOOD — The tumultuous history of the Southern Baptist Convention has been written and re-written many times by many authors.

The convention, founded in 1845, has survived national and world wars, economic depressions, internal bickering and contention, controversy, and natural disasters. And though history has been recorded, who were the observers who recorded week by week, year by year, the events that shaped the SBC?

Four years ago the Southern Baptist Press Association (now called Association of State Baptist Papers) decided to tell the story of the people and the organization that told the story.

The SBPA approved a plan to commission the writing of its history, "warts and all," to bring its constitution into the modern era, and to employ a part-time executive director. The writing of the history took much longer than the other two objectives. The constitution, along with a new name, and the employment of Bob Terry as its only salaried officer, were accomplished without too much delay. Terry is editor of the *Alabama Baptist*.

And now, the history will roll off the press on June 5. Written by Bill Junker of Brentwood, retired from the Home Mission Board where he served as director of editorial services, *Contending for the Right to Know* is hard-back, and contains 288 pages of adventure and courageous editors.

Who are the heroes of this story of journalists and pastors, innovators and gadflies? You can read about them in the official history of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

When the SBC last year celebrated its 150th anniversary, the SBPA was taking note of its 100th birthday. So it was begun in 1895, with E. E. Folk, editor of the *Tennessee Baptist and Reflector* as its

founder. When the SBC was only 50 years old, Folk and his compatriots stopped talking about organizing and did it. The idea caught on, though ridiculed at first by several editors who thought the early annual meetings were nothing more than pleasure trips.

It is not strange that birthing an association of state Baptist papers was difficult. There was controversy about it before it began, and controversy about membership eligibility and the name. Some editors even refused to attend the first meeting.

Twelve current state Baptist papers trace their origins to the years prior to 1895. J. B. Cranfill of Texas rightly claims some of the credit for founding the SBPA. He shared the same idea as Folk, but evidently the Tennessee editor issued the call.

Folk stated a major reason for the association when he called for the first meeting. "We may simply say it will, we believe, tend to promote a greater spirit of fraternity among the editors and other representatives of our Southern Baptist papers, and so will be in the direction of building up our common Zion. We may also, we think, be of much benefit to one another along business lines in giving one another suggestions and information as to advertisements and other matters of a practical character." There were other reasons, of course, and they are evident in the records, along with names such as Z. T. Cody, T. T. Eaton, J. B. Gambrell, Josiah W. Bailey, T. P. Bell, their peers, and those of later generations who dealt with different issues but similar problems.

Copies of programs reveal the editors discussed problems that still affect the papers, such as postage costs, subscription inducements, advertising, the ever present letters, and how to report the news. Junker goes back to the beginning of SBPA. By thorough research, he tells of events of the world, the SBC, and the corresponding actions of the state papers and

the SBPA in each era of its 100 years.

One editor served as a scout with Gen. Robert E. Lee during the Civil War. Another carried a pistol at all times. Editors often used the editorial page to chastise other denominations, often calling the leaders by name. They were not hesitant in critiquing each other and berating Southern Baptist leaders. One, J. R. Graves of Tennessee, was the father of Landmarkism and edited the Tennessee state paper for 40 years. In the early days, most were pastors, and some were good in business enterprises. Many owned their papers.

Most of them took their work seriously and had strong opinions and deep faith in the Bible and in their own task. Time, as well as world and denominational events, brought more journalists to leadership. Junker takes the reader with the SBPA through the perils of sinking economy, personal and state convention priorities, changing methods of gathering and printing the news, onto today's scene where computers, telephones, automobiles and airplanes, and worldwide networks of wire services, all play a role in the success of state papers and the association.

While Junker's message is intended to convey the ongoing saga of the SBPA, the story reveals much of the personalities of the editors and the papers as well. In many instances, they helped shape the SBC and their own state conventions. Laughter and tears abound on these real and lively pages of history; a history that tells it like it was, and is. The story is a trek through the long drama of newspapers and editors who labored at their task, always contending for the people's right to know, and the papers' duty to tell them.

*Contending for the Right to Know* is published by Providence Publishing House of Franklin, Tenn. Cost per book is \$15.95 plus \$3.00 shipping. Copies will be available in the news room at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans in June. □

## Ashland City pastor prays in land where he once fought

By Sam Creed, pastor  
FBC, Ashland City  
For Baptist and Reflector

Early in the morning, the first week of July 1968, together with 150 other GIs, I stepped off a chartered airplane onto the concrete apron in front of the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base Terminal building. I was in Vietnam.

An Air Force Staff Sergeant met us at the door of the huge terminal building and said, "Good morning gentlemen, welcome to Vietnam. We're glad you're here, and you'll be glad when you leave."

He then gave us instructions regarding what we were to do as new arrivals in the ongoing war in Vietnam. I noticed how hot it was and thought, with some discouragement, how long the next 12 months were going to be.

After completing some paper work and exchanging money for military payment certificates I found a cool place to rest before catching a plane to Phu Cat Air Base, Republic of South Vietnam, my final destination. That air base was to be my home for one year.

As I sat there I could see fighter jets moving in and out of the area, and another large civilian aircraft parked nearby which was being boarded by a long line of khaki-clad servicemen. Those departing GIs were a reality moment when I knew just how many men and women, nameless to me, had done exactly what I was doing. Vietnam was intruding into my life and the lives of thousands of other men and women who served there during the 10 years of American involvement. In fact, for me at least,

Vietnam still looms as one of the defining moments of my adult experiences.

Several weeks ago I returned to Vietnam, again very early in the morning. This time I traveled with a group of Baptist pastors and their wives, and several lay couples, some of whom were Vietnam veterans. I was the only Tennessean among the group from Texas and Virginia. We were glad to have Lewis and Tony Meyers from the Foreign Mission Board with us because they could speak fluent Vietnamese, having served as missionaries in Vietnam until the communist victory in April 1975.

For me, this return trip was an answer to a 10-year prayer that someday I would be able to return to Vietnam, not for war, but as a welcome guest. Because missionaries and/or any kind of evangelism aren't allowed by the communist government of Vietnam, I had almost given up on returning, except perhaps as a tourist.

A Prayerwalk was the answer. Jim and Mary Humphries, former missionaries to Vietnam, last November put together a Prayerwalk Tour of Vietnam. This was the answer to my prayer. Nothing can stop prayer, not even a communist government.

We landed at Noi Bai Airport, Hanoi, Vietnam, on April 1. We were cautioned not to take pictures of the airport because the government was sensitive about security and the airport also was a military air base.

Through the window of the aircraft I saw rows of Chinese-made Mig jets parked in front of a fence behind which people were working in rice paddies. I

was once again in Vietnam after 27 years.

For the next two weeks Vietnam unfolded for the Prayerwalk group as we traveled through numerous provinces, towns, and villages that were hauntingly familiar to us veterans of the war.

The very difficult days and events of the war seemed to have occurred just yesterday as I stood in the front gate of the Hoa Lo Prison in Hanoi (dubbed the Hanoi Hilton by American POWs), the Perfume River in Hue, the Hai Van Pass where U.S. Marines fought hard battles, Marble Mountain, China Beach in Danang, the Cholon District, and the abandoned American Embassy building in Saigon (now called Ho Chi Minh City).

Evangelism is against the law, no new churches can be built, and the government until recent years interrupted church services and harassed the pastors and people. Nevertheless, the spirit of God cannot be contained. The Easter Sunday service at Grace Baptist Church in Ho Chi Minh City was filled with resurrection hope and about 200 people. I wept as the worshippers sang "Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone ..." in Vietnamese.

Our tour group traveled almost the length of Vietnam to visit remaining churches to pray for them, to visit old



**THEN AND NOW** — In photo to left, brothers Sam and Jim Creed are pictured at Phu Cat Air Base, Vietnam, in 1968. They were stationed near each other. In photo to right, Sam Creed, pastor of First Church, Ashland City, stands outside the main entrance of the famous Hoa Lo (Hanoi Hilton) prison in Hanoi. Creed participated in a Prayerwalk Tour of Vietnam in April.

Christian friends and pray with them, to visit cities and pray for God to use and strengthen the Christians meeting in homes, and to walk up and down the streets and pray for the people with our eyes open and looking into the faces of people for whom Christ died. The group prayed for the abandoned, very sick babies in the "intensive care room" of an orphanage, a scene I will not forget. There is no adequate substitute for being on location to pray for the myriad of needs of the Vietnamese.

My reasons for returning to Vietnam were not altogether altruistic. I also returned to remember my experience in Vietnam in 1968-69 and to recall what God taught me from my tour of duty in the war. In 1968 I volunteered to go to Vietnam to take the place of my younger brother who, with his unit of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, arrived in the

country the day the 1968 Tet Offensive started. I did take his place and he was sent from combat in Vietnam to another duty station. In a very personal way I learned the meaning of Jesus' words, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." Jesus died for the Vietnamese as much as for me. To relive the memories and pray for the Vietnamese people today was a miracle of healing for my heart.

Twenty-seven years ago my job was to support aircraft dropping high explosive bombs on the enemy. This year I returned to pray for the grace of God to save the people.

Both stints in Vietnam made an astonishing difference in my life. The first time was to make war — that will fade into history. The second was to pray for people to be saved by God's grace — that will last forever. □

### Daily Partnership Prayer Requests

#### May

- 29 — Pray for the training of Michigan associational leadership.
- 30 — Pray for Jack Byers, contract worker at Bambi Lake Baptist Retreat and Conference Center. He has pancreatic cancer and will soon begin Hospice.
- 31 — Pray for the preparation of churches for Vacation Bible School all across Michigan by volunteers and natives. Pray that they will truly be evangelistic events.

#### June

- 1 — PRAISE! Prayers have been answered for volunteers for a youth evangelism camp in Poznan and for teachers for English classes in Zyradow. Polish Baptists thank the prayer warriors of Tennessee and give praise to God who hears and answers the prayers of his children.
- 2 — Pray for Terry Wuester and his wife, Norma, committed members of Southern Baptist work who live in Victoria, British Columbia. He has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will be going to the Mayo Clinic for further diagnosis and treatment.
- 3 — Pray for Scott Hanson who plans to launch a new mission in West Novi.
- 4 — Pray for a medical team to come to Tarnow the last two weeks in October.



### In Shelby County

## Prison ministry yields results

For Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — Prison ministry work is alive and well in Shelby County, says David Condit, director of Shelby Baptist Prison Ministries.

"We praise the Lord for the work that is being done through Ridgeway Church under the direction of Charlie Wilcox," Condit said.

"For the past eight years Ridgeway has sent volunteers to Mark Luttrell Receiving Center/State Institutional Prison to minister to the inmates," Condit continued.

He noted that Wilcox, as chapel coordinator, has 19 volunteers, eight of whom are from churches other than Ridgeway. They meet every Tuesday evening on a rotation basis.

In addition there are 17 associa-

tional churches and two non-associational churches sending missionaries from their churches into the prisons. "God has truly blessed this ministry," Condit said, noting many "wonderful things have come from the work these volunteers have done."

One of those is the E.G.s (Evidence of God's Grace). The E.G.s are a group of men and women who have been through the prison system, but have now turned their lives over to Jesus and live for him every day, Condit said. "They have such powerful testimonies to share." Churches are encouraged to invite the E.G.s to share with their members. If interested, call (901) 272-1788. "We would love to share with your congregation the power of God's presence in these former inmates," Condit said. □

# Religious Liberty Sunday is special day

June 2 is the first of three occasions within a month when Baptists, and others, can pay particular attention to liberty, freedom.

On Sunday churches will celebrate Religious Liberty Sunday. On June 30, we have opportunity to observe Christian Citizenship Sunday. And of course July 4 is Independence Day.

The road traveled by our forefathers was beset with various impediments and difficulties as they sought religious liberty, the freedom to worship according to God's impressions on their hearts.

Religious liberty is a gift from God for all people. Many times it has had to be earned by the

blood of oppressed people. Of all people, Baptists should remember from experience, that once gained, religious liberty must be defended vigorously and constantly.

Monarchs and dictators through the ages have sought to enslave the minds, souls, and bodies of millions in order to keep them subservient.

Release of the captives was promised in Isaiah 61. Jesus underscored the promise as being one that would not be cancelled.

"He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to announce release to captives and freedom to those in prison," verse one.

Jesus Christ affirmed those words when he told John's disciples to go back and tell him that Jesus was doing those

very things Isaiah had reported.

Down through the ages, liberty has been mankind's heart-cry.

The business of freedom, especially religious freedom, always has been tricky. There are always questions swirling around the very idea of religious freedom.

Who grants it? Who receives it? What are the terms? Do you have to earn it? Is it available to everyone? Can it be forfeited? Do the strong protect the weak and ensure their freedom?

Ah, but there are answers to all these questions, answers to set the heart at ease. II Corinthians 3:17 tells us, "... and where the Spirit of the Lord is present,

## Something that should be easy to fix

Stumbling blocks sometimes gain status because someone is either too proud or stubborn.

Paul Brady, pastor of Ranch Acres Baptist Church in Tulsa, believes he is right.

All he wants is for God to be included by name in the mission statement of the SBC Executive Committee's restructure proposal.

That sounds simple enough, doesn't it? Wrong. The Program and Structure Study Committee says that the actual name of God does not have to be in the statement, since Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are part of it.

Brady introduced an amendment at the SBC annual session last June, which would have included the name of God. It was referred to the Executive Committee which declined to act on the amendment.

This all looks innocent enough, unless there some motives between the lines.

there is freedom."

There we have it. The Lord not only approves of liberty, he gives it, and what it more, *he likes it!*

Though Baptists should know this through hard experience, at times we act as though everyone shouldn't have access to that religious freedom.

But by the nature of the Spirit of God, we are free. And it is not a special privilege for us. We are partakers of a greater blessing, the privilege of belonging to the Creator.

We can observe Religious Liberty Sunday with acceptance of God's gift and gratefully sharing it with others. □

It could be that the Executive Committee feels a sense of protectionism. Perhaps there is pride of authorship.

Or perhaps the committee feels that if one thing is changed in its recommendation, the door would be opened to admit additional changes.

But what could be amiss in including the name of God in the mission statement? Would it weaken the statement? Would it trivialize the Trinity? Would the CP suffer? Would state conventions be in danger of losing their mission?

We hope it is not true, but it may be that the Executive Committee and the PSSC do not want even a small part of the Mission Statement altered.

Surely this is something we can all agree on; instruct the PSSC to rewrite the statement, adding God's name. *Isn't this mission statement for all Southern Baptists, not just a committee?* □

■ one word more  
By Wm. Fletcher Allen

### A time for joyful tears

There was a new man in town.

He had come, apparently, to assist in leading the people in a spiritual renewal, a real revival.

Like thirsty people coming in from a long and exhausting trek in the severest of deserts, they needed reviving.

