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To flood, tornado victims

Tennessee Baptists provide help

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

DYERSBURG — About two weeks after a tornado ripped through the area and flooding devastated homes, residents of Dyer and Obion counties can breathe a sigh of relief.

Last week West Tennesseans were staying abreast of news reports concerning the status of the Mississippi River, knowing that backwater from the "Mighty Mississippi" could create even more havoc.

At press time Monday, Dyer Association Director of Missions Joe Naylor reported the immediate danger of backwater flooding from the Mississippi River had passed. "We're grateful for that," he said.

Jerry Essary, director of Beulah Association in Obion County, said they received about 14 inches of water in two and a half days. News reports cited it as the worst flooding in the county since 1937. Long-time residents of Dyersburg say they are used to flooding, but not to this extent.

As of March 14 there were homes in both counties that



DAVID WORLEY, right, pastor of First Church, Obion, surveys flood damage with Jerry Essary, director of missions in Beulah Association. Approximately 55 homes in Obion suffered extensive flood damage.



RAYMOND BOSTON, left, pastor of First Church, Dyersburg, takes information from flood victim Anthony Reeves who lives in the Bogota community of Dyer County.

still had water in them. Cleanup efforts could not begin until the water receded.

Twelve Tennessee counties, including Obion and Dyer, were declared disaster areas which paved the way for flood victims to seek federal assistance.

In Dyer County, which had about 15-20 inches of rain in a week and a half, plus a tornado, First churches, Dyersburg and Newbern, served as the center of activity. Leaders at

both locations, however, declared it was a total community effort.

"The community has responded," said Pastor Raymond Boston. "We're helping anybody and everybody."

Church member Howard Guthrie coordinated efforts. While noting they were not interested in numbers, he estimated they had helped "hundreds and hundreds" of people.

In addition to providing food

and supplies, the church also has assisted in other ways such as securing housing for people forced out of their homes. "We have no set rules. Whatever the need is that comes through the door, we try to meet that need," he said.

Flexibility also has been the key word at the Newborn site, said Susan Kellough, who coordinated efforts there with the help of Pastor Danny Klutts. — See Tennesseans, page 4

Another record year predicted for Lottie Moon gifts

By Marty Croll
For Baptist Press

RICHMOND — Projections show Southern Baptists last year handed the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions its greatest annual increase since 1988 — to a record \$93.5 million.

Calculations from early indicators predict a \$4.5 million, or 5.06 percent, increase from \$89 million in 1995. It would be the fourth consecutive rise after a plateau in the early 1990s. The collective growth since 1992 amounts to \$12.5 million.

The projection immediately brought to mind the Scripture quotation "where your treasure is, that's where your heart is also," said Don R. Kammerdiener, executive vice president for the Foreign Mission Board. "That's a lot of treasure to go into world missions," he said.

The projected receipts would provide about \$2.5 million for overseas capital spending needs such as new construction and vehicles, and \$91 million for the board's overseas operating budget, which primarily provides missionary support.

"This says to me our missions spirit is

very much alive among our Southern Baptist people," said James D. Williams, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, which helped promote the offering.

Last fall, board trustees approved a 1997 budget of \$205.5 million based in part of \$94 million from the 1996 Lottie Moon offering and \$72.5 million from the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified giving plan.

Built into the 1997 financial plan is expected expansion of the foreign missions program, especially in harvest areas such as Eastern Europe where Gospel response is accelerating and in "The Last Frontier," where few people have access to the Gospel.

"With this offering ... we will be able to continue appointing missionaries at the rate the Lord sends them to us, at the rate we're appointing them," Kammerdiener said.

Last year the board appointed 590

overseas mission workers for assignments of two years or more, a record number of new workers in a year's time.

Southern Baptists will celebrate their participation in world missions "when we gather one day around God's throne with people from all the tribes, tongues, and nations of the world," said Dellanna O'Brien, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union.

"We are grateful to millions of Southern Baptists who gave of their financial resources and focused their prayers on our missionaries,

on Christians in the areas they serve, and for the salvation of the lost worldwide," added O'Brien, whose missions education agency organized the first Lottie Moon offering in 1888.

Southern Baptists actually close the books on the 1996 offering in May. The annual March prediction, based on information from 14 Baptist state conventions, is historically reliable as an estimate. ■



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Monterey church does foreign missions work at home

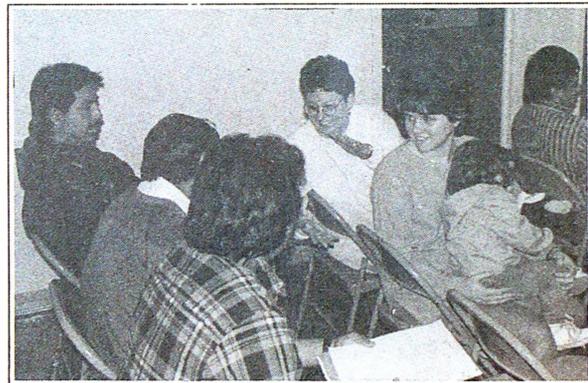
By Dale Welch
Special to Baptist and Reflector

MONTEREY — When a church is called upon to do foreign mission work, it usually means that different members have to load up their suitcases and supplies, and fly across wide-open seas or drive across the border to get to their destination.

First Church, Monterey, has done that, sending members to foreign fields, some as far away as Poland.



NOT ONLY DOES he preach, but Pastor Mateo Sebastian also assists with the music.



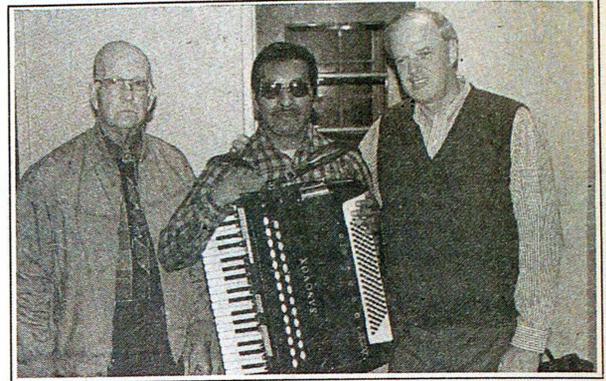
FIRST CHURCH members Karen Wells, left, and Cindy Garrett, who are both active in the church's Hispanic ministry, visit with members of the mission prior to a worship service.

Recently, however, the Monterey church has found a unique foreign mission opportunity at home. Instead of sending people across the borders, people from across the borders are coming to them.

Hispanic people, mostly from Mexico and Guatemala, have come to the Upper Cumberland to find jobs. Besides finding jobs, a major problem for them has been the language barrier. Most of the Hispanics speak little, if any, English. It was and still is a chore for most of them to just go to the grocery store or pay a utility bill because of the language barrier.

Seeing the need, the church contacted Estriberto Britton and Tim Hill of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. A training session was later set up to teach First Church members to become English as a Second Language instructors for the Hispanics. Nineteen church members were certified in the training and began holding classes.

"We have materials that we use to teach them things by using symbols and phonics," said William Powell, former interim pastor of First Church, and re-



PASTOR MATEO SEBASTIAN, center, of the Hispanic mission of First Church, Monterey, is surrounded by new friends, Bill Powell, left, former interim pastor of First Church and active participant in the ministry, and current pastor Bill Vance. — Photos by Lonnie Wilkey.

tired director of missions from Watauga Association.

He noted the classes are designed to teach them conversational English that will enable them to communicate in stores and other situations.

In addition to the classes for about 32 different adults, some of the First Church instructors have volunteered to help at Uffelman Elementary where approximately 11 Hispanic students attend. They help teach the Hispanic students in whatever areas the teachers recommend. The volunteers are helping primarily with things such as vowels and sentence structure.

Karen Wells, one of the volunteers, is excited about the church's new ministry. "It's been great and they (the Hispanics) seem to be responding."

"We take a lot for granted," she said referring to the fact most Americans do not realize the difficulty they would have communicating in a foreign land.

The learning has been a two-way street, Wells noted. "It's interesting. Once they learn something in English,

they try to help us understand it in Spanish. It's a learning experience both ways," she said.

Last summer while Powell was interim pastor, three Hispanic men approached him about having services for them at the church. Powell contacted the TBC Missions Department and learned about Mateo Sebastian, a Hispanic Baptist pastor already in Tennessee.

The church made arrangements with Sebastian and he has relocated to the Monterey area. Sebastian, who can speak both Mexican and Guatemalan dialects, holds weekly services for the approximately 70 Christian Hispanics in the area. The services in the church's fellowship hall, average about 35-40 each week, Powell said.

Church members look at their English as a Second Language program as a ministry, Powell said.

"We are here to meet their spiritual needs as well as teach them our language," he said. ■ — Welch is on the staff of *The Putnam Star*. Associate Editor Lonnie Wilkey contributed to the story.

Training set for preschool leaders

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Training events will be offered in April for teachers and directors of preschool ministries including day care, mother's day out, weekday programs, Sunday School, and Discipleship Training. The events will include a "tea party," and luncheon.

Participants may also get three hours of continuing education credit.

The events, called "Preschool Spring Get-togethers," will be held in three locations

across the state:

April 12 — Germantown Church, Germantown

April 19 — Brentwood Church, Brentwood

April 26 — Concord First Church, Knoxville

The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., local time. The registration fee is \$25 and includes all materials, luncheon, and tea party. Registration deadline is one week before the event.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact Sue Raley or Glenda Daniel at (615) 371-2054. ■



5,000 prayer warriors needed

Baptist Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Southern Baptist workers in the Middle East and North Africa are seeking massive prayer support to help them reach one of the world's most difficult areas to penetrate with the Gospel. The majority of the people there are Muslim.

"We want to sign up 5,000 prayer partners who will commit to praying for us weekly," said Hugh Provost, a Southern Baptist representative based in Cyprus.

The Southern Baptist For-

sign Mission Board's "Prayer Plus Partnership" emphasis challenges Southern Baptist congregations to pray for the 2,161 ethnic people groups in "The Last Frontier," where people have little or no access to the Gospel.

To become a prayer partner for the unreached people of the Middle East and North Africa, send an electronic mail to compassionnet@imb.org or write to the International Prayer Strategy Office, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, Va., 23230. ■

TBC group focuses on Christian growth

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Tim Holcomb sees his job for the Executive Board Ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a partnership — with Tennessee Baptist churches and associations.

Holcomb, the new leader of the Christian Growth Development Group, directs one of seven groups formed after Executive Board Ministries were reorganized in November 1996.

He won't deny he has a big job, but he has some great work to model, he said. "I will stand on the shoulders of Greer Ruble and Johnnie Hall and others," said Holcomb. A former employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Holcomb was associate pastor/education of South Main Church, Houston, Texas, before joining the Executive Board Ministries staff in October 1996.

To do this big job, ministry specialists and ministry assistants of the Christian Growth Development Group will be constantly focusing on "What are the ways we can partner with the associations in order to help them and us do the best ministry with Tennessee churches?" he said.

Holcomb's goal is to develop new relationships, especially with associations. Through this emphasis, groups of churches with the same need and typology can be helped, he explained.

For example, an association might identify several of its churches as being stalled at the 100-member level. The association staff and the Christian Growth Development Group staff could partner to develop a plan to help those churches move beyond that barrier.

Holcomb noted that developing a series of typologies related to church size will assist the Christian Growth Development Group in using its resources more effectively. These typologies will be a great help in working with churches of different sizes in our state, he added.

He hopes this approach will move associations and churches into another arena of relationship. The group will be seeking "the niches and ministries where we can most effectively spend our time, money, and talents."

The staff, however, will not assist churches from a patronizing position. "We will be try-

ing to find a way to come along side of them to do a more effective job of what they're trying to do," he explained.

Holcomb hopes to lead the Christian Growth Development Group in helping churches conduct an annual training event, develop a quarterly planning session, use space more effectively, develop more prospects, or overcome barriers at growth levels of 100 or 200. He has seen many churches get mired in the transitions these levels develop which stems from the many changes associated with growth, Holcomb explained.

Along with providing lead-

tion can become reality, he said, as each church is assisted toward maturity by the CGD staff.

Staff of the group, both ministry specialists and ministry assistants, have specific assignments, but they won't be related to events as much as "to a ministry that we're trying to mature in the partnership that we have with associations and churches," said Holcomb.

The staff will work in cross-functional teams. One such team might be to gather those ministry specialists who work with adults and develop a specific adult ministry that equips a believer with Bible study and other learning op-

portunities, said Holcomb.

Recent additions to the staff are Jerry Chapman, who began March 1, and Sue Raley and Jan Moye, who started work Jan. 1. Two new staff members will be added soon — one to lead adult work, married or single, and one to lead special education ministries as a contract worker, he noted.

The CGD Group "wants to partner with churches in accomplishing the work of God's kingdom," Holcomb detailed. "We will continue to lead out in Sunday School, Discipleship, Family Ministry, Collegiate Ministry, Church Weekday Education, Church Media Library, and Church Recreation." *BER* — This story is the beginning of a series on Executive Board Ministries groups formed from the reorganization of the Tennessee Baptist Convention ministries staff in November 1996.



MINISTRY SPECIALISTS are, from left, front row, Tal Thompson, director of missions and DOM consultant to group, Holston Association, Sue Raley, Liz Lee, Jan Moye, and Don Mauldin; back row, Bruce Edwards, Ircel Harrison, Jerry Chapman, and Tim Holcomb.

ership in events like the ones mentioned above, the Christian Growth Development Group will develop a process for maturing the church. This process will assist each church with developing a system to establish and maintain Christian disciplines in each believer's life.

From this process said Holcomb, each believer will become aware of how their spiritual gifts have equipped them for ministry in God's kingdom. This process-oriented philosophy will meet the needs of "a different generation," he explained.

The process orientation also will assist the church in other ways. One of Holcomb's dreams is that every church member will realize that they are a minister. That realiza-



MINISTRY ASSISTANTS are, from left, Doris Jean Standerfer, Glenda Daniel, Jennifer Peery, Darlene Johnson, and Leanne Robbins.



Tennessee features

Ministry specialists

- **Tim Holcomb** — group leader, Sunday School and Discipleship general officers, on-site consultation
- **Don Mauldin** — Family ministry, including senior and single adults, marriage enrichment, and parenting skills
- **Jerry Chapman** — Discipleship coordinator, including life courses, new member assimilation, and leadership training
- **Ircel Harrison** — Collegiate ministries, including Baptist Student Union, student development, and college university students: church workers
- **Liz Lee** — Children, including Sunday School, Discipleship, Vacation Bible School, Bible Drills, camp, Team Kid, and sixth grade helps
- **Sue Raley** — Preschool, including Sunday School, Discipleship, VBS, and Church Weekday Education
- **Bruce Edwards** — Youth, including Sunday School, Discipleship, Bible Drills, Speakers Tournament, camp, ASSISTeams, and Church Recreation
- **Jan Moye** — Church Media Library contract consultant

Tennessee Baptists provide help to flood ...

— Continued from page 1

"We will be available as needs arise," Kellough said. "We have to be flexible."

She noted the church has ministered to 37 families affected by both the tornado and flooding. In addition to providing physical help the church has been able to give "spiritual encouragement as needed," Kellough added.

She also cited the response of others in the community. "Without the volunteers we have had, we could not have provided the help we have," she affirmed.

Naylor praised the efforts of his association's churches, who have assisted the efforts at the Dyersburg and Newbern churches, and met needs they discovered on their own. The West Tennessee DOM also is grateful for help provided by churches from neighboring associations and other denominations. "People have been coming from all over West Tennessee to help," he noted.

As of March 11 about 20 churches in nearby Weakley County Association had collected \$3,700 for West Tennessee flood relief, said director of missions Richard Skidmore. Disaster relief volunteers from Madison-Chester and Crockett, Hardeman County, and Shelby associations came to Dyersburg to provide assistance in preparing meals. Many others also have helped.

The same Christian concern



DYER ASSOCIATION Director of Missions Joe Naylor, left, and Sam Reed, second from left, of First Church, Dyersburg, visit with tornado victim Harold Joyce, second from right, and his friend, Billy Bell. Little is remained of Joyce's home in the background which was demolished by a tornado March 1. Reed and Naylor delivered food to people in the area.

and effort exhibited by Dyer churches also has been evident in Beulah Association, Essary said. Numerous people have helped in cleanup efforts in Rives and more will be needed in Obion once the water recedes, he said.

Pleasant Hill Church, Rives, led efforts immediately following the flooding there (see story in last week's issue). Most clean up efforts had been completed in Rives by last week, Essary said.

Obion was another area hit hard by the floods. Pastor David Worley of First Church, noted there were about 55 homes severely affected by flood waters. Many of those

families did not have insurance, Worley noted. "It's good that we can help these families," he said.

The flooding has opened up ministry opportunities for the church, the pastor said. "We are looking for even more to open," he added.

Worley said he is confident some good will come out of the flooding. "I hope God will use this to wake people up and make them realize how much they need the Lord," he said.

Worley asked Tennessee Baptists to pray for the flood victims and also volunteers to assist in clean up efforts which is needed once the water recedes in the homes.

Needs vary at each location.

Nonperishable food items and cleaning supplies can be used in operations at First churches, Newbern and Dyersburg. They can be sent to FBC, 220, W. Masonic, Dyersburg, Tenn. 38024 or FBC, 114 West Main, Newbern, Tenn. 38059.

Beulah Association is accepting donations to help families without insurance. Donations can be sent, designated for flood relief, to Beulah Baptist Association, P.O. Box 366, Union City, Tenn. 38261. Cleanup crews are needed in Obion. Call Beulah Association at (901) 885-2151.

Gifts designated for flood relief also may be sent to Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief, Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024.

Bearden noted that last week TBC disaster relief officials combined efforts with "From Nashville With Love," a group of churches, businesses, and organizations that help promote the gathering of needed supplies such as dry goods, cleaning supplies, and bed linens during disasters and other similar situations. Tulip Grove Church in the Hermitage-Old Hickory area is coordinating this operation and is also the receiving center, Bearden said. People wishing to drop things off at Tulip Grove should call the church first at (615) 883-1856. ■ —

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Tennessee features

Victims appreciate help from Baptists

For Baptist and Reflector

DYERSBURG — Residents of Dyer and Obion counties are appreciative of help offered by Baptists and others in the area.

Harold Joyce is grateful for the help he received from Dyer County Baptists. His home was demolished by a tornado March 1 and he had no insurance.

"You don't realize until something like this happens how many people really care," he said.

In Rives, James Pollard, a retired truck driver who is disabled, said he was stunned when about 20 volunteers from four Beulah Association churches — Second, Union City, Mt. Pelia, Pleasant Hill, and Alamo — stopped to help him remove carpet and salvage personal items.

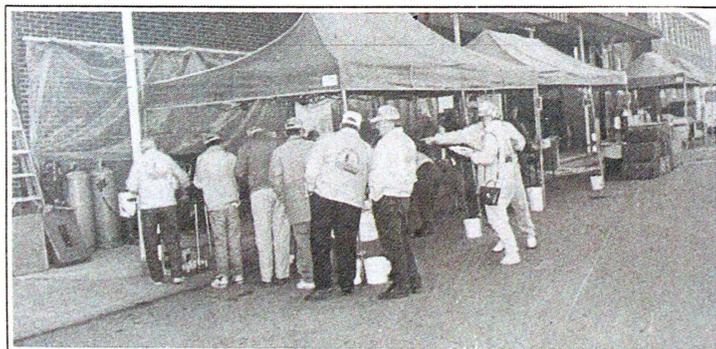
"I've never had anyone do anything for me. I am thrilled," Pollard told the *Union City Daily Messenger*.

"And when they do, I don't know how to express myself. It is a wonderful thing they are doing." ■

TBC disaster relief unit assists Kentucky flood victims



BELOW, Tennessee Baptist disaster relief volunteers set up operations at First Church, Madisonville, Ky. **LEFT**, veteran disaster relief volunteers Curt Fowler of Knoxville, right, and Ed Simpson, of Trezevant, discuss relief efforts to flood victims in the area.



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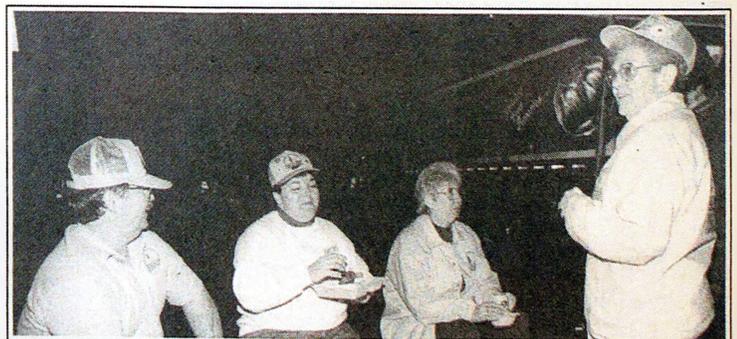
MADISONVILLE, Ky. — The Tennessee Baptist Convention disaster relief feeding unit has served more than 19,391 hot meals to flood victims here since opening operations on March 7, according to Tim Bearden, state disaster relief director.

As of March 17 there were 18 volunteers on site and more are expected

to arrive this week.

A total of 70 TBC volunteers from all over the state have worked in the relief efforts at Madisonville, Bearden said.

Bearden said he could not predict how long the Tennessee unit would be needed in Madisonville. Many people have not yet returned to their homes and feeding efforts will need to be continued once they return, he said. ■



TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS take a well deserved break. From left are, Mike and Connie Stricklin, Crump; Joyce Curinton, Knoxville; and Marie Adams, Alamo. — Photos by Tim Bearden

Stove's hot, and pots are boiling

Focusing on the Tennessee General Assembly is not the easiest thing to do. Ask assembly members. Even they can't always stay focused on the most important matters.

Right now the senators and representatives are in the midst of the current legislative session. Scores of bills are being presented — some are important.

There is a bill, as Tennessee Baptists and others know, that backs a state-sponsored lottery.

The same threadbare, implausible arguments announce a growing push. Just now there are other bills to be discussed. But you had better believe that backers of the lottery have that piece of legislature on their minds.

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, Editor

A Nashville daily paper recently touted the idea that it's "time to let state's voters decide" on the lottery question. We have read more sensible proposals in papers edited on college campuses.

The argument for a lottery remains weak, even when proposed by a respected daily newspaper. The only reasonable idea seemed to be to "let the people vote."

As expected, Senator Cohen of Memphis has come up with yet another reason to have a lottery. His plan would take any profits gained by the state and channel them into a scholarship fund for college students.

While many families have financial problems with funding their children through college — we doubt

that many would want the money if they could see the faces of those who live in financial chaos and worse — so they could feed their gambling addiction. It is not a pretty picture.

For every advertisement the state uses, more people fall into the gambling trap, and we suppose more young Tennesseans could use the gambling "profits" to go to college. What a way to go! For each "winner" there would be thousands who gambled and lost — and could not afford to lose.

One recent study estimated that a Tennessee lottery would bring in \$300 million annually for scholarships. But Larry Daughtrey, writer for the Nashville *Tennessean*, maintains the idea has "a lot of superfi-

cial appeal." Other studies, he says, show that "after the initial euphoria, lottery participation drops off, leading states to more and more extravagant advertising to lure players with dreams of quick riches." There are many other valid reasons to dump the lottery idea. We will deal with those in depth — and urge Tennessee Baptists to help keep the proposed lottery and its false sense of success, out of our state. *B&R*



Focus groups meet across Tennessee

How are we doing? That question often appears on the rear of transport trucks, asking other drivers a very important question.

Apparently the truck owners want to know if their driver is courteous, and maybe whether there are questions about the company's product or delivery system.

Like those companies — the Executive Board staff is asking Tennessee Baptists, "How are we doing?"

Some Tennessee Baptists have been asked to participate in statewide focus groups. The groups are being asked, how is the Executive Board staff doing?

A Nashville consulting company is conducting the focus groups, formulating specific questions which, when answered, will give us information that will help us to understand better the needs of the church-

es, and how to improve our service performance.

The *Baptist and Reflector* is included in the focus groups survey and study. It will be helpful to all Executive Board staff members if focus group participants give thorough, thoughtful, and honest answers.

Tell the convenors what you like and dislike. Give your suggestions. We know that truth sometimes can appear to be brutal. But when the results of the survey are completed, we probably will have an accurate picture of ways we can improve and things we can provide.

The *B&R* staff welcomes the opportunity to work with the results, and try to provide an even better paper for our readers. Staying on the right track will help all of us.

How are we doing? *B&R*

Just for today

By Fred Wood pastor emeritus Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile

Bill: "My boss said I'll get a raise as soon as I earn it."

Tom: "That seems fair."

Bill: "Yes, but he's crazy if he thinks I'm going to hang around here and wait that long."

Take this truth

To recognize the limits of your ability can be the first step toward setting the right goal for your life.

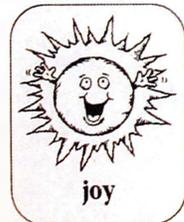
Memorize this Scripture

And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his ... ability. — Matthew 25:15

Pray this prayer

Lord, please help me to realize if something is outside the realm of my ability, God doesn't expect me to do it.

Help me, Lord, never to confuse difficulty with impossibility. ■



E-mail is great, but for memories, V-mail was greater

Everywhere I go these days, someone starts talking about E-mail. No matter the location or time of day or night, it's E-mail.

Most of the offices in the Baptist Center now, at last, have E-mail capability, and it is great. At least, I think it is.

It was like the golden spike driven in the rail that connected east and west many years ago. The train could travel across the United States — all the way. Everyone celebrated —except the Native Americans and the laborers who built the tracks. The Native Americans were too broken-hearted and the laborers probably were too tired.

For a while, the tracks were red hot with wear, transporting the eager people back and forth with speed.

E-mail is "the thing" now and the messages are causing a glut in memory and on screen. Everybody is doing E-mail.

Sit down for Wednesday night supper before Prayer Meeting — and E-mail is

one word more

— by Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

the topic. You can learn about relatives and friends, even strangers, who E-mailed someone at the table.

E-mail is a great tool, no doubt about it. But you know what — even E-mail will be replaced some day. There will be an improved E-mail, and then one day, someone will tell me about Z-mail or ABC-mail — where the whispered voice will just waft across the atmosphere at a thousand miles a second. Someday.

But I also remember V-mail.

The brilliant idea of V-Mail came from the government, no doubt. Though it was scorned at times, it was better than no mail!

V-Mail was the postal system used for U. S. military personnel stationed overseas. The letters were on onion-skin pa-

per, didn't need an envelope, and did not require postage.

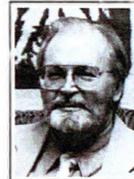
The military guys and gals could simply write "free" on the upper right corner of the folded page, and it would get to the family or friend or special one who was waiting back home.

But their mail going back home was censored. Early on, in those World War II days, it was learned that our enemies could pick up military information in strange, innocent places.

A simple word from a homesick G.I. could give away military secrets. So the censors would take their scissors and snip out the offending words or passages.

Your letter from your loved one could have little holes in it. The Allen family got some letters like that from brother David.

V-Mail served well. E-Mail will also. But it won't have the same nostalgic, poignant memories years from now. *B&R*



ALLEN

It's important to know when to seek help

families matter

— by Paul Barkley, counselor, professor

I found a good list of symptoms that suggest a need for professional help in an article from "Contemporary Pediatrics."

B. D. Schmitt, the author, suggests the child may need professional help when:

The child hurts himself during time out, runs out of the house to avoid time out, tries to hurt the parent, has to be kept in his room for multiple time-outs during more than one week;

When the child refuses to take time-outs despite being grounded for three days, refuses to cooperate with time-outs

and parents have used the appropriate method for a month;

And when the child has many other behavioral problems.

This seems to me to be a good rule of thumb for determining when a child is "out of control" and needs trained help.

The parent would be wise to seek professional help before the situation gets out of hand.

I often tell parents that if they cannot control their three-year-old child, they had better be braced when he/she turns 13, and they will really have a problem.

Don't wait until the situation is desperate. Take proper action before that point, when you still have the option to get the help that the child needs. ■



BARKLEY

Baptists respond to flooding, tornadoes



Tennessee features

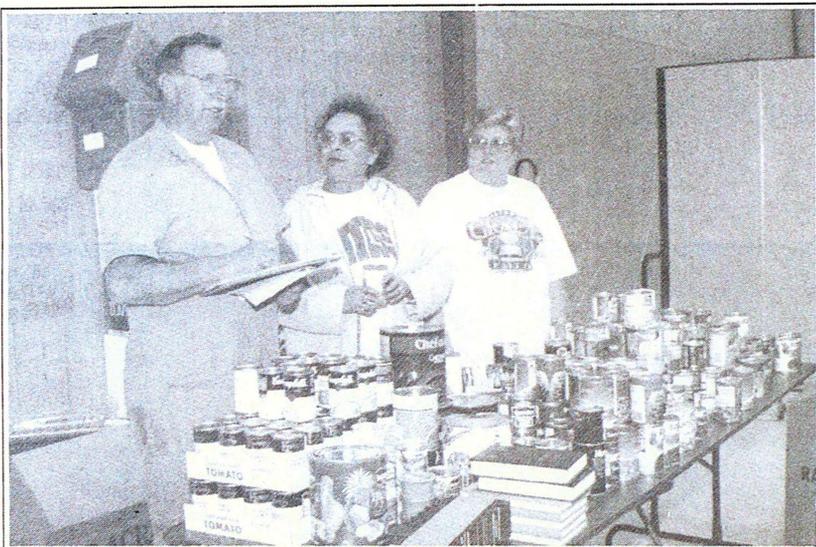


"I've never had anyone do anything for me. I am thrilled." — Rives resident helped by Tennessee volunteers

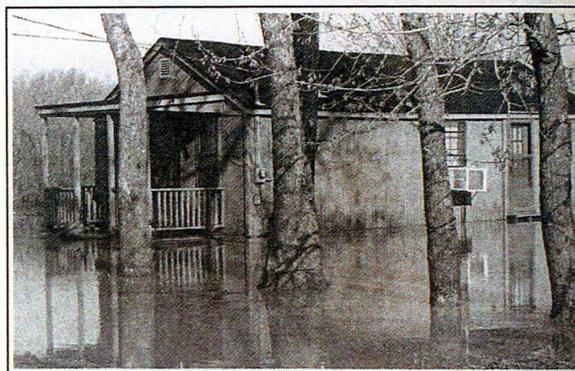


SORTING CLOTHES in the fellowship hall at First Church, Dyersburg, were, from left, Christey Kennedy, Ida Guthrie, and Kathy Gifford, all members of First Church.

THOUSANDS OF MEALS were prepared and served to victims of floods and tornadoes in Dyer County last week. Though First Church, Dyersburg, was the center of activities, volunteers came from other churches to assist. Preparing sandwiches to deliver to homes where cleanup crews were working were, from left, Cindy McGoldrick, First Church, Dyersburg; Sylvia Rowsey, Springhill Church; Edith Estes, First Church; and Donna Glover, First Church.



MEMBERS OF PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Rives, inventory a variety of food and household supplies available for flood victims. Church pastor Jimmy Brown said several businesses, schools, and individuals donated items. Church members also served three meals a day to flood victims and workers assisting in cleanup efforts. — Photo courtesy of the Union City Daily Messenger



WATER WAS STILL standing in this house in the 'southtown' area of Dyersburg on March 11, more than a week after flooding occurred in Dyer County. Joe Naylor, director of missions in Dyer Association, said residents are used to flooding, but not to the extent that occurred in early March.



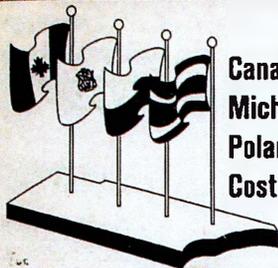
THOUGH NOT officially called out, these volunteers from the Hardeman County disaster relief team came down to offer assistance to members of First Church and others who prepared meals. From left are Billy Tomlinson, First Church, Middleton; James Waldrip, Piney Grove Church; J.D. Moore, First Church, Middleton; Charles Manley, Trinity Church; and Henry Hudson, Pocahontas Church.



THIS ROAD in the town of Obion was one of several in Obion and Dyer counties which were closed due to heavy flooding. In Obion about 55 homes suffered extensive damage due to high waters. Cleanup crews will be needed to help flood victims once the water recedes.



THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER, reported to be at its highest level since 1937, exceeded its banks early last week.



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From your missionary

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the nationwide Simultaneous Revivals May 18-28 in Poland.

Preachers, singers, musicians, mimes, and folks who can do dramatic presentations are wanted. The churches have made special requests.

God has opened the door of opportunity and now it is up to you to enter the door.

We have extended the deadline to sign up until March 27. Orientation has now been rescheduled for April 19.

As we talk about answering the present day "Macedonian Call," this call is on our hearts and minds.

Please pray and consider what God would have you do!

God Bless,

Larry



SHARP

Poland: vintage culture, with everyday needs

Evangelism teams needed to help Polish Baptist churches' efforts

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Ordinarily when you write about a place you've visited, you use the name of the place for your dateline. Maybe this story should have 'Warsaw' as its dateline.

Why? I am writing about what's happening now with Baptists in Tennessee and Poland — an urgent call for evangelism teams among people in towns and cities in Poland, one of Tennessee Baptists' four partnership missions allies.

You, because you are *Baptist and Reflector* readers, have kept up with the success stories of the partnership with Poland and the others.

And, you can be involved! Polish Bap-

tists have asked for evangelism teams to come from Tennessee to share the Gospel of Christ with people in their towns and cities. The deadline for "signing up" is March 27 — so do it now, call the Partnership/Volunteer Missions office for information!

You have read of volunteer teams of Tennessee Baptists and the projects they have done with Polish Baptists. In *The Macedonian Call*, and other pages of the *Baptist and Reflector*, you have walked with teams as they worked at the Baptist Seminary near Warsaw doing work in the library and on the grounds, medical teams in Bialystok, youth groups in Tarnow and other cities, and evangelism and puppet ministry across Poland.

Now the door of opportunity is open for you — and other Tennessee Baptists — with simultaneous revivals in Poland May 18-28, with teams from Tennessee.

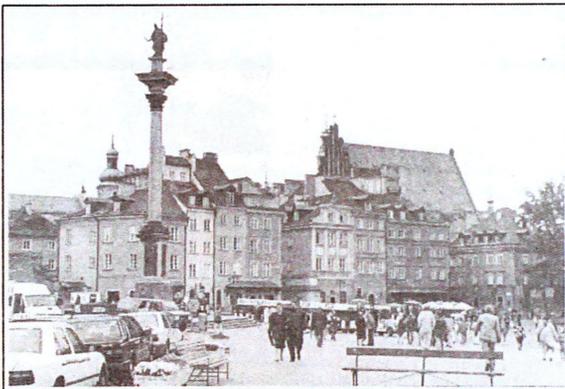
Polish Baptist pastors and other leaders want this to be a significant evangelistic thrust in their homeland.

The Baptist witness is emerging from several decades of extreme hardship under atheistic communist rule — which followed the horrors of World War II and Nazi brutality.

Baptist churches, a small minority in a mostly Roman Catholic religious dominance, are trying to bring the Christian message to all Polish people through evangelism.

This is one of the most significant projects yet undertaken and the impact clearly is life-changing for those who hear as well as for those who share their witness.

A large cadre of Tennessee Baptist volunteers is needed for evangelism teams to preach, teach, and present Christian music in several Polish cities, at the request — See Poland, page 8



THE BEAUTY OF OLD TOWN, Warsaw, Poland's capital, is evident as old blends with new across the Polish countryside.



POLISH BAPTISTS ask Tennessee Baptists to join them in an evangelism thrust in the marketplace and in busy cities.

Send slides, other media

TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions is producing a promotional video. Missions volunteers have one more opportunity to send slides and video tapes of missions experiences. Send by April 1.

Please only send slides and video tapes that represent former or current sites of Tennessee Baptist partnerships. The office won't be able to return your media.

Send slides and video tapes to the Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team office. ■

FMB, TBC, and video firm promote Baptists on Polish TV

by Marcia Knox
Partnership/Volunteer Missions

In an effort to promote the May 18-28 "Here's Hope — Christ" simultaneous revivals in Poland on Polish television, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Positive Productions, Inc., a Nashville video and film production company, have combined their talents to target Polish public television.

The effort is the first joint video effort between the FMB, TBC, and an outside film company of this type, according to Terry Sharp, Partnership/Volunteer Missions

state missionary.

Entitled "People Who Care ... The Baptist Union of Poland," the television special and commercial is being made for the Baptist Union of Poland to telecast across Poland. The purpose of the project is to describe the ministries of the union and local Baptist churches in Poland.

Justin Diel, president and owner of Positive Productions, said the programs will create a positive image of Baptists and show that Baptist people are meeting the needs of Polish society.

In a documentary style of production, the programs will include interviews and testi-

monies from Baptist leaders, ministers, and laypeople. Also numerous ministry activities will be included. The programs are designed to inform, inspire, and encourage viewers to learn more about Polish Baptists. The ultimate goal for the project is to lead Polish people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, Diel explained.

Those instrumental in bringing about the video production were Sharp; Bill Wilson, ministry coordinator, TBC; Van Payne, Foreign Mission Board director of electronic media; John Magyar, independent video producer; Charles Layton, Tennessee/Poland volunteer coordinator; Mark Edworthy,

missionary to Poland; Ray Fetty, freelance producer; and Diel.

Working on the production team in Poland Feb. 27 — March 7 were Magyar, Fetty, Edworthy, and Layton. Layton also served as host.

According to Diel, the programs will be shown on Polish television during free airtime because public TV stations there allow telecasts of such evangelistic messages.

After the simultaneous revivals, the Polish Union will have multiple videos made for its churches to be used in home prospect visits, church member orientation, and other denominational awareness programs, Layton said. ■

And what's in it for me?, you may be asking

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
Baptist and Reflector

The Polish Baptist Union has asked their Tennessee Baptist partners in missions and evangelism to send teams to their country in May to preach the Gospel!

The need is urgent. Will Tennessee Baptists honor this heartfelt call for assistance with simultaneous revivals across this eastern European country May 18-28?

The needs are:

- ▶ For each team, a preacher, singer and musician - with back-up tapes.
- ▶ For each team, lay people (at least one or two) who can give out tracts, witness, and do general evangelism.
- ▶ At least a dozen additional teams are needed to reach the areas requested. Teams of two to four volunteers.

Our Polish partners are asking volunteers to join them in proclaiming the message of Christ to lost people, and to minister in the Savior's name.

You can tell people about Jesus, you can help them make a decision that will affect their lives forever. You can help build the churches in Poland.

Answer this request with "Here I am, Lord, send me!"

And, you may be asking, what's in it for me?

The answer is simple. What's in it for me — The satisfaction of volunteering to meet a need that otherwise might not be met. Any of us could be the only answer to the Macedonian Call for simultaneous revivals in Polish Baptist churches.

The volunteers who go on mission for evangelism or any other ministry — come home with a new attitude about being a part of God's plan for the local church. The returning volunteer is more missions minded, more evangelistic, more excited about every Christian ministry. And, even one returning volunteer has a contagious affect on prayer and missions-giving in the church.

Partnership Missions is one of the most rewarding "pro-



GUSTAW CIESLAR, rector of the Polish Baptist Seminary, Warsaw, appreciates the Bibles and books donated to the seminary by Tennessee Baptist WMU and Sunday School groups.

grams" adopted by Southern Baptists.

Tennessee Baptists have been deeply involved with this "hands-on" approach since its inception.

Not only does Partnership Missions give churches and individual Baptists the opportunity to minister in the name of Christ, there is opportunity to work through well-coordinated planning of the partners.

Though there is that in-

volvement, the individual is not hindered in any way by "paper work."

Volunteers just "sign up" by giving the Partnership/Volunteer Missions office some basic information, the proper amount of money, and attend orientation.

Evangelism "at home" is a great help to those who volunteer. Being a ready witness, involved in the church's ministry, really helps. *B&R*

Poland: vintage culture, with ...

— Continued from page 7 of the Baptist Union of Poland.

Here's some important background. At the November 1994 Tennessee Baptist Convention's annual meeting in Memphis, messengers heard a report from a team that visited Polish Baptists that summer, and approved a recommendation for a Partnership Mission between Tennessee Baptists and the Baptists of Poland.

I was on that team, and went again and met more Polish people. It was a blessing!

As with any great Baptist missions endeavor, partnership began with whispered prayers, discussions, and a gathering of representatives from Poland, Tennessee, and the Foreign Mission Board.

Then what happened? The first teams went from Tennessee to Poland within a few

weeks after the official agreement had been made.

Terry Sharp, our Executive Board Partnership/Volunteers Missions state missionary, was effective in all stages of planning and implementation.

In any partnership, there is always some air of mystery, stepping out into the "unknown." But Tennessee Baptists overcame even that, mainly because of the real fellowship they have found with Baptist "kinfolks" in Poland.

Poland became the TBC's first European partner. The distance, the language, the culture, the economics, learning to speak Polish names with confidence, all loomed as roadblocks to a successful partnership venture.

But optimism and experience in planning such partner-

ships was strong enough to help move the partnership forward.

At the same time, Sharp was involved with a new partnership with Canada, an ongoing relationship with Michigan, and closing out a three-year partnership with Chile.

And now — nearing the summer of 1997, the successful trips and projects have proven that the partnership has been good for both partners.

The partnership will close but there is a lot of work yet to be done — more adventures, a wealth of missions and evangelism experiences, and lifetime relationships to be established. Most importantly, there is ample opportunity to know you've helped people by answering the Macedonian Call from Polish Baptists. *B&R*



MAIN OPEN SQUARE in Krakow is in the midst of very old buildings. The Cloth Trading Building houses hundreds of handcraft shops. Horsedrawn carriages beckon to weary travelers.

Projects for May 18-28 Simultaneous Revivals in Poland

Project #: A
Location: Zyradow Church
Participants: 1-4
Description: Music group with soloist.

Project #: AA
Location: Lublin Church
Participants: 2-5
Description: Evangelist, soloist, and 3-person music team.

Project #: B
Location: Gizycko Church
Participants: 2-6
Description: Evangelist needed to lecture in high schools and a music group with soloist could perform. Bring sound equipment.

Project #: C
Location: Ostroleka Mission Station
Participants: 1-6
Description: Evangelist and a country music group.

Project #: D
Location: Konin Church
Participants: 2-3
Description: Evangelist and soloist needed. Church wants messages on the second coming.

Project #: DD
Location: Zdunska Wola Mission Station
Participants: 1-6
Description: Evangelist with 5-person music group. Music group to give concerts. It should bring sound systems.

Project #: EE
Location: Czestochowa Mission Station
Participants: 1-8
Description: Evangelist with country music band. Church wants a team member to lecture on eastern religions and/or problems youth face.

Project #: F
Location: Gdynia Church
Participants: 6-10
Description: Evangelist for young people and a Christian rock band.

Project #: FF
Location: Gryfino Mission Station
Participants: 2
Description: Evangelist and a music team.

Project #: H
Location: Elblag Church
Participants: 3-8
Description: Evangelist, soloist, and youth music group. Bring portable sound system for street concerts.

Project #: K
Location: Swinowjście Church
Participants: 5-8
Description: Evangelist, band, and drama team.

Project #: O
Location: Bialystok
Participants: 5-7
Description: Small African American choir and/or evangelist.

Project #: S
Location: Przemysl Church
Participants: 1-5
Description: Evangelist and a music team (band).

Project #: T
Location: Bielski Podlaski Church
Participants: 2-6
Description: Evangelist and a country music band.

Project #: U
Location: Ketrzyn Church
Participants: 2-6
Description: Evangelist and a music team (contemporary Christian band with no rock music) or soloist.

Project #: V
Location: Gorzowice Church
Participants: 2-10
Description: Evangelist and a music group. Bring portable sound system.

Project #: W
Location: Elk Church
Participants: 8-10
Description: Evangelist, country music band, and drama and/or pantomime team. Church wants lectures on how to protect children from cults.

Project #: Y
Location: Kielce Church
Participants: 2-22
Description: Evangelist, soloist, 6 pantomime or drama workers, a band of 8, and 6 street witnessing workers. Request is flexible in all above.

Partnership/Volunteer Missions Newsletter

Costa Rica Projects

English as a Second Language

Project #: CR71997823
 Dates: May 3-10
 Location: Central Valley
 Description: ESL/Education
 Volunteers are needed to lead ESL workshops to teach English-speaking Costa Ricans how to teach English to non-English speakers.

Construction

Project #: CR71997815
 Dates: May 3-11
 Location: South Zone
 Description: Construction
 A team of 10 is needed to construct a public health clinic in a rural area.

Sports

Project #: CR71997824
 Dates: May 17-27
 Location: Atlantic Zone
 Description: Sports
 A team of 20 is needed to lead sports/evangelism using soccer.

Project #: CR71997826
 Dates: June 14-23
 Location: Atlantic Zone
 Description: Sports
 A team of 10 is needed to lead sports/evangelism through basketball.

Project #: CR71997827
 Dates: July 11-19
 Location: Atlantic Zone
 Description: Sports
 A team of 12 is needed to do evangelism through volleyball.

Special Services

Project #: CR71997811
 Dates: May 17-24
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Special Services
 A team of 3 is requested to join local missionaries in a "prayer walk" through unevangelized areas.

Project #: CR71997821
 Dates: June 7-15
 Location: Peidra Angular
 Description: Special Services
 A team of 3 is needed to train workers on how to set up and run a Christian day care.

Project #: CR71997807
 Dates: Aug. 1-30
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Special Services
 A computer/network specialist is needed to examine all computer systems of the missionaries and the Baptist Center.

Project #: CR71997812
 Dates: Aug. 23-30
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Special Services
 A team of 3 is requested to join local missionaries in a "prayer walk" through unevangelized areas.

Project #: CR71997813
 Dates: Sept. 20-27
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Special Services
 A team of 3 is requested to join local missionaries in a "prayer walk" through unevangelized areas.

Music

Project #: CR71997801
 Dates: Dec. 13-22
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Music
 A team of 30 is needed to lead evangelistic Christmas concerts in churches and public places. The target is young people.

Michigan Projects

Construction

Project #: O-9a
 Dates: June 2-6
 Location: Clarkston
 Description: Construction
 Oakland Woods Church needs a team of 7-8 to pour the foundation for their new building.

Project #: SC-3a-3e



Dates: June 2 - July 17
 Location: Battle Creek
 Description: Construction
 New Life Church needs a team of 8 to help construct a church building.

Project #: M-13b-13i
 Dates: July 7 - Aug. 31
 Location: Clinton Township
 Description: Construction
 Central Church needs volunteers to help construct their sanctuary.

Project #: O-9e
 Dates: July 7-12
 Location: Clarkston
 Description: Construction
 Oakland Woods Church needs a team of 7-8 to put up drywall in their building.

Project #: O-9h
 Dates: July 27-31
 Location: Clarkston
 Description: Construction
 Oakland Woods Church needs a team of 7-8 to lay carpet and do detail and finish work on their building.

Project #: UP-1
 Dates: July/August
 Location: St. Houghton
 Description: Construction
 A team is needed to repair the roof of a church sanctuary by resurfacing it.

Project #: SC-4
 Dates: Open
 Location: Portage
 Description: Construction
 A South Central Association mission congregation needs a team to do roofing and electrical work.

Camp

Project #: M-1
 Dates: June 15 - Aug. 15
 Location: Roseville
 Description: Camp
 Antioch Church needs 2 volunteers to help with a day camp.

Summer Missionaries

Project #: M-4-M-12
 Dates: June 8 - Aug. 17
 Location: Macomb Association
 Description: Summer Missionary
 Each church needs a volunteer to do summer youth ministry work for 10 weeks.

Evangelism

Project #: UP-2
 Dates: July
 Location: Gwinn
 Description: Evangelism
 A youth group has been requested to do evangelism, puppets, drama, and music in several churches.

Project #: SW-2
 Dates: Open
 Location: Lawrence
 Description: Evangelism
 Good Samaritan Church needs a team to lead a survey for a Spanish church.

Church Planting

Project #: M-3
 Dates: ASAP
 Location: Port Huron
 Description: Church Planting
 A volunteer is needed for church planting work through evangelism, leadership development, and music. The term is one - two years.

Project #: O-3 - O-7
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Southfield
 Description: Church Planting
 Oakland Association needs 10-50 volunteers to start new churches with block parties, surveys, BYBCs, and witnessing. This work can include drama, music, skits, games, and puppets.

Project #: G-1
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Burton
 Description: Church Planting
 Several teams of 5-20 are requested to lead a church planting effort through evangelism, VBS, puppets, and drama.

Backyard Bible Clubs

Project #: B-1
 Dates: Open

Location: Birch Run
 Description: BYBC
 The Bay Area Association needs 5 or more volunteers for a BYBC.

Canada Projects

Music

Project #: PM11997623
 Dates: June 9-15
 Location: Cochrane, Alberta
 Description: Music
 A group of volunteers is needed to lead music, worship, and choir workshop.

Vacation Bible Schools

Project #: CA-4
 Dates: July 14-18
 Location: Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Description: VBS
 New Life Chapel needs a team of 2-4 to help conduct a VBS for grades 1-6.

Project #: PM11997643
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Grand Prairie, Alberta
 Description: VBS
 A team of 3 is needed for a VBS at New Life Chapel.

Camp

Project #: CA-5
 Dates: July 28 - Aug. 1
 Location: Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Description: Camp
 New Life Chapel needs a team of 4-6 to lead a one-week Bible camp for grades 1-6.

Project #: CA-6
 Dates: Aug. 4-8
 Location: Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Description: Camp
 New Life Chapel needs a team to lead a one-week Bible camp for youth, grades 7-12.

Project #: PM11997642
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Description: Camp
 A team of 3 or more is needed to serve as camp pastor and counselors for a youth camp.

Project #: PM11997644
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Grande Prairie, Alberta
 Description: Camp
 A team of 3 males and 3 females is needed to serve as camp pastor and counselors for a children's rustic camp.

Backyard Bible Clubs

Project #: PM11997603
 Dates: Aug. 4-11
 Location: Birch Run
 Description: BYBC/Construction
 A team of 16 is needed to hold BYBC as well as pour a 250-foot-long concrete walk.

Singles Retreat

Project #: PM11997601
 Dates: Open
 Location: Calgary, Alberta
 Description: Singles Retreat
 Two volunteers are needed to provide the music and messages at a singles retreat.

Children's Ministry

Project #: PM11997620
 Dates: Open
 Location: Calgary, Alberta
 Description: Children's Ministry
 A team of 3-5 is needed for a children's festival on a weekend. This work can include drama, skits, puppets, teaching, and preaching.

Construction

Project #: PM31997605
 Dates: Open
 Location: Prince Albert
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to purchase and renovate a bus to be used as a mobile chapel.

Church Planting

Project #: PM11997636
 Dates: Open
 Location: Surrey, B.C.
 Description: Church Planting
 A team is needed to plant a church. They will lead BYBC for Vietnamese children.

Project #: FPVIVS6601
 Dates: Open
 Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Description: Church Planting
 A team is needed to complete a survey in two areas to find opportunities to start a church.

Project #: PM11997622
 Dates: Open
 Location: Vancouver, B.C.
 Description: Church Planting
 A Tennessee church is needed to partner Gladstone Church in sponsoring a Mandarin-Taiwanese congregation.

Project #: PM11997619
 Dates: Summer
 Location: North Kildonan
 Description: Church Planting
 A team of volunteers is needed to start a church.



Special Services

Project #: PFPVIVS6600
 Dates: Summer 99
 Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Description: Special Services
 The Keystone Association needs volunteers during the 1999 Pan American Games to be translators, evangelism teams, choirs, and booth workers.

Poland Projects

Music

Project #: 11997408
 Dates: Spring
 Location: Poznan
 Description: Music
 A team of 4-6 is needed to do preaching, personal witnessing, and music evangelism in schools and public areas.

Project #: 11997422
 Dates: May 22-25
 Location: Bialystok
 Description: Music
 A spiritual choir is needed to lead concerts which include messages and testimonies.

English as a Second Language

Project #: 11997424
 Dates: April 4-27
 Location: Eblag
 Description: ESL/Education
 A team is requested to conduct lectures in high schools as well as music concerts. This can include drama, puppets, music, and lectures on cults, abortion, sex, Christian marriages, and dating.

Project #: 11997417
 Dates: June 28 - July 13
 Location: Bielsk
 Description: ESL/Evangelism
 A team of 5-6 is needed to teach English as a second language. This work includes evangelism and outreach activities.

Project #: PC-11
 Dates: Sept. 1 - Dec. 12
 Location: Radom
 Description: ESL/Education
 Two young single men are needed to help plant a new church through teaching conversational English and the Bible.

Evangelism

Project #: 11997428
 Dates: May 25 - June 1
 Location: Wroclaw
 Description: Evangelism
 A team of 20-25 is requested to conduct street evangelism during the World Catholic Congress.

Project #: 29
 Dates: July 7-13
 Location: Wroclaw
 Description: Evangelism
 First Church, Wroclaw, needs a team of 10 to lead evangelism outreach in two nearby towns. Team needs gifts in music, drama, puppets, etc.

Sports

Project #: 11997421
 Dates: June 2-9
 Location: Bialystok

Description: Sports
 A team of 6-8 is needed to play basketball, visit schools, play teams from Bialystok, and give testimonies.

Camp
 Project #: 51
 Dates: July 5-21
 Location: Szczytno
 Description: Camp
 Christian Church needs 2-4 men to lead youth camp/canoing trip.

Project #: 11997413
 Dates: Aug. 4-8
 Location: Warsaw/Radosc
 Description: Camp
 A team of 3-10 is needed to lead a day camp for children. This includes teaching Bible stories, crafts, games, etc.

Construction
 Project #: PC-12
 Dates: July 6-20
 Location: Torun
 Description: Construction
 A team of 4-6 men is needed to continue construction on a rustic camp.

Project #: 11997412
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Koszalin
 Description: Construction
 A team of 3-5 is needed to replace the windows in a church.

Project #: 11997432
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Poznan
 Description: Construction
 A team of 4-6 is needed to lead renovation of a church. This includes painting, repairing wood floors, and laying paving tiles for parking area.

Project #: PC-15
 Dates: Fall
 Location: Swientajno
 Description: Construction
 A team of 12-15 is needed to help construct a camp building.

Project #: PC-16
 Dates: Open
 Location: Gdansk
 Description: Construction
 A team of 8-10 is needed to complete construction of an attic for educational space.

Project #: 11997429
 Dates: Open
 Location: Szczytno
 Description: Construction
 Christian Church needs team of 2-4 to do carpentry repair work and interior painting on church.

Tennessee Projects

Construction
 Project #: 91
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 Brinkley Heights Church needs teams of 10-50 youth for one-week to do community work such as cleaning vacant lots, painting, fixing up low-income housing, distributing meals, and BYBC.

Project #: 92
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Atoka
 Description: Construction
 Gateway Church needs construction team of 10-12 to build an addition onto church.

Project #: 93
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rossville
 Description: Construction
 Gospel Light Church needs team of 15-20 youth/adults to help repair low-income homes.

Project #: 94
 Dates: Open
 Location: Jackson
 Description: Construction
 Greater Hope Day Care needs team of 5-10 to do light construction for one week.

Project #: 95

Dates: Summer
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 Brinkley Heights Church needs teams of 10-15 youth to help clean and repair apartments. Teams will also distribute meals and conduct BYBCs.

Project #: 96
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 New Song Church needs team of 10 youth/adults to repair neighborhood homes.

Project #: 102
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rossville
 Description: Construction
 Rossville Church needs team of 5-10 adults to install driveway. Bring equipment.

Health Care
 Project #: 103
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Health Care
 Brinkley Heights Alliance needs team of 5-10 health care professionals or medical/dental students to conduct screenings for one week.

BYBC/VBS
 Project #: 104
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC
 Brinkley Heights Church needs teams of 10-50 youth to do BYBCs in low-income housing area. Also help clean up vacant lots, repair housing, and distribute meals.

Project #: 105
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Rossville
 Description: VBS
 Gospel Light Church needs teams of 20-25 youth/adults to conduct VBS and do clean, paint, and repair work. Bring tools.

Project #: 106
 Dates: All Year
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Evangelism
 Individual will work part-time to coordinate children's Bible clubs, Bible studies, and volunteer teams in a trailer park.

Project #: 107
 Dates: September to May
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC
 Team of up to 6 youth will lead weekly Big A Bible Clubs for a trailer park for four weeks.

Project #: 108
 Dates: Open
 Location: Jackson
 Description: VBS
 Up to 40 teams of 6-10 youth/adults needed to hold one-week VBSs or BYBCs in apartment areas or housing projects.

Project #: 109
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: VBS
 Monument of Love Church needs teams of 5-10 youth to lead VBS, activities, arts, and crafts for two weeks.

Project #: 110
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC
 Teams of 10-15 youth are needed to lead one-week BYBCs in low-income apartment complex. Teams also will clean and repair and distribute meals. Puppets and clowning skills are helpful.

Project #: 111
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC
 New Song Church needs teams of 10 or more youth to lead BYBCs in public housing community building.

See page 10 for more projects.

Tennessee church needs and volunteer interest forms available

For *The Macedonian Call*

Both the Church Needs Forms and the Volunteer Interest Forms are now available from the TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team. These forms are for churches and volunteers who want to work right here at home in Tennessee.

To meet the needs that exist here in Tennessee, the Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team will try to assist churches in locating volunteers as

well as helping volunteers find a project.

This month, Partnership/Volunteer Missions will provide churches requesting volunteer help with a one-page form. By completing this form, the Church Needs Form, churches can make their needs known across the state.

The Church Needs Form will allow the church to indicate much needed information. Included will be the date the project may be done, what type of work

is needed, how many volunteers will be needed, as well as other pertinent details.

Once the form is returned to the Tennessee Baptist Convention office, Partnership/Volunteer Missions will promote these projects in its newsletters, and tell prospective volunteers who contact the office directly of the needs.

Volunteers interested in participating in a Tennessee project may contact the office, or request a Volunteer Inter-

est Form. This form will allow them to indicate the type of project they are interested in, how many people they have on their team, when they can volunteer, and other specific information.

Partnership/Volunteer Missions will then inform the interested volunteer of any available projects that would suit their particular interests.

To obtain these forms, which will be available the last week of March, call Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at 1-800-558-2090. ■

Tennessee Projects continued

Project #: 112
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: BYBC
Shelby Association needs at least 10 teams of 10-30 youth to work with local churches leading Bible clubs in city parks. Teams also will do community work projects.

Miscellaneous
Project #: 113
Dates: All Year
Location: Memphis
Description: Clothing Ministry
Brinkley Heights Church needs individuals or team of youth to work in clothing room. Volunteers are needed 1-2 days per month 2 hours per day.

Project #: 114
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: Counseling Ministry
Brinkley Heights Alliance needs individual or team of 6 to talk and pray with families at clothing/food ministry. Volunteers are needed 2-3 days per week 2 hours per day.

Project #: 115
Dates: September - April
Location: Memphis
Description: Tutorial Ministry
Brinkley Heights Alliance needs individuals (high school youth/adults) to tutor grade children two hours each Thursday.

Project #: 116
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: Sports Clinic
Monument of Love Church and Shelby Association need teams of youth to conduct a sports clinic for one week.

Project #: 117
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: Summer Camp
Monument of Love Church and Shelby Association need teams of 5-10 youth to lead a camp from one week up to one month.

Rapid Response Team set

For *The Macedonian Call*

A new Partnership/Volunteer Missions Rapid Response Team was recently established to assume missions projects that become unstaffed due to unexpected changes in the plans of volunteers, according to Terry Sharp. TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions state missionary.

The Rapid Response Team (RRT) is a special group of partnership/volunteer missionaries who can respond in a moment's notice and staff a mission effort which would otherwise have to be canceled.

If you are interested in serving, membership applications are now being accepted for RRT. Please indicate areas of interest on forms. For more information, contact Christina Peters of the Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at (1-615) 371-2021 or 1-800-558-2090. ■

Missions efforts need eyeglasses

For *The Macedonian Call*

Partnership missions volunteers Dewey and Bobbie Dunn of Woodmont Church, Nashville, have requested donations of good, usable eyeglasses to be distributed on their upcoming missions effort in Poland.

Bobbie Dunn said the donated glasses should not be

broken or severely scratched. She asked that the glasses be mailed or delivered to the Tennessee Baptist Convention Partnership/Volunteers Missions Office.

Send or deliver eyeglasses to Terry Sharp, Partnership/Volunteer Missions specialist, TBC, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37204-0728. ■

Over 25 'sister churches' needed!

For *The Macedonian Call*

A great need exists for Tennessee Baptist churches to become involved in the Sister Church Program with Michigan. Over 25 churches in Michigan have requested a Tennessee church to join them in this pilot effort.

The Sister Church Program is designed to bring together a church from each state. Through this relationship and the ongoing partnership, the churches are encouraged to support each other through prayer and frequent contact between the pastors. Churches also may choose to support each other through mission efforts in their sister churches such as revivals, Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Clubs, and survey work.

Won't you become involved in this program and become an encouragement to a Michigan church in 1997? Our Michigan partners are awaiting you!

If your church is interested in becoming a sister church, please fill out the form below and mail it to: Partnership/Volunteer Missions, Attn: Christina Peters, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024. Or call the staff at (1-615) 371-2021 or 1-800-558-2090. ■

Sister Church Interest Form

Name of Church: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Contact Person: _____

Partnership Prayer Requests

March

19 — Micah Peacock, 8, ill son of a professor at the Canadian Baptist Seminary, Cochrane, Alberta. He has a congenital illness and a respiratory infection.

20 — Ben Argil, missionary in San Rafael de Guapiles, Costa Rica, as he works with youth through sports.

21 — Joe Drummer, minister to college students, Calvary Church, Knoxville, who is leading a team of students in Warsaw, Poland this month. They are ministering through sports, drama, and music.

22 — Praise God for the regional Start Something New Rallies held in many churches in February in Michigan.

23 — Praise God for a new congregation of Abundant Life Christian Fellowship meeting in a home in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. Six couples form the congregation.

24 — Ben Argil and Keith Travis, missionaries in Costa Rica, are working in a minimum security prison near Guapiles.

25 — For funds for the "Here's Hope - Christ" crusade to be held in May across Poland.

Check online

For *The Macedonian Call*

The TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team is now online with SBCNet through the CompuServe online service.

Access SBCNet and then State Convention Forum. Go to Library Browse and Tennessee. Under Partnership Missions, look for the updated "Macedonian Call."

Not only will the latest Volunteer Projects be filed, but also the most recent Prayer Requests from TBC Prayer Partners.

Send Prayer Requests online through CompuServe's e-mail to Marcia Knox, 104520,3323. ■

1997 Volunteer Interest Form

If you are interested in participating in a partnership project for 1997, please complete this form and return it to our office: Tennessee Baptist Convention, Partnership Missions Department, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024.

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Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Church _____ Association _____

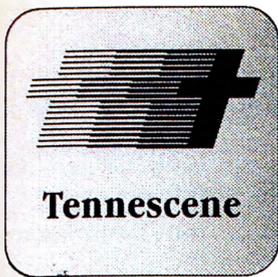
Please check ONE of the following areas where you could serve:

Canada Michigan Poland Costa Rica

Type of project you would like to be involved in _____

Date you would like to serve _____

Estimated number on team _____



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people

■ **Oak Grove Church, Cleveland**, has ordained **Roger Thompson** as a deacon. He was given the deacon charge by Mike Dixon, pastor.

■ **Imogene Wilson**, secretary for Haywood Hills Church, Nashville, for almost 31 years, will retire March 31.

missionaries

■ **Anthony and Noreen Jackson** of Memphis, have been appointed as home missionaries by the Southern Baptist Home



JACKSONS

Mission Board, effective March 1. Anthony Jackson will serve as a church planter apprentice in Memphis. He was pastor of Mt. Helm Church, Jackson, Miss. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. Noreen Jackson is a graduate of Southern University, New Orleans.

leaders

■ **Mack Bingham**, minister of education, Central Church, Bearden, Knoxville,



STUDENTS of King's Academy of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, pause during an Experiential Curriculum for the Outdoors class outing to the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area between Jamestown and Oneida.

for more than 26 years, will be honored April 6 on his retirement March 31.

■ **Low Reynolds** of Nashville, state prayer coordinator for Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries, has conducted prayer conferences at Eastside Church, Elizabethton, and First Church, Fairview. He will lead similar conferences April 6 and 13 at Crossroads Church, Greenbrier, and April 18-19 at Riverside Association.

■ **Jimmy L. McCarter**, pastor, Zion Hill Church, Englewood, was honored recently on his 10th anniversary of service. He and his wife, Ozella, were given the receipts of a love offering and several other gifts.

■ **Hickory Ridge Church, Memphis**, has called **Mark Duggin** as pastor, effective March 23.

■ **Robert Lemay**, pastor, Bethlehem Church, Springfield, for seven years, will retire April 6. He has served as a full-time minister for 40 years. He will be honored during the 11 a.m. worship service and at a luncheon. For more information, call (615) 643-0333.

■ **Haywood Hills Church, Nashville**, has called **Dan K. Phillips**, interim minister of education, as minister of education. The church also called **M. Lester McCullough** as minister of music. Phillips has served the church as interim for 10 months. He was an employee of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1981-1995. And he has served on church staffs in Alabama and Indiana. McCullough also has been an employee of the Sunday School Board from 1993 to present. He has served the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Florida Baptist Convention, and a church in Florida.

■ **Whites Creek Church, Rockwood**, has called **Roger Britton** as interim pastor, effective March 1.

■ **George Horton**, retired associate pastor, Haywood

Hills Church, Nashville, has been called as interim pastor, Lincoln Park Church, Flint, Mich., to support the Tennessee/Michigan Baptist Partnership. He will serve the church for two months and then Horton and his wife will work at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M., this summer.

churches

■ **Oakwood Church, Chattanooga**, will hold Dedication Day April 20 for its remodeled facilities which include transforming a sanctuary into a fellowship hall, kitchen, and other space and the addition of a multi-purpose activities building. Special guests who will provide music during 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. services will be Frank Drewry, former minister of music, and Tommy Cox. Activities include a luncheon.

■ The 100-voice sanctuary choir and other music and drama groups of **Forest Hills Church, Nashville**, will present "Remember Me ... The Passion of Christ," March 23 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (615) 373-8074.

■ **Bob Norman**, retired pastor, Clearview Church, Franklin, will lead a March 23-26 revival at **Bartlebaugh Church, Chattanooga**.

■ **Miracle Church, Lavergne**, will hold revival March 23-26. Harold Hunter of Nashville, will speak.

■ **First Church, Hunter**, changed their Sunday morning schedule March 16. Sunday School now will begin at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship service at 10:25 a.m. Also the church will dedicate its new sanctuary April 6 during the morning worship service. Activities include a luncheon and open house from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

■ **Central Church, Hixson**, will hold a "Night of Majesty and Miracles," on Easter, March 30, at Memorial Auditorium, Chattanooga, beginning at 7 p.m. The program will be led by the church's sanctuary choir and orchestra, other guests, and Ron Phillips, pastor. For tickets and other information, call (423) 877-6462.

■ **Central Church, Hixson**, will hold a Sonlight Crusade April 7-11 at Tennessee Tech University's Agriculture Pavilion. Ron Phillips, senior pastor who is featured on the TV program, "The Central Message," in Cookeville, will speak.



PARTICIPATING in a Feb. 23 groundbreaking ceremony are leaders of Parks City Church, Fayetteville, from left, first row, Calvin Perkins; Joe Cashion; Bob Pittenger; Don Russell, pastor; Paul Hall; and Clifford Thompson; back row, Joe Neece; Joe Smith; Charles Pyles; James Swinford; Charles Hammons; L.C. Hammons; and Horace Cashion. The ceremony marked the launch of construction of an educational wing. The church already has given more than half of the cost of the wing, which is \$240,000.

■ **Liberty Grove Church, Jackson**, will present the dramatic Easter musical, "The Choice," March 21-23.

■ **First Church, Fishersville**, will host a Spring Bible Conference April 18-20. Peter Lord of Titusville, Fla., will speak. For more information, call (901) 853-4253.

state events

■ **Campers on Mission** will hold a rally at the Cedars of Lebanon State Park near Lebanon May 16-18. Registration begins on May 15. For more information, contact Beverly Smothers, Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries, at (1-615)-371-2044.

the schools

■ **Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City**, recently honored William Hendricks, director of Baptist studies and lecturer in theology, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. The school's Center for Church Music gave him the Hallelujah Award during a church music symposium.

■ **William E. Troutt**, president of Belmont University, Nashville, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities for 1997-98. He was selected by member presidents from seven states to represent them on the association's 47-member board for a three-year term. NAICU represents nearly 900 independent colleges and universities on public policy issues with the federal government.

■ The School of Nursing of **Belmont University, Nashville**, has received accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, the single designated organization responsible for nursing education. The NLN awarded initial accreditation to the master of science in nursing and continued accreditation for the bachelor of science in nursing programs.

the hospitals

■ **Dan Leffler** has been named director of the Baptist Hospital Pharmacy of **Baptist Hospital, Nashville**. Leffler joined the pharmacy staff in 1989.



HOLDING certificates commissioning them as Mission Service Corps volunteers with the Home Mission Board are L.J. and Ethel Hatcher during a recent ceremony at their church, Oak Grove Church, McEwen. The couple is serving in American Samoa, where they will work with Samoa Baptist Academy and Emmanuel Church there.

Tennesseans among Southern Baptist workers leaving Albania

By Mike Creswell
For Baptist Press

TIRANA, Albania— All Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board workers remaining in Albania left the country March 12 as violence in the southern region continued to intensify.

Nine workers evacuated to Greece and Bosnia earlier in March, but then rebel mobs seized more territory. Insurgents looted assault rifles, heavy machine guns, and fighter planes from government bases, forcing army and police units to flee north. The continued violence prompted mission administrators to pull the remaining nine workers from the country as well. Bill and Debbie McIntyre, Mark Hinton, and Suzanne Lacy re-

located to Thessaloniki, Greece, while James Bradley moved to Skopje, Macedonia.

They all will continue their study of the Albanian language and work with the large groups of ethnic Albanians in those countries.

Kevin Walker, Gale and Leslie Hartley, and Lawrence Duhon relocated to Sarajevo, Bosnia, where they will help with church-planting efforts.

The Hartleys are from Elizabethton and Mountain City, respectively. He is a former pastor of East Side Church, Elizabethton.

Eight of the nine workers who evacuated earlier also relocated to Bosnia.

In September and November 1996, six missionary cou-

ples entered Bosnia for temporary six-month assignments to respond to an openness to the Gospel after four years of civil war. During the war, Southern Baptists sent more than \$1.5 million in humanitarian aid through several Baptist-related relief agencies based in Croatia and Serbia.

Mission leaders hoped other workers would come forward for long-term assignments before the six-month commitments were completed.

"We have been praying for extra workers to go into Bosnia

for more than a year," said Larry Cox, who directs Foreign Mission Board efforts in the area. "I believe God has answered that prayer by using an unfortunate situation in Albania to send workers into Bosnia."

The violence threatens growth on one of the most responsive mission fields in Eastern Europe. Dozens of evangelical churches have sprouted across Albania in recent years as people have re-

sponded rapidly to the Gospel.

More than 830 villages in Albania's rugged countryside have been the focus of a program called Albania Evangelical Rural Outreach (AERO), carried out by Foreign Mission Board missionaries in cooperation with Campus Crusade for Christ, Helimission, and Albanian believers. ■

Classified

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Part-time minister of music needed at Temple Church in Old Hickory. Call (615) 847-5091.

MINISTER OF MUSIC: 1,100-member church seeks part-time minister of music with bachelor's degree with a major or emphasis in music preferred and at least 5 years church staff experience. Will direct youth and sanctuary choirs and coordinate graded choir program. Send resumes with references to FBC, 106 North Broadway, Portland, TN 37148. Attn: Greg Bowers, or fax to (615) 325-7097.

NEEDED: Part-time bivocational youth minister with heart for young people; responsible for planning, coordinating, promoting, and evaluating church's youth ministry. Write or call FBC, 603 North Main St., Ashland City, TN 37015; (615) 792-4724.

FOR SALE: Hunter FBC, Elizabethton, has used sanctuary pews for sale — 42 (12-foot), 5 (26-foot), two 4-foot stage pews and four matching folding usher chairs. Pews are burnt orange material with white pew end/oak finish and matching pulpit. Call and make offer Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at (423) 543-1381. Leave message after hours.

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Joelton FBC seeks a full-time minister of music for church with 575 average attendance in multiple services, including one contemporary and one traditional in format. Will oversee age-graded choirs from preschool through senior adults and have significant responsibilities for senior adult ministry as well. Send resumes to FBC, P.O. Box 86, Joelton, TN 37080. Attn: Dean Anderson.

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Lake City layman invents device for baptistry pools

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

LAKE CITY — While it has not happened in all of his years in the ministry Pastor Tom Byrge of Clinch River Church has worried about someone losing his or her balance while being baptized and thrashing around with absolutely no control.

"I tell people not to panic. I have never drowned someone ... yet," he noted with a grin.

He observed, however, that there are some people who have a fear of the water and occasionally someone's feet will come off the bottom when immersed and momentarily lose control. "People at times reach up to grab the edge of the baptistry to stabilize themselves. This takes care of that," he said.

Byrge mentioned that concern last year to one of his church members — Cormey Shultz, who just happens to

dabble with inventions.

Shultz immediately began experimenting on a device that would help the pastor and the person being baptized to maintain control.

The result was a "Baptismal Aid Baptistry Seat." It sits in the baptistry pool unnoticed by those in the congregation and can be used for adults or children.

It provides a seat for the person being baptized complete with a handhold for the seat and a brace for the feet.

The device was completed late last year and Byrge has already used it twice.

"This is a needed device. It is safer and makes the baptismal service more reverent," Byrge said, noting it is easier to dip the person into the water with no ripples or splashing.

Shultz took on the challenge because he enjoys inventing things and working with metal. "I enjoy trying to make something to make things work better," he said.

A retired truck driver Shultz has invented various things over the years and had one patented.

His new device is currently going through the patent process which normally takes

about six months, he said.

He already has secured a company in Lake City that will manufacture the baptismal aid device. He plans on marketing it on a limited basis while the patent is pending.

The device is 30 inches wide, 72 inches in length and fits easily into baptismal pools. It is lightweight and could be moved to a pond or creek that has a flat surface. Shultz noted.

While the exact cost has not been determined, Shultz anticipates it selling for less than \$400, which would be a one-time cost since it will last for years.

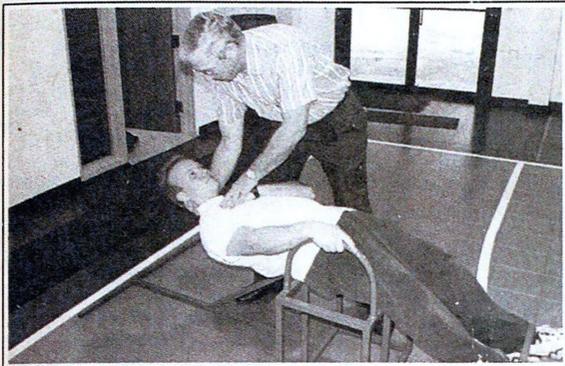
Shultz hopes his idea will be received well by other churches and that his baptismal aid device will become widely used. If it doesn't, however, he is happy that he was able to make something that his pastor suggested would be helpful in his work.

As for Byrge, he definitely is a satisfied customer.

Individuals or churches



Tennessee features



PASTOR TOM BYRGE of Clinch River Church demonstrates how the baptismal aid device works with Dustin Ward. Ward was the first adult baptized by Byrge using the device created by Clinch River member Cormey Shultz.



CORMEY SHULTZ, a member of Clinch River Church, Lake City, stands by his pastor Tom Byrge who is seated on the baptismal aid device designed by Shultz

wanting more information about the baptismal aid device can contact Shultz at (615) 426-2641. ■

Weakley County's 'consummate soul-winner' called home

By Shane Mercer
Special to Baptist and Reflector

MARTIN — He had to empty his pockets before going into the cell. Otherwise, one of the prisoners might take something away from him and use it as a weapon.

It was a bit sobering for the 34-year-old preacher. Terry Griffin had announced his decision to enter the ministry less than two weeks before, and now on this Friday night he was in the Weakley County Jail about to preach to a group of inmates.

But he wasn't alone. He was there with Jason Armstrong, the soft-spoken leader of the Weakley County Association's jail ministry.

The two had already prayed in the car and now they were on the opposite side of the cell door. It closed behind the two men and while it was unnerving for the young minister, he felt better because Armstrong was there. Armstrong told him everything would be fine and it was. Two inmates became Christians that night.

That was Griffin's first experience with jail ministry, but not Armstrong's. He had been doing that sort of work for six years and would go on to do it for 13 more years.

"You can feel the presence of God stronger there (at the jail) sometimes than you can at some churches," said Griffin, now pastor of Bible Union Church here. "These people (inmates) have proved in their lives that there's something missing and Jason brought that to them."

After the service, Armstrong and the pastor who was with him would go around to the inmates and talk to them one-on-one about Jesus.

Armstrong always had a pocket full of candy and some tracts for the in-

mates. Griffin at times also saw Armstrong take money out of his pocket to give to the inmates when he didn't have it to give.

Armstrong took many young pastors like Griffin with him on those trips.

Not only did Armstrong visit the inmates, he and his wife would visit their family members all over the county.

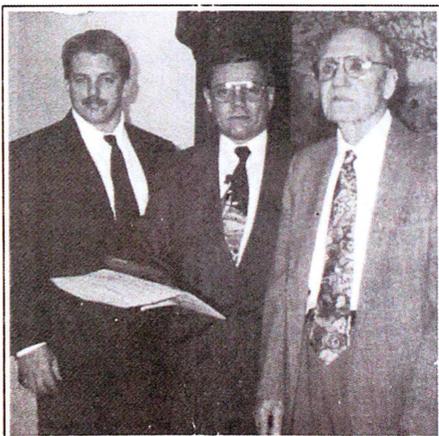
He "was the consummate soul winner," Griffin said. "I really learned what I know about soul-winning from Jason Armstrong — how to present the Gospel in almost any environment."

Richard Skidmore, director of missions for Weakley County Association, called Armstrong one of the association's finest lay members. "We know of more than 400 people who publicly have committed their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior because of Jason's personal witness," Skidmore said.

For his years of hard work and dedication, Armstrong was honored on Jan. 19 during Jason Armstrong Day at Bible Union. The 76-year-old was weak as he accepted the plaque and even with the aid of a microphone it was hard to hear him.

A few days later he was in the hospital, but he still wanted the pastor to go with him to the jail on Feb. 14. Griffin agreed, but knew it would be a miracle if Armstrong was able to go.

Armstrong didn't keep that appointment. The next day he answered a higher appointment — God's call to heaven. ■ — Mercer is a staff writer for the Weakley County Press. Used with permission.



JASON ARMSTRONG, right, was honored just before his death with a 'day' at Bible Union Church, Martin. He was presented a plaque of recognition by Trey Boucher, left, associate pastor, and Terry Griffin, pastor. — Photo by Harold V. Wilson

Highland Heights to dedicate mission home for Watts family

For Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — Highland Heights Church will dedicate its mission home and hold open house on April 6 at 2 p.m.

The home will house the family of missionary Wade Watts. Watts and his family were involved in an automobile accident in Peru early last year.

Watts and his son Marcus suffered extensive injuries. Watts continues his recovery process as a resident of HealthSouth in Memphis. Marcus still receives therapy four times weekly. Nancy Watts and Joshua escaped the accident with minor injuries.

Upon their return to Memphis following the accident last year Nancy and the boys lived in Leewood Church's missionary house.

Last fall the members of Highland Heights voted to convert a church-owned duplex into a single family dwelling and provide it as a home for the Watts family until they can return to Peru.

People from the church, Shelby Association, SBC Brotherhood Commission, and others made significant contributions to assist with the conversion and hundreds of hours of volunteer service was donated. ■

SWBTS trustees cut tuition; act on faculty

By Craig Bird
For Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Money didn't just talk at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary trustee meeting March 12. It sang a two-part harmony.

Trustees voted to begin a \$100 million fund-raising campaign (Touch the World ... Impact Eternity) "to carry us into the 21st century," voted to cut tuition 12.5 percent, and approved matters related to the hiring and promotion of faculty members.

Among the items targeted for the fund-raising campaign are funds for construction of a continuing education center, student housing, a fine arts center, and more.

The cut, from \$80 to \$70 per hour, makes Southwestern one of the lowest-cost seminaries in America (according to rankings by the Association of Theological Schools) even more affordable.

The tuition cut, which was tied to removal of a cap on tuition charges after 10 hours, contrasts with national trends of escalating student costs.

In matters related to seminary personnel, trustees elected one faculty member, promoted five professors, and granted tenure to one. The recommendation for another faculty appointment was withdrawn without a trustee vote being taken.

Scott Langston was elected assistant professor of Old Testament. Step promotions were approved for associate

professor of preaching Grant Lovejoy, distinguished professor of youth education Phil Briggs, professor of administration Gary Waller, professor of music theory and composition William Mac Davis Jr., and professor of piano Robert Carl Smith. Angela Cofer, associate professor of voice, was approved for tenure.

Tommy Lea, dean of the school of theology at the seminary, withdrew a recommendation to elect Steven Harmon as assistant professor of New Testament during trustee interviews. There was no vote on the matter.

Harmon, a doctor of philosophy student at Southwestern who anticipates receiving his degree this year, was recommended for a position by the four faculty members of the school's theology department. Harmon also is an adjunct teacher at Southwestern's extension center in Oklahoma City.

After being interviewed by Lea and Southwestern President Ken Hemphill, the seminary administration presented him for election to the faculty. However, as the approval process unfolded and Lea "listened to what was being said, I felt it best to take a step back and withdraw the recommendation." Lea described Harmon as "a young man with lots of piety and ability. This is in no way a reflection on him. It just became clear that withdrawing the nomination was the proper thing to do."

Hemphill agreed. "We believe Steve

is an outstanding young scholar and believer. This should not be interpreted negatively toward him any more than a pastoral search committee's choice of a particular pastor makes a negative statement toward others not chosen.

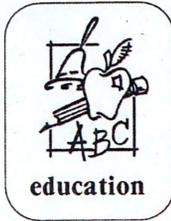
"Our election process has numerous checkpoints where candidates may be removed from consideration for various reasons. At the initial level, they are often removed by the faculty search committee.

"At any point in the process the dean and president may remove the name. In light of input from our trustee body we came to believe that it was not God's will to bring this candidate and, therefore, removed him from consideration. We prayed fervently, followed due process and I believe we made an appropriate decision."

Hemphill and Lea declined to discuss specific topics discussed with Harmon at the trustee level, citing the confidential nature of personnel matters and feeling Harmon should be allowed to speak for himself.

Harmon told reporters issues included a letter he wrote to the *Baptist Standard*, the weekly newsjournal of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, about the firing of former Southwestern President Russell Dilday and the role of women senior pastors of churches.

Lea stressed his decision to withdraw the recommendation was not influenced by Harmon's views on any of the several issues discussed in the interviews but by "a determination to do what was best for the seminary, the trustees, and for Steve Harmon." ■



SBTS to require evangelism course

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Every student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will soon be required to take a course in personal evangelism, Danny Akin told the seminary community March 11.

"I believe every seminary ought to equip every student for engagement in personal evangelism. I say this morning to our shame that we are a seminary that not yet requires personal evangelism for every single student," the vice president of academic administration said in a chapel address.

"But I want to tell you something: that day will change," said Akin, who also serves as dean of the school of theology.

"I have ... a mandate placed by our president who says in the near future that will not be an option. That will not be negotiable."

Although curriculum changes will not affect students already enrolled, Akin challenged seminarians to structure their schedules to take a personal evangelism course while in seminary.

Quoting a recent survey by pollster George Barna, Akin listed six problems common to evangelistic efforts today: ignorance of other faiths, a lukewarm passion for souls, ignorance about Jesus, bad salvation theology, misplaced trust, and insufficient motivation for evangelism. ■

Clinton bans federal funding of human cloning research

By Tom Strode
For Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton has issued an executive order prohibiting the use of federal funds for human cloning, a move applauded by a Southern Baptist biomedical ethicist but one he said is incomplete.

The president also asked for a voluntary moratorium on private research into cloning human beings.

Clinton acted in response to concerns about research on human beings might be nearing after Scottish researchers announced Feb. 22 they had cloned a sheep, the first successful duplication of an adult mammal.

"We agree wholeheartedly with the president. We would go further, however," said Ben Mitchell, consultant on biomedical and life issues for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and assistant professor of Christian

ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

It's not enough that only funding be withheld for the purposes of human cloning, Mitchell said. "We need to make it unlawful for anyone to clone another human being. Furthermore, we need to call upon every nation in the world to make human cloning unlawful.

"Not only does this represent our deeply held religious belief, but our view on human cloning is consistent with the view of Americans. Nearly 90 percent of Americans believe humans ought not be cloned. We are not prepared as a culture to bear the responsibility this new technology would bring with it."

In their semiannual meeting March 6, CLC trustees adopted a resolution commending the president's action and calling on Congress to prohibit human cloning. ■

Brotherhood contract valid without NAMB action

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The North American Mission Board is not required to affirm a contract with James D. Williams as a consultant following the dissolution of the Brotherhood Commission June 19, Implementation Task Force officials said.

According to media reports from a late February Brotherhood Commission trustee meeting, Williams said his contract, approved by the commission's trustee board, would be contingent on the approval of NAMB trustees. "As the agreement points out, I would be serving at the wishes of the NAMB," Williams, the commission's president, told reporters.

However, officials of the Implementation Task Force, the group appointed to assist Southern Baptist Convention agencies which are being dissolved in the restructuring of the denomination, told Baptist Press March 7 the contract does not require NAMB approval.

"The contract was negotiated between Dr. Williams and the executive committee of the Brotherhood Commission

trustees and ITF saw the agreement only after it was already approved," ITF officials said in the statement.

In a response March 10, Donley Brown, chairman of the Brotherhood Commission trustees, said the trustees' executive committee "last October began working with (Williams) on the contract and (it) was approved in principle awaiting full board approval in the February meeting. In early December, it was shared with ITF for review and input. ... The recommendation was approved unanimously."

"The statement to the press by Dr. Williams that this would require approval by the NAMB board was said in good faith based on the assumption that all agreements like these and others related to the merg-

er would finally be ratified by NAMB trustees."

Legal sources say the contract negotiated by Williams and the Brotherhood Commission trustees is a legally binding agreement upon NAMB when the commission, the Home Mission Board, and Radio and Television Commission become NAMB on June 19, since NAMB assumes all of the three agencies' liabilities and assets.

Williams told Baptist Press he hoped NAMB leadership would utilize his expertise in the ministries — missions education and involvement — of the Brotherhood Commission which will be assumed by NAMB. However, the contract is binding through his planned normal retirement date of Nov. 1, 1999, whether NAMB utilizes his services or not, he agreed. ■

Executive Board Position Openings

The Human Resources Office of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is accepting applications for two positions: (1) Secretary in Human Resources, Administrative Services Group and (2) Graphic Design Specialist in the Communication Services Group. Both positions are effective immediately. Information about either position may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn. 37024-0728, (615) 371-2013. All candidates must submit an application to be considered for a position.

Rejection

By Donna Wright

Focal Passage — Matthew 27:11-18, 20-26

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

Nearly two thousand years ago, Pontius Pilate asked these words of an angry mob. They returned with the haunting chant: "Crucify him!"

This week, the Gospel of Matthew takes us through part of the trial of Jesus. There are several things to think about when pondering these events. One of the most important is that Jesus is exactly who he says he is. However, he is not who the Jews were expecting. The Jews, including his disciples, were expecting a king to rule in the political arena. They were anticipating an end to the Roman oppression. They longed for a life of freedom, and hoped the long-awaited Messiah would bring that.

Another thing to remember is his trial was almost all bogus. Most of the proceedings were illegal by the very same set of laws used to crucify him.

The last point to make here is that these things did not happen by chance. Jesus could have stopped this show at any point. He could have looked toward the heavens and said that we weren't worth this and a thousand angels would have protected him.

And, he would have been right. But, I praise him and thank him that he thought we were worth it.

Verses 15-18 tell us that after Pilate talked with Jesus and tried so hard not to condemn him, he offered to release him. The crowd, however, decided to take Barabbas, when Pilate gave them the choice. The different Gospels, indicate that this man was all the sinful things Jesus was not. He was a robber, a murderer, and everything that you don't want to be. His political party was probably the "Zealots." They believed that the end justified the means.

Many people still feel that way today.

The choice between Jesus and Barabbas takes place on a constant basis. We may not use the name Barabbas, but there are a ton of other things that take away from the Lord, or take his place. Money, fame, and power.

Your fight may be one you can't talk about. Maybe you wrestle with sins like pornography, abortion, or a homosexual experience and just don't know how you even got to where you are.

When I was a teen in the seventies, I used to do a lot of singing in church. Once I was asked to sing a song that asked the question of who was responsible for the death of Jesus. It talked about the angry mob, the Roman soldiers, and Pontius Pilate.

The answer was that it was me. And, it was.

The truth is that this same Jesus who told his father to forgive those who nailed him to the cross, will forgive and accept you and me into open arms.

We know who Jesus is. We know why he died. We even know why he rose from the dead. We know he loves us, and will let us return to him like the prodigal son, and forgive us of all the horrible things we could possibly do.

What we don't know is, why would anyone reject him? ■ — Wright is a member of First Church, Newport.



Do what is right

By Mike Shelton

Focal Passage — II Thessalonians 3:1-16

Some years ago a preacher got on a bus one Monday morning, paid his fare, and was given too much change by the bus driver. The preacher sat down in a seat and considered what to do. He went to the driver and said, "Sir, you gave me too much change when I boarded the bus awhile ago." The driver responded, "I know. I was at your church last night and heard you preach on 'Thou shalt not steal.' I just wanted to see if you practice what you preach."

Right actions should be exhibited from us once we have professed faith in Jesus Christ. Our behavior sends a message to the world as to whether or not we have really been changed by the Lord. Paul wrote to the Thessalonian Christians and told them of some good works they could do that would send to others the right message about Christ and the church. Believers today need to carry out the same deeds.

Pray for the spread of the Gospel (vv. 1-5). Paul's desire was that the Gospel have "free course" in the world. In other words he wanted the preaching of Christ to take place in unhindered fashion throughout

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the Roman Empire. He knew of the hardships that could occur whenever obstacles were placed in the way of believers trying to share their faith. He discovered that prayer was a powerful weapon that could be used to break down barriers and maintain the freedom needed to witness openly. We, too, can display our faith by praying for this goal. Many obstacles still exist that would attempt to thwart the spread of the good news of Christ. Our prayers can lead to greater freedom of expression and acceptance.

Be saved

By Howard Kitter

Focal Passage — Matthew 27:39-46, 50-54

What a great way to be, "Saved." Someone once asked, "What is a person saved from?" Well, the answer to that is easy, saved from sin, saved from self destruction, saved from hell. The list goes on and on, but the key thing to remember is that we are not only saved from something, we are saved to something as well. And that is to serve God with a whole heart. This is why salvation is more than just fire insurance.

This lesson will help us understand what it means to have the opportunity to be saved.

Verses 39-44. In these verses no less than five slanderous remarks were hurled into the ears of Jesus. His prophecies and kingship were ridiculed. This verbal defamation came from at least four groups: 1) Those doing the crucifixion. They handled Jesus in ways unexplainable. Beating him, spitting on him, jerking him just to name a few. 2) This group was a simple duo, the two thieves. One of them later repented and found promise from the Lord. 3) The next group were those just passing by. They hurled insults

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and vulgar condescending gestures at Jesus. 4) This group is by far the most wicked of defamers. They were the chief priests, scribes, and elders. It was by their prompting that the rest responded. While all these people mocked, ridiculed, and blasphemed Jesus, he looked at all of them through the eyes of love and sacrifice. The very same way he looks at you and me. In the midst of all we are and do, Jesus loves us so much that he longs for us to receive him as Savior of our lives. People today are no different from those who crucified him.

Verses 45-54. When the sun shined it's brightest that day, God chose to do several miracles. 1) A deep dark fell and changed the entire atmosphere in that location. 2) Jesus announced that God had forsaken him. This because of our sins heaped upon him. 3) Jesus, the Holy Son of God, freely gave up the Ghost. He spilt his blood out and died for the atonement of all mankind. 4) There was a miraculous change in the temple. The veil rent from top to bottom. This signifying free access to God by the death of his son. 5) Supernatural earth-



Bible study
for March 23

Work (vv. 6-12,

14-15). The church in Thessalonica seems to have had a fairly substantial number of people within its fellowship who were able to work

but failed to do so. The opinion of many scholars is that they were so preoccupied with thoughts about the imminence of Christ's second coming they gave up their jobs and became wards of the church. Their idleness apparently led to a number of undesirable actions. The church suffered as a result of their behavior. Paul urged the believers to take part in the action of good, honest, hard work. This action would alleviate some problems the church was experiencing.

Since work is a gift from God, we should engage in it to the best of our ability. What we do, and how we do it, says a lot about our faith. When we work hard to make an honest living, we will not have time to gossip and pry into others' lives in an unChristian way. Our witness will also be enhanced among the lost people we are attempting to win to Christ.

Do good (v. 13). While the lazy believers in Thessalonica needed a helpful word from the Lord, the Christians there who were still working hard and displaying great faithfulness to Christ also needed some encouragement. So Paul urged them to continue in their good works. We sometimes forget the dedicated people in our churches need to hear an exhortation about the value of continued faithfulness. In Acts Peter says that Christ "went about doing good." We can be sure Jesus is pleased when his disciples do good deeds in his name in unceasing fashion. We can also be sure that an unbelieving world takes notice as well. They want to see if, by our actions, we are truly practicing what we preach. ■ -- Mike Shelton is pastor of Bellevue Church, Nashville.

quakes. The ground violently responded to Jesus' death. 6) Graves were opened by these quakes and saints

once dead, walked again on the earth.

There was much happening the day Jesus was crucified. These few things were the reactions from the heavenly Father. The death of Jesus was not something easily slipped into history. Rather it was something catastrophically blasted into the annals of all history.

The death of Jesus is not just historical though, it is eternal. This was accomplished with one, and only one purpose in mind. That purpose was the redemption of mankind for all eternity. The death of Jesus affected the physical world in these ways. I ask you, "How has it affected you?"

Ask yourself: Have I come to the place in my life that if I were to die tonight I know that I would be in heaven? If God were to ask you why he should let you into his heaven, what would you say? My friend please know that there is no other way to God than through his son, Jesus Christ. You must repent and receive him as your Savior. If you do this, your life will be greatly changed for all eternity. ■ — Kitter is pastor of First Church, Bethel Springs.



world news

Prayer walk paves way for witness

Baptist Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — A prayer walk in a Middle Eastern country led to scores of Muslims hearing the Gospel during late February.

Randy Sprinkle, prayer coordinator for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, accompanied a Southern Baptist worker on a prayer walk through the capital of a country which cannot be named because of security concerns. After passing a Muslim street preacher several times, they decided to talk to him.

The worker shared the Gospel with the Muslim preacher and scores of people gathered around to hear his words. Though the Muslim preacher had been talking loudly about Islam, he listened attentively to the worker's words, said Sprinkle, who stood nearby praying intently.

The Southern Baptist worker also was invited to share the Gospel in a drug rehabilitation center after they visited the facility's leaders.

Several prayer walks have been held in the region in-

cent years. "All intercession is spiritual warfare. It's standing in the gap for someone," Sprinkle said. ■

House supports display of commandments

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution supporting the display of the Ten Commandments in courthouses and government offices by a 295-125 vote March 5.

Rep. Robert Aderholt sponsored the House Concurrent Resolution 31 in response to a case in which Alabama circuit court judge Roy S. Moore, a Southern Baptist layman, had been ordered by a fellow circuit court judge to remove a hand-carved copy of the Ten Commandments in Moore's courtroom.

The resolution states the Ten Commandments should be permitted in courthouses and government offices because they are "a declaration of fundamental principles that are the cornerstones of a fair and just society."

The resolution does not have a binding legal effect. ■

Annuity Board assets stand at \$5.67 billion

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board met here in late February and heard reports of 1996 performance.

In his annual report, President Paul W. Powell called 1995 and 1996 "the best two back-to-back years in the history of the board."

Total assets under management and administrative control stood at \$5.67 billion on Dec. 31, 1996, an increase of more than \$499 million since the same date a year ago. Retirement benefits paid in 1996 exceeded \$200 million for the first time; and the board's insurance programs paid out \$107.8 million. There were 27,865 annuitants in pay status on Dec. 31.

Trustees also approved a document of 12 personal "qualities" which candidates for the next Annuity Board president will be measured. Among them is that the person be "a man of vision, wisdom, compassion and humility, and be an ordained Southern Baptist minister with successful ministry experience. No deadline has been set for the presidential search committee to report.

Powell is slated to retire after he turns 65 in December 1988.

Trustees elected South Carolina pastor Timothy E. Head as chairman. He is pastor of Cooper River Church, North Charleston. ■

N.C. college acts to become self-perpetuating

Baptist Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Trustees of Meredith College have voted to make their board self-perpetuating beginning in 1998, increasing the number of board-selected trustees by 25 percent each year until the change is completed in 2001.

Presently the 36 trustees of the 2,500-student women's college are elected by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in annual session upon recommendation of the convention's nominating committee.

Under a plan approved by messengers at the 1992 state convention, agencies and institutions may elect their own trustees and have a proportionate reduction of funding from the state body.

The trustees, in their statement, affirmed their harmonious relationship with the convention and said "we will continue to be a Baptist college in the same way we have been for more than a century."

Meredith College currently receives about \$1 million or 4 percent of its budget from the convention. ■

Youth leaders make plans with Campus Crusade

Baptist Press

EULESS, Texas — Eight Southern Baptist leaders in evangelizing teenagers met with eight Campus Crusade for Christ officials in the first meeting of the "Great Commission Task Force."

The Feb. 24 meeting at First Church here followed a mid-January conference in Atlanta which concluded with plans for creating a task force to study the possibility of the two groups collaborating in evangelizing America's student population with the Gospel.

The meeting's convener, Jay Strack, a Southern Baptist evangelist based in Orlando, Fla., said the informal talks between the two groups were "to prayerfully explore the possibility of joint Campus Crusade and Southern Baptist efforts to reach the campuses of North America."

Two Tennesseans were in the meeting — Phil Newberry, Bellevue Church, Cordova, and Bill Henry, National Student Ministry director with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The task force will meet again April 17 in Atlanta. ■

HMB honors former leader

Baptist Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Larry L. Lewis, former president of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, received the Jack Redford Church Extension Award during the board's annual meeting for church starting leadership.

As president of the HMB Lewis placed a priority of starting what he called Bible-preaching, soul-winning, ministry churches.

Lewis stepped down last year as president to work with Mission America as a national facilitator for Celebrate Jesus 2000.

The Redford award is given annually in recognition of outstanding leadership in Southern Baptist church starting. ■

Gallup Poll cites most admired

Associated Baptist Press

PRINCETON, N.J. — Mother Teresa and Bill Clinton are the people Americans admire most, according to the Gallup Poll. And evangelist Billy Gra-

ham continues to shine in Americans' eyes, making his 39th appearance on the most-admired survey.

The poll was conducted in late 1996. Results were reported in the latest issue of *Emerging Trends*, a newsletter published by the Gallup organization's Princeton Religious Research Center. ■

Criswell College selects Cooper

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Lamar Cooper was elected March 6 by Criswell College trustees as vice president for academic affairs.

Cooper, 55, a former professor and administrator at Criswell, will move from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., where he has been vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty since 1995. He is a former staff member of the SBC Christian Life Commission. ■

CLC trustees hold meeting

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission gave unanimous approval to the commission staff's interpretation of a 1995 SBC resolution on prayer and religious expression, capping the commission's semi-annual board meeting March 6 here.

The trustees affirmed the commission's understanding of the resolution, which calls for a constitutional amendment on religious expression and was adopted during the 1995 SBC annual meeting in Atlanta after close consultation with the CLC staff. The commission staff's view of the resolution has been challenged by CLC opponents on the religious freedom issue.

The staff's interpretation is pivotal in the commission's preference for the wording of a proposed religious freedom amendment offered first by Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) which is at odds with a competing amendment supported by Rep. Ernest Istook (R.Okla.) and former U.S. Representative Bill Dannemeyer.

In other actions trustees voted to present the 1997 Religious Liberty Award to Joseph Tsou, an advocate of religious liberty who suffered abuse and imprisonment at the hands of the former Communist government in Romania, and agreed to enter into an agreement with Rice Bowl, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C. to promote world hunger needs. ■



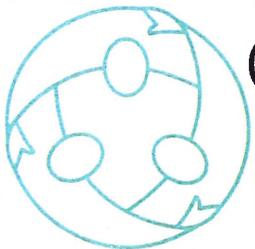
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