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Mother of TBC Leader Dies

Memorial services were held on June 17, at the Pelahatchie Church, Pelahatchie, MS, for Lillian Porch Carnathan, mother of TBC Executive Director-Treasurer James Porch. Porch officiated at the service.

Mrs. Carnathan died Sunday morning, June 15, following a brief illness. A very active member of the Pelahatchie Church, she was chairman of the Homebound Ministry and a member of the Woman's Missionary Union. She was a retired nurse from the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, MS.

Survivors in addition to her son, James, and daughter-in-law, Lynn, include two grandchildren, Scott Porch and Terri Porch, one great-grandchild, Madison Porch, and a host of nieces and nephews.

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Tennesseans help spread Gospel in France

By Mike Creswell
For *Baptist and Reflector*

PARIS — More than 100 people claimed Jesus Christ as their personal Savior during an 11-day partnership evangelism campaign conducted across France by some 175 Southern Baptist volunteers from 18 U.S. states.

At least eight of the volunteers were Tennessee Baptists.

French Baptist leaders cautioned it could be years before they know the full numerical results of the effort, which concluded with a victory dinner in Paris June 2. But they had high praise for the revival, increased missions awareness, and renewed enthusiasm for the Christian faith they said the American volunteers brought to more than 30 of their churches.

The volunteers distributed thousands of tracts, publicity leaflets, and Bibles. They presented concerts of Christian music, puppet shows, and skits in churches and on the streets. They also went on prayer walks through dozens of communities, praying for individuals, homes, and apartment buildings that God would begin to move in the lives of the

people there.

It was the seventh such partnership campaign in France led by Abilene residents W.H. "Dub" and Doris Jackson, crusade coordinators in Western Europe for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Some three dozen Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are assigned to France, a nation of some 58 million people with about 6,000 Baptists. Evangelical Christians make up less than 1 percent of the population; most French people are inactive Roman Catholics. But there is also a sizable population of Muslims. As in the rest of western Europe, the planting of new Baptist churches in France is slow. Conversions usually take years of witnessing.

But French Baptists are committed to evangelism and church growth.

Mt. Juliet resident Donald Davis of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, served with a Baptist church in Aubergenville, where Baptists have been working on a new church building for three years.

"Ken and Donna Hughes,

our orchestra director and his wife, helped to establish a praise team in the church. We provided a concert to the handicapped at their school — this was the first time that church has ministered outside



the church. We had a music concert in the park and marched around it. A good group of young people met for games, recreation, concert, and Bible search.

We distributed literature to all the mail boxes in town," reported Davis, who has worked in 55 countries.

Paul and Peggy Grossman of Springfield had an advantage over some volunteers because as former Southern Baptist foreign missionaries they speak French well.

They worked with two other volunteers, French teachers from Texas who also spoke French. But they needed patience as well as language ability to work with the children at an inner-city church in Rouen, a city north of Paris. The neighborhood around the church includes immigrants from many countries, many of them Muslim. Drugs and

crime are common here. But the volunteers held prayer walks through the community anyway.

Marie Parrish of Inglewood Church, Nashville, served with a team in Pau, a city in southwestern France near the Spanish border. There she found herself tucking fliers promoting the local Baptist church under the windshield wiper blades of hundreds of cars in downtown Pau. She and a team worked with Southern Baptist foreign missionaries Ferran and Lynda Bertrand, who are trying to enlarge the congregation.

One reward for Parrish, a retired office manager, was seeing a person profess faith in Christ during their first Sunday. Although not speaking French was a handicap, she said she was impressed that people were at least willing to discuss the plan of salvation. Parrish is an experienced overseas volunteer who has served in Korea, England, the Ukraine, and once earlier in France.

Trenton Langton, a member of Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory, is a freshman in high school. Already a preacher. — See Tennesseans, page 2



Summer missionaries to serve in Tennessee

Student summer missionaries, from about 13 states, who will be serving in Tennessee this summer recently met for orientation. They gathered for a photo in Nashville with the state capitol in the background, along with their supervisors. See additional photos on page 6. — Photo by Connie Davis

Resumes sought for evangelism

For *Baptist and Reflector*

Resumes are being sought for the position of Evangelism Specialist in the Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group, Executive Board Ministries, TBC. This position was left vacant by Jerry King's recent approval for disability.

