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## State deacons challenged to resolve conflicts

By Lonnie Wilkey  
*Baptist and Reflector*

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Baptist deacons can play a key role in resolving church conflicts, speakers at the State Deacon Conference agreed.

"Building Healthier Churches" was the theme of the Feb. 28-March 1 conference at Belmont Heights Church here. The weekend meeting attracted nearly 400 participants.

Church conflicts are an attack on the immune system of a church, said Aubrey Hay, church-ministers relations specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which sponsored the meeting. He told participants research has shown that 66 Tennessee Baptist pastors were forced to resign last year.

"It is a sin against the Lord for us to quarrel and fight and lose perspective of what we're supposed to do," Hay said.

Noting that a church's witness is lost when conflict is present, Hay said it is time for

churches to "take a reality check."

Deacons, as church leaders, hold the key, Hay said, because they can prevent or help resolve conflict. "If you work well and do what you ought to be doing, you, along with your pastor, can prevent conflict," he maintained.

*Baptist and Reflector* Editor Wm. Fletcher Allen issued a call for renewal and revival.

"If we had changed hearts — true renewal in the heart of every deacon — we wouldn't need a conference to address conflict," said Allen, a deacon at Clearview Church, Franklin.

Churches are in need of renewal that makes everyone love one another, said Allen who has been a deacon for 30 years. "If that happens we won't have conflict."

Allen challenged deacons and pastors to team up to lead church renewal. "Deacons and pastors can form a mighty team of spiritual warriors," he observed.



AUBREY HAY, right, church-ministers relations specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, chats with deacons Swanson Bennett, left, of First Church, McMinnville, and Jimmy Curtis of Smyrna Church, Chapel Hill, prior to the State Deacon Conference.

The veteran Baptist journalist also issued a call for deacons to support their pastors.

"If I can be of any influence at Clearview it will be by serving the Lord and standing with my pastor," he said.

Allen related some advice he was given long ago. "If you

have a falling out with your pastor, pray for him. One of two things will happen. Either he will change, or you will."

Joe Stacker, pastor of Belmont Heights, the host church, noted that conflict, from a pastor's perspective, is a "disease."

He acknowledged, however. — See State, page 3

## Number of new missions workers reaches all-time high

By Marty Croll  
For Baptist Press

RICHMOND — Last year the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 590 overseas missions workers for assignments of two years or more.

That's a record number of new workers in a year's time for the agency, which now assigns about 4,200 missionaries to work with 336 people groups in 126 countries. The annual number of new workers has been rising steadily for several years. In 1992 it stood at 414.

Missions leaders say the hand of God is

at work producing Southern Baptist overseas workers in record numbers, as more churches become aware of people without access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and stress the need to pray for them.

Southern Baptists are responding to the call for workers on "The Last Frontier" — those unreached, inaccessible areas where traditional mission methods are unwelcome.

"We can't even put into print where some of these people go. They're tough, tough places," said Lloyd Atkinson, director of the board's personnel selection department. "God is the one calling."

People also are responding to the needs of "harvest fields" — those areas where new people are accepting Jesus Christ at such a pace missions workers struggle to train enough new leaders for the congregations springing up.

The high number of new workers appears to be part of a trend. Since 1989, when 185 missionaries were appointed, the annual number of new career appointees has risen fairly steadily to 262, the highest number in nine years. Add to that an increasing number of two-year International Service Corps workers, and what emerges is a picture of growth. ■

## Deadline extended for Poland effort

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The deadline has been extended to March 27 for those who would like to participate in the simultaneous revivals in Poland.

More than 30 Polish churches have requested volunteers to help lead the "Here's Hope — Poland" simultaneous revivals in Poland, May 18-28, according to TBC Partnership/Volunteers state missionary Terry Sharp.

The original deadline was March 1. The March 15 orientation for volunteers also has been rescheduled for April 19 at the Baptist Center here.

Both dates were extended to allow more people to consider the projects needed in Poland, according to Sharp.

For more information about the simultaneous revivals, in-

## Cooperative Program gifts ahead of last year's pace

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists, through the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, gave \$2,237,096 to the Cooperative Program during the month of February.

This amount, plus other CP gifts during the 1996-97 fiscal year, brings the total

of gifts for the first four months to \$10,331,870. Total gifts for the year are \$438,824 over the same period of the last fiscal year.



"Consistently, Tennessee Baptists maintain their commitment to missions through the Cooperative Program," said James Porch, TBC executive director-treasurer. ■

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## Reccord probable nominee for NAMB

Baptist Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Robert E. "Bob" Reccord has resigned as chairman of the task force guiding the restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention, making the Norfolk pastor the probable nominee for president of the new North American Mission Board.

Reccord, 45, announced his resignation as chairman of the Implementation Task Force to members of First Church, Norfolk, at March 2 services. As chairman of the task force he led in assisting the restructuring of the SBC, reducing the number of SBC agencies from 19 to 12 and creating the new mission agency NAMB.

Reccord is the probable nominee but SBC officials stress the final decision has not been made. In a prepared statement given to Baptist Press, Reccord said he was one of several men

interviewed for president last year. He said he did not feel compelled to remove himself at that time from the ITF chairmanship as the "discussions were merely introductory."

"I now feel, however, that it is appropriate for me to do so since the (search committee members) have asked me to move forward to another stage of the selection process. Though no prior requirement or agreement exists regarding such a step, I believe it to be the high road of integrity to ensure procedural propriety," Reccord said. "I would hasten to add that this step in no way presumes upon the process or my involvement in it."

C.B. "Bill" Hogue, chairman of the 13-member search committee called "incorporators," confirmed the process is still under way and the group has yet to make its final determination, based in part on how a candidate does in a three-step

process: psychological testing, management capability and skills assessment, and physical testing. Hogue would not comment on where Reccord is in the process although other sources said he has finished two of the three segments.

In a meeting with California associational directors of missions last month, Hogue, retired executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention, said the incorporators received 39 nominations, have had exploratory conversations with six, agreed the group must reach a unanimous consensus on a nominee, and said the new president would choose NAMB's vice presidents.

Appointed as chairman of the 10-member ITF in September 1995, Reccord is a member of the SBC Executive Committee which established the ITF.

A native of Norfolk, Reccord was reared in Evansville, Ind. ■

## Jerry Chapman joins TBC staff

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Jerry L. Chapman joined the Christian Growth Development Group of the Tennessee Baptist Convention March 1 as discipleship coordinator.

Chapman has served since 1995 as director of missions for Lynchburg (Va.) Association. He



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served on the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1987-94, first as a Discipleship Training adult specialist and later as supervisor of the church study course resources section.

While at the board he served as bivocational pastor of Grace Church, Bethpage from 1988-95. He also has served as pastor of churches in South Carolina and Louisiana.

Chapman is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Linda, have two grown children. ■

## February CP gifts soar 10 percent over last year

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for February soared more than 10 percent above the same month a year ago, according to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

February CP gifts totaled \$13,390,219, compared to the same month in 1996 of \$12,103,599, an increase of 10.63 percent.

For the SBC's fiscal year to date, Oct. 1 through Feb. 28, CP gifts totaled \$64,920,033, compared to the same period last year of \$60,319,676, an in-

crease of 7.63 percent.

The SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget requires a monthly total of \$12,087,791. The February gifts surpassed that mark by more than \$1.3 million or 10.77 percent. Year-to-date CP receipts exceed the budget by more than \$4.6 million or 7.42 percent.

Designated gifts in February were down from a year ago — \$42,937,012 from \$43,986,895, a decrease of .11 percent. For the year, however, designated gifts totaled \$70,634,205, compared to the previous year's total of \$69,580,000, an increase of 1.52 percent. ■

## Judge's Ten Commandments case headed to Alabama Supreme Court

Baptist Press

GADSDEN, Ala. — With a reprieve from the Alabama Supreme Court, County Circuit Judge Roy S. Moore does not have to worry about violating a February court order to take down the Ten Commandments — yet. In the latest development of Moore's case to keep his hand-carved Ten Commandments hanging above the Etowah County bench in Gadsden and to continue saying a prayer before

jury selection, the judge has postponed defying the original court order because of a stay granted Feb. 18.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge Charles Price ruled Feb. 10 that Moore's display of the Ten Commandments is an attempt to promote religion and therefore unconstitutional. This latest ruling came after an appeal by the American Civil Liberties Union of Price's Nov. 22 decision to ban Moore's prayers in court but allow the

Ten Commandments.

Moore is appealing both of Price's rulings to the Alabama Supreme Court. The Supreme Court granted a stay Feb. 7 on Price's ban of the prayers, and in response to a plea by the Alabama attorney general's office, the court granted the recent stay. Moore was originally given until Feb. 20 to take the Ten Commandments down.

"I'm not going to take them down," Moore said Feb. 14. "This is not just stubbornness. I think

it is the first duty of every Christian to acknowledge God."

Some church-state experts say the display of the Ten Commandments is a violation of the First Amendment because the nation is pluralistic and tolerant of all religious beliefs.

Moore, however, does not believe he is establishing a religion but rather upholding his duty to acknowledge God. In fact, by not acknowledging God, he said he would be establishing a religion — atheism. ■

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For Baptist and Reflector

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## Of new North American Mission Board

### Tennesseans eligible to serve as trustees

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The nomination of the following second-term trustees of the SBC's Home Mission Board, Radio and Television Commission, and Brotherhood Commission is anticipated by the SBC Committee on Nominations as the first trustees of the North American Mission Board, which officially begins operation following the June SBC annual meeting in Dallas.

Several additional nominations for NAMB trustees also are anticipated from the Committee on Nominations.

NAMB will be created through a merger of the HMB, RTVC, and Brotherhood under the SBC restructuring plan, "Covenant for a New Century," approved by SBC messengers in 1995 and 1996. Potential Tennessee trustees are Harold Curtis Fry III, Tommy Futrell, Guy Milam, Ray Newcomb, and Ronald Stewart. ■

# Woodmont Church, Nashville, funds, does missions

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — How do you lead Baptists to get involved in missions to the point that they will give of their time and money? You challenge them and lead them to volunteer as missionaries, according to Pastor Bill Sherman of Woodmont Church here.

"I was weary of people giving \$50 to the Lottie Moon Offering and giving their mate a diamond ring or Mercedes car for Christmas," said Sherman. "That's just not right," he added.

So he started challenging members of the church to give one percent of their family's salary to the foreign missions offering. And the Sherman family started giving following that guide.

That was about 12 years ago, and since then Woodmont Church has become a leader in missions giving. It didn't occur overnight, Sherman said. And giving has remained consistent even though the church is smaller than it once was.

The church averages about 500 in Sunday School, but last year the members gave 19.2 percent of the budget to missions and 40.4 percent of their total offerings — including designated gifts — to missions, reported Sherman.



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Members of Woodmont "give according to their conscience" to the Southern Baptist Convention and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, explained Sherman.

They receive information about the work of both groups by being sent automatically the *Baptist and Reflector* and through a denominational relations committee of the church.

Closely associated with its high levels of missions funding is the extensive involvement of its members as short-term missionaries, said Sherman. About 400 members have served in 39 different countries.