For a few weeks he went about the city, getting to know the people, to see them at



ALLEN

work and to observe their home life.

He wanted to understand their needs. He discovered many good things about them, but he

also saw a severe lack of religious fervor, a slipping away from God.

The people were having a tenacious struggle for mere existence. Many had been slaves, and they had had to do vast rebuilding in their towns.

A call went out to the people about the middle of the seventh month that year, a call for spiritual revival, and a renewing of the covenant with the Lord. The story is told in Nehemiah 8.

"By the seventh month the people of Israel were all settled in their towns. On the first day of that month they all assembled in Jerusalem, in the square just inside the Water Gate.

"They asked Ezra, the priest and scholar of the Law which the Lord had given Israel through Moses, to get the book of the Law."

Ezra read to them there in the square, from early morning unto noon. They were attentive. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform made for the purpose.

The narrative says that when Ezra opened the book, he blessed the Lord, the great God, and the people responded with amens, lifting their hands and bowing their heads, worshipping the Lord.

The people sobbed as they heard the words from the book of the Law and understood the significance of their sinful lives. But Ezra, seeing revival, told them not to cry or mourn on such a holy day, but to go home and have a feast.

"Do not grieve," he said, "for the joy of the Lord is your strength." And they shared what they had with others, because they understood! □

## ■ just for today

By Fred Wood  
pastor emeritus  
Eudora Church, Memphis

### Start with a smile

Millie (to two other ladies): "Don't you know it's rude to whisper when another person is speaking?" Other lady: "Yes, Millie, but it would have been much ruder to say it out loud."

### Take this truth

Why do people criticize others? It may be jealousy. When we are threatened, we fight back. If someone else's ability intimidates us, we may try to tear them down. It doesn't make us better though. A wise man said it will be a better world when we start trying to be good instead of being better than someone else.

### Memorize this Scripture

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2).

### Pray this prayer

Lord, help me to remember when I throw dirt, I lose ground. □

# Acceptance within family

Today we consider another of the seven attributes of a healthy family — acceptance.

## ■ families matter

By Paul Barkley, counselor and professor

In a healthy family it is essential that each individual accept himself and the other family members.

Acceptance of others will include such things as intimacy, closeness, and willingness to join in emotionally with the other family members.

Acceptance of self is foundational to the ability to practice acceptance with others.

When questioned about the most important of God's laws, Jesus responded by stating the commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, and being.

But he quickly added that the second was that we should love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22: 34-40).

I suggest that we are not able to love and accept the neighbor who lives with us (family), until we have been able to love and accept ourselves.

It is only in this God-given understanding of ourselves that we can set appropriate boundaries that maintain the ab-

solute integrity of self.

The second part of acceptance in the healthy family is the willingness to take the risk to form intimate relationships of close emotional ties that give the ability to join in to life with each other in the family.

Healthy families also have a closeness that comes out of this acceptance.

This closeness provides the foundation for support in stress. I am amazed at the closeness of my children and how they "know" when the other is going through a tough time and needs a little love and care.

It is that acceptance that provides the atmosphere conducive to the development of this closeness.

Finally, healthy families possess the desire and the ability to join in emotionally with other family members.

You may call this empathy or sympathy, but this ability

springs from the fertile seed bed of acceptance.

Acceptance tears down the defensive walls that we build around ourselves to protect us from the hurt inflicted by others, even family.

When that barrier is down, there is a willingness to enter the emotional world of the other person!

Without the contrived preconceptions which are stripped away by this acceptance, the family members find it easy to empathize with each other.

The acceptance of healthy families is the very personification of the "Golden Rule" taught by Jesus.

We learn to treat others the way we want to be treated because we accept them and have been accepted by them, warts and all.

We talked about two ideas; next week we will explore autonomy within the family. We will see that such autonomy is a cherished possession and also an abused privilege. □



BARKLEY

# Challenger widow finds 'silver lining' from 1986 disaster

For Baptist and Reflector

PIKEVILLE — It's been 10 years since that fateful January morning in 1986 when the space shuttle Challenger took off.

As a nation watched, pride turned into horror as the shuttle exploded, killing everyone on board.

June Scobee Rodgers, widow of the Challenger space shuttle commander, Dick Scobee, recently brought her story of faith and overcoming tragedy to Pikeville.

The author of *Silver Linings: The Triumph of the Challenger Seven*, Rodgers spoke at First Southern Church and later appeared at a book signing at the Bledsoe County Public Library.

The book tells Rodgers' personal story surrounding the space shuttle tragedy.

"The book chronicles the account of events leading up to, during, and after the tragic explosion, but is perhaps more significantly, a personal attestation of the faithfulness of God's sustaining grace that lifts us up above the storms of our lives to restore joy, hope, and purpose even in the midst of the darkest hours of our life experiences," said Michael Brown, pastor of First Southern Church.

"In her work, Dr. Rodgers bares her soul to her readers with honesty and transparency, a message that reverberates to those who hurt the joyous truth

that with a personal faith in the person and power of Jesus, our tragedies can be turned to triumphs; and that behind every darkened cloud there is a silver lining," Brown added.

Rodgers, who was featured speaker at the church's annual Baptist Women's Day, told the church congregation how the book came about.

"When I was on Robert Schuller's 'Hour of Power' last year, he asked me the question about the Challenger accident, and I said, 'Oh, I can't talk about that day.' He looked at me, this larger than life man, and said, 'June, if you can't talk about it, then perhaps you can write about it. It can help you and it can help others, too.'"

Rodgers was on Schuller's program again earlier this year and was able to share how writing the book helped her, her family, and many others.

Rodgers, who has since married Lt. General Don Rodgers (in 1989) and moved to Signal Mountain, where she is a member of First Church, discussed her life with the congregation.

"We were among the poorest family among poor neighbors" in a tiny Alabama town, she related.

She married Dick Scobee and they eventually went to college. She received her degree from Baptist College at Charleston (S.C.), now Charleston Southern University.

"I'd left the dirty, dusty road and we were on a super highway. Dick Scobee was an astronaut flying in space. We



PASTOR MICHAEL BROWN of First Southern Church, Pikeville, visits with June Scobee Rodgers, widow of Challenger commander Dick Scobee.

had two wonderful children, a great career.

"Then all of a sudden ... you were there with us 10 years ago, you know what happened — the loss of the Challenger, the beloved crew, a school teacher aboard who was looking forward to teaching lessons to children waiting around the world."

Rodgers noted that "all of a sudden, my road hit a dead end. It was the end of the road, the end of the life that I had known, all that I had looked forward to."

Rodgers told how she had used a "roadmap" of being a pioneer, being a

positive thinker, being a passionate thinker, having a plan, praying, persevering, and surrounding herself with people who believe in reaching for the stars.

Everyone encounters adversity in life, Rodgers said. She encouraged others to use their own personal roadmap to guide them through it.

"You have your roadmap. It was given to you the day you accepted Christ as Savior. Follow it to the stars, to your streets above lined with gold.

"As you journey along life's path helping others, look for the road signs and don't forget that the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, leads us along that path."

In the years since the Challenger tragedy, the families of those killed came together to form the Challenger Center, teaching children about space through 30 centers nationwide, with help from then-Vice President George Bush. Rodgers serves as the founding chairman.

"Does the Challenger mission continue? Yes," she replied. "It continues every time a yellow school bus drives up to the front, opens the door to youngsters who fly simulated missions, children who work together as a team, solve problems, make responsible decisions, gain self-esteem, learn about science and math, and have hope and vision for themselves and their future." □

— Adapted from an article in Pikeville's *The Bledsonian Banner*.

## VBS provides opportunity to teach children about CP

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ requires a willingness to live God's Word by providing and sending.

Many Southern Baptists are going as home and/or foreign missionaries.

Another way Southern Baptists help is by giving to the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified giving plan which funds ministries both in the United States and worldwide.

During Vacation Bible School workers can help the next generation of church and denomination leaders understand the Cooperative Program, said Archer Thorpe, director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program and Stewardship Department.

Small and large gifts, when pooled through the Cooperative Program, can make a difference in the lives of people who need the Lord, Thorpe said.

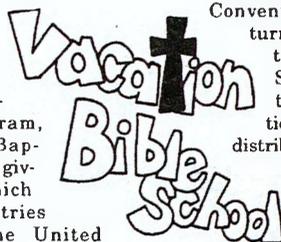
"Help your Vacation Bible School students understand how their local church sends a part of their gift to the

Tennessee Baptist Convention, which in turn sends a portion to the Southern Baptist Convention, which then distributes CP funds to Southern Baptist agencies such as the

Home and Foreign Mission Boards," he shared.

Materials are available to help emphasize the Cooperative Program in Vacation Bible Schools, Thorpe said.

For more information, call the Cooperative Program and Stewardship Department at (615) 371-2018. □



## Knoxville pastor returns to Nigeria for third time to lead in building work

For Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — Chris Campbell, pastor of Washington Pike Church, Knoxville, recently returned to Benin City, Nigeria, in West Africa, to lead in the building of another Baptist church.

It was Campbell's third year to go to Benin City to do evangelistic work as well as to help the pastors of Edo State Baptist Conference organize and construct churches within the villages located on the outskirts of Benin City itself.

Each year upon returning from Benin City, Campbell begins preparing for the next trip.

"Each year the support for this endeavor becomes greater and greater. I always have plenty of Bibles, hymnals, Gospel tracts, etc., to donate to the Nigerian Baptists because of the giving spirit of so many Tennessee Baptists," Campbell said.

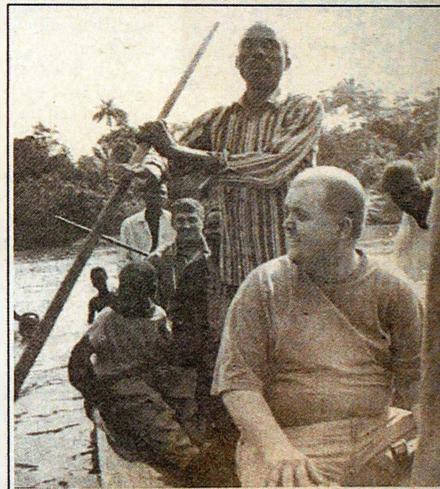
Along with these items, Campbell, his wife, and committed church members donate

money to build one church each year within the Edo State Baptist Conference.

"The needs in Nigeria are so overwhelming, sometimes I don't know what to do.

There are so many villages that need help, and I wish I could do more. I keep in mind that while the building of one church in such a vast country may not appear to be much, to the people who live within the two villages we have helped, they mean everything."

Campbell encourages Tennessee Baptists to pray for the



KNOXVILLE PASTOR Chris Campbell recently took a ride with Nigerian natives as guides.

nation of Nigeria and the people of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

"Each year as the Muslims continue to increase in power, it becomes more and more difficult to share the Gospel," he observed. □

## ■ Tennessee features

# Sweetwater Baptists build 16th chapel in Brazil

For Baptist and Reflector

MADISONVILLE — It was a defining moment! Sweetwater Association in cooperation with the Campinas Baptist Association in Brazil has been involved in the construction of 16 chapels over the past 10 years.

One of the chapels was built for the Central Paulina Baptist Church of Paulina, Brazil.



**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS** Bennie Creel, second from left, holds and ad-hoc meeting with SBC Foreign Mission Board missionary David Spiegel; Joas Carlos, pastor of the mother church; and Sweetwater Association pastor Gerald Lynn.

And now the Paulina church, four years later, has established a mission congregation in the Maria Antonia community. Sweetwater Association had the privilege of providing both the funding and, for the most part, the construction crew for the project.

"What a rewarding project it has been to see this ministry come full circle," said Bennie Creel, director of missions for Sweetwater Association. Creel led a team of 26 volunteers from 11 churches earlier this year to construct the latest chapel in Brazil.

The Paulina church was the third mission that later became a church, received a chapel, and either before or some even in the midst of constructing a permanent house of worship, that began and

mothered a mission, Creel said.

"It has been a beautiful cycle watching the Lord work in the lives of his people in Brazil," the Sweetwater DOM added.

On the other hand, it also has been a joy watching the Lord work in the lives of people in Sweetwater Association, Creel continued.

He noted that none of the 16 chapels were ever funded as a line item in the budget. The cost was always provided by a church, a group of churches, or an individual, above their regular mission giving, he said.

"Through the years, a lot of people have come to know Christ as a result of these construction projects," Creel observed.

In more recent years, the ladies of the team would leave the work site in the afternoons to do Backyard Bible Schools. And on the weekends, begin-



**SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION** volunteers to Brazil were, from left, kneeling, Charles Turbyfill, Dorothy Wiggins, Tracy Wiggins, Audrey Stephens, Jane Chastain, Vickie Cansler, Amy Lynn, Allen Cansler; standing, David Moree, Bennie Creel (director of missions), Cliff Workman, Carolyn Armstrong, Danny Mason, Kittie Mashburn, Kenneth Mashburn, Konny Wiggins, Janet Lynn, Gerald Lynn, Terry Verhine, Charles Toomey, J.D. Martin, Sam Chastain, Wilma Ratledge, Linda Jackson, Jimmy Jackson, Kenny Witt.

ning with the inauguration of the chapel, the pastors on the team would lead revival services. "The time together with our Southern Baptist missionaries, our fellow Christians in

Brazil, and with each other doing this ministry is a valuable asset for friendships forged, ministries that are merged, and relations made that will last forever," Creel said. □

## Friendship Church in Beech Bluff celebrates 150 years of history



**PASTOR FRED CLIFT** recognizes Hattie Lee, who has been a member of Friendship Church for 72 years.

For Baptist and Reflector

BEECH BLUFF — The congregation of Friendship Church met May 5 and celebrated 150 years of history in Chester County.

The Church of Friendship (now Friendship Church) was formed upon a land grant of seven acres signed by Tennessee Governor N.L. Brown in 1846.

It was formed by elders William Lea and Reuben Day when letters of dismission from United Baptist churches

were presented by deacon George J. Hunt, Samuel Bray, Mary Bray, and Thomas McGill.

Friendship was founded upon these principles: namely the Articles of Faith and the Rules of Decorum. The Rules of Decorum consisted of 18 entries of good taste or social convention — propriety in behavior, dress decently and appropriately, etc. These rules were read periodically at the Saturday meeting.

Friendship has had two buildings in its 150-year histo-

ry. The first was a log building about 30-square-feet with one door and two windows. This soon became too small and an addition of 20 feet was made of old lumber donated by deacon John R. Bray.

The present building was erected in 1905. The bell that still hangs in the steeple was used for many years to announce services and to summon men to dig a grave when a death occurred in the community.

A dedication for that building was held Oct. 19, 1907. The church was debt-free then. Sunday School rooms were

added to the facility in the mid-1950s. Other additions, including restrooms and baptistry, came forth in the early 1970s.

The sanctuary was enlarged and a vestibule, nursery, and more restrooms were added in 1984. A front porch that stands as a welcome mat was added in 1992 and three years later stained glass windows were installed.

Thirty-six pastors have served over the 150-year history of Friendship, including current pastor Fred Clift, who has been with the congregation since 1991. □

Enjoy one of the most memorable sermons in history...

Now yours on video in the CLASSIC SERMONS series

### R.G. Lee's "Payday Someday"

"Payday Someday" is one of four inspiring sermons in the new CLASSIC SERMONS video series. Dr. Lee paints a picture of the Old Testament story of Naboth's Vineyard and intersperses it with graphic characterizations of Ahab, Jezebel, and Elijah.

Bring the history of preaching to life through these famous sermons from four great Southern Baptist preachers:

- Billy Graham: "The Secret of Happiness" (5621-45)
- W.A. Criswell: "The Pulpit and the Pew" (5621-46)
- R.G. Lee: "Payday Someday" (5621-47)
- J.D. Grey: "Without Christ - Without Hope" (5621-48)

Get the complete CLASSIC SERMONS Video set of four sermons and album (5621-49) for just \$99.00\*. Or order any single video or combination of videos at only \$29.95\* each. Call The Sunday School Board toll-free at 1-800-458-2772 (7:30am-5:30pm, CST, M-F). Or fax your order anytime to 615-251-5933. You also can order by Compuserve; our address is 70423,2526.

\*plus 6% shipping and handling (\$2.50 minimum) ★ Priority Code: CLSBR



### Centennial revival

Warm fellowship was abundant as former pastors returned to Beulah Church, Kingsport, to participate in a centennial revival April 28-May 2. The first copy of Beulah's "Historical Reflections" was presented to Pastor Al South. Framed pictures of the pastors were displayed along with letters each had written to the church. With South are former pastors Avery Nichols, Luther Reed, Lyndle Taylor, and Kenneth Kyker.

# Treasurer's Report — Second Quarter

Nov. 1, 1995 - April 30, 1996

	Cooperative Program	Designated	Total
<b>GIFTS AND OTHER INCOME</b>			
Cooperative Program	\$ 14,620,283		\$ 14,620,283
Designated to SBC/TBC Institutions		1,432,011	1,432,011
Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions		6,610,638	6,610,638
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions		1,434,680	1,434,680
Golden State Offering for State Missions		466,193	466,193
Other Special Gifts	0	25,630	25,630
<b>Total Gifts from Churches</b>	<b>\$ 14,620,283</b>	<b>\$ 9,969,153</b>	<b>\$ 24,589,436</b>
Other Income (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, BSSB, Camps, earned interest & refunds)		1,274,227	1,274,227
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 14,620,283</b>	<b>\$ 11,243,379</b>	<b>\$ 25,863,663</b>

## ALLOCATIONS

### SBC GIFTS

Foreign Missions	2,612,188	6,751,396	9,363,584
Homes Missions	1,018,753	1,456,734	2,475,488
Six Seminaries	1,060,548	383	1,060,931
SBC Operating	120,161		120,161
Annuity Board	41,795	7	41,802
World Hunger		224,762	224,762
Other SBC Gifts	370,931	110,856	481,787
<b>Total SBC Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 5,224,376</b>	<b>\$ 8,544,137</b>	<b>\$ 13,768,513</b>

### TBC GIFTS

Belmont University	1,103,905	36,568	1,140,473
Carson-Newman College	1,103,905	126,594	1,230,498
Union University	1,103,905	182,088	1,285,993
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	167,035	19,868	186,903
CRV Scholarships	40,658	1,303	41,961
Historical Archives	8,132	261	8,392
Adult Homes	121,570	6,181	127,751
Childrens Homes	601,445	383,991	985,436
Foundation	165,480	5,302	170,782
Annuity Plan	688,613	22,062	710,676
State Missions		11,488	11,488
Convention Operations	300,388	9,624	310,012
Executive Board Administration	313,262	10,037	323,299
Central Administrative Departments	785,301	25,160	810,461
Church Programs Departments	914,038	29,285	943,323
Convention Ministries Departments	1,368,912	510,052	1,878,964
Associational Missions Program	609,359	19,523	628,882
<b>Total TBC Gifts</b>	<b>\$ 9,395,907</b>	<b>\$ 1,399,386</b>	<b>\$ 10,795,293</b>

### OTHER SPECIAL GIFTS

American Bible Society		1,685	1,685
United Tennessee League		5,083	5,083
Churches in Michigan		1,275	1,275
Disaster Relief		17,587	17,587
<b>Total Other Special Gifts</b>		<b>\$ 25,630</b>	<b>\$ 25,630</b>

<b>Total Gifts from Churches Allocation</b>	<b>14,620,283</b>	<b>9,969,153</b>	<b>24,589,436</b>
Other Income Allocated (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, BSSB, Camps, interest & refunds)		1,274,227	1,274,227
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$ 14,620,283</b>	<b>\$ 11,243,379</b>	<b>\$ 25,863,663</b>

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	
Centerville, 1st	Alpha	1897.00	4030.49	Flatwoods	1793.70	565.00	Antioch	210.00	130.00
Cross Roads	1551.56	1000.00	Huron	55.00	178.00	Bethel	210.00	0.00	
Edgewood	126.00	800.00	Judson	0.00	0.00	Beulah Assn	0.00	506.00	
Fairfield	1970.64	1522.66	Lexington, 1st	4895.98	32788.13	Blessed Hope	2114.81	1413.25	
Garrett	449.23	108.36	Lone Chestnut	0.00	0.00	Broadway	300.00	450.00	
Highland	280.37	152.00	Luray	125.00	0.00	Calvary	5649.96	1409.61	
Hohenwald, 1st	19833.00	1546.89	Mt Ararat	1524.66	2207.00	Cottonwood	300.00	0.00	
Lick Creek	387.53	0.00	Mt Gilead	2504.00	2167.02	Cottonwood Grove	1593.00	755.50	
Linden, 1st	3283.68	2069.25	Mt Zion	0.00	1349.35	Cypress Creek	0.00	0.00	
Loveville, 1st	1595.77	410.00	New Beech Grove	0.00	513.00	Fairview	327.00	413.00	
Maple Valley	119.55	0.00	New Chpl	0.00	500.00	Hornbeak	1072.39	617.51	
New Hope	507.00	860.00	New Hope	375.00	510.00	Johnsons Grove	560.37	184.75	
Only	110.36	265.00	New Prospect	0.00	500.00	Lake Rd	295.00	441.85	
Pine Grove	310.73	335.30	Parsons, 1st	8765.75	2844.94	Lakeview	0.00	165.00	
Pinewood, 1st	1892.93	890.83	Perryville, 1st	315.29	301.00	Macedonia	1439.05	1337.86	
Piney	901.10	826.14	Pine Grove	2497.91	350.00	Martin, 1st	37458.66	41684.72	
Toms Creek	2112.79	863.34	Poplar Springs Msny	416.43	100.00	McConnell	3199.90	1748.73	
Wrigley	1466.78	79.00	Ridge Grove	0.00	0.00	Mooring	85.40	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38796.02</b>	<b>15759.26</b>	Rock Hill	3095.07	2279.00	Mt Moriah	125.00	366.00	
			Salem	441.07	105.00	Mt Olive	1676.79	212.36	
			Saltito, 1st	727.00	217.00	Mt Pelia	4800.36	2335.16	
			Sand Ridge	5997.94	3010.08	New Concord	676.00	179.00	
			Sardis	1407.69	871.49	New Home	700.00	8060.64	
			Scotts Hill, 1st	3381.07	2314.00	New Salem	3311.61	1739.00	
			Southside	0.00	0.00	Obion, 1st	2208.95	2838.95	
			Tolin Chpl	0.00	0.00	Phillippy	0.00	0.00	
			Twin Oaks	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Hill #1	3966.91	9049.80	
			Union	1853.82	2303.83	Pleasant Hill #2	2937.11	2566.07	
			Union Grove	600.00	538.00	Reefoot	1637.00	949.00	
			Wildersville	4143.70	1716.00	Ridgely, 1st	7355.20	3230.41	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96456.58</b>	<b>72720.55</b>	S Fulton	19503.03	6184.48	
						Samburg	1889.65	0.00	
						Sunswep	4636.90	1008.10	
						Sunswep Afrc-Am	519.95	131.59	

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Tiptonville, 1st	5440.85	6398.36	Grace	1620.00	1260.00
Troy, 1st	10011.51	3190.66	Hartsville, 1st	4852.62	2846.00
Union City 2nd	25141.61	12770.63	Hendersonville, 1st	28150.00	110001.28
Union City, 1st	27592.71	21317.31	Hilledale	0.00	500.00
Walnut Log	667.90	0.00	Immanuel	437.00	0.00
Willingham Mem	197.21	60.00	Indian Hills	1134.90	0.00
Woodland Mills 1st	8790.00	12422.72	Lafayette, 1st	6448.87	3626.38
Wynburg	3628.95	1222.15	Madison Creek	589.19	1438.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>194280.96</b>	<b>147454.17</b>	Mitchellville, 1st	1393.22	346.00
			New Hope	0.00	849.12
			Oak St	626.62	255.00
			On The Rock	0.00	0.00
			Page Hgts	1814.97	370.00
			Pleasant Valley	475.00	135.50
			Portland, 1st	7500.00	6101.70
			Red Boiling Spgs	150.00	500.00
			Rocky Creek	92.00	310.00
			Southside	0.00	645.00
			Station Camp	200.00	318.00
			Trinity	5784.00	1023.35
			Twin Hills	240.00	340.00
			Westmoreland 1st	1524.77	1355.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90376.64</b>	<b>168970.68</b>
			<b>Bradley County</b>		
			Antioch	1200.00	625.00
			Beacon	635.29	78.34
			Bellefonte	6743.40	2824.00
			Big Spring	15722.20	4435.25
			Blue Springs	1260.00	158.50
			Blythe Ave	975.38	703.25
			Brittville	1180.07	0.00
			Candies Creek	23086.75	0.00
			Center Point	0.00	0.00
			Charity	0.00	0.00
			Charleston, 1st	2780.38	2207.25
			Chestnut	0.00	0.00
			Cleveland, 1st	62897.53	73060.25
			Chingan Ridge	1300.00	0.00
			Cloverleaf	0.00	0.00
			Cobulla	945.16	1000.00
			Corinth	0.00	0.00
			Council	0.00	210.00
			Dalton Pike	1340.00	150.00
			Dockery Hgts	0.00	79.33
			E Cleveland	0.00	0.00
			E View	1319.00	555.00
			Elkmont	250.00	0.00
			Emmanuel	0.00	420.00
			Fairview	0.00	400.00
			Four Point	282.23	0.00
			Galilee	1028.92	0.00
			Georgetown	6092.42	4519.90
			Goodwill	0.00	0.00
			Gum Spring	628.00	920.00
			Howell	4384.14	4210.00
			Lebanon	703.00	2480.00
			Macedonia	11309.25	5192.00
			Maple St	2610.31	0.00
			Michigan Ave	6683.27	2212.05
			Mt Carmel	6339.00	3986.57
			N Cleveland	34578.92	21961.97
			New Ftwhsp	150.00	0.00
			New Friendship	5901.55	4808.51
			Oak Grove	966.95	743.50
			Parkway	1139.99	382.98
			Philippi	7770.56	3524.21
			Ridgeview	0.00	0.00
			Rolling Brook Strm	0.00	0.00
			Samples Mem	0.00	1500.00
			Stuart Park	5262.28	2260.50
			Tasso	696.00	800.00
			Thompson Springs	589.00	485.00
			Union	125.00	542.36
			Valley View	10267.81	4074.04
			Victory	0.00	0.00
			W Cleveland	1380.00	1603.00
			Washington Ave	0.00	0.00
			Waterville	5783.00	6120.50
			Westwood	10310.71	46737.90
			White Oak	0.00	978.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339317.47</b>	<b>206947.16</b>
			<b>Campbell County</b>		
			Alder Springs	530.48	507.69
			Anthras	0.00	0.00
			Calvary	0.00	792.84
			Campbell Co Assn	0.00	0.00
			Caryville, 1st	3405.28	902.00
			Cedar Creek	0.00	0.00
			Cedar Hill	1050.00	1875.00
			Central	0.00	0.00
			Coolidge, 1st	1637.86	1566.71
			Crouches Creek	600.00	518.70
			Demory	180.00	2452.00
			E Jacksboro	492.86	2168.79
			E La Follette	2702.84	1577.50
			Egan	29.00	0.00
			Elk Valley, 1st	160.00	75.00
			Elm Grove	0.00	0.00
			Glade Springs	1840.75	4470.10
			High St	0.00</	

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Newcomb	2086.68	1939.13	Millers Cove	1767.27	352.45	Korean, Belle Aire	1076.54	0.00	Big Spring Union	0.00	0.00	Highland	7582.21	3614.49
Oak Grove	0.00	1768.88	Monte Vista	2057.02	43085.41	Lascassas	9108.42	9617.20	Blairs Creek	0.00	705.05	Hillcrest	2942.63	2372.47
Pruden, Ist	0.00	0.00	Mt Carmel	3537.76	3188.00	Lavergne, Ist	10405.25	4239.68	Brooks Mem	0.00	0.00	Hillsboro, Ist	3377.37	2007.00
Round Rock	0.00	0.00	Mt Lebanon	34254.50	13592.44	Marshall Knob	1094.38	558.38	Calvary	0.00	0.00	Huntland, Ist	2700.00	1125.00
Stinking Creek	0.00	0.00	Mt Zion	0.00	730.00	Midland	543.34	150.00	Carrs Chpl	2676.66	1782.51	Keith Springs	360.00	209.00
W La Follette	3852.45	2129.64	New Faith & Hope	60.00	40.00	Milton	649.00	2115.00	Cave Spring Msny	0.00	0.00	Liberty	467.18	62.00
White Oak	0.00	0.00	Niles Ferry	3251.54	3873.89	Miracle	10395.61	2065.62	Cedar Fork	0.00	609.00	Lincoln Hgts	2508.27	415.00
TOTAL	52364.75	49810.15	Oak St	3065.63	2681.61	Mt Carmel	0.00	0.00	Cedar Grove	250.00	1400.00	Little Mtn	0.00	560.00
<b>Carroll-Benton</b>			Oak Ferry	6368.52	6186.14	Mt Hermon	6189.00	244.50	Chadwell Station	314.99	190.40	Manchester, Ist	2827.16	18155.36
Atwood, Ist	5303.02	2037.00	Old Chihowee	861.69	0.00	Mt Pleasant	1469.69	628.00	Chittums Chpl	0.00	0.00	Marble Plain	1668.29	0.00
Bethel	1111.17	0.00	Old Piney Grove	2492.67	1542.88	Mt View	1937.35	1245.40	Cumberland Gap, Ist	75.00	300.00	Maxwell	1690.33	1273.50
Brueton, Ist	11050.51	4088.80	Parkway	15.97	168.01	Murfreesboro 3rd	43821.79	1420.58	Dogwood Hgts	1674.16	295.96	Midway	1131.00	75.00
Camden, Ist	21982.04	9493.13	Pilgrim	775.00	458.00	Murfreesboro, Ist	89703.85	35168.27	Duncan Chpl	0.00	223.98	Monteagle, Ist	1504.18	815.00
Chalk Level	390.00	956.51	Piney Grove	10059.00	3963.10	New Hope	507.33	492.00	Fairview	0.00	0.00	Oaklawn	3300.00	1775.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	Piney Level	4659.00	4485.00	New Life Laotian	1009.64	0.00	Forge Ridge	0.00	100.00	Paynes	860.51	541.80
Coopers Chpl	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove	8534.37	5162.13	New Vision	2814.32	711.60	Gap Creek	2387.15	257.12	Prairie Plains	180.00	86.21
E Side	1792.82	1210.00	Prospect	1618.46	3113.01	Nolensville	4195.00	863.00	Gibson Station	0.00	0.00	Riva Lake	2220.00	1503.22
Eagle Creek	496.39	391.00	Providence	4160.16	4674.25	Northside	5604.33	0.00	Goins Chpl	0.00	0.00	Rutledge Falls	3651.33	298.02
Eastview	4566.36	2739.20	Rockford	3500.00	2508.29	Oaklands	773.50	559.91	Greens Chpl	0.00	300.00	Southside	0.00	28.64
Eastwood	1208.70	208.00	Rocky Branch	3797.36	1196.66	Patterson	387.50	962.60	Harrogate, Ist	2482.22	3487.67	Spring Creek	750.00	1290.00
Enon	350.00	1200.00	Salem	1596.55	1790.50	Powell's Chpl	5798.24	4079.15	Hays Flat	1892.83	3085.00	Summitville, Ist	235.17	65.00
Eva	684.60	237.00	Six Mile	5673.00	5252.00	Riverdale	1811.68	2201.17	Head Of Barren	0.00	0.00	Tracy City, Ist	5067.00	1962.50
Fairview	75.00	340.20	Smoky View	2400.00	988.76	Rucker	453.95	100.00	Hopewell	0.00	237.00	Trinity	22173.36	4481.59
Faith	555.54	1390.00	Springview	6387.15	3957.42	Salem Springs	1058.81	1632.00	Howards Quarter	0.00	0.00	Tullahoma, Ist	53882.81	13792.85
Grace	0.00	0.00	Stock Creek	32998.72	18827.20	Scenic Dr	700.00	242.50	Indian Creek	180.00	0.00	Victory	776.71	65.00
Holiday	150.00	345.00	Trinity	0.00	0.00	Smyrna, Ist	50414.07	17082.22	Liberty Hill	98.00	0.00	Westwood	663.00	167.00
Hopewell	710.76	752.00	Tuckaleechee Chpl	583.00	1150.00	Southeast	23074.24	9786.71	Liberty Msny	0.00	0.00	Winchester, Ist	33675.17	8054.73
Howse	3549.98	2167.50	Union Grove	378.91	765.65	Stonebroke	5404.00	200.00	Little Barren	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	230193.46	82143.55
Huntingdon, Ist	16978.32	17129.68	Unity	5699.41	3108.89	Stones River	10356.94	5716.53	Little Mulberry	2195.53	924.50	<b>Dyer</b>		
Justice	0.00	0.00	Village Msny	0.00	368.43	Taylor Chpl	0.00	200.00	Little Valley	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove	2128.69	100.00
Liberty Hill	201.94	0.00	W Maryville	686.60	908.00	The King's Chpl	0.00	0.00	Lone Hill Msny	0.00	0.00	Bogota	459.63	100.00
McKenzie, Ist	24061.99	14127.11	Wildwood	3600.00	1983.77	Unity	1189.71	0.00	Lone Holly	0.00	0.00	Calvary Chpl	120.00	0.00
McLennoreville	1192.00	201.00	Zion Chpl	298.00	1364.00	Walter Hill, Ist	1008.00	1958.00	M C M	0.00	0.00	Calvary Hill	1350.32	112.00
Msny Grove	2517.99	1410.00	TOTAL	434499.68	368333.77	Ward's Grove	7074.73	1440.00	Meyer Grove	0.00	0.00	Curve	1475.21	420.27
Mt Nebo	1377.94	1169.97	<b>Clinton</b>			Westgate	0.00	0.00	Middle Urbana	0.00	0.00	Dyersburg 2nd	625.36	291.00
Natchez Trace	4176.69	2211.18	Andersonville, Ist	8290.72	4824.78	Westwood	8559.98	4213.44	Midway	1460.56	3540.13	Dyersburg, Ist	32666.70	30570.30
Prospect	4934.97	1590.34	Batley	0.00	0.00	Woodbury Rd	869.00	531.00	Mt Gilead	0.00	0.00	Elon	120.25	225.00
Republican Grove	160.00	120.00	Beech Grove	299.13	598.27	TOTAL	370725.01	140651.41	Mt Pleasant	0.00	0.00	Ennauas	390.00	0.00
Sugar Tree	501.70	304.26	Bethel	7107.71	2828.35	<b>Copper Basin</b>			Mtn View	60.00	70.00	Enon	2549.55	591.85
Trezevant, Ist	7080.88	3260.11	Black Oak	4256.82	2921.27	Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	Evansville	89.17	100.00
Union Academy	1313.22	330.14	Blowing Springs	1200.00	400.00	Coletown	2026.99	693.00	New Salem	250.00	960.00	Fairview	2084.50	250.00
TOTAL	118474.53	69409.13	Bruceville, Ist	200.00	415.00	Isabels	449.49	378.90	New Tazewell, Ist	6593.90	2637.00	Finley	1700.00	1870.00
<b>Central</b>			Calvary (H)	3020.00	0.00	Maple Grove	0.00	260.00	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	Fowlkes	9173.32	3111.27
Barren Fork	128.28	305.84	Calvary (O R)	34657.17	7970.20	Mine City	11434.15	9748.78	Pleasant View	226.04	0.00	Fr Hudson	840.00	1700.50
Bethel Hill	0.00	228.76	Central	21962.42	21932.51	Mt Harmony	0.00	300.00	Poplar Grove	0.00	0.00	Gates	2070.77	3071.00
Browns Chpl	0.00	30.00	Circle Of Faith	146.00	0.00	Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00	Pump Hollow	0.00	0.00	Hale's Point	0.00	0.00
Campaign, Ist	200.00	307.00	Clear Branch	4726.76	3560.46	Mt Zion	627.08	325.00	Pump Springs	1664.98	1600.52	Halls Westside	1362.66	3028.48
Cornerstone	1037.61	1473.88	Clinch River	4407.00	2000.00	New Zion	2497.00	1000.00	Raven Hill	0.00	0.00	Halls, Ist	11742.25	5829.30
Eastside Msny	1069.99	2037.25	Clinton 2nd	22340.21	6148.00	Reasant Hill	200.00	0.00	Ked Hill	0.00	0.00	Harmony	1406.65	466.00
Fall City	789.56	700.00	Clinton, Ist	12258.27	2204.00	Turtletown	1180.05	800.00	Ked Hill	0.00	0.00	Harvest	350.00	203.00
Forest Park	1513.13	685.00	Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Zion Hill	2033.59	1769.41	River Mem	0.00	0.00	Hawthorne	2492.86	893.25
Gath	4089.66	3316.79	Of Clinton	3645.58	964.00	TOTAL	20448.35	15275.09	River View	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	26665.47	4485.22
Irving College	1094.77	760.00	Dutch Valley, Ist	139.10	0.00	<b>Crockett</b>			Riverside	0.00	424.02	Lenox	2000.00	776.00
Madison St	0.00	0.00	Edgemore	4910.98	5769.48	Alamo, Ist	12200.00	4481.00	Shawnee	3578.24	3380.00	Macedonia	6246.89	6821.91
McMinville, Ist	22312.81	20774.30	Fairview	3199.00	795.00	Barkers Chpl	491.58	834.30	Speedwell Academy	100.00	0.00	Mary's Chapel	8146.00	1549.00
Morrison, Ist	2633.43	1307.00	Faith Promise	4320.00	6648.00	Bells, Ist	10413.23	10246.00	Springdale	0.00	272.91	McCulloughs Chpl	1547.53	708.07
Mt Elm	433.74	300.00	Farmers Grove	1236.85	1756.85	Cairo	1062.86	2434.00	Springfield	500.00	281.00	Miston	648.00	75.00
Northside	6279.28	3011.33	Frost Bottom	0.00	0.00	Cross Roads	2020.21	3281.62	Spring Creek	0.00	0.00	Mt Tirzah	1906.99	1053.75
Providence	738.25	1261.00	Glenwood	5360.00	3056.81	Friendship	3419.00	299.00	Sugar Grove	0.00	0.00	Mt Vernon	1277.46	378.45
Shellsford	8290.33	2395.12	Grave Hill	0.00	0.00	Gadsden, Ist	1801.58	2417.00	Summeys Bridge	0.00	0.00	New Mitchell Grove	2100.00	750.00
Swart, Ist	253.95	162.00	Indian Bluff	618.00	0.00	Johnson Grove	450.00	250.00	Sunrise Msny	0.00	0.00	Newbern, Ist	10708.40	8789.35
Westland	367.75	325.00	Island Ford	671.74	0.00	Msny City, Ist	2673.37	3132.70	Tazewell	3359.32	2247.00	Parrish Chpl	1042.40	217.00
Westside	351.64	317.13	Island Home	0.00	0.00	Midway	480.93	1015.00	Town Creek	0.00	0.00	Ro Ellen	1650.58	700.12
TOTAL	51584.18	39697.40	Lake City, Ist	5802.02	2060.00	Providence	320.67	0.00	Underwood Grove	1080.39	2528.30	Southside	8134.20	2625.00
<b>Chilhowee</b>			Lakeview	700.00	315.60	S Fork	1598.81	726.67	Union Chpl	0.00	714.56	Springhill	4388.92	619.30
Alcoa Way	646.55	895.00	Laurel Branch	202.41	0.00	Three Way	0.00	150.00	Walnut Hill	300.10	1005.00	Trimbale, Ist	9130.39	1887.00
Alcoa, Ist	32096.86	21972.80	Laurel Grove	501.00	226.00	Walnut Hill	1536.00	3397.50	Wolfenbarger Chpl	0.00	0.00	Westside	838.53	585.68
Allegheny	363.10	0.00	Longfield	1340.79	1000.00	TOTAL	38468.24	32664.79	Young's Chpl	0.00	0.00	Williams Chpl	0.00	50.00
Armons	12717.61	6342.40	Main St	4931.76	2705.00	<b>Cumberland</b>			TOTAL	34688.72	34508.65	Woodville	479.32	180.80
Beech Grove	20607.00	8170.00	Moran	809.00	1889.00	Ist Canaan	1032.00	1249.33	<b>Cumberland Plateau</b>			Zion Hill	1219.86	874.87
Bethel	3691.67	2608.05	Mt Pleasant	3449.52	4381.86	Alva	83.42	0.00	Bethlehem	3081.29	1543.50	TOTAL	163238.83	85149.74
Birchfield	0.00	60.00	N Clinton	0.00	200.00	Bethel	68.50	0.00	Calvary	523.58	683.76	<b>East Tennessee</b>		
Broadway	23691.40	18948.72	New Hope	0.00	72.96	Blo								



Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Cumberland	17329.43	15064.73	W Knoxville	9121.45	2215.92	Eastanallee	42067.68	10723.93	Cross Bridges	724.76	100.00	Power House	0.00	0.00
Cumberland			W Londale	22975.32	12356.81	Englewood, 1st	4330.17	4369.13	Faith	0.00	0.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Korean	1050.00	0.00	W Side	0.00	0.00	Etowah, 1st	1500.00	1632.59	Friendship	7639.07	4174.66	Providence (R)	0.00	0.00
E Sunnyview	0.00	0.00	Wallace Mem	121379.99	72529.71	Five Point	0.00	0.00	Hampshire	874.91	76.00	Rock Bridge	0.00	0.00
Eastwood	0.00	1276.60	Washington Ave	0.00	0.00	Good Hope	207.73	200.00	Highland Park	9936.86	4767.39	Rock Haven	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	7858.23	51439.42	Washington Pike	691.00	279.00	Goodsprings	6980.95	6602.34	House of Prayer	125.00	0.00	Rocky Summit	0.00	0.00
Elm St	0.00	0.00	Westlake	3893.08	0.00	Hiwassee	484.41	185.35	Johnson Chpl	50.00	115.00	Sandy Springs	0.00	0.00
Eucid Ave	1600.00	3113.91	Young Seang Korean	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	930.90	570.00	Knob Creek	836.96	0.00	Sartain Springs	0.00	0.00
Fair Havens	2558.04	870.00	TOTAL	1433640.12	1151689.89	Lakeside	1224.13	1137.00	Mooresville Pike	863.69	215.00	Sharon Manry	0.00	250.00
Fairview	1800.00	1341.00	<b>Lawrence County</b>			Lakeview	821.00	226.00	Man Chpl	0.00	0.00	Solid Rock	0.00	0.00
Farragut, 1st	393.32	1369.93	Barnesville	0.00	0.00	Lamontville	657.08	225.00	Mt Pleasant, 1st	4974.00	2852.00	Spruce Pine Grove	0.00	0.00
Fellowship	5851.00	8759.00	Beach Grove	175.00	125.00	Manilla Chpl	0.00	180.00	New Song	1711.64	248.00	Stoney Gap	0.00	0.00
Fifth Ave	2694.51	1862.31	Blooming Grove	120.00	102.00	Marshall Hill	562.08	2670.00	Northside	5938.35	4172.65	Stoney Ridge Manry	0.00	150.00
Flint Gap	0.00	452.00	Bonnertown	200.00	600.00	McMahon Calvary	0.00	20.00	Pleasant Hgts	26371.91	6233.14	The Country Church	0.00	0.00
Fountain City, 1st	12548.91	7851.59	Brace	1469.82	848.43	McMinn	0.00	60.00	Riverview	4512.48	1720.19	Thorn Hill	0.00	300.00
Fr Hill	1907.00	1092.00	Center Point	0.00	300.00	Mt Harmony, Niota	3070.83	2769.21	Rock Springs	2094.00	3233.00	Trent Valley	0.00	0.00
Fr Sanders	507.50	310.00	Coppers Branch	0.00	420.00	Rioeville	5390.85	2743.11	Santa Fe	555.00	1555.65	Union	0.00	0.00
Galilee	4961.06	9866.37	Deerfield	2483.33	626.66	Mt Piegah	1877.91	3428.86	Southside	2950.32	2028.00	Union	0.00	0.00
Gallaher Mem	999.70	512.00	Ethridge, 1st	1187.51	2396.00	Mt Piegah	400.00	370.00	Spring Hill, 1st	3149.21	4639.59	Valley View	0.00	0.00
Gayland Hgts	553.25	1583.00	Faith	3396.00	2753.00	N Athens	3768.21	5730.77	Swan Creek	501.72	867.67	Walkers	0.00	200.00
Gillespie Ave	6660.96	2821.23	Five Points	120.00	0.00	N Etowah	22621.28	10810.12	Theta	0.00	0.00	Wallens Bend	0.00	0.00
Glenwood	4890.00	8034.60	Greater Thbrnc	0.00	0.00	N Etowah	22621.28	10810.12	Viola	1529.37	306.00	Yellow Branch	0.00	0.00
Grace	66316.81	11718.61	Gum Springs	222.30	570.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	W End	7117.49	6393.85	TOTAL	200.00	3180.43
Grace Covenant	1614.01	559.60	Highland Park	3966.52	1749.36	New Hopewell	327.69	500.00	Williamsport	0.00	0.00	<b>Nashville</b>		
Grassy Valley	565.99	1925.58	Idaho	0.00	0.00	New Zion	949.60	600.00	TOTAL	122634.60	67516.88	African Christ Fisp	0.00	0.00
Graveston	3746.45	3980.71	Immanuel	2625.00	1790.00	Niota, 1st	1400.00	2366.00	<b>Midland</b>			Alta Loma	6220.01	5904.65
Greenway	1050.00	580.00	Iron City, 1st	1485.87	981.65	Oak Grove	3552.80	3016.80	3rd	0.00	20.00	Antioch, 1st	17048.58	2816.55
Grove Hgts	0.00	0.00	Lawrence Co Assn	0.00	180.00	Old Salem	2287.12	2059.81	Beaverdale	1115.59	0.00	Arrington, 1st	1164.92	1000.00
Grove Hill	0.00	0.00	Lawrenceburg, 1st	26312.40	15126.39	Parkway	120.00	0.00	Bella Camp Grnd	13750.63	12686.00	Ashton City, 1st	5105.17	1197.00
Hillcrest	0.00	0.00	Leoma	8900.08	21590.30	Pond Hill	856.12	342.00	Bethany	756.99	760.75	Bakers Grove	3632.00	597.00
Hines Valley	0.00	0.00	Liberty Grove	0.00	95.10	Pope Ave	534.00	200.00	Bethel (C)	0.00	0.00	Bell Rd	3362.24	935.51
Hoitt Ave	0.00	0.00	Loretto, 1st	5519.19	5980.76	Rioeville, 1st	7195.55	2628.00	Bethel (K)	0.00	0.00	Bellevue	5817.30	5913.12
Hollywood Hills	0.00	0.00	Macedonia	888.89	517.00	Rock View	827.97	0.00	Beulah	0.00	0.00	Bellshire	809.68	1058.00
Holston	2884.18	3635.51	Mars Hill	3788.54	2164.87	Rocky Mt	2085.95	1179.54	Bishopville	754.48	210.00	Belmont Hgts	25915.61	15744.48
House Mtn	2270.10	1424.30	Meadow View	3767.74	1918.88	Rogers Creek	1659.79	2377.76	Black Oak Ridge	2033.00	1594.00	Bending Chestnut	0.00	256.00
Immanuel	1079.34	1296.88	Mt Horeb	1050.00	1233.00	S Liberty	1694.00	609.00	Cedar Grove	100.00	512.83	Berean	0.00	0.00
Inskip	9645.62	6871.00	New Prospect	6705.00	1705.86	Sanford	2000.00	0.00	Central View	0.00	150.00	Berryville	804.00	396.00
Island Home	875.00	1304.07	O K	450.00	3679.90	Shiloh	1794.41	816.41	Clear Springs	420.74	2000.00	Blessed	250.00	0.00
John Sevier	3308.20	6425.92	Oak Hill	333.78	1252.06	Short Creek	735.41	400.00	Deep Springs	150.00	0.00	Bluegrass	4496.38	17437.19
Knox Co Assn	0.00	48.75	Park Grove	1369.07	504.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00	Emory Valley	0.00	1134.03	Bon Aqua	759.08	354.51
Knoxville 1st	8550.49	77843.84	Pine Grove	497.00	671.00	Union Grove	0.00	0.00	Faith Manry	0.00	0.00	Bordeaux	769.00	0.00
Knoxville 2nd	7543.12	3409.84	Ramah	501.00	2637.10	Union Grove, Meigs	0.00	0.00	Grace	150.00	350.00	Brentwood	135489.58	73566.69
Knoxville 3rd	0.00	282.20	St Joseph, 1st	6592.74	607.10	Union Hill	450.00	265.54	Highland	1891.34	0.00	Broadmoor	2610.21	1740.69
Lincoln Park	18868.43	21457.05	Summertown	3925.11	405.56	Union Minn	2400.00	904.00	Hillvale	0.00	0.00	Brook Hollow	16948.26	10349.76
Linden Ave	0.00	350.00	Trinity	300.00	808.00	Valley Rd	75.00	0.00	Hines Creek	343.11	534.41	Calvary	885.98	339.40
Little Flat Creek	777.74	872.83	W Point	0.00	0.00	Valley View	415.00	308.75	Hines Creek Msrny	382.85	844.88	Calvary Bible	2295.00	555.00
Lonsdale	475.00	212.00	TOTAL	88351.69	77433.88	W End	1677.26	759.37	Miracle	274.76	0.00	Central	0.00	0.00
Loveland	1995.33	1000.00	<b>Loudon County</b>			W View	549.70	1333.95	Mt Zion	598.08	0.00	Central		
Lyons Creek	13104.43	9815.15	Antioch	0.00	1027.36	Walnut Grove	3713.66	0.00	New Hope	1419.42	0.00	Hendersonville	4262.02	1856.00
Marble City	936.56	1163.25	Ballards Chpl	0.00	227.00	Walnut Grove	3713.66	0.00	New Liberty	264.88	0.00	Charlotte Rd	13720.58	1608.50
Marbledale	7286.51	2689.47	Beals Chpl	150.00	87.00	Wildwood	6519.28	3862.92	Old Beverly	215.00	355.00	Chinese, Belmont		
Mars Hill	5339.62	3523.96	Bell Ave	0.00	460.00	Zion Hill	3739.00	2135.00	Pleasant Gap	199.60	0.00	Hights	150.00	0.00
Mascot	4449.00	1500.00	Bethany	4158.79	1172.00	TOTAL	327762.55	170832.86	Pleasant Hill	50.00	200.00	Church of Jesus	0.00	0.00
Meadow View	250.00	1900.00	Blairland	6332.00	2869.12	<b>Madison-Chester</b>			Riverview (B C)	0.00	0.00	Clearview	26470.02	9749.84
Meridian	28961.77	17655.32	Calvary (L C)	20622.58	4925.85	Antioch	295.46	621.00	Ruggles Ferry	0.00	0.00	College Grove, 1st	0.00	100.00
Middlebrook Pike	180.00	197.01	Calvary (L)	0.00	0.00	Aranat	16397.02	16990.76	Solid Rock	0.00	0.00	Concord	375.00	1785.99
Mooreland Hgts	481.87	260.00	Central	8346.84	800.00	Beech Bluff	2282.58	5739.08	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	Contemporary	534.18	61.06
Mt Carmel	1840.89	4151.89	Corinth	4354.62	2368.73	Bemis	14798.65	4756.00	Sutherland Ave	0.00	100.00	Covenant	477.05	1434.35
Mt Harmony	9767.96	10091.10	Dixie Lee	10430.58	6424.76	Bethel	3353.80	1031.35	Texas Valley	122.00	186.35	Crievewood	16467.47	541.25
Mt Olive	32003.00	19483.65	E Hills	1921.82	753.00	Bible Grove	407.90	750.00	Union	4555.07	11994.98	Cross Keys	0.00	0.00
Mt Olive, E	200.00	0.00	Everett Road	882.00	457.00	Calvary	28255.22	10333.31	TOTAL	29547.54	33633.23	Dalewood	28917.08	19185.70
Mtn View	1183.26	835.59	Friendship	2678.03	5502.50	Clover Creek	2517.57	725.57	<b>Mulberry Gap</b>			Dickerson Rd	8793.93	4353.00
N Acres	0.00	6779.46	Grace Comm	946.16	0.00	Cornerstone Comm	2524.66	0.00	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	Dickson, 1st	52540.80	24645.18
N Hills	27.00	0.00	Highland Park	1055.87	3940.87	Cotton Grove	1853.03	1387.07	Beech Grove #2	0.00	0.00	Donelson View	3259.69	1639.23
N Knoxville	8202.33	2852.05	Hilltop	654.61	149.00	Deanburg	513.88	301.00	Bethel	0.00	0.00	Donelson, 1st	63351.32	33270.25
N Side	0.00	0.00	Kingsport Pk	7501.61	874.94	E Laurel	1838.29	1939.64	Big Creek	0.00	0.00	E Donelson	0.00	0.00
New Covenant	250.00	50.00	Lenoir City 2nd	1219.46	700.25	E Union	14958.60	4162.68	Big Hill Manry	0.00	0.00	Eastland	9096.80	11325.14
New Hopewell	15958.66	3944.27	Lenoir City, 1st	57116.43	26163.27	Englewood	4000.00	2578.06	Blackwater Union	0.00	0.00	Eastside	4790.70	2455.38
New Salem	0.00	217.00	Loudon, 1st	5722.71	2619.75	Enville	2211.54	1493.46	Brewers Chpl	0.00	0.00	Eastwood	0.00	0.00
Northwest	400.00	1510.00	Morganton	0.00	1982.00	Friendship (B B)	4763.83	2277.15	Bridgeport Manry	0.00	0.00	Edgefield	3106.01	3844.80
Norwood	12180.86	4756.71	Mt Pleasant	163.06	418.63	Friendship (M)	2694.50	3260.90	Carpenters Chpl	0.00	500.00	Fairview, 1st	8095.26	3183.45
Oakwood	3000.00	3303.71	Mt Zion	2196.98	7042.78	Grace	4033.41	1450.65	Cedar Flat	0.00	0.00	Faith Temple	0.00	224.31
Park Lane	433.54	1486.00	Ntn View	0.00	250.00	Greater Hope								

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Lincaya Hills	2841.30	5706.31	Ivy Grove	0.00	0.00	Fellowship	0.00	0.00	W Main	3589.02	3478.17	Broadmoor	76164.00	36241.08
Lockland	3317.58	3789.14	Low Gap	1108.41	0.00	Friendship	406.96	661.48	Whorton Springs	1101.00	248.00	Brookside	2214.56	3276.50
Long Hollow	10584.43	3704.41	New Haven	6146.01	1578.25	Greasy Creek	0.00	50.00	Wolf Creek	0.00	346.00	Brunswick	17911.88	6683.74
Lyle Lane	992.00	900.00	Nicks Creek	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee Union	396.35	650.00	Woodbury, 1st	17529.40	13975.42	Calvary	250.00	1108.00
Madison Hgts	4614.45	1534.72	Norma	356.00	0.00	Mtn Springs	642.50	0.00	Woodland	50.00	200.00	Cambodian,		
Madison, 1st	8764.19	7532.11	Oneida, 1st	12180.00	3693.35	Mtn View	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	65871.02	53734.90	Highland Hgts	473.34	0.00
Messiah	0.00	0.00	River View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	3512.03	1594.00	Sequatchie Valley			Charjean	1080.00	4405.00
Mill Creek	2334.48	1711.12	Robbins, 1st	480.73	100.25	Ocoee	0.00	0.00	Baptist Hill	1086.48	1350.00	Cherokee	24786.67	14286.30
Millersville, 1st	1120.08	464.00	Slick Rock	0.00	0.00	Old Ocoee	230.50	0.00	Cartwright, 1st	2542.60	1690.00	Cherry Rd	37569.03	22495.28
Nashville 3rd	2759.81	395.00	Smoky Creek	0.00	0.00	Pine Ridge	100.00	100.00	Cold Springs	650.00	400.00	Collierville, 1st	75073.05	51074.25
Nashville, 1st	147387.77	65584.47	TOTAL	36295.61	7366.55	Pleasant Grove	483.00	0.00	Cornerstone	619.11	770.00	Colonial	34512.12	16326.52
Neelys Bend	2723.02	1133.64	<b>New Salem</b>			Rock Creek	0.00	0.00	Daus	433.33	292.00	Cordova	16091.23	5315.51
New Faith	0.00	0.00	Brush Creek	2030.68	886.93	Shady Springs	0.00	0.00	Dunlap, 1st	2604.17	2220.00	Cottonwood Hgts	0.00	0.00
New Hope	20761.97	5863.47	Carthage Rd	0.00	500.00	Shiloh	2850.54	4286.00	E Valley	0.00	0.00	Covington Pk	0.00	0.00
Northwood	2923.21	741.15	Carthage, 1st	6000.00	9547.24	Smyrna	997.00	560.00	Ebenezer	4000.99	2423.00	Crestview	0.00	0.00
Oak Valley	1439.27	2809.78	Gordonsville, 1st	4525.02	2447.80	Springtown	0.00	0.00	Ewtonville	8593.96	1926.48	Dellwood	1800.00	972.00
Old Hickory, 1st	20921.84	30419.73	Hickman	3722.00	4124.00	Towee	0.00	0.00	Flat Mtn	1075.00	1080.00	E Acres	694.75	199.76
Park Ave	6000.00	7207.46	Lancaster	150.00	150.00	Welcome Valley	0.00	0.00	Grace	0.00	0.00	E Memphis	0.00	0.00
Parkway	33982.00	20310.45	N Shore	0.00	0.00	Wetmore	2848.45	2338.00	Jasper, 1st	16350.98	8156.61	Eads	1075.72	2084.00
Pegram, 1st	2824.01	1070.00	New Middleton	3467.44	960.42	Zion	6402.24	5319.57	Kimball	2953.00	2694.00	Egypt	0.00	0.00
Peytonville	0.00	0.00	Peyton Creek	777.00	2057.00	TOTAL	35315.74	24766.75	Laeger	155.59	0.00	Ellendale	27973.83	17136.70
Pleasant View, 1st	10275.74	2752.29	Riddleton	467.41	237.00	<b>Riverside</b>			Lee Station	546.15	1088.18	Elliston	900.00	106.00
Priest Lake Comm.	600.00	250.00	Rome	1754.05	428.00	Allard, 1st	594.69	200.00	Midway	295.72	0.00	Emmanuel	5849.01	9.56
Radnor	300.00	1861.28	TOTAL	22893.60	21389.39	Albani	1511.31	1034.98	Mineral Springs	180.00	691.00	Eudora	12473.62	7442.00
Rayon City	5744.52	1382.93	<b>Nolachucky</b>			Byrdstown, 1st	5409.27	7618.43	Mt Calvary	789.57	100.00	Fairlawn	760.72	217.35
Restoration	0.00	0.00	Alpha	43989.00	26552.12	Celina, 1st	2388.08	1542.50	Palmer, 1st	238.97	0.00	Faith	36711.58	9899.87
Richland	3975.00	866.00	Bethel	7008.91	6783.77	Clarkrange	2189.40	1200.00	Pikeville 1st Strhn	11583.23	6308.03	Fellowship	328.52	0.00
Rivergate	763.14	0.00	Beulah	4093.53	1544.13	Columbia Hill	600.00	823.80	Richard City, 1st	356.12	593.12	Fisherville, 1st	12686.78	3042.54
Riverside	4907.43	1453.60	Bibles Chpl	3818.41	7750.87	Elter	1667.63	749.00	S Pittsburg, 1st	6706.89	3673.74	Forest Hill	2991.97	2720.05
Romanian	70.00	0.00	Brian Thicket	86.00	300.00	Falling Springs	280.00	0.00	S Whitwell	1071.00	1970.00	Frasier	4861.21	0.00
Rosedale	3705.60	897.10	Brown Springs	500.00	1376.47	Fellowship	1208.55	777.00	Sequatchie, 1st	665.27	177.88	Georgian Hills	13707.38	10221.64
S Gate	4462.68	818.07	Buffalo Trail	20122.27	15365.05	Friends Chpl	128.00	0.00	Victory	137.88	1415.96	Germantown	138132.32	55438.93
Salem	436.09	0.00	Bulls Gap	4220.69	2637.00	Hangin Limb	610.66	120.00	Whitwell, 1st	6938.59	6974.49	Germantown Korean	0.00	0.00
Saturn Dr	2746.34	2129.93	Calvary	10428.90	10361.11	Hermitage Springs			TOTAL	70574.60	45934.49	Grace	300.00	500.00
Scottsboro	1336.95	600.00	Calvue	0.00	831.72	Shrn	120.00	42.37	Sevier County			Graham Hgts	2347.50	3219.33
Shelby Ave	3237.20	1299.00	Catherine Nenny	0.00	500.00	Jamesstown, 1st	11965.18	15996.50	Alder Branch	3035.96	2354.12	Greenhills	2711.78	0.00
Shimney	1576.29	1654.45	Cedar Creek	0.00	147.02	Livingston, 1st	20565.19	6214.09	Antioch	1650.00	1679.02	Greenlaw	0.00	785.00
Smith Springs	2150.00	1451.00	Central	0.00	0.00	Memorial	1839.55	1791.87	Banner	912.21	200.00	Hickory Ridge	12566.66	4341.19
Stonebrook Chpl	0.00	64.00	Cherokee Hills	2806.03	1399.78	Mineral Springs	10.00	190.00	Beech Springs	1674.00	4450.00	Highland Hgts	15800.00	16231.38
Temple	10493.23	1616.49	Concord	766.29	1056.92	Moodyville	795.14	532.08	Bells Chpl	1204.97	2010.00	Hollywood	3617.97	1089.00
Thompson Station	14303.68	503.67	Enterprise	3774.36	5665.97	Mt Union	759.09	920.00	Bethel	1656.00	1256.00	Holmes St	400.00	646.00
Tri Co	0.00	0.00	Fairfield	1729.95	874.55	Park Rd	74.81	31.00	Blowing Cave	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	38387.97	14798.18
Truane	3435.71	2966.20	Fairview	5251.10	8739.03	Pine Haven	140.00	28.00	Boys Creek	0.00	280.00	Kensington	8716.12	3219.56
Tulip Grove	20594.73	10744.58	Fernwood	300.00	2520.00	Rickman, 1st	1894.96	548.35	Bradleys Chpl	0.00	0.00	Kirby Parkway	50.00	50.00
Tulip Grove Hspn	0.00	0.00	Friendly View	0.00	0.00	Round Mtn	725.97	265.00	Calvary	473.57	193.67	Kirby Woods	62319.79	153996.99
Tusculum Hills	70425.98	8430.36	Grace	6515.53	3657.32	Three Forks	377.00	377.00	Conner Hgts	0.00	0.00	Korean	3000.00	0.00
Twelve Robes	0.00	0.00	Highland	3332.00	2457.85	Unity Msrny	1384.48	523.00	Covemont	35.00	0.00	La Belle Haven	7800.00	2262.21
Two Rivers	39605.00	72620.00	Hillcrest	9380.09	5665.10	Vines Ridge	0.00	0.00	Dripping Springs	0.00	0.00	Lakeland, 1st	4206.04	298.75
Una	7175.00	6548.34	Holts Msrny	0.00	0.00	W Ventress	545.72	809.84	Dupont	2525.00	2726.05	Lakeshores	0.00	87.49
Union Hill	0.00	3228.42	Kidwells Ridge	1050.00	2641.55	TOTAL	57682.68	42334.81	French Broad			Lamar Terrace	0.00	0.00
Valley View	5067.65	3905.64	Leavale	3368.51	8911.50	<b>Robertson County</b>			Valley	3600.00	700.00	Lamar Terrace ZOE	0.00	0.00
Vietnamese Msn	663.07	63.00	Lebanon	5099.00	13352.19	Barren Plains	5639.25	2603.00	Friendship	120.00	0.00	Leaclair	7006.69	4195.15
W Cheatham	370.00	60.00	Macedonia	0.00	6150.00	Battle Creek	827.22	464.73	Gatlinburg, 1st	15244.57	3189.80	Leawood	6760.93	45624.88
W Nashville	1018.69	436.61	Magna View	2336.78	3354.02	Bethel	31612.51	14015.83	Gists Creek	1624.54	0.00	Lighthouse	3477.58	0.00
Walker Mem	10291.36	4026.25	Manley View	41501.00	7274.75	Bethlehem	6904.75	1804.17	Gum Stand	1857.63	3930.65	Longcrest	2543.05	658.60
Westview	633.21	0.00	Montvue	502.00	4029.00	Cedar Hill	5757.75	2006.60	Henderson's Chpl	3651.00	3415.00	Lucy	9029.88	6213.28
Westwood	6085.72	3304.55	Morningside Msrny	3344.16	884.00	Center Point	1741.03	965.00	Hills Creek	1152.70	615.50	Macon Rd	2000.00	3229.00
Whitsett Chpl	2844.05	608.00	Morristown, 1st	58388.00	65371.00	Cherry Mound	810.00	356.20	Howards View	250.00	500.00	McLean	1665.95	2213.00
Woodbine	12398.60	8062.57	Mt Zion	300.00	471.00	Cross Roads	1047.01	1059.14	Hurst's Chpl	0.00	0.00	Memphis 2nd	22584.53	42847.37
Woodbine Laotian	904.85	5.00	Omega	167.09	150.00	Eastland Hgts	1634.06	410.60	Jones Chpl	1491.87	385.36	Memphis Mandarin	0.00	0.00
Woodcock Mem	239.24	0.00	Ormeau	0.00	200.00	Ebenezer	5214.85	4300.64	Knob Creek	2137.05	2114.12	Memphis, 1st	9082.79	56788.14
Woodmont	40422.03	113320.00	Pleasant Ridge	1213.41	639.00	Flewellyn	3967.79	1414.98	Laurel Branch	0.00	40.00	Merton Ave	8662.55	5600.58
TOTAL	1577112.37	1006986.56	Pleasant View	2134.00	2330.00	Grace	5824.92	1424.00	Laurel Grove	147.50	89.00	Metro	0.00	0.00
<b>New Duck River</b>			Robertson Creek	1643.82	1912.88	Grace, Pleasant			Lebanon	0.00	677.50	Millington 2nd	5884.26	2789.24
Belfast	0.00	0.00	Rocky Point	3398.41	6300.20	View	1361.22	2094.91	Maples Branch	0.00	0.00	Millington, 1st	70901.64	18630.05
Bell Buckle, 1st	0.00	0.00	Roe Junction	0.00	90.00	Greenbrier, 1st	22500.00	14432.79	Millican Grove	786.17	2571.77	Miracle	60.00	0.00
Bethlehem	778.00	430.00	Russellville	0.00	7076.00	Hopewell	3360.00	7446.00	Mt Zion	2078.89	100.00	Monument of Love	2036.00	492.00
Calvary	5256.67	4636.65	Salem Gap	219.45	60.00	Lights Chpl	3700.79	1268.93	Mtn View	1849.15	1996.31	Mtn Terrace	408.00	0.00
Caney Springs Chpl	911.88	153.63	Sanrise Msrny	1454.00	4716.00	Mt Carmel	13862.59	5484.78	New Era	878.25	3582.58	Mullins Station	13719.70	12094.74
Charity	752.68	850.00	Thankful	0.00	0.00	N Springfield	13950.62	3908.39	New Salem	300.00	0.00	N Frasier	300.00	0.00
Comersville, 1st	3832.56	558.00	Three Springs	0.00	100.00	Oak Grove	7909.16	2962.16	Oak City	2600.02	7573.82	National Ave	8881.35	8997.69
E Commerce	9283.64	4444.30	Union Grove	59.44	55.35									

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Walnut Grove	2750.00	2828.00	Woodcliff	174.68	585.00	Dayton, 1st	25152.91	11414.88	Walnut Grove	813.22	200.00	Pleasant Grove	90.00	1102.00
Wells Station	15588.23	8739.48	TOTAL	163662.62	82039.19	Garrison	0.00	0.00	Watauga, 1st	273.20	477.00	Pleasant Hill	0.00	3224.13
Westhaven	100.00	0.00	Sullivan	4750.00	0.00	Grandview	1736.25	705.00	Willow Springs	1152.97	258.70	Pleasant Ridge	274.26	398.13
White Station	5976.00	3805.57	Bays Mtn	1362.91	1734.10	Graysville, 1st	1112.00	260.00	Zion	2895.97	722.01	Prospect	5324.14	6187.00
Whitehaven	19689.64	14156.42	Bloomington	18978.73	12458.90	High Point	229.05	0.00	TOTAL	210872.66	106596.91	Stewart's Chpl	2002.98	2510.20
Whitten Mem	16854.89	13587.56	Calvary	18978.73	12458.90	Lake Dr	1442.75	0.00	Weakley County			Taft, 1st	200.00	35.00
Woodstock	639.43	360.00	Cedar Grove	6185.85	2740.90	Mt Vernon	427.00	0.00	Adams Chpl	2094.00	1660.00	W End	5086.85	982.69
TOTAL	1693038.16	966318.74	Colonial Hgts	60947.44	33670.14	Mt Zion	375.47	100.00	Beech Springs	467.56	1072.49	TOTAL	80309.02	53683.87
			Dorothy St Men	18.65	0.00	New Union	897.68	3927.25	Bethel	2235.19	6500.00	Wilson County		
			Fall Creek	1394.55	125.00	Ogden	631.95	3468.77	Bethlehem	0.00	0.00	Alexandria, 1st	6399.89	1573.00
			Ft Robinson	16447.00	8946.64	Penning	0.00	0.00	Bible Union	200.00	200.00	Barbours Creek	4428.97	3634.50
			Glenwood	7622.96	3147.06	Sale Creek	1350.00	387.00	Calvary	120.00	125.00	Big Springs	427.33	202.00
			Gravelly	3562.84	1774.09	Salem	2533.62	1356.50	Central	15830.17	7590.00	Calvary	1802.88	179.00
			Greenville	530.00	588.28	Smyrna	2206.57	1117.98	Corinth	1379.00	1800.00	Cedar Creek	1870.86	2830.20
			Higher Grnd	24312.77	10240.96	Spring City, 1st	8956.24	4747.22	Davis Mem	462.31	0.00	Cedar Grove	2246.57	984.73
			Indian Springs	46359.87	11766.42	St Clair	832.16	454.00	Dresden, 1st	13606.04	7624.09	Chandler	0.00	0.00
			Kingsport, 1st	92657.10	58393.14	Walden's Ridge	1944.00	2641.00	Eastside	136.76	811.00	Fairview	13186.93	7589.28
			Litz Manor	17151.31	5495.75	Washington	1979.11	200.00	Fellowship	163.20	260.00	Fall Creek	7648.71	3968.00
			Lynn Garden	4654.12	3938.57	Wolf Creek	3036.34	100.00	Gearins Chpl	650.00	430.00	Fellowship	1010.32	66.96
			Mill Creek	0.00	0.00	Yellow Creek	2074.03	3827.22	Gleason, 1st	4850.84	3417.75	Gladeville	17504.58	5342.89
			Orebank	6800.90	4182.26	TOTAL	70193.93	38925.13	Greenfield, 1st	8063.95	3086.00	Greenville	160.94	1022.14
			Reservoir Rd	2760.19	837.48				Hodges Chpl	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	2178.33	9084.16
			Shiloh	0.00	0.00				Jolley Springs	1470.00	974.10	Hobson Pike	2403.95	1510.25
			Springdale	2099.73	1587.12				Liberty	704.41	800.00	Hurricane	1495.90	1445.00
			Sullivan	7430.18	2509.00				Long Hgts	600.00	0.00	Immanuel	49274.94	16609.71
			Sullivan Assn	0.00	249.91				Macks Grove	800.00	850.03	La Guardia	2969.49	2464.20
			Summersville	1090.82	174.00				Main St	229.87	0.00	Lebanon, 1st	55192.04	25950.30
			Sunnyside	4717.16	42707.03				Moores Chpl	120.00	319.20	Macedonia	918.31	1333.41
			Tri Cities	33909.08	11360.65				New Hope	718.94	1254.55	Mt Juliet, 1st	67967.42	27199.58
			Vernon Hgts	4806.19	100.00				New Prospect	747.18	0.00	Mt Olivet	1995.32	10264.07
			W Colonial Hills	10500.00	20130.99				New Salem	1084.81	100.00	Ramah	600.43	0.00
			W View	466.70	2451.95				Northwestern	165.00	100.00	Rocky Valley	944.42	934.83
			Walkers Fork	150.00	0.00				Oak Grove #1	750.00	6315.90	Round Lick	5475.00	4401.21
			TOTAL	381667.05	253043.79				Old Bethel	739.89	797.60	Saulsbury	1923.64	396.74
			Sweetwater	0.00	0.00				Palmerville	1432.62	168.00	Shop Springs	1998.00	2921.00
			Altoona	0.00	0.00				Pleasant Grove	1865.02	2554.95	Silver Springs	4465.78	3843.43
			Antioch	48.22	0.00				Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Smith Fork	771.35	1257.14
			Beatsy Chpl	0.00	0.00				Public Wells	0.00	1582.60	Southside	4335.29	100.00
			Bethlehem	751.75	1971.75				Ralston	0.00	456.41	Trinity	0.00	0.00
			Big Creek	0.00	1130.07				Ruthville	50.00	1027.00	Village	300.00	356.10
			Calvary	0.00	645.81				Sand Hill	473.50	235.00	Vine	436.93	0.00
			Cane Creek	625.98	726.00				Sharon, 1st	5656.00	4633.00	Watertown, 1st	5798.03	665.90
			Cedar Fork	6283.74	4234.00				Sidonia	450.00	919.27	Webb's Chpl	289.15	150.00
			Cedar Valley	4106.18	1636.22				Southside	11709.62	12067.19	TOTAL	268421.70	138279.73
			Chestnut	2967.74	1300.00				Thompson Creek	400.00	829.62	Additional Churches		
			Christianburg	1231.93	1100.00				Tumbling Creek	2204.47	718.75	1st Flwshp	300.00	0.00
			Citico	352.00	255.48				Union Grove	561.42	128.75	Antioch	0.00	0.00
			Clifton	0.00	0.00				W Union	300.00	735.00	Bellevue Comm	0.00	0.00
			Community	332.25	300.00				TOTAL	103611.77	130643.25	Belvue Christian	100.00	100.00
			Compromise	0.00	182.00				Western District			Bethel	405.72	0.00
			Droid Hills	0.00	0.00				Bethlehem	3551.64	395.76	Brier Creek	0.00	0.00
			Ebenezer	338.00	0.00				Big Sandy, 1st	1706.07	460.00	Cave Creek	0.00	200.00
			Fairview	2728.87	1205.00				Birds Creek	5236.28	1331.00	Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00
			Fairview Tbrnc	609.00	3651.43				Buchanan	307.08	0.00	Central	886.00	238.00
			Four-Eleven Chpl	0.00	1139.42				Central Point	150.00	160.80	Central	399.39	0.00
			Friendship	60.83	973.43				Cottage Grove	3496.07	3316.85	Chestnut Mtn	208.00	225.00
			Glenlock	498.00	2017.00				Dover, 1st	14090.06	4722.90	Christ Flwshp	120.00	0.00
			Gregory's Chpl	0.00	19.57				Fairview	12366.00	3203.00	Church Of Living Word	0.00	0.00
			Holly Springs	0.00	0.00				Faxon	471.36	281.96	Coker Creek	0.00	0.00
			Hopewell Springs	2283.00	3123.10				Friendship	1904.85	878.20	Cornerstone Christian	150.00	0.00
			Howards Chpl	421.29	421.29				Henry	999.96	488.48	Crossroad	0.00	0.00
			Island Creek	0.00	2821.55				Jones Chpl	857.00	556.20	E Hopewell	0.00	0.00
			Lakeside	424.00	1822.11				Mansfield	473.36	467.00	E Towne Comm	200.00	0.00
			Long Ridge	0.00	1500.00				Maplewood	15977.11	8112.85	Elohim	1875.00	3170.00
			Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00				McDavid Grove	844.00	1020.00	Eternal Life	0.00	0.00
			Macedonia	0.00	0.00				Mt Sinai	486.89	415.00	Faith Family Flwshp	0.00	0.00
			Madisonville, 1st	14781.15	17108.76				N Fork	1816.73	1012.71	Faith Msrny	0.00	0.00
			Maple Springs	0.00	0.00				New Bethel	50.04	0.00	Fraserville	0.00	0.00
			Millers Chpl	0.00	153.29				New Harmony	9371.28	700.00	Grace	1116.43	0.00
			Mt Harmony	0.00	0.00				New Hope	500.00	505.00	Grace Comm	0.00	0.00
			Mt Isabella	0.00	0.00				Oak Hill	0.00	100.00	Grant	0.00	0.00
			Mt Pleasant	150.00	550.00				Paris, 1st	6414.15	38580.00	Grantsboro	0.00	3372.72
			Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00				Point Pleasant	4320.73	1853.58	Harrison, 1st	0.00	100.00
			Mt Zion	1629.86	3629.93				Puryear	10450.00	4851.80	Hope Msrny	0.00	0.00
			Murray's	142.00	350.00				Ramble Creek	300.00	339.00	James/Anna		
			N Sweetwater	570.43	690.00				Russwood	6485.70	906.17	Abernathy	0.00	200.00
			New Bethany	762.89	527.62				Shady Grove	228.20	265.00	Jarnigan's Chpl	0.00	0.00
			New Macedonia	0.00	6561.00				Spring Creek	300.00	1100.00	Knorrville	0.00	0.00
			New Providence	1559.00	2422.00				Springhill	2717.72	2104.30	Lawrence Grove	0.00	648.16
			Notchey Creek	1350.00	2374.60				Springville	1350.00	450.00	Liberty	0.00	0.00
			Oak Grove	1220.23	0.00				Temple	5820.87	2714.48	Liberty, Calhoun	319.32	202.85
			Oakland	345.18	100.00				Union Friendship	1069.33	1115.37	Liberty, Columbia	882.04	213.00
			Old Sweetwater	0.00	50.00				W Paris	8998.77	2097.61	Lighthouse New Beg	0.00	0.00
			Piney Grove	0.00	0.00				TOTAL	181338.25	84505.07	Little Cove	0.00	0.00
			Poplar Bluff	0.00	5295.12				William Carey			Long Hollow	0.00	0.00
			Reed Springs	1269.65	1904.36				Brogan Ave	332.23	244.00	Midway	0.00	0.00
			Rocky Springs	875.00	3599.00				Calvary	70.00	316.00	Morristown Tbrnc	0.00	0.00

# Pastor wants mission statement amended to add 'God the Father'

By Dave Parker  
For Baptist Press

TULSA, Okla. — An Oklahoma pastor is working to add "God the Father" to the mission statement in the "Covenant for a New Century" restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Covenant, passed at the 1995 SBC meeting in Atlanta, included a mission statement offered by the seven-member Program and Structure Study Committee who drafted the restructuring, declaring:

"The Southern Baptist Convention exists to facilitate, extend and enlarge the Great Commission ministries of Southern Baptist churches, under the lordship of Jesus Christ, upon the authority of Holy Scripture, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit."

The mission statement, however, is not an amendment to the SBC constitution's statement of the formal purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paul Brady, pastor of Ranch

Acres Church in Tulsa, said he became concerned last year when he noticed the PSSC mission statement leaves out any reference to God the Father.

Brady introduced an amendment to the PSSC mission statement at the 1995 meeting, but it was referred to the SBC Executive Committee. The committee declined to act. Morris Chapman, Executive Committee president, said committee members felt "that to act 'under the Lordship of Jesus Christ,' who declared that he and the Father are one and to know him is to know the Father, adequately affirms God the Father."

Chapman assured Brady he has the right to bring his concerns to the messengers at the 1996 convention and ask that the amendment be voted on in one of the business sessions.

Mark Brister, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La., and chairman of the Program and Structure Study Committee, said the mission statement in the Covenant "contains no oversight."

Brister said belief in the Trinity stems from belief "in the resurrection and the centrality of Jesus Christ in your life. That settles the issue."

Brister quoted John 14:6-10, where Jesus repeatedly tells his disciples that he and the Father are one.

"The whole premise of our mission is that people come to God through Jesus Christ," Brister said. "Hence, in no way does the SBC mission statement remove the role of God the Father from the Bible."

He also quoted Philippians 2:9-11, where God exalted Jesus to the highest place where "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father."

"The Scripture is adequate enough to speak on this matter," Brister said. "To suggest that the SBC mission statement in any way neglects the role of God the Father is simply not true."

Brady said he does not agree with the committee's decision

or Brister's opinion.

"The SBC has always affirmed the Trinity," he said. "In fact, the 1992 convention in Indianapolis approved a resolution affirming the importance of emphasizing God the Father."

Responding to attempts to rewrite the Bible in sexually neutral terms, the resolution affirmed "the biblical teaching concerning God the Father," calling upon Christians to understand "the revelation of God as Father is central and essential to trinitarian faith."

It further resolved Southern Baptists "join in an unapologetic confession of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by the authority of his revealed Word and for the sake of his own glory."

Just three years later, Brady said, the mission statement omitted this "central and essential" truth.

"Our current mission statement does not affirm biblical teaching concerning God the Father because we have omit-

ted him," Brady said. He noted the Covenant for a New Century says the mission statement "expresses the evangelical faith of our fundamental theological affirmations."

"Since this mission statement does not reflect our fundamental theological affirmations, we must correct this error," Brady said.

"Currently we have two-thirds of the Trinity in our mission statement, but 66 percent is not good enough," Brady said. "Remember, this mission statement may be a reflection of our theology for the next 100 years."

Since SBC leaders turned down his amendment request, Brady posted a letter on SBC-Net (CompuServe), trying to get the opinions of other Southern Baptists. □

## SBC Book of Reports available on SBCNet

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The 1996 SBC Book of Reports is available to subscribers to SBCNet, the Southern Baptist Convention's data communications network.

The Book of Reports, prepared each year for the SBC annual meeting, includes reports from all denominational agencies, what will be voted on, names of all SBC agency officers, and the convention's constitution. The Book of Reports is posted in SBCNet's Library Section, General Ministry B Forum, SBC 96. □

**A & O CHURCH FURNITURE**  
4871 HARVEY RD. • P.O. BOX 1053  
JAMESTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA 27282

— SOLID OAK PEWS —  
PEW UPHOLSTERY / REFINISHING  
BAPTISTRIES STEEPLES  
EDUCATIONAL FURNITURE  
1-800-523-9058  
NC 1-800-222-7895

### Classified

**POWER TEAM:** John Jacobs and the Power Team will be in the Rivergate area Aug. 14-18. They are sponsored by Alta Loma Church.

**FULL-TIME POSITION:** Suburban Nashville church seeks full-time minister of youth/education. A seminary degree and two years of full-time experience are preferred. Average SS attendance is 325. If interested send resume to FBC, 106 North Broadway, Portland, TN 37148, Attn: Greg Bowers.

**STUDENT MINISTER:** For school-age children and teens. Full or part-time. Send resume to Calvary Baptist Church, 2301 Midland Blvd., Fort Smith, AR 72904.



4105 Hwy. 65 South,  
Pine Bluff, AR 71601  
(501) 534-1234; FAX (501) 535-9780  
1 (800) 822-5307

We Buy Used Buses & Vans; Accept Trades; Do Consignment Sales; Financing Available  
✓ These Buses Out:  
1992 — Goshen Coach, 7.3 Diesel, 29-pass., 11,000 miles  
1993 — El Dorado Para-Transit, 8-pass/2 wheelchair, 460 gas, 60 to 80 miles

**GOSHEN COACH**



Sentry ML,  
6BT 5.9L  
Cummins  
Diesel; 6.5L  
Gas Diesel Chevy; 7.4L Gas,  
Up to 31 pass.



GC-II; V-8  
460 Gas; V-8  
7.3 Diesel,  
Up to 29



Para-Transit, Meets  
All ADA Requirements;  
460-Gas; 7.3-Diesel

Call for Free

**BAPTISTRIES**  
HEATERS, PUMPS  
FACTORY DIRECT  
TOLL FREE NATIONWIDE  
1-800-251-0679

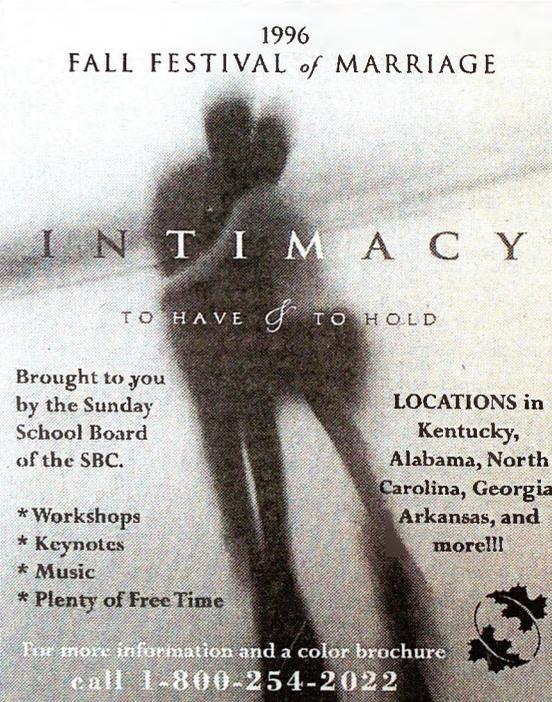
FIBERGLASS BAPTISTRY CO.  
3511 HIXSON PIKE • CHATTANOOGA, TN 37415

**POSITION OPEN**

**COMPTROLLER**

**Arkansas Baptist Foundation**  
Accounting or business degree (CPA or MBA preferred). Experience with investments, trusts, and estates helpful. For an application form, contact the Arkansas Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 552, Little Rock, AR 72203; phone (501) 376-0732.

1996  
**FALL FESTIVAL of MARRIAGE**



I N T I M A C Y

TO HAVE & TO HOLD

Brought to you by the Sunday School Board of the SBC.

- \* Workshops
- \* Keynotes
- \* Music
- \* Plenty of Free Time

**LOCATIONS in**  
Kentucky,  
Alabama, North  
Carolina, Georgia,  
Arkansas, and  
more!!!

For more information and a color brochure  
call 1-800-254-2022

# Invest. For Heaven's Sake.

† YOU NEED INVESTMENTS WITH SOLID RETURNS.

† GROWING CHURCHES NEED CAPITAL TO EXPAND THEIR MINISTRIES.

† A. B. CULBERTSON AND COMPANY PROVIDES THE BEST OF BOTH.

**THE CHURCH BOND SOLUTION**

Culbertson and Company has over 40 years of successful experience providing our clients with investments which achieve their long term strategies.

Church bonds provide investors with income while supplying churches with capital for expansion. Each of Culbertson's bond issues passes stringent financial analysis resulting in conservative, sound investments.

**SECURITY WITH FLEXIBILITY**

In addition, all of our bond issues are collateralized by real property, offering investors security with favorable returns for a fixed income investment opportunity.

Church bonds feature fixed interest rates with varying maturities up to 15 years. This gives you the flexibility to choose the investment duration that best fits your individual strategy. Principal and interest payments are scheduled throughout the term of the bond, resulting in predictable cash flow.

Current yield up to

## 8.75%

**THE CULBERTSON ADVANTAGE**

Let Culbertson show you the advantages of making church bonds a part of your investment mix. Our registered representatives can help create a financial strategy to meet your individual goals.

To receive more information on how church bonds can work for you, please call Mary Norcross or Robert Kirwin at 1-800-333-2868 for our free brochure.



**A. B. CULBERTSON AND COMPANY**  
1250 Continental Plaza  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102 • 817 335-2371

**Life and Work Series  
for June 2  
Focal Passage:  
Romans 12:1-8**

## Serve as God's people

By L. Joseph Rosas III

Paul's letter to the Romans is a Christian manifesto, the theological *magnum opus* of the New Testament. The wrath of God and the grace of God in the Gospel are explored in Romans: chapters 1-8 dealing with sin and salvation and chapters 9-11 focus on the place of the Jews in God's plan. Romans 12 begins the final section of the epistle which focuses on the practical consequences of these truths.

**Consider God's will (vv. 1-2).** In the light of all that has been covered regarding the gracious purpose of God, Paul challenges his fellow believers to give themselves fully to God. It is sometimes stressed that giving ourselves to God is the least we can do for him, a misreading of "by the mercies of God ... reasonable service." Paul is not arguing that we can somehow pay God back rather he suggests that it is by his mercy and grace that we are called to yield and because of his mercy and grace there is no excuse for our not yielding. As Wesley observed, "By nature are ye wholly corrupted, by grace ye shall be wholly renewed." Yieldness resulting in service is the most complete expression of authentic worship. We are to be "transformed" from the Greek word that gives us metamorphosis. Just like a caterpillar that becomes a butterfly so we are to be changed into a living reflection of Christ. "Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him."

**Consider yourself (v. 3).** We should examine ourselves in the mirror of God's grace. A self-estimate that is too high will result in pride, one that is too low will discourage and depress. Paul encourages sober judgment or a sound mind in this spiritual self-evaluation. The Gospel is the measure of faith or standard by which we evaluate our lives. This rules out any pride in self because all that we are in Christ is a result of God's grace.

**Consider your church (vv. 4-6a).** Salvation is not a result of church membership. But when we become children of God we are made part of the larger family of faith, his church. One of the images used to describe our mutual interdependence is that of a body. Though there are many parts, all are under the direction of the head, Jesus Christ.

**Consider your gifts (vv. 6b-8).** Along with faith, God has graced each believer with spiritual gifts. Each believer should accept the gifts bestowed by God's grace. Each gift is given for expression through practical ministry. None of the various lists of spiritual gifts in the New Testament appear to be exhaustive. These are simply examples that the congregation would recognize. There are seven gifts mentioned here (nine are listed in I Corinthians 12, while Ephesians 4:11 mentions four gifts that have specific leadership functions). The gifts fall into two main groups: speaking gifts (prophesying, teaching, and encouraging) and service gifts (serving, contributing, leading, and showing mercy). The New Testament emphasis seems to be that one's gifts are discovered in the context of ministry. However, love, not giftedness, is "the most excellent way" or the authenticating mark of spirituality.

Someone has said if you don't believe God has a sense of humor look at your neighbor. We also know that God loves diversity, look at the church. God wants each of us to find and fill our place of ministry in the body. □ — L. Joseph Rosas III is pastor of Union Avenue Church, Memphis.

## Faith and faithfulness

By Kevin Goza

God calls his people to be faithful. Remaining faithful to God unto the end is a mark of those who truly love and serve him. True faithfulness is powerfully expressed when we face and survive the trials of life.

James feels so strongly about the positive effect of trials on faithfulness that he makes a rather outrageous statement in verse 2. "Count it all joy," is not the normal reaction one would have toward difficulties in life. However, his words are very consistent with what Jesus taught about facing trials in the midst of service. The trials that God allows to come our way have the purpose of strengthening one's faithfulness to God.

What is the result of facing trials? In verse 3, we discover that endurance is a by-product of living in difficult times. Trials are tests which God uses to help us see our level of faithfulness to him. Each trial builds within us a little more strength, a little more wisdom, a little more determination, a little more discipline. If God were to build our endurance overnight, the results would be disastrous for us. We would be overwhelmed and destroyed. So, God wisely chooses to build us little by little, day by day. Each difficulty we face builds sufficient endurance for the next trial on our path.

The end result, according to verse 4, is that we will be perfect (complete). God has a goal in sight for us, and he will not let us come up short.

It verses 12-15, the focus moves from trials to temptations. Indeed, each trial presents its own temptations. If the trial is too intense, we may be tempted to trust in ourselves rather than to trust in God. God's will is that we endure temptations. Interestingly, the

**Convention Uniform Series  
for June 2  
Focal Passage:  
James 1:2-4, 12-15, 19-27**

very thing that presents many temptations in life is also that which builds the necessary endurance in us to overcome temptations.

"The crown of life" stresses the lasting quality of the reward for endurance as

opposed to the temporary riches of those who seek earthly satisfaction. Those who are saved by grace are assured they will enter into the heavenly life God has promised to those who love and serve him faithfully.

In reaching for the crown of life, we face temptations. However, the source of temptation is not God, as some were saying. Temptation is effective only because of sin, and man allowed sin to enter the arena (vv. 14-15).

What keeps us from sin? Living a life that obeys the implanted Word of God. We are called upon to humbly receive the Word of God (vv. 19-21). Instead of insisting on being heard, we are to be swift to hear from God.

However, hearing without doing is useless (vv. 22-25). If you hear without doing, your commitment to God is superficial and ineffective. The real test of a faithful Christian is not in their knowledge of the Word but in their application of the Word to everyday life and living.

This naturally leads into the verses dealing with true religion (vv. 26-27). Again, the focus is on action based on the teaching of the Word of God. Real believers minister in the name of Jesus and live lives purified by spending time with God. In this respect, James echoes the theme of the Old Testament prophets, and Jesus himself, in denouncing empty religion that says a lot but does nothing. □ — Kevin Goza is pastor of First Church, Lebanon.

## Promise of victory

By Tom Moncrief

In the midst of life's situations, it is sometimes difficult to realize the final outcome. When it is forgotten that God ever loves and has concern for his people circumstances seem to indicate defeat. The message Zechariah had for God's people gives needed assurance of victory.

### God's people delivered — ch. 12:1-5

The message was for Israel. This is to be understood as referring to God's elect people in the context of the covenant. The fact that God stretched forth the heavens, laid the foundations of earth, and formed man's spirit within him assured them God had power to perform his promise.

God speaking in verses 2-5 indicated that nations were about to come against Jerusalem. He calls on the entire congregation to observe what he is doing. He establishes Jerusalem as a cup of trembling to the nations. This is evidently to symbolize the Lord's anger and judgment against the unjust and ungodly, thus, the city becomes the instrument through which God's wrath on the people is realized.

When God opens his eyes on Judah he indicates looking upon them with grace. Recognition will come that Jerusalem's true strength is the Lord of hosts, their God. The city has nothing mystical or magic about it. Their significance lies in God and in his choice of the city to serve his purpose. Thus, the deter-

**Bible Book Series for June 2  
Focal Passage:  
Zechariah 12:1-5; 13:1-2; 14:6-9**

mining factor is relationship to the Lord. Jerusalem's true strength is not fortifications but their God. God's favor on Judah opens the way for her to have an active role as God's agent in judging the nations.

As "all the people of the earth" gathered against Jerusalem we are reminded that all the forces of unbelief and evil stand against God and his standards and purposes. Believers today find their strength in the Lord to stand against ungodliness and be used as God's agent in bringing about his purposes.

### God's people cleansed and refined — ch. 13:1-2

God's goodness and faithfulness brought the people to humbly pray for deliverance instead of depending upon themselves. So God opens a fountain (v. 1) for sin and impurity. True repentance always opens the way for God's blessings to be realized. In this case God delivered the people and cleansed the land. Truly, God is merciful and gracious in cleansing with his forgiveness when sin is confessed.

One may do well to seek the cleansing of self and nations today. The same fountain is open.

### God's people victorious — ch. 14:6-9

The all-out battle against Jerusa-

lem is renewed and defeat seems inevitable. Zechariah then shows God joining the battle and conquering the enemies. He made drastic changes in not only the people but physical world as well. The completeness of the Lord's reign is shown by light and warmth no longer sharing a place with their opposites. Harmony and life for all reveal the Lord's ruling presence. Waters flowing in all directions are not dependent on the seasonal rains of winter but flow with equal vigor during the drought season of summer. These verses show God's total rule of hostile elements of nature and his giving of healing, renewing waters of life.

There has always been only one true God although he is not recognized by many. Ultimately, all the world will see that God is truly king over all the earth. □ — Tom Moncrief is a member of First Church, Cleveland.

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

## ■ the leaders

■ Calvary Hill Church, Dyersburg, has called Gary Doughten as pastor.

■ First Church, Halls, has called Robert McBroom as minister of education and youth, which was effective April 7.

■ Eddie Mosley has been called as minister of education and administration of First Church, Smyrna. Formerly Mosley was minister of youth and education at First Church, Portland.

■ Ray Fowler, pastor of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, for 15 years will retire June 23. Fowler has served churches for 42 years. He has served as pastor of



FWLER

four churches in Tennessee and one in Kentucky. Fowler has been vice president of Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference; a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board for three terms and one of its reorganization committees; a trustee of Belmont University, Nashville, for two terms; and chairman of the board of the Tennessee Baptist



NEWLY ORDAINED as deacons of Fordtown Church, Kingsport, are, from left, Dail Kitzmiller, Keith Smith, and Scott Hamilton. The ordination was held April 28.

Children's Homes. Fowler is a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

■ Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, has called Vicki Wilson as interim minister of music.

■ Kyle Duvall has resigned as minister of music of Woodmont Church, Nashville.

■ Doug Clinton has been called as pastor of Mary's Chapel Church, Ripley. He began serving April 7.

## ■ the churches

■ Chris Campbell, pastor, Washington Pike Church,

Knoxville, has started a weekly youth meeting on Friday evenings to reach inner-city youth. One meeting drew 26, 11 of which made professions of faith.

■ Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, has begun a mission named The Church in Midtown.

■ The Chapel Choir of Trinity Church, Memphis, will tour June 9-15. Its members are about 40 youth. It will perform in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. A final concert will be at the church June 16 at 6 p.m. Also this summer the church's youth in junior high will do a World Changers project in Charleston, S.C., and its senior high youth will



POSING WITH FOOD collected for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes 'Kans for Kids' food drive are Hugh Coffman, left, a member of Beulah Church, Kingsport, and TBCH board member, and Dan Blalock, a businessman. The food was delivered to TBCH homes in Johnson City, Oakdale, Kingsport, and Greeneville.

do a World Changers project in Clinton.

■ West Jackson Church, Jackson, is conducting a boycott of a Jackson cinema until September. The cinema showed the movie "Show-girls."

■ First Church, Franklin, will work in Guatemala doing construction work. Teams will work May 31 - June 8 and June 7-15.

■ Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville, will hold revival June 2-5. Henry Linginfelter of Alcoa will speak. Carolyn Reed and Cliff Gibson will provide music leadership.

■ First Church, La-

Vergne, will hold revival June 16-21. Floyd "Lammie" Lammersfeld, evangelist of Gleason, will speak and Ross Maroney Jr., will lead the music.

## ■ the schools

■ Robert Shurden, professor of religion, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, was named 1996 distinguished faculty member during recent convocation ceremonies. Shurden has been a C-N staff member for 16 years. He taught at Mississippi College for seven years.

# Tennessee Sampler ■ views, insights

## Do you have incapability?

By Rich Holland, pastor  
Ivy Memorial Church, Nashville

I heard about a man who had become so down and depressed that he felt he could no longer face life. He supposed something was physically wrong, so he went to see his doctor. The physician gave him a complete examination, including x-rays, blood tests, and EKG.

When the man went back later for the report, he noticed that the doctor had written one word on the diagnosis sheet — Incapability. When he inquired about it the physician explained, "I have coined this word to describe patients with your symptoms. Nothing is wrong with you physically, but you just can't seem to cope with life anymore. I call this 'incapability.'"

We as Christians need not endure this malady. By taking hold of the resources of God's presence and power, we can learn to be successful in overcoming the stresses of everyday life.

In II Corinthians, chapter four, the apostle Paul listed some of the pressures he felt during his ministry. At times he was troubled (v. 58), persecuted, cast down (v. 59), and afflicted (v. 17), yet he could still be confident and did not lose heart because he was renewed every day by the Spirit of God

who lived within him and us (v. 16).

This renewal and refreshment for the "inner man" is available to us. By reading the Bible, fellowshiping with other Christians, seeking wise counsel, and praying, we can conquer "incapability."

Give me, Savior, a purpose deep,  
In joy or sorrow your trust to keep,  
And so through trouble, care and strife,  
Glorify you in my daily life. □

## Your life is an epistle

By Jerry Tidwell, pastor  
West Jackson Church, Jackson

In II Corinthians 3:2, Paul states: "You are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men." An "epistle" is the Greek word or expression for letter. God's Word makes it clear that we are to be "living epistles" for Jesus Christ.

What have people seen as they have read your life? What kind of impression has your family formed about Jesus based on reading the letter of your life?

Remember that God divinely places each of us as Christians in certain circumstances and positions in order that he might accomplish his perfect will. Once placed into those circumstances, your life could be the only book someone ever reads about Jesus! □

## Where is your heart?

By Richard Dickerson, minister of  
music/youth  
First Church, Union City

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" Proverbs 4:23.

There is a solo from a youth musical that I have enjoyed singing throughout the years entitled, "Where Your Heart Is." Many of you may remember the song, but it's not the soloist, or the music that I hope you remember, it is the text.

*I guess it all comes down to  
where your heart is,  
It's there your thoughts and  
feelings all begin;  
And if you never give  
your heart to Jesus,  
You'll never really have a part of him.*

*If your treasure's up in heaven  
then your heart will be there too,  
And the things you say and do will  
show Christ's love;  
But if your treasure's here on earth,  
tell me where your heart will be,  
You'll never have a part in things  
above.  
So, I guess it all comes down to where  
your heart is!*

Let me ask you very prayerfully and respectfully, How is your heart? I hope you can say there is within you a heart full of joy, of peace, and abounding love. The challenge is not, do we want to give our heart to God or not. It lies in, do we want to give him all of our heart. The battle is won or lost within one's self.

How often do we blame our circumstances, our schedules, our job, our environment, or even the church for keeping our heart from God? It is important to remember that only you can control your heart's maturation with the Father.

Let us use this day to discover afresh and anew the joy of life we can experience when our heart is fixed upon the one who never changes, no matter what the circumstances!

A heart check-up is essential for all of us! □

Articles included in "Tennessee Sampler — views, insights" are written by Tennessee Baptist church and associational leaders. The articles are chosen for publication from newsletters of churches and associations. The *Baptist and Reflector* does not necessarily concur with the views expressed.