This person will lead the state adult evangelism focus, including such events as the State Evangelism Conference, Pastors' Retreat at Camp Carson, CWT/WIN Schools, and developing other strategies to reach the unreached. This person will also serve as the Evangelism Strategy Team Leader.

Resumes should be sent to Human Resources Office, TBC Executive Board Ministries, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024 ■

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Warning: holding grudge is a health hazard

By David Winfrey
For Associated Baptist Press

MADISON, Wis. — To forgive is not only divine. It's also healthy, according to a professor who's spent 12 years studying the subject.

From survivors of incest to family members of murder victims, an ability to forgive radically improved subjects' emotional and psychological health, said Bob Enright, director of the International Forgiveness Institute.

"I was very surprised actually," said Enright. "I'm a Christian believer, and I was still surprised by the depth of emotional healing I saw through our educational programs."

During studies at the institute, patients completed a lengthy process during which they examined their own feelings and eventually forgave someone who had hurt them, Enright said.

As a result, he said, they experienced decreased anxiety and depression and increased self-esteem and hopefulness toward the future. "All of this happened upon forgiving someone who had hurt them very deeply."

The findings give credence to the lessons of both Sunday School teachers and psychologists: Hate or bitterness may

never affect the person it's directed toward, but it can destroy the person who feels it and fails to let go.

Enright said his study of forgiveness has affected him both professionally and spiritually.

More than a dozen years ago, as a social scientist studying moral development, Enright became disenchanted with the direction of his research, he said. "The scholarship was isolated for the most part," he said. "I was much more interested in having an impact on everyday people."

Enright abandoned his line of study at the University of Wisconsin and took an interest in the idea of forgiveness. To his astonishment, however, he found absolutely no scholarly books on the subject.

The most helpful writing, he said, was a book by Christian professor Lewis Smeeds: *Forgive and Forget*.

As a scientific researcher, Enright said, he had become distant from his Christian background. But his growing interest in forgiveness paralleled a strengthening of his faith, he said. "It's interesting that my personal life has been radically transformed as I've studied forgiveness."

In 1994, Enright established the International Forgiveness Institute to promote his findings. He chuckled when he said the 3-year-old institute is the world's old-

est, but added that more have developed in the wake of awareness about the topic.

Enright said the center uses scientific tools to define forgiveness and help people understand it. "All I can say as a scientist is it has shocked me about how important and valuable forgiveness is to hurting people," he said.

Today, the institute seeks to be a clearinghouse of information.

"What's interesting about forgiveness [is] regardless of your belief system you can understand this word. There's something rather uniting about this word. It also is a word that can repel. Some people hate the word and hate that I study it, but they're in the vast minority."

Enright defends his research by noting that forgiveness does not mean approval for the actions a person has committed.

"Forgiveness, ultimately, is a loving transformation within the human heart toward the one who hurt you," he said.

Neither is forgiveness necessarily reconciliation, he said, offering a Christian comparison.

God accomplished forgiveness for sinners through Christ, Enright said. "But we were not reconciled to him at the point he was giving us unconditional love." Reconciliation requires acceptance of the forgiveness God offers, he said. ■

Israeli leader opposes proposed law

Baptist Press

RICHMOND — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has assured evangelical Christians his government will defeat a proposed bill to outlaw certain methods of evangelism.

Dubbed the "anti-missionary law," it has triggered an outpouring of opposition from inside and outside of Israel. It was introduced as a private members' bill after the government committee that represents Netanyahu's ruling coalition refused to support it. It passed in its first of four readings with scarcely a fourth of the legislature, the Knesset, voting.

"The government strenuously objects to this bill and will act to ensure that it does not pass," Netanyahu said in a letter to El-

wood McQuaid, executive director of the U.S.-based Friends of Israel.

"Israel deeply values your support and that of Christians throughout the United States," Netanyahu added.

Netanyahu's statement puts to rest the question of whether he actually intends — on this issue — to stand by internationally accepted standards of free speech and the Israeli declaration of independence. His resolve pits him against radical Jewish parties he needs in his government coalition to maintain a ruling majority.

That still leaves open the possibility that, even without his support, proponents of the restrictions could garner enough votes on the floor of the Knesset to push the bill through. ■

IMB sends aid to Bangladesh

Baptist Press

RICHMOND — Coastal Bangladeshis whose homes, churches, crops, and water supplies were devastated by a cyclone in May will receive \$171,169 in aid from the Southern Baptist International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board).

Southern Baptist World Hunger Funds totaling \$94,506 will buy fruit tree seedlings and rice to help families plant new orchards and fields. The money also will provide for 55 new water wells to replace water supplies contaminated by the storm surge that washed over the land.

General relief funds totaling

\$76,663 will provide for rebuilding 483 homes and 40 church buildings that were destroyed. Most of the structures are made of bamboo and thatch.

About 150,000 people were left homeless from the cyclone. The International Mission Board will reach 3,500 of those victims, said Bill Cashion, the board's human needs consultant.

"One reason we're able to make such a contribution is because of the renewed commitment on the part of Southern Baptists to give to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund," Cashion noted. For some time, giving had been in a slump. ■

Tennesseans help spread Gospel ...

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Langton says he will take back a new vision of missions with him to Tennessee.

"I have always wanted to be a big crusade preacher like Billy Graham, but God has really given me a burden for missions. Everybody knows the big American preachers, but no one notices these awesome missionaries overseas who are on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This ministry is a powerful one. Nobody hears about them.

They get no glory. But it is beautiful because I got to meet about 10 pretty mature believers who would face eternal separation if it weren't for these wonderful, committed missionaries," Langton said.

Langton and his team worked with Southern Baptist foreign missionaries Rod and Donna Boatwright in the Nancy, France, area. Boatwright carried a large wooden cross through the city of Liverdun and other areas where they live, in order to better distrib-

ute literature on the Baptist church they are starting.

Frances Clark, also a member of Tulip Grove Church, accompanied Boatwright and French Baptists on the seven-mile cross-carrying walk. Clark has made similar trips to Korea, Jamaica, Chile, England, and France.

Thelma Scoggins, a retired real estate broker from First Church, Cleveland, also served in the Greater Nancy area, but with Southern Baptist foreign missionaries Mike and Pam

Jones in the city of Malzeville.

"The need is great. These people seem to be bound in darkness," Scoggins said when asked about her impressions gained during the week.

"There is a sadness and emptiness. But God is working through His Holy Spirit to break down the barriers in France.

"We have seen a real openness and searching in the hearts of those we have come in contact with. God is working," she declared. ■

Convention actions key to future

For every wild story, every exaggerated forecast made in advance of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, there will be at least a dozen positive actions.

This week messengers from hundreds of Southern Baptist churches across the nation are gathered in Dallas for several reasons.

Primary to the messengers, we hope, is the business of missions, evangelization, and ministries — in the name of Jesus Christ.

Business actions will be coupled with events of inspiration, education, and fellowship. Times of worship and praise are also scheduled. Messages from individuals, seminaries, and other SBC institutions are on the program. In many ways this 140th session of Southern Baptists will be routine.

In the past few years messengers have come to know what to expect. There will be no surprises this year.

But this is another one of those pivotal years in our 152nd year. Almost the entire "face" of the SBC has changed. Mission boards have new names, several agencies and commissions have been ushered out of existence. Even the Sunday School Board has hired consultants to study whether that venerable institution needs a different name. New faces also dominate the leadership scene.

The identity of the SBC has changed, and it may take some time for Southern Baptists and others to

discover the new identity. A printed program, with photos, may be needed!