Already this year Dewey Dunn, a Nashville physician

**Monetary and Volunteer Missions Efforts in 1996**  
(averages 500 in Sunday School)

- ✦ Foreign missions offerings — \$90,700, home missions offerings — \$14,500, State missions offering — \$8,200
- ✦ Missions gifts through budget — \$221,714 or 19.2 %; including designated gifts \$538,255 or 40.4%.
- ✦ Missions work — 400 members have filled 864 assignments during the past 20 years
- ✦ Missionary housing — two houses, at one time three, which have housed 36 families over 26 years.
- ✦ The congregation built a Habitat for Humanity house. It held a Vacation Bible School for children from Woodcock Baptist Center. It hosts an International Friends ministry. It also has a partnership with an African American church.

who is the former president of the Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship and a frequent short-term missionary, has led a group to Venezuela. And a group of members is planning to work in Poland. "They come back and they share and they're not the same. They're part of the catalyst too," Sherman explained. Members are involved in many home missions projects too.

The congregation considers its TV weekly ministry, which broadcasts the Sunday morning worship service on a local station, as part of its missions effort because it impacts people in many of the same ways that other missions efforts do, said Sherman. Recently the family which owns a popular restaurant, The Stockyard, was changed by the ministry. The owner's daughter became

a Christian as a result of viewing the telecast service and plans to introduce Gospel music to the restaurant, which offers live music. The TV ministry has continued for 27 years.

In other areas of missions work, Woodmont has hosted a Messianic Jewish congregation for 16 years and sponsored a Chinese congregation for 12 years before it merged with a congregation at Belmont Heights Church, here.

Another continuing missions relationship of the congregation is its 27-year partnership with Fifteenth Avenue Church, Nashville, an African American congregation. Sherman said through this relationship, Woodmont has tried to be a redemptive example for others.

Also the church hosts support groups for people who have addiction problems.

"We Baptists, along with our state and national conventions, need to stay focused on ministry and missions, and not on any other agenda that comes along," said Sherman. ■

## State deacons challenged to resolve conflicts ...

— Continued from page 1

it's not surprising conflict happens in churches because it is prevalent everywhere.

Conflict does three things — all negative, he said.

First, conflict threatens the pastor. "When conflict comes inside a church it threatens pastors because they are institutionally dependent upon the church for their livelihood," Stacker said.

Second, conflict serves as a "hold" button for churches. Conflict keeps churches from ministering and doing "the basic essentials of the New Testament church," he observed.

Third, Stacker said, conflicts "just flat out dishonors God. There is no honor to God when his church has a reputation of feuding and fighting."

Stacker challenged deacons to go back to their churches and be conflict resolvers. He reminded them control shouldn't be an issue. "We need to quit worrying about who's in charge. God is in charge," he reminded.

Baptist Sunday School Board President James T. Draper delivered the keynote address Feb. 28.

"God didn't make any bosses in the church," Draper told participants. "He gave churches servants."

"When you see a pastor more intent on being in charge than serving, something is



**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR** Editor Wm. Fletcher Allen, right, talks with deacons during the State Deacon Conference at Belmont Heights Church. From left, are Howard Moll, Riverside Church, Nashville; Gary Greer, Whitsett Chapel Church, Nashville; and Joey Cooper, First Church, Camden.

missing," Draper said, noting "God did not create a system where someone has to have authority."

By the same token, when someone becomes a deacon that person "gives up the right to be a problem in the church," Draper said.

A deacon should be "a protector of the fellowship. Do that and good things happen," he challenged. Draper pointed out the best model of leadership is Jesus Christ. Jesus showed his disciples real leadership is serving, he said.

The BSSB leader noted that the church that is going to minister in the new century will be led by men of God filled with the power of God. ... Let's be the servants that God has

called us to be," he challenged.

Saturday's program featured two specialists from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Bob Sheffield and Norris Smith. Sheffield is deacon ministry specialist, and Smith works in conflict management.

Speaking on "how to recognize conflict," Sheffield said that sometimes the advent of new members can inadvertently cause conflict.

He said the addition of new members can change the balance of the church structure. He added that this certainly was not the only cause of church conflict.

Conflict, Sheffield said, can be caused by behavior uniformity. "We don't have to be all alike," he said.

Sometimes conflict is caused by things which were unresolved in the past, or "unresolved prior conflict."

Sheffield urged participants, "Do some reading, some thinking. Learn to recognize the possibility of problems that can develop into conflict."

"The key to recognizing conflict," he said, "is in understanding who we are. Leaders cannot lose perspective, don't give up on any situation."

Smith advised the group of listeners to take the advice of Paul the Apostle, "If it be possible, live at peace with all men."

When conflict "isn't handled at a manageable level, the result can be tragic," Smith said.

Smith said there are at least five stages or levels in conflict. At first, the problem is manageable — this is the lowest level. Those involved may do nothing, being afraid discussion could make it worse.

The second stage is "discussed disagreements." People begin talking about the problem. Perhaps someone wants to save face, not wanting to be a trouble-maker. There can be "barbed" comments.

The third stage, if the conflict is not managed, is an expanded contest. Parties become more serious. The language changes, there may be general and distorted charges.

At the next level, things are polarized. People begin taking

sides. The group agenda becomes more important than the entire agenda of the church. "Divorce" becomes the purpose.

Finally, there comes the unmanageable situation. Things are out of control. There is name-calling, and insults are exchanged. The objective now is to destroy. The original problem probably been forgotten.

Participants broke up into three groups for discussion led by Aubrey Hay, Archer Thorpe, and Gary Rickman, after the two presentations.

There was general agreement that the conference was helpful. Deacons suggested that some workshops be scheduled for Saturday mornings in future meeting, and that more time be allotted for Saturday.

Hay closed the session with a brief wrapup. He reminded participants that deacons and pastors need to be students of people, realizing that Christians do have problems.

Watch people in church, he said, learn how they act, get to know their problems, and be aware of things that affect how people feel.

He urged the participants to make a commitment "to become a minister in conflict cases."

Next year's State Deacon Conference will be Feb. 27-28 in Jackson. ■ — Wm. Fletcher Allen contributed to this story.



## opinion

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### Partnership Prayer Requests March

- 5 — Pray for students at the Polish Baptist Seminary in Radosc as they prepare to graduate in May.
- 6 — Pray for Wally Miller, church growth ministry associate at the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, who is on medical leave.
- 7 — Pray for the need to establish or re-establish new Canadian Baptist works in La Ronge, Wyeakwin, Sturgeon Lake Reserve, Regina, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon, all in Saskatchewan, and also in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 8 — Pray that Laura Lane, a missionary in Costa Rica who began a cooking class in San Jose last month, will have many opportunities to share her faith.
- 9 — Pray for Zbigniew and Edyta Wierchowscy, a young Polish couple who will graduate from the Polish seminary in May and move to the U.S. for further studies.
- 10 — Pray for George Fountain, second vice president of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.
- 11 — Pray for Dayspring '97 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to be held Sept. 18-20. This conference is for women. Ask God to begin to work in the hearts of the participants.

### Seminar helped

With grateful and uplifted hearts the Faith Class at First Church, Ripley, thanks you and First Church, Donelson, for placing the notice of Evelyn Christenson's seminar, "What Happens When Women Pray" in the *Baptist and Reflector*.

We saw the notice after just having read her book and we loaded two vans of our young women and journeyed to Nashville. What a great time in the Lord we had! We also purchased every book she has written and our earnest prayer is, "Lord teach us to pray," especially in times like these.

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### Correction, please

In regard to W.T. Barner's letter in the Feb. 26 issue, please note that the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, meeting at its General Assembly, June 26, 1996, voted decisively NOT to become a convention.

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### Baptists growing

I am writing this letter in response to a letter by Jim

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The letters page is a privilege for *Baptist and Reflector* readers. Writing letters is encouraged, but make sure the letter follows the guidelines. — Editor

Pennington in the Feb. 26 issue. It is unfortunate that Mr. Pennington could be so self confident and so incorrect.

Baptist numbers are growing, and the more fundamental the church, the faster and larger the growth. Denominations that are in rapid decline are the ones who seem to have followed Mr. Pennington's "pre-

scription for failure."

Methodists have lost over 20 percent of their membership in the past 10 years, while Presbyterians have declined by around 16 percent because they have tried to conform their "religion" to the currently accepted social philosophy.

People are seeking the per-

manence of a never-changing God and a constant inerrant Scripture to follow — not one that blows to every wind of current thought. Baptists will continue to grow because there really is a God who loves us, and is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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### 'Abstain from sinful desires' — 1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)

## Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Sunday is March 16

### guest commentary

— by C. Ben Mitchell, CLC consultant

The apostle Peter holds Christians to a higher ethical standard than the world around them. Peter is writing to a church under wrenching persecution. When the reputation of the church is on the line, it is especially imperative that Christians maintain the highest stan-

dards of moral purity.

So Peter reminds the early Christians that they are "strangers" and "pilgrims" in the world. This world is not our ultimate home, and a lifestyle of satisfying sinful passions is not to be our ambition.

Sinful passions war against the soul. They steal our passion for God. They reach deep into human lives and destroy everything but a desire for the temporary pleasure they promise. There is no question about the power of alcohol and other drugs to do so.

Addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a plague to our souls and to our nation. Alcohol problems affect more than 76 million Americans and cause more than 100,000 deaths per year. Alcohol problems cost over \$100 billion in social damage each year.

Addiction to tobacco results in the deaths of nearly half a million Americans annually. Drugs vie for mastery over the soul. Yet, Christians cannot serve two masters,

said Jesus (Matt. 6:24).

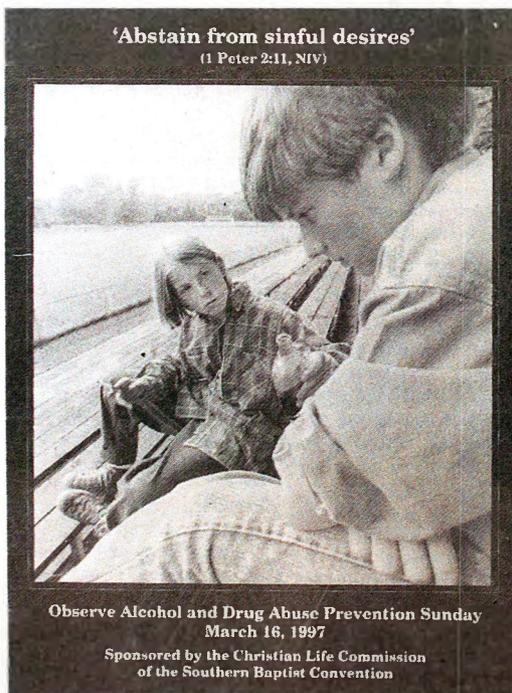
Sinful passions war against our witness. The apostle reminds the persecuted believers that they are to "live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God..." (v. 12, NIV). As aliens and strangers in the world, Christians are to live lives which magnify Christ. They are to avoid even the appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22).

The use of alcohol and other drugs marks a world addicted to selfish pleasure. "Eat, drink, and be merry," is the underlying slogan of our culture. Believers, however, are to be marked by a passion for God, love for Christ, and service to others. Not only does the use of alcohol and other drugs threaten our relationship to Christ, but using these drugs can irreparably damage our witness for Christ in the world.

The most effective way of personally battling alcohol and other drugs is to abstain from them. Individual Christians and churches should take the moral high ground and say "NO!" to these drugs.

Effective public policy will say "NO!" to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. As you observe Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Sunday, say "NO!" Abstain from sinful desires which war against the soul. ■

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# Don't build a house on cliff of doubt



**T**hat's the way some people live. They seem to think that if everything is going all right, and they're riding the good old gravy train, the Madrid Fault may finally collapse.

It is as though God is incapable of directing the traffic of the Universe, that he suddenly has farmed out great portions of the world to incompetents.

But the truth is, God is in control. It's foolish for anyone to discount the fire of his Spirit which is alive in the world.

**By Wm. Fletcher Allen, Editor**

The evidence sometimes belies the logic of man.

Last weekend, the annual Deacon Conference was held at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. Almost 500 laymen, some pastors, and some spouses, put aside personal schedules to learn how to improve the health of local churches.

The Church/Staff Leadership Group, TBC Executive Board, put together a program that was informative and enhancing, management of church conflict.

The purpose was to get deacons involved as part of the solution, and to avoid being a part of conflict. Those who attended were eager to learn, and if talk-back is creditable, they are now more committed as healers because they were *willing* to be learners.

Talk-back also revealed that deacons deeply desire to support their pastors in leading the churches in spiritual renewal.

Speakers expressed enthusiasm about the validity of the pastor and deacons team working together for the spiritual health of the church.

So, evidence is strong that the sky is not falling. Chicken Little is wrong again in those reckless warnings. We endorse all forthcoming efforts to bolster cooperation within Tennessee Baptist Convention churches, and recognize that this will improve the spiritual health of the convention.

Another example of the Holy Spirit at work came recently in South America. Four Catholic bishops, led by Estanislao Karlic, visited Baptist leaders Ignacio Loredo, Raul Guzman, Stanley Clark, and Carlos Caramutti, at the Baptist International Theological Seminary — in an historical move.

Bishop Karlic said that it was unthinkable not to

have the meeting, even though a few years ago it would have been impossible. And Caramutti said that "these encounters are under the direction of the Holy Spirit." The meeting was reported in the *Baptist Expositor*, newspaper of the Argentine Baptist Convention. Southern Baptist retired missionary Ken Park reported.

So the Holy Spirit still moves mysteriously, boldly in hearts of people. He is not bound by geography nor manmade rules. Where hearts are afire, he fans the flame — whether in Tennessee or Argentina. *B&R*

## Think again about the real purchase price

**A**mericans may be more money-driven and tempted-by-possessions than any people in the world.

There is a steady barrage of advertising telling us what we need and how we can pay for it.

There are and always will be schemes to separate us from our money. We are susceptible to schemes and gimmicks, foolish gambles that tease unmercifully and often offer nothing of substance.

However, there are ways to escape even the most persistent scheme. Listen to Paul's letter, I Corinthians 10:13: "Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God

keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out."

When you think about something you want to buy, try a new approach. Estimate the amount of time you will have to work in order to earn the money to pay for that purchase.

Remember that the amount of time will be subtracted from time you could spend with your family, or doing other important things outside your work area. Such actions as hope, promise, love, and a feeling of satisfaction. Thank God for it. *B&R*

### Just for today

By Fred Wood  
pastor emeritus  
Eudora Church, Memphis

#### Start with a smile

Man to florist on morning of Valentine Day: "Would you send one rose to the lady at this address today? I'm going to propose tonight."

Florist to man: "Only one?"

Man to florist: "Yes, I'm a person of few words."

#### Take this truth

Brevity is indeed the spice of life! The man who preceded Abraham Lincoln when he delivered the

Gettysburg address, which was very brief, spoke for more than an hour.

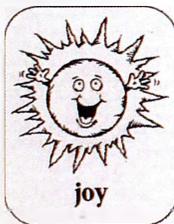
Few people know or care about knowing who he was. This principle does not apply to giving, however!

#### Memorize this Scripture

God loves the one who gives gladly. — II Corinthians 9:7

#### Pray this prayer

Lord, please help me to learn when to talk and when not to talk. Help me also to learn how to give. Most of all, lead me to do each in proper proportion. ■



## Add love and experience to grandparenting by grace

### one word more

— by Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

In a devotional setting one morning last week, the leader asked us to give examples of a blessing that we might not have expected.

We thought about it. There are many gifts like that in life, or course. But the gift that popped into my mind quickly is the gift of being a grandfather.

I remember that my two older sisters married when I was about 10, and it wasn't long before I was an uncle.

While I enjoyed that, it didn't seem extraordinary to me — at the time.

I observed my parents "doting" on the little ones, and wondered what made them so special. To me, it seemed that my parents thought that everything the grandchildren did was acceptable — even cute.

They probably were allowed to do things for which I would have been reprimanded. I mean, they "got away" with stuff.

Guess what. Betty and I have been

grandparents for almost 12 years, and it is a delightful part of life. It is to be enjoyed, yes, and it is a time for self-examination.

From time to time, I pause to assess my qualities as a person. As Paul advised, "Check up on yourselves, to see if you really are a Christian."

Am I worthy, able, deserving of the grandfather role? I don't know. But I do know there are many other roles in my life to be played, and they need to be assessed also.

Yes, there is a great difference in being an uncle and being a grandfather. There also is a difference in being a parent.

There are some threadbare jokes about grandparents who appreciate seeing the disappearing tail light of the car taking the little ones home after a vis-

it. And grandparents are chided for whipping out two dozen photos of the grandchildren when someone innocently asks, "How's the family?" and, "Where do they live?"

But for the modern-day family, having grandparents is a bonus, a blessing.

There are teachable moments with a "grand" that the parent may never have.

There are truths learned long ago and tested in the fire of life that parents may not have learned.

And there is the pure, strong, unconditional love that grandparents are eager to pass on to the younger generations.

Grandparents are a vital link in the chain of family life, especially Christian family life. We don't have to try new formulas on the kids. What we have is the knowledge of failure — and the promise of joy, love and success. We usually know what works. ■



ALLEN

## Pull rug out, let the little 'buzzards' fall

### families matter

— by Paul Barkley, counselor, professor

In *Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*, Kevin Leman has a chapter called, "Pull the Rug Out and Let the Little Buzzards Tumble."

After acknowledging his tongue-in-cheek approach, he addresses the parental dilemma of making children face the realistic consequences of their own activities while not abandoning them to their own desperation. Moses wrote, "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest that hovers over its young, he spread his wings and catches them, he carried them on his pinions" Deuteronomy 32:11.

Many parents are more concerned about their children's comfort than their competence. We don't want them to have the same problems that we had growing up. Three factors are involved in stirring up the nest — scaffolding,

severity, and sensitivity.

In psychology, scaffolding is a term that refers to the process of doing just enough for a child so the child is able to complete the task on his/her own. For instance, it is easier to bend over and tie the shoe lace for the child than to take time to teach him/her.

There is no easy way to complete the task of parenting without the investment of time and energy. Studies confirm that it is the parent who is willing to spend time, get on the child's level, and encourage the child to grow and complete the task that raises the most competent and confident child.

A certain amount of severity is required. Few lessons worth learning in life come without price tags.

In the Scripture verse about the eagles, the parent removes the fluff and padding, revealing the thorns and rugged sticks of the nest's foundation. When the nest is no longer comfortable, the eaglets leave it and learn to fly.

There is also some sensitivity required to make this process work. The parent must not delight in making the child suffer. The lesson will not be learned and the child will become frustrated. The parent must be willing to be the safety net that encourages the willingness to risk.

I believe that this stirring up the nest involves scaffolding, severity, and sensitivity. ■

# Treasurer's Report First Quarter

Nov. 1, 1996 - Jan. 31, 1997

	Cooperative Program	Designated	Total
<b>■ Gifts and Other Income</b>			
Cooperative Program:	8,094,773.09		8,094,773.09
Designated to SBC/TBC Institutions		972,377.05	972,377.05
Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions		4,526,451.38	4,526,451.38
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions		165,425.76	165,425.76
Golden State Offering for State Missions		413,475.41	413,475.41
Cooperative Program Gifts received from the Tennessee Baptist Foundation			
Other Special Gifts		10,382.50	10,382.50
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>8,094,773.09</b>	<b>6,088,112.10</b>	<b>14,182,885.19</b>
Other Income (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, BSSB, Camps, earned interest & refunds)		521,604.74	521,604.74
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>8,094,773.09</b>	<b>6,609,716.84</b>	<b>14,704,489.93</b>
<b>■ Allocations</b>			
<b>■ Preferred Item</b>			
Church Annuity Plan (75%)	273,543.83	10,615.95	284,159.78
<b>■ Executive Board Ministries</b>			
Evangelism Missions Group	580,149.64	22,514.99	602,664.63
Church Growth Development Group	560,823.58	21,764.97	582,588.55
Church Staff Leadership Group	210,164.17	8,156.25	218,320.41
Missions Awareness/Involvement Group	298,410.31	427,109.43	725,519.74
Communication Services Group	6,119.31	163,797.21	169,916.52
Administrative Services Group	275,271.18	10,682.98	285,954.16
Executive Leadership Group	90,491.49	3,511.88	94,003.37
<b>Total Executive Board Ministries</b>	<b>2,172,988.27</b>	<b>499,859.80</b>	<b>2,672,848.07</b>
<b>■ Convention Operations</b>			
Baptist & Reflector	107,695.39	4,179.55	111,874.94
Church Annuity Plan (25%)	91,181.18	3,538.65	94,719.83
TBC Meeting & Committees	73,668.05	2,858.98	76,527.03
TBC Audits	23,400.99	908.17	24,309.16
<b>Total Convention Operations</b>	<b>295,945.61</b>	<b>11,485.35</b>	<b>307,430.96</b>
<b>■ Christian Education</b>			
Belmont University	606,902.87	24,753.28	631,656.15
Carson Newman College	606,902.87	67,919.78	674,822.65
Union University	606,902.87	106,334.43	713,237.30
Endowment Campaign	5,886.14	228.44	6,114.58
Harrison Chilhowee	91,832.11	10,405.31	102,237.42
Historical Archives	21,534.65	835.74	22,370.39
CRV Scholarships	4,306.93	167.16	4,474.09
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>1,944,268.44</b>	<b>210,644.14</b>	<b>2,154,912.58</b>
<b>■ Christian Services</b>			
TN Baptist Adult Homes	65,677.54	3,265.30	68,942.84
TN Baptist Children's homes	321,741.83	248,434.09	570,175.92
TN Baptist Foundation	87,646.63	3,401.48	91,048.11
<b>Total Christian Services</b>	<b>475,066.00</b>	<b>255,100.87</b>	<b>730,166.87</b>
<b>■ SBC Gifts</b>			
Foreign Missions	1,466,480.47	4,580,929.36	6,047,409.83
Homes Missions	571,927.38	176,668.80	748,596.18
Six Seminaries	595,391.07	292.47	595,683.54
SBC Operating	67,458.10		67,458.10
Annuity Board	23,463.69	4.66	23,468.35
World Hunger		214,316.36	214,316.36
Other SBC Gifts	208,240.23	117,811.84	326,052.07
<b>Total SBC Gifts</b>	<b>2,932,960.94</b>	<b>5,090,023.49</b>	<b>8,022,984.43</b>
<b>■ Other Special Gifts</b>			
American Bible Society		210.99	210.99
United Tennessee League		2,070.51	2,070.51
Churches in Michigan		725.00	725.00
Disaster Relief		7,376.00	7,376.00
<b>Total Other Special Gifts</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,382.50</b>	<b>10,382.50</b>
<b>Total Gifts Allocation</b>	<b>8,094,773.09</b>	<b>6,088,112.10</b>	<b>14,182,885.19</b>
Other Income Allocated (from Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, BSSB, Camps, interest & refunds)		521,604.74	521,604.74
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>8,094,773.09</b>	<b>6,609,716.84</b>	<b>14,704,489.93</b>

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
TOTAL	112,517.64	79,927.51	Page Hgts.	751.49	346.00
			Pleasant Valley	235.00	205.00
			Portland, 1st	5,000.00	5,506.00
			Red Boiling Spgs.	75.00	0.00
			Rocky Creek	0.00	0.00
			Southside	0.00	325.00
			Station Camp	200.00	350.00
			Trinity	3,232.00	1,871.02
			Twin Hills	120.00	180.00
			Westmoreland 1st	864.10	1,187.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,468.07</b>	<b>143,172.13</b>
			<b>Bradley County</b>		
			Antioch	600.00	100.00
			Beacon	0.00	0.00
			Bellefonte	3,278.19	0.00
			Big Spring	7,889.33	452.86
			Blue Springs	630.00	637.75
			Blythe Ave	1,346.54	8,140.35
			Brittsville	615.60	0.00
			Candies Creek	12,758.64	0.00
			Center Point	0.00	0.00
			Charity	0.00	0.00
			Charleston, 1st	1,302.06	997.10
			Chestnut	0.00	0.00
			Cleveland, 1st	32,490.00	3,968.00
			Clingan Ridge	1,050.00	0.00
			Cloverleaf	0.00	150.00
			Cohulla	420.60	1,000.00
			Corinth	0.00	0.00
			Council	0.00	263.00
			Dalton Pike	700.00	0.00
			Dockery Heights	0.00	0.00
			E View	556.00	0.00
			East Cleveland	0.00	0.00
			Elkmont	0.00	0.00
			Emmanuel	0.00	0.00
			Fairview	0.00	0.00
			Four Point	134.68	0.00
			Galilee	171.25	0.00
			Georgetown	3,874.97	409.28
			Goodwill	0.00	0.00
			Gum Spring	285.00	1,075.00
			Hopewell	3,138.23	2,768.67
			Lebanon	388.41	2,472.26
			Macedonia	7,227.94	2,471.20
			Maple St.	681.97	0.00
			Michigan Ave.	1,663.56	734.64
			Mt Carmel	3,911.00	6,926.64
			N Cleveland	20,350.13	1,500.00
			New Flwshp	100.00	0.00
			New Friendship	3,348.58	1,226.55
			Oak Grove	469.56	655.00
			Parkway	851.70	449.32
			Philippi	4,049.53	1,157.50
			Ridgeview	0.00	0.00
			Rolling Brook Strrn	0.00	0.00
			Samples Men	0.00	650.00
			Stuart Park	2,837.48	1,546.00
			Tasso	306.00	0.00
			Thompson Springs	467.00	0.00
			Union	75.00	0.00
			Valley View	6,193.17	2,317.15
			Victory	0.00	0.00
			W Cleveland	920.00	1,345.00
			Washington Avenue	0.00	0.00
			Waterville	4,268.00	10,376.70
			Westwood	46,246.91	800.00
			White Oak	0.00	877.10
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175,597.03</b>	<b>55,467.07</b>
			<b>Campbell County</b>		
			Alder Spgs	397.87	271.30
			Anthras	0.00	0.00
			Calvary	0.00	1,880.01
			Caryville, 1st	2,191.08	1,320.00
			Cedar Creek	0.00	0.00
			Cedar Hill	525.00	937.50
			Central	0.00	0.00
			Coolidge, 1st	757.60	650.00
			Crouches Creek	300.00	375.75
			Demory	90.00	1,572.00
			E Jacksboro	266.42	1,447.98
			E La Follette	1,921.07	1,620.96
			Egan	54.00	0.00
			Elk Valley, 1st	75.00	0.00
			Elm Grove	0.00	0.00
			Glade Springs	1,589.00	2,631.00
			High Street	0.00	0.00
			Hillcrest	476.80	100.00
			Indiana Creek	0.00	0.00
			Jacksons Ave	1,555.00	1,953.72
			Jacksboro, 1st	2,520.00	2,546.10
			Jellico, 1st	3,252.27	3,036.00
			Kings Settlement	0.00	0.00
			La Follette, 1st	9,140.00	9,885.25
			Lakeview	210.00	90.00
			Little Cove Creek	0.00	0.00
			Macedonia	0.00	0.00
			Midway	0.00	0.00
			Morley	36.00	0.00
			New Liberty	0.00	0.00
			Newcomb	1,114.70	1,642.23
			Oak Grove	0.00	1,037.01
			Pruden, First	0.00	0.00
			Round Rock	0.00	0.00
			Stinking Creek	0.00	0.00
			W La Follette	2,470.11	1,355.00
			White Oak	0.00	0.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,941.92</b>	<b>34,351.81</b>
			<b>Carroll-Benton</b>		
			Atwood, 1st	2,588.37	2,090.50
			Bethel	664.64	0.00
			Bruston, 1st	5,489.98	2,974.99
			Camden, 1st	10,757.79	7,806.22
			Chalk Level	195.00	500.00
			Concord	0.00	40.00
			Coopers Chpl	88.14	300.50
			E Side	859.97	447.00

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Eagle Creek	149.55	190.00	Rockford	3,110.26	2,237.31	Patterson	150.00	625.00	Hopewell	0.00	389.00	Tullahoma, Ist.	28,645.33	9,638.55
Eastview	1,381.69	2,163.60	Rocky Branch	1,919.15	749.21	Powell's Chpl	3,692.05	3,391.04	Howards Quarter	0.00	0.00	Victory	283.11	0.00
Eastwood	6,070.53	2,386.96	Salem	638.96	1,630.25	Riverdale	1,669.21	35.00	Indian Creek	90.00	80.00	Westwood	422.00	329.15
Enon	280.00	0.00	Six Mile	3,206.00	2,232.09	Rucker	392.90	0.00	Liberty Hill	56.00	0.00	Winchester, Ist.	17,471.12	11,874.48
Eva	312.34	224.00	Smoky View	1,200.00	0.00	Salem Springs	485.87	612.00	Liberty Missionary	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	128,227.82	71,891.15
Fairview	75.00	239.10	Springview	3,735.22	3,424.87	Scenic Dr	260.00	533.00	Little Barren	0.00	0.00	<b>Dyer</b>		
Faith	334.76	0.00	Stock Creek	16,340.43	14,177.95	Smyrna, Ist.	28,741.81	17,011.47	Little Mulberry	1,001.29	448.00	Beech Grove	950.81	100.00
Grace	0.00	0.00	Trinity	0.00	0.00	Southeast	15,531.85	9,802.20	Little Valley	0.00	0.00	Bogota	335.39	100.00
Holladay	75.00	200.00	Tuckaleech Chpl	364.46	842.76	Stonebrook	2,614.00	0.00	Lone Hill Missionary	0.00	0.00	Calvary Chpl	80.00	0.00
Hopewell	455.29	400.00	Union Grove	208.19	495.92	Stones River	2,851.41	2,341.70	Calvary Hill	381.54	100.00	Calvary	1,274.88	470.75
Hovse	1,782.13	1,653.00	Unity	3,032.96	2,688.15	Taylor's Chpl	0.00	693.00	Curve	0.00	0.00	Dyersburg 2nd	598.15	57.00
Huntingdon, Ist.	8,864.21	9,728.32	Village Missionary	0.00	0.00	The King's Chapel	0.00	0.00	Dyersburg, Ist.	19,600.02	18,108.02	Emmaus	150.00	100.00
Justice	0.00	0.00	W Maryville	83.94	411.95	Unity	348.36	0.00	Enon	1,410.74	303.00	Evanville	74.77	150.00
Liberty Hill	120.86	0.00	Wildwood	1,800.00	2,161.02	Walter Hill, Ist.	727.96	903.00	Fairview	1,286.57	384.51	Finley	900.00	2,995.00
McKenzie, Ist.	7,820.54	1,325.00	Zion Chpl	735.00	0.00	Ward's Grove	3,053.42	833.07	Finley	900.00	2,995.00	Folkles	4,803.28	2,714.86
McLemoresville	800.00	197.00	TOTAL	240,832.90	231,281.99	Westgate	0.00	0.00	New Hope	0.00	25.00	Ft Hudson	420.00	1,370.00
Mount Nebo	0.00	0.00	<b>Clinton</b>			Westwood	5,346.55	151.00	New Salem	0.00	1,100.00	Gates	1,182.76	1,086.67
Manry Grove	1,102.61	328.90	Andersonville, Ist.	4,177.78	440.00	Woodbury Rd	690.00	230.00	New Tazewell, Ist.	3,441.68	1,189.30	Hale's Point	0.00	0.00
Natchez Trace	1,982.78	1,328.43	Batley	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	195,686.10	97,852.84	Oak Grove	0.00	100.00	Halls Westside	798.23	2,024.77
Prospect	2,619.63	905.00	Beech Grove	148.17	296.34	<b>Copper Basin</b>			Pleasant View	334.60	0.00	Halls, Ist.	5,996.95	6,536.85
Republican Grove	209.06	75.00	Bethel	3,567.13	2,022.15	Bethlehem	100.00	388.36	Pleasant View	334.60	0.00	Harmony	806.62	300.00
Sugar Tree	330.00	345.00	Black Oak	2,060.00	3,288.12	Coletown	1,189.94	0.00	Pump Hollow	0.00	0.00	Harvest	200.00	100.00
Trezevant, Ist.	3,599.55	825.00	Blowing Springs	1,300.00	260.00	Isabella	211.71	118.50	Pump Springs	3,000.00	1,338.34	Hawthorne	1,004.24	442.00
Union Academy	592.23	245.51	Breville, First	0.00	0.00	Maple Grove	310.00	510.00	Raven Hill	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	14,768.75	3,361.86
TOTAL	59,601.65	36,811.93	Calvary (H)	4,610.00	0.00	Mine City	6,606.09	7,886.71	Red Hill	0.00	0.00	Lenox	2,000.00	1,446.13
<b>Central</b>			Calvary (O R)	17,715.46	3,003.46	Mount Vernon	0.00	0.00	Riley Mem	100.00	0.00	Macedonia	3,477.83	5,284.28
Barren Fork	147.78	55.75	Circle Of Faith	62.00	0.00	Mt Harmony	0.00	150.00	River View	0.00	0.00	Mary's Chapel	5,950.00	1,600.00
Bethel Hill	0.00	115.56	Clear Branch	2,989.11	2,582.54	Mt Zion	262.46	160.00	Riverdale	0.00	0.00	McCulloughs Chpl	1,064.07	394.75
Browns Chpl	0.00	40.00	Clinch River	2,240.00	1,200.00	New Zion	1,313.00	750.00	Springdale	0.00	230.28	Mistion	361.00	75.00
Campaign, Ist.	290.00	0.00	Clinton 2nd	8,472.37	11,967.28	Pleasant Hill	300.00	481.42	Straight Creek	0.00	0.00	Mt Vernon	1,051.53	100.00
Central Assn	0.00	600.00	Clinton, Ist.	2,416.88	330.00	Turtelton	327.48	0.00	Sugar Grove	0.00	0.00	New Mitchell Grove	600.00	250.00
Cornerstone	1,108.30	1,146.01	Clinton, Ist.	1,644.45	0.00	Zion Hill	1,153.94	1,453.90	Summeys Bridge	0.00	0.00	Newbern, Ist.	5,557.03	3,019.50
Eastside Men	620.40	1,061.00	Cornerstone (C)	1,644.45	0.00	TOTAL	11,771.62	11,898.89	Sunrise Missionary	0.00	0.00	Parrish Chpl	604.56	141.00
Fall City	374.56	300.00	Dutch Valley, Ist.	102.48	0.00	Alamo, Ist.	6,183.33	3,618.00	Tazewell	1,791.15	1,318.00	Ro Ellen	674.83	470.00
Forest Park	638.18	115.00	Eggenmor	2,539.01	6,526.06	Barkers Chapel	0.00	0.00	Town Creek	0.00	0.00	Southside	4,943.16	2,124.00
Gath	2,328.37	3,537.44	Fairview	1,741.00	445.00	Bells, Ist.	5,553.44	9,923.04	Underwood Grove	529.45	1,406.18	Springhill	2,555.03	480.02
Irving College	576.64	788.63	Faith Promise	1,000.00	5,481.00	Cairo	1,073.00	480.00	Union Chpl	0.00	443.70	Trimble, Ist.	4,489.03	1,509.66
Madison Street	0.00	0.00	Farmers Grove	1,201.40	2,081.40	Cross Roads	1,706.95	3,023.85	Walnut Hill	255.68	650.00	Westside	0.00	0.00
McMinville, Ist.	11,806.65	13,268.06	Freest Bottom	0.00	0.00	Friendship	1,886.00	219.61	Wolfenberger Chapel	0.00	0.00	Williams Chapel	0.00	0.00
Morrison	1,573.97	966.80	Glenwood	2,066.00	2,426.00	Gadaden, Ist.	724.00	925.00	Young's Chapel	0.00	0.00	Woodville	281.20	140.00
Mt Elim	289.88	115.19	Grave Hill	0.00	0.00	Johnson Grove	225.00	50.00	TOTAL	21,673.04	25,824.64	Zion Hill	664.93	566.50
Northside	2,633.80	0.00	Inland Bluff	386.00	0.00	Mary City, Ist.	1,500.00	2,286.28	<b>Cumberland Plateau</b>			TOTAL	92,242.09	58,089.13
Providence	564.00	317.34	Island Ford	636.70	0.00	Maury	260.95	262.75	Bethlehem	823.60	270.00	<b>East Tennessee</b>		
Shellford	5,819.87	2,808.20	Laurel Home	0.00	66.06	Providence	0.00	531.00	Calvary	2,773.25	1,149.05	Bethel	821.90	1,473.93
Smart, Ist.	75.01	200.00	Lake City, Ist.	2,951.01	3,412.31	S Fork	720.79	0.00	Central	10,353.76	6,941.31	Browns Manry	0.00	526.79
Welchland	205.12	199.67	Lakeview	222.36	122.10	Three Way	0.00	75.00	Clear Creek	133.87	1,000.00	Calvary	0.00	0.00
Westside	542.89	170.45	Laurel Branch	46.59	0.00	Walter Hill	1,250.00	2,873.05	Crossville, Ist.	14,084.75	19,799.02	Cave Hill	759.22	2,210.00
TOTAL	29,795.42	25,705.10	Laurel Grove	420.00	313.00	TOTAL	21,083.46	24,267.58	Cumberland	0.00	0.00	Centerville	150.00	0.00
<b>Chilhowee</b>			Longfield	440.56	0.00	Alta Canaan	572.85	825.58	Homesteads	6,281.52	4,907.25	Del Rio	0.00	100.00
Alcoa Way	345.25	181.80	Main St	2,436.59	2,185.50	Barkers Chapel	0.00	0.00	Cumberland View	172.34	105.00	Dentan	0.00	316.49
Alcoa, Ist.	15,817.37	14,627.64	Moran	452.00	1,055.00	Bells, Ist.	5,553.44	9,923.04	Emmanuel	620.37	1,227.47	Dutch Bottom	0.00	0.00
Allegany	333.76	0.00	Mt Pleasant	1,703.04	2,526.00	Cairo	1,073.00	480.00	Fairfield Glade	4,586.48	2,216.00	English Creek	2,484.80	2,143.00
Armona	6,301.81	7,890.12	N Clinton	0.00	325.00	Cross Roads	1,706.95	3,023.85	Fairview	0.00	0.00	French Broad	0.00	142.00
Beech Grove	17,559.00	7,276.00	New Hope	0.00	0.00	Friendship	1,886.00	219.61	Fredonia	350.98	190.00	Garvers Chpl	173.18	0.00
Bethel	2,088.32	2,801.58	New Mtn View	225.00	0.00	Gadaden, Ist.	724.00	925.00	Friendship	340.27	221.13	Holders Grove	1,011.23	433.00
Birchfield	0.00	35.00	New Salem	1,171.86	575.35	Johnson Grove	225.00	50.00	Haleys Grove	656.07	416.28	Liberty Hill	0.00	0.00
Broadway	11,611.35	10,620.69	Norris, Ist.	639.18	0.00	Maury City, Ist.	1,500.00	2,286.28	Isoline	363.29	218.12	Lincolns Ave	3,041.66	3,218.58
Calvary	6,564.72	2,947.85	Oak Ridge, Ist.	0.00	15,283.75	Maury	260.95	262.75	Lantana Rd	484.56	1,249.72	Maple Grove	0.00	0.00
Carpenters	178.00	0.00	Oliver Springs	0.00	0.00	Memorial	1,140.00	1,055.00	Mayland	597.20	135.00	Mountain View	0.00	0.00
Carson Island	0.00	0.00	Pine Hill	10,169.29	8,082.32	Mt Hermon	2,143.78	0.00	Memorial	3,221.00	2,396.67	New Prospect	0.00	0.00
Caylors Chapel	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Hill	368.89	98.00	New Providence	2,790.14	2,049.50	Meridian	1,576.68	0.00	Newport, Ist.	3,462.46	6,121.60
Cedar Grove	552.51	3,698.75	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Northeast	1,359.48	1,643.00	Mtn View	735.28	377.37	Northport	2,850.02	1,202.00
Centenary	732.34	3,281.93	Poplar Creek	989.54	581.43	Northside	404.48	540.00	New Life	0.00	0.00	Pigeon Valley	60.00	261.00
Central Point	1,679.00	0.00	Red Hill	0.00	272.05	Parkview	0.00	1,001.00	Oak Hill	1,641.68	889.00	Pine Springs	0.00	200.00
Central, Alcoa	2,499.36	1,903.22	Riverview	1,446.58	670.78	Pleasant View	8,582.75	14,723.23	Oaklawn	660.97	0.00	Piney Grove	101.62	0.00
Cold Springs	3,140.09	0.00	Robertville	8,372.25	1,545.00	Slayden	864.32	353.00	Ozone	15.00	133.60	Pleasant Grove	982.00	2,479.00
Dotson Mem	10,500.00	5,153.60	Royce	3,645.10	1,343.00	Spring Creek	0.00	0.00	Pine Edin	4,260.74	25.00	Point Pleasant	945.90	775.00
E Alcoa	1,144.07	325.00	S Clinton	4,334.08	611.37	St Bethlehem, Ist.	1,902.00	2,795.63	Plateau	67.78	25.00	Rays Chpl	60.00	100.00
E Maryville	6,000.00	18,134.25	Tupperdown	192.00	0.00	Trinity	319.92	259.00	Pleasant Hill, Ist.	427.77	462.00	Riverview	2,240.00	1,100.00
East Walland	0.00	0.00	Union Valley	0.00	0.00	Willow Bend	360.00	50.00	Slate Springs	135.00	0.00	Saint Tide	0.00	0.00
Ellejoy	292.00	586.45	Valley View	172.40	322.40	Woodlawn Ist	984.43	24.00	West	616.77	400.00	Shady Grove	762.74	1,411.61
Everett Hills	15,600.57	2,125.05	Waldens View	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	123,839.72	91,550.76	West	56				



Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Knockville 2nd	7,213.76	4,485.83	Pine Grove	235.00	105.00	McMinn	1,428.00	794.60	Hindvale	0.00	0.00	Calvary	477.31	122.50
Knockville 3rd	0.00	553.94	Ramah	239.00	0.00	Union Grove, Meigs	100.00	100.00	Hinds Creek	208.47	441.77	Calvary Bible	946.00	864.00
Lincoln Park	12,119.01	19,373.88	St Joseph, 1st	2,878.36	400.00	Union Hill	225.00	143.88	Hines Creek Menry	183.41	0.00	Central	0.00	0.00
Linden Ave	0.00	323.00	Summertown	2,066.40	1,443.55	Union McMinn	1,500.00	602.62	Miracle	0.00	0.00	Central,		
Little Flat Creek	0.00	0.00	Trinity	150.00	206.75	Valley Rd.	150.00	0.00	Mt Zion	343.26	0.00	Hendersonville	2,014.04	1,694.50
Londale	260.00	230.00	West Point	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	83.00	New Hope	867.22	0.00	Charlotte Rd	7,678.14	755.00
Loveland	741.87	928.00	TOTAL	50,157.49	58,902.62	W End	760.02	569.29	New Liberty	101.32	0.00	Chinese, Nashville	0.00	0.00
Lycosa Creek	5,665.23	1,391.29	<b>Loudon County</b>			W View	375.76	1,022.75	Old Beverly	90.00	0.00	Church Of Jesus	0.00	0.00
Marble City	526.86	2,465.88	Antioch	0.00	438.70	Walnut Grove	1,417.73	0.00	Pleasant Gap	126.09	0.00	Clearview	15,514.02	1,440.00
Marbledale	3,342.88	975.10	Baldards Chpl.	0.00	420.00	Woodwood	3,334.30	964.00	Pleasant Hill	0.00	160.00	College Grove, 1st	0.00	350.00
Mars Hill	2,784.74	729.83	Beals Chpl.	75.00	191.36	Zion Hill	1,869.00	1,658.00	Riverview (B.C.)	0.00	0.00	Concord	187.50	1,411.64
Mascot	2,855.00	1,000.00	Bell Ave	0.00	1,597.00	TOTAL	175,006.57	108,631.83	Ruggles Ferry	0.00	0.00	Contemporary	439.59	238.50
Meadow View	150.00	1,643.91	Bethany	1,831.05	596.84	<b>Madison-Chester</b>			Solid Rock	0.00	0.00	Covenant	536.21	2,212.87
Meridian	11,732.93	18,166.60	Blairstand	3,200.00	1,535.22	Antioch	189.65	745.00	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	Criewood	72,370.27	38,970.82
Middlebrook Pike	90.00	23.00	Calvary (L.C.)	10,452.69	7,782.05	Ararat	7,659.36	3,625.02	Sutherland Ave.	0.00	182.00	Cross Keys	266.12	28.00
Mount Olive, East	0.00	0.00	Calvary (L.C.)	0.00	0.00	Beech Bluff	887.91	1,760.05	Texas Valley	0.00	198.00	Dalewood	14,475.03	12,483.11
Mt Carmel	929.02	1,972.26	Central	608.32	0.00	Bernia	9,863.33	3,999.32	Third	0.00	0.00	Dickerson Rd	6,857.49	3,059.00
Mt Harmony	10,014.44	12,397.64	Corinth	2,282.53	2,171.65	Bethel	1,822.17	0.00	Union	2,209.76	2,000.00	Dickson, 1st	28,007.63	20,072.98
Mt Olive	19,950.00	16,615.13	Dixie Lee	7,770.67	3,816.81	Bible Grove	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	14,077.18	11,398.80	Domelison View	825.46	1,480.00
Mtn View	834.56	606.00	E Hills	1,061.15	896.97	Calvary	14,007.58	2,845.38	<b>Mulberry Gap</b>			Domelison, 1st	36,463.67	22,042.51
N Acres	2,937.63	0.00	Everett Road	300.00	0.00	Clover Creek	1,422.28	734.87	Beech Grove	0.00	0.00	East Domelison	0.00	0.00
N Hills	13.00	0.00	Friendship	1,861.31	2,994.00	Cornerstone	0.00	0.00	Beech Grove #2	0.00	0.00	Eastland	4,385.78	6,794.55
N Knoxville	4,355.11	125.00	Grace Comm	562.10	0.00	Comm	1,378.83	0.00	Bethel	0.00	0.00	Eastside	3,769.93	2,065.94
New Covenant	150.00	0.00	Highland Park	545.10	5,460.11	Cotton Grove	1,043.59	1,035.50	Big Creek	0.00	0.00	Eastwood	0.00	0.00
New Hope	8,063.03	8,437.95	Hilltop	240.82	0.00	Deanburg	306.17	0.00	Big Hill Missionary	0.00	0.00	Edgefield	1,701.22	2,214.70
New Salem	0.00	100.00	Kingston Pk	5,089.14	763.41	E Laurel	1,938.56	2,266.12	Blackwater Union	0.00	0.00	Fairview, 1st	6,916.42	741.98
North Side	0.00	0.00	Lenoir City 2nd	577.28	500.00	E Union	7,371.98	788.45	Brewers Chapel	0.00	0.00	Faith Temple	0.00	0.00
Northwest	300.00	0.00	Lenoir City, 1st	29,903.20	55.00	Englewood	24,000.00	3,498.36	Bridgeport Mission	0.00	0.00	Fern Avenue	0.00	0.00
Norwood	6,383.66	3,929.86	Loudon, 1st	3,640.61	2,052.00	Enville	1,232.89	941.26	Carpenters Chpl	0.00	500.00	Forest Hills	19,198.00	34,817.07
Oakwood	2,400.00	3,100.94	Morganston	10.00	0.00	Friendship (B B)	2,907.76	1,036.00	Cedar Flat	0.00	0.00	Franklin, 1st	34,999.98	35,416.98
Park Lane	169.90	0.00	Mt Pleasant	82.89	189.57	Friendship (M)	1,437.31	2,662.00	Cedar Grove	0.00	0.00	Gallatin Rd	324.00	1,050.58
Parkway	7,174.77	10,825.26	Mt Zion	1,237.53	5,908.58	Grace	3,374.74	1,498.00	Chestnut Grove	0.00	0.00	Glendale	1,000.00	1,650.00
Piney Grove	0.00	3,751.74	Mtn View	0.00	200.00	Greater Hope	192.83	0.00	Chinquapin	0.00	0.00	Glenwood	4,077.45	1,169.29
Powell, 1st	29,277.03	130.00	Nelson St	0.00	456.00	Henderson, 1st	3,437.49	3,029.48	Clinch River	0.00	0.00	Goodlettsville, 1st	6,559.87	17,610.60
Providence	255.76	0.00	New Midway	680.08	3,272.17	Highland Park	7,076.64	6,296.03	Clinchdale	0.00	0.00	Grace	15,659.37	3,738.39
Providence	0.00	0.00	New Providence	3,578.18	2,020.00	Hillcrest	985.65	1,743.92	Cobbs Chapel	0.00	0.00	Grace Comm	223.00	0.00
Ramsey Heights	0.00	0.00	Oral	2,000.00	1,517.00	Jackson, 1st	101,149.50	3,041.75	Community Chapel	0.00	0.00	Grace Man	0.00	63.00
Reunion	295.95	765.50	Philadelphia, 1st	3,166.71	2,917.00	Liberty Grove	2,374.22	2,947.75	Davis Chapel	0.00	0.00	Grandview	0.00	0.00
Ridgedale	1,375.00	2,432.69	Fine Grove	636.00	318.00	Madison	3,176.63	2,137.25	Dry Valley	0.00	0.00	Grassland Hgts	3,462.00	0.00
Ridgeview	4,627.84	3,019.53	Pioneer	138.99	0.00	Malenus	7,556.73	2,705.51	Fair View	0.00	0.00	Greys Point	0.00	0.00
Ridgeway	252.96	0.00	Pleasant Hill	2,050.40	3,119.89	Maple Springs	2,439.24	1,825.00	Flat Gap	0.00	0.00	Green Hill	20,810.00	705.75
Riverdale	2,250.00	3,542.00	Prospect	1,647.00	1,255.00	Mason Wells	80.00	0.00	Fox Branch	0.00	0.00	Hanvit Korean	710.00	779.00
Riverview	200.00	756.15	Riverview	1,148.95	300.00	Mercer	0.00	0.00	Friendlies Chapel	0.00	0.00	Harpeth 1st	201.06	81.00
Rocky Hill	3,276.00	1,402.75	Silver Ridge	0.00	212.99	Meridian	9,172.00	4,823.07	Friendship	0.00	0.00	Harpeth Hgts	16,380.38	7,760.50
Roseberry	1,300.00	5,064.40	South Holston	0.00	0.00	Mifflin	219.00	75.00	Friendship (N M)	0.00	0.00	Harsh Chpl	400.00	641.78
S Knoxville	6,027.89	7,425.00	Stockton Valley	677.00	1,135.00	Mitchells Chapel	0.00	0.00	Gaps Chapel	0.00	0.00	Harvest Fields	1,324.63	818.10
Salem	19,833.62	25,568.11	Stoney Point	0.00	0.00	N Jackson	5,645.64	3,789.53	Granite Lifeboat	0.00	0.00	Haywood Hills	9,924.39	5,193.40
Seven Islands	0.00	1,262.11	Union Fork Creek	0.00	1,209.00	Northbrook	4,302.65	1,000.00	Grassy Springs	0.00	0.00	Hermitage Hills	29,188.33	3,781.72
Sevier Hgts	17,077.50	495.00	Vaughns Chpl	1,158.00	2,447.50	Oakfield	1,186.00	0.00	Grissoms Island	0.00	0.00	Hermitage, 1st	0.00	1,149.66
Sevier Home	0.00	0.00	W Broadway	0.00	345.00	Oaklawn	56.63	85.00	Huberts Chapel	0.00	0.00	Hickory Hills	1,314.00	797.45
Sharon	8,375.00	15,840.32	TOTAL	88,099.70	58,072.82	Old Friendship	354.55	1,122.81	Idea Chapel	0.00	0.00	Hickory Hollow	1,113.21	0.00
Shiloh	13,445.25	19,960.14	<b>McMinn-Meigs</b>			Palestine	143.00	0.00	Lake Shore	0.00	0.00	Hillcrest	497.96	124.93
Stoney Point	795.00	0.00	Antioch	3,500.00	3,549.55	Parkburg	5,495.81	4,126.00	Livesays Chapel	0.00	0.00	Hillhurst	9,500.00	2,327.24
Sunset Heights	0.00	0.00	Athens, 1st	54,530.66	27,274.18	Parkview	3,433.00	300.00	McBride	0.00	0.00	Hillsboro	769.50	2,229.50
Tarklin Valley	0.00	297.22	Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Pinson	1,712.73	780.00	Midtown Missionary	0.00	0.00	Hillview	1,165.19	890.27
Tazewell Pike	0.00	0.00	Bethesda	0.00	500.00	Pleasant Hill	1,294.16	910.40	Mountain Piagah	0.00	0.00	Hillview, Franklin	1,011.72	621.25
Tennessee Ave	1,282.00	1,813.00	Brookhill	1,616.42	232.00	Pleasant Plains	622.79	1,380.40	Mount View	0.00	0.00	Holiday Hgts	4,666.68	1,563.35
Third Creek	391.08	1,565.25	Calhoun, 1st	8,797.19	6,549.50	Poplar Corner	1,083.40	1,317.00	Mulberry Gap	100.00	8.74	Hope	2,445.83	0.00
Thorn Grove	2,837.47	0.00	Calvary (E)	1,181.74	1,533.00	Poplar Hgts	14,516.00	12,283.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Hapn Nashville	2,000.00	1,692.00
Three Point	0.00	0.00	Calvary Msny	0.00	0.00	Senford Hill	3,019.21	3,681.23	New Hope	0.00	0.00	Iglesia Hispana,		
Timothy St	903.89	1,387.67	Cambria	735.14	0.00	Southside	293.88	540.81	New Life Msny	0.00	0.00	Judson	0.00	0.00
Tower Heights	0.00	0.00	Central	3,578.28	2,305.00	Spring Creek	3,085.72	1,533.32	New Salem Msny	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	8,933.62	8,886.61
Trinity	2,087.51	0.00	Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	Unity	2,069.56	0.00	Northside Msny	0.00	225.00	Inglewood	14,464.90	3,127.96
Tuckahoe	0.00	0.00	Clear Springs	514.23	1,400.00	Unity (J)	0.00	0.00	Oak Hill	0.00	0.00	Ivy Mem	367.00	0.00
Union	3,571.11	4,217.20	Clewwater	1,841.96	2,000.00	W Jackson	32,728.56	41,218.57	Old Spruce Pine	0.00	0.00	Joelton, 1st	8,264.83	3,136.57
Unity	0.00	0.00	Cog Hill	1,376.32	1,509.00	Wardar	1,563.43	458.00	Panther Creek	0.00	0.00	Judson	39,622.28	3,949.95
Valley Grove (B C)	0.00	1,329.57	Cotton Port	297.80	0.00	Westover	312.28	2,350.00	Paw Paw Grove	0.00	0.00	Korean of		
Valley Grove	0.00	0.00	Decatur, 1st	5,077.00	5,107.00	Woodland	12,341.78	2,450.00	Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	Nashville	1,552.00	0.00
(C H)	15,025.03	21,896.13	Dixon Ave	0.00	1,247.27	TOTAL	313,924.72	138,563.41	Pleasant Valley	0.00	0.00	Lakeriver	0.00	0.00
Vestal	0.00	0.00	Double Springs	1,160.00	1,682.81	Allenaville	330.59	0.00	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Lakewood	5,824.20	3,038.20
Victory	0.00	0.00	E Athens	5,562.22	596.57	Calvary	22,616.30	0.00	Pond Hill	0.00	700.00	Liberty	378.20	100.00
Victory Chpl	0.00	585.00	E Niota	340.00	1,025.00	Columbia, 1st	22,516.30	0.00	Power House	0.				





# Carson-Newman to host interfaith witness associate training in Mormonism

For Baptist and Reflector

**BRENTWOOD** — Interfaith Witness Associate Training in the area of Mormonism will be held April 18-19 at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.

The sessions will be held from 2-9 p.m. on April 18 and 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on April 19. Dinner and lunch will be provided, respectively on those dates.

To receive certification, participants must attend both sessions.

Jimmy Furr of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will lead the sessions.

The East Tennessee meeting is one of three being sponsored across the state this year to help equip Tennessee Baptists who plan to attend the SBC annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, next year, to understand what Mormons believe and how Christians can effectively witness to them.

For those who don't plan to attend the SBC meeting in Utah, the conference will benefit people who live in communities with Mormons.

Mormons number about

nine million worldwide and 4.5 million in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

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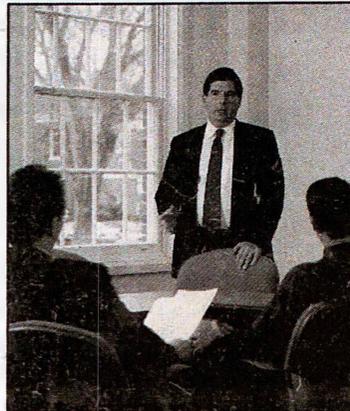
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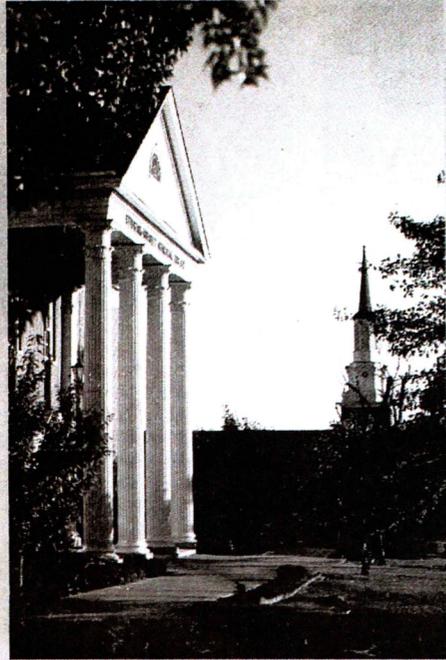
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### missionaries

■ **Steve and Sharon Ford**, missionaries to Portugal, are on the field and can be reached at Rua Manuel Teixeira Gomes, No. 7, 4-E, Carnaxide, 2795 Linda-a-Velha, Portugal. She is the former Sharon Curtis of Memphis.

■ **Rickey and Lori Fundurburk**, missionaries to Sierra Leone, are in the states and can be reached at 4319 Iroquois, New Orleans, La. 70126. He is a native of Memphis.

■ **James and Penny Hensley**, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed language study in Costa Rica and arrived on their field of service. They receive mail at CCS 3014, P.O. Box 025323, Miami, Fla. 33102. He considers Kingsport his hometown and she is the former Penny Rhea of Church Hill.

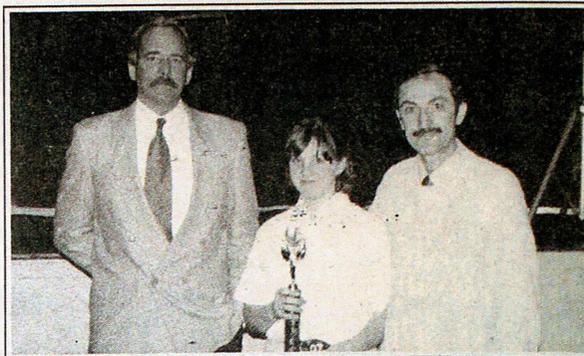
■ **Eddie and Janice Ray**, missionaries to Swaziland, are in the states and can be reached at 1817 Mitchell St., Humboldt, Tenn. 38343. Both are natives of Martin and consider Rives their hometown. She is the former Janice Jacobs.

■ **Bobby and Becky Couts**, missionaries to Benin, are on the field and can be reached at B.P. 770, Porto-Novo, Benin. He is a native of Springfield.

■ **Bob and Ellen Hale**, representatives of Korea, have arrived on the field to begin



**PAUSING** during recent activities to honor him for 25 years of service are Robert C. Stitts, pastor, Bayside Church, Harrison, and his wife, Lillian. Stitts, who founded the church in 1972, was awarded a community service award by an Hamilton County Executive and given the gift of a trip from the church.



**DISPLAYING** her first place math trophy is Ariel Hensley, center, of Maryville, a seventh grader at King's Academy of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, with Principal Les Gray, left, and Ray Ishak, her math teacher. Hensley won the award Feb. 8 in the Mu Alpha Theta Math Bowl sponsored by Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Knoxville. Ariel competed against 45 students in her grade level.

their first term of service. They can be reached at Yeo Eui Do, P.O. Box 165, Seoul 150-601, Korea. He is a native of Knoxville.

■ **Clifton and Mary Sue Jones**, missionaries to Southern Africa, are in the states and can be reached at 606 Deadrick Rd., Knoxville, 37920. He is a native of Memphis and she considers Memphis her hometown. She is the former Mary Sue Minor.

### associations

■ The Woman's Missionary Union Leadership Team of **McMinn-Meigs Association** held a Ministry Fair Jan. 9 which drew over 50 people. The participants met leaders of organizations that need volunteers and supplies. New ministries are expected to form from the fair.

■ The Woman's Missionary Union of **Nolachucky Association** honored James C. Williams Jr., for seven years of service Feb. 10. The event, which was a surprise to him, was entitled "This Is Your Life" and was hosted by Calvary Church, Morristown. Representatives of the four churches he had served and churches which had nurtured him spoke. Family members also participated. Williams and

his wife received a trip to Israel.

■ Sixty-four congregations of **Shelby Association** participated in a Feb. 8-12 World Missions Conference. Over 500 people attended a banquet and rally for adults and a missionary fair for children which were the first events of the conference. Each church hosted a missionary each of the five days of the conference. The event culminated with a youth rally drawing over 550 youth. Churches of all sizes participated. One group of small churches were innovative to allow them to participate. They banded together and had a "progressive" conference, with each church hosting one event and the other congregations joining as participants.

■ **Knox County Association** will host its third annual Singles Celebration March 7 from 6:30-10 p.m. at Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville. Harold Ivan Smith of Kansas City, Mo., a consultant on single adult issues and author of a divorce recovery program and several videos, will speak. Also speaking is Barbara Schiller of St. Louis, Mo., author, consultant, and radio program host. Musician Travis Cottrell and his band also will perform. For more information, call Robert Bowman at (423) 450-1000.

■ **Riverside Association** will hold its annual evangelism conference March 18 at First Church, Livingston, at 7 p.m. Jerry King of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will speak. A Gospel quartet of Calvary Church, Knoxville, will sing.

■ **McMinn-Meigs Association** commissioned Phillip Holmes, pastor, First Church, Niota, and his wife, Leslie, and their three children Jan. 14. The Holmes have been appointed as missionaries to Peru.

### churches

■ **Calvary Church, Lebanon**, will hold revival March 23-26. James Gordon Williams will speak.

### leaders

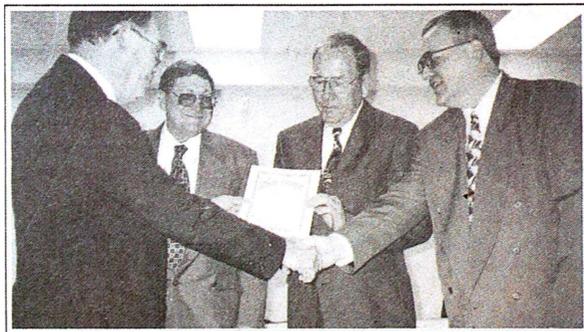
■ **Union Church, Knoxville**, has called **Doug O'Neil** of Rocky Branch Church, Walland, as minister of education/youth, effective Feb. 23.

■ **Rock Hill Church, Lexington**, has called **Shawn Lott**, a student at Jackson State Community College, Jackson, as youth minister.

■ **Old Piney Grove Church, Maryville**, has called **Scott E. Campbell** as pastor. Formerly he was pastor of South Madisonville Church, Madisonville, for five years.

■ **S. Woodrow "Woody" DeBell**, former director of missions, Shiloh Association, has retired as pastor of First Church, Sanford, Mich., after seven years of service. He is available for some supply and interim work.

■ **Rebecca "Becky" Works** of Harriman has been named director of student ministries, Roane State Community College, Harriman. She is a member of South Harriman Church, Harriman.



**RECEIVING** a certificate of occupancy Feb. 2 for the new Fellowship Center of Beech Park Church, Oliver Springs, from the Oliver Springs city administrator, Ken Veach, left, are, from left, Gene Lackey, R. B. Russell, and Gary Smith, pastor of the church. On that day the church also dedicated the 12,000-square-foot center, which contains a gymnasium, fellowship hall, office, and kitchen. Other guests present for the dedication were Bill Bargiol, director of missions, Big Emory Association; and Mark Caldwell, pastor, Union Church, Petros.



**PREPARING TO** break ground recently for a new addition and the remodeling of its auditorium are leaders of Mars Hill Church, Knoxville, from left, Mel Clements; Pat Fisher; Jo Clements; Donna Patty; Kim Scarborough; Ed Nicholson; Pelham Miller, chairman of the building/renovation committee; Ed Green; Gene Shepherd; Rick Rushing; Steve Graham; Mike Willoughby, pastor; and Elbert Griffith. The day's theme was "Appreciating the Past and Anticipating the Future."

# Devotion

By Donna Wright

**Focal Passage — Matthew 26:6-13**

I used to know a woman that never seemed to have any money on her. Every time the hat was passed for a shower gift or a going away party, she would always say, "I put all that I had in the plate at church on Sunday." I always thought that was so nice. I admired her devotion.

However, one day I heard her talking about someone having money in the bank. More money than I'll ever see at one time in my life, in fact. She said that it was almost as much money as she had in the bank. All of a sudden, she didn't seem so devoted.

Mary, the sister of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, had some "ointment." Not just any ointment, either, "an alabaster box of very precious ointment" (v. 7). The book of Mark records its value as 300 "pence" or "denarii." (A denarius was the usual day's wage for a common laborer. Her gift may have represented her entire life's savings.

She poured this "ointment" on Jesus' head, and other Gospels say his feet, also. Judas Iscariot, speaking for the disciples, considered this a thoughtless act (vv. 8-9). They felt the ointment should have been sold and the money should have been given to the poor.

I try not to be too hard on the disciples. They all thought that they were going to be cabinet members or advisors to the king. They accepted the fact that Jesus was the Messiah, they just didn't realize that the Messiah would set up a spiritual kingdom of salvation. They were expecting an earthly kingdom, and they expected a place of authority.

Jesus told them not to "bother" Mary (v. 10). He goes on to tell them what Mary did was a "beautiful" thing and that she was preparing him for burial (v. 12).

Mary did do a beautiful thing. She showed her devotion to Jesus. She didn't have to be told what to do. No one stood behind her saying what a wonderful job she had done. No one even appreciated her act. No one but Jesus himself.

Jesus promised, in verse 13, that "Wherever this Gospel is preached ... what she has done will be told, in memory of her." There are many who do not know the names of people who build large memorials, cathedrals, churches, and other elaborate tributes to the Lord. But, the Gospel has been printed in every language, and this story has been told to all who would listen.

Last week, we were told that every deed we do to another, is like doing that deed, good or bad, to Jesus. This week, we are shown a devotion that led a woman to spend her life savings making Jesus just a little more comfortable. In return for her love and consideration, she is memorialized in the best selling, most read book of all time.

Our devotion to Jesus should lead us to do good works for others. By serving them, we serve him. We may not have someone telling us what a good job we did, in fact, we may do some things about which no one on this earth knows.

That is fine. If only Jesus appreciates it, what more do we need. ■ — Wright is a member of First Church, Newport.

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

# Live in love and holiness

By Mike Shelton

**Focal Passage — 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:12**

A preacher told the story of a young lady who was to speak at a conference. Just moments before she was to take the platform, she noticed that the microphone was set at a height well above her head. She quickly confronted the person in charge and said, "The mike's too high. The mike's too high." The reply was, "You have 10 minutes. Grow!" In this lesson we find a call to grow as Christians. Paul gave the Christians in Thessalonica some specific areas in which he felt they needed to mature so they might give a good witness for Christ. The areas he mentions are some of the same ones in which Christians today should grow.

**In love.** Love is a theme that occurs many times in Paul's letters. He considered it to be one of the eternal characteristics that distinguish the people of God. He praised the Thessalonian Christians for their love. Yet he encouraged them to increase in their love for two groups. One group was the circle of believers themselves. The history of the church teaches us the compassion Christians displayed toward one another was

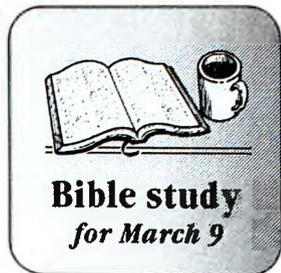
in the Bible. One is the sense of being set apart. The other more strongly emphasizes the sense of purity and righteousness. When Paul urged the disciples in Thessalonica to grow in holiness, he had both senses in mind. The more we serve him, the greater will be the benefit to the kingdom of God.

We should also grow in purity of life. This calls for us to set aside sinful practices and develop more Christlike habits.

Paul specifically mentions fornication as one sin that needs to be discarded from the life of a disciple. Fornication is a term that involves all types of sexual sins. God's plan for sexual expression within the bonds of marriage is good, but humanity has distorted this good gift. A growing disciple is one who takes seriously the call to purity in this area and all others. Ask the Lord to reveal an area in your life in which greater holiness may be exhibited. It will help you and all those who come into contact with you.

**In honest work.** Scholars speculate that some of the Thessalonian Christians were so engrossed in thoughts about the second coming of Christ they might have failed to work. As time passed those who were the most preoccupied with these thoughts probably looked to the church for help. They needed a call to participate in good, honest work so they would not become a burden to the church or a scandal to the unbelievers in Thessalonica.

Our lives are so short in comparison to the length of eternity. We do not have a great deal of time in which to mature in the faith. If we concentrate on advancing in the areas just discussed, we will please the Lord who has issued to us the call to grow in him. ■ — Mike Shelton is pastor of Bellevue Church, Nashville.



Bible study  
for March 9

## Family Bible Lesson

one of the most powerful evangelistic tools the early church had. We speak volumes when we reveal love towards brothers and sisters in Christ. It is an outgrowth of what we have experienced in the Lord. The other group was the large group of lost people in the world. Our care should not end at the door of the church. The Lord wants everyone to know his love. He extends it to them through believers. May our love for the church and the whole world increase.

**In holiness.** Holiness has at least two connotations

# Be faithful

By Howard Kitter

**Focal Passage — Matthew 26:36-46**

Quite a name for a lesson isn't it? Be faithful. In a nut shell that is the responsibility of every believer. While everyone knows it is very easy to be faithful in the quiet gentle times, it seems difficult to be faithful in the very testing times. Hard times can be very harsh and difficult to handle. When those hard testing times come our way, one can almost taste a deep desire to succumb to our old nature and give up. These times really bring us to a time of self examination, to check and make sure things are well with our soul and the father. This process of self examination quickly turns into a process of self justification if we do not watch out. In a twisted rational some actually convince themselves that what they are experiencing is unfair and they do not deserve such things as this. One may even come to the point of asking what they may have done to receive such a harsh punishment. It is important to remember that the circumstances that a believer finds unfolding before them in their life should never be understood as a reason, excuse, or cause to respond in any way other than how God has told us to. Circumstances are not proof text for Scripture, but

## Explore the Bible Lesson

rather Scripture should always be a textbook for circumstances. Regardless of the situation you may find yourself in today, God deeply longs for you to respond according to his ways, not man's way. The disciples found themselves in a very difficult situation in this weeks text.

In the previous lesson we learned of the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Do you remember the way the disciples responded in the upper room? I cannot recall one of them falling asleep during that time. They lounged and enjoyed the corporate fellowship with the Master and with one another. That was a very intimate time shared with Jesus. The ease of deep faithfulness in easy times was exhibited by our dear brother Peter, when he made his astounding commitment of faithfulness to Jesus even if it meant loneliness and death.

But in a few hours at the most, we find Peter in the midst of a difficult situation. What was his response? Did it reflect the astounding commitment made a little earlier? It was here during the most difficult time for Jesus that he turned to these few men and asked them to watch with him and pray. A very

simple task to perform, a very simple request from the Master, but it was in a difficult time. What did these men do?

A very sad thing transpired, they fell asleep. Their very well meaning commitment became the victim of a trying circumstance. "I'm sure the Master will understand. I'm so tired." One can almost imagine this statement flowing from their hearts and squeaking past their lips. In the mind, man rationalized away the great commitment of faithfulness that was publicly made by the mouth just hours early.

When Jesus came to them and found them sleeping he roused them and reiterated his command. (a second chance if you will). Unfortunately this command too, became lost in the struggle of difficult circumstances. Where was that faithfulness now? I'm sure Jesus understood, but I am equally sure that his approval was not given.

Ask yourself: Have I ever made a heartfelt commitment like Peter? Have I been faithful to what I committed? Do I sometimes rationalize my worldly response to tough circumstances, and therefore consider myself exempted as a "special case" from my Christian responsibilities? Does Jesus understand? Well, does he approve? ■ — Kitter is pastor of First Church, Bethel Springs.

Start Something New

## missions emphasis

### Filipino pastor finds ministry on Georgia docks

For Baptist and Reflector

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Sometimes one phone call can start something new.

At least that is true for Doug Chanco, director of language missions for Savannah Association and one of the missionaries featured in this year's Week of Prayer for Home Missions, currently in progress.

As pastor of Savannah's Crest Hill Church's Filipino mission, Chanco gets phone calls at all hours of the day and night. But in 1991 he received a call that was different. A church member working as a nurse at a local hospital called needing help. Rodrigo, a Filipino sailor who had had a stomach tumor removed was alone, uncertain, and spoke little English. She believed Chanco, a native of the Philippines, could be a comfort to the man.



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That phone call led to Chanco sharing the Gospel with the sailor who had cancer. After ministering with him and eventually helping him return to his native land, the sailor led his wife to Christ. Since then, Chanco has learned Rodrigo has led seven other family members to the Lord.

That is how the Seaman's Ministry began, according to Chanco. Since that first call in 1991 he has worked with seamen who come into Savannah every week from countries such as Germany, Bulgaria, Croatia, Vietnam, China, and Korea. Because there is no building for the ministry, Chanco takes the men to Crest Hill Church where they call their families, eat a hot meal, and shop in area stores.

His focus, however, is sharing the Gospel. He visits the ship and invites the sailors to Bible studies which he leads.

Seeds he is planting now will "be growing everywhere for years to come," he noted. ■

# Missions theme is way of life for Utah missionaries

**Editor's Note:** The Week of Prayer for Home Missions is currently in progress now through March 9. The stories and photos on this page give insight to the ministries performed by Southern Baptist home missionaries.

By Teresa Dickens  
For Baptist and Reflector

SALT LAKE CITY — "Start Something New" is not just a theme to Steve and Karen Scudder; it is their philosophy for ministry.

The Scudders are home missionaries here. He is ministry consultant with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and director of the Baptist Concern Center on the west side of downtown Salt Lake City. The couple are among the missionaries featured in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, underway this week. "Start Something New" is the theme for the Season of Home Missions.

The Scudders have been ministering together since their college days at Cumberland (Ky.) College, where they met and married. Upon graduation, they moved to Louisville to study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Scudder's ministry in the state convention involves helping churches and associations

develop and implement ministries that meet human needs and lead the lost to Christ. "We help the churches and associations look at their communities and see where people are hurting and where those needs are not being met," he said.

The couple's philosophy of "Start Something New" is most clearly seen in their ministry at the Baptist Concern Center. And it seems to be working. When the couple moved on the field in September 1990, the center was only touching a handful of lives. In 1995, the center served 6,000 people and 25 people made professions of faith.

"A lot of people have argued about whether you should do evangelism or Christian social ministries, like they are two separate things," Scudder said.

"Well, I believe they are the



**HOME MISSIONARIES** Steve and Karen Scudder prepare groceries for food distribution at the Baptist Concern Center in Salt Lake City. The center began in the mid 1970s and serves mostly Asian and Russian immigrants in the area.

For example, when the Scudders arrived at the center, part of his responsibility was serving as pastor of an English-speaking congregation.

The group was struggling when they arrived, but soon dwindled to the Scudder family and one

other woman, so they decided to disband.

In place of the English-speaking congregation, Hispanic and Vietnamese Bible studies were begun. The attendance bloomed to 50 in each of the groups almost immediately.

The Hispanic group has now outgrown the building and is

looking for another place to meet.

Scudder noted the work in Utah has taught them patience. "We came thinking we would make a difference 'today,' but you don't do that in Utah and Idaho. It takes a long time.

"We have come to understand that we are here to fulfill our calling in Christ, which is to share the Good News with everyone we meet regardless of who they are or what religion they represent.

"If they have a human need, we will meet it. If we cannot, we attempt to find a place where the need can be met. In the process, we are going to tell the person about the love of God and Jesus Christ and show it in our lives." ■

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same thing. That is what Jesus did — he touched people where they were hurting and led them to God's kingdom. That's what we're trying to do."

Along with starting something new, Scudder said the other important part of his philosophy of ministry is, "if it doesn't work, drop it."

## Church planter forms relationships, heals hurts in Alaska

By Lynne Jones  
For Baptist and Reflector

THORNE BAY, Alaska — Home Mission Board church planter Dean Blankenship and his wife, Nadine, live on an island. They walk country roads, visit small communities, and hold worship services in a small cafe accompanied by bluegrass music.

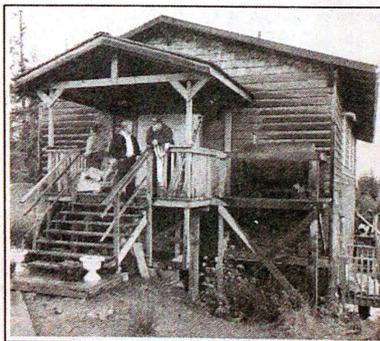
Those country roads, however, are unpaved logging trails and the small communities with names like Klawock, Nauketi, and Meyers Chuck are construction or logging camps populated by transient workers.

The island is Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, and home for the Blankenships is Thorne Bay. Blankenship is bivocational pastor in the Tongass Association and among the home missionaries featured during this week's Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

As a boy Blankenship learned of a missionary couple in Alaska and he was impressed with their dedication. When he got to Alaska he met Lewis McClendon, then director of missions for Tongass Association. He shared how the story of the Alaska missionary had been used in his

call to home missions. With tears streaming down his face, McClendon, told Blankenship, "I'm that missionary." Now Blankenship holds the same position McClendon once held, director of Southeast Island Ministries.

The place where people either "love it right away and stay, or hate it right away and leave," offers a wide range of ministry



**DEAN BLANKENSHIP**, a church planter in Alaska, visits with Pastor Tom Nunley outside Coffman Cove Church. Blankenship is director of Southeast Island Ministries in Thorne Bay.

opportunities. The people come here looking for work, looking to make their fortune," Blankenship noted. "It's rugged here, which is very tough on families, especially the teenage girls."

Families fall apart. Alcoholism, teenage pregnancy, and drug addiction are common. The Blankenships find their ministry is more than just evangelizing the lost. It's building relationships with people and helping to heal their hurts.

To support themselves the Blankenships run a cedar mill. The work is hard and the risk is great. In the eight years they've been in Alaska, they have rebuilt the mill twice; once after the roof collapsed and again after a fire gutted the property.

But being bivocational also is a blessing. "When I go into a community for a service, a lot of people come," Blankenship said. "They say, 'This guy is one of us.' I can talk to the hardest, meanest, worldliest man in any logging camp. We work hard and that's the way we minister."

As tough as it is in Alaska, the Blankenships never feel alone. "It's good when God gives you the assurance that you are doing what he wants you to do," he said. ■