We must recognize that the world is watching us. We must be careful not to lose the identity that has made Southern Baptists a passionate force for Christianity through the years. We must be worthy of our heritage, and we must never rest while there are lost people in the world. We must be careful not only with our name and heritage, we must be good stewards of all resources, including financial faithfulness.

Southern Baptists also would insist that our convention take care to honor our "hall of heroes," those pioneer, frontline, fearless trailblazers. And we should put the question to ourselves and leaders, what would those giants of the faith be doing now, at this time in history. And we can still use the wisdom and know-how of those who are still present.

In all of our remodeling and name-changing, and rearranging, we must never forget *who* we are and *whose* we are. **B&R**

By Wm. Fletcher Allen, Editor

SBC once again in Dallas

The last time the Southern Baptist Convention met in Dallas, messenger registration reached 45,519. It was perhaps the high point of "the controversy." Charles Stanley, winning a second term, defeated Winfred Moore, and Charles Fuller was the preacher.

It was the year a Peace Committee was named with Fuller as its chairman. Two years later that

committee reported to the convention at the last minute, winding up its report the day of the convention. Messengers voted late in the evening after about half an hour of deliberation.

It's pointless to say that this year's session will not attract messenger attendance as did Dallas 1985.

In recent years there has been little competition in major elections, and decisions made with limited discussion. Messenger interest has dwindled.

Last year's registration of 13,706 was the smallest since Los Angeles' 13,571 in 1981. Even the remodeling has not drawn the interest it should have.

Because Southern Baptists are known for their generous giving and financial stewardship emphasis, it's time for SBC Executive Committee leaders to present a current accounting of the remodeling, as well as any savings and how it will be used.

Annual audits will help all Southern Baptists understand the remodeling and feel they are a part of the new programs.

Employees of several SBC agencies and institutions have been released, some boards and agencies have been eliminated, and about \$6 million spent for implementing the remodeling. Savings were said to be \$34 to \$41 million over a five year span.

We agree with other Baptist editors that a large share of any savings should go to SBC mission boards. An accounting will help clear the air. **B&R**



Just for today

By Fred Wood
pastor emeritus
Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile

John, joining a stranger at the golf tee: "What kind of game do you play?"

Ron: "Well, I play a scratch game."

John: "What do you mean by that?"

Ron: "It's simple. I write down my good scores and scratch out my bad scores."

Take this truth



WOOD

All of us have things which we had rather forget. We need to free ourselves of obsessive thoughts of the past. But we do not want to forget them completely. Our mistakes teach us a lesson. We should work to avoid the same mistake again.

Memorize this Scripture

Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 3:13-14

Pray this prayer

Lord help us remember that the ability to forget a wrong done against us is a true sign of greatness. ■

Maybe rich heritage isn't all that Boston can offer

Hold it — don't get too excited. I know that Boston, Massachusetts, has more to offer than its role in American heritage.

But it took me a lifetime to understand it. You see, I thought that Boston was famous for two reasons, both of equal importance.

Of course Boston is remembered for that big Tea Party the folks held for the Brits, and for all the blood, sweat, and tears they gave for liberty.

The other reason, not necessarily second, was that Boston is the revered hometown for the Red Sox and Fenway Park.

As a teenager I latched on to the Red Sox as the best, biggest, and bravest baseball team this side of Jupiter and as marvelous as a luscious banana split on a 100-degree day in August.

The Red Sox were even more alive to me than any girl my age, or a Greyhound bus ride to Bennettsville.

And I liked the patriotic aura around ol' Beantown.

one word more

— by Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor

The heritage of freedom has never paled in my mind or heart — Boston is as alive with the history of freedom as any place on earth.

And, I must admit, after all those traumatic years, I am still faithful to the Boston Red Sox. I have suffered through hundreds of ninth-inning losses, horrendous giveaways by management, hideous errors that cost them World Series victories, and blunders that grab the taste of defeat from the jaws of victory. In other words, like the Chicago Cubs, the Red Sox, MY Red Sox, really know how to lose. If you have a great player — trade him. If you are almost winning a monumental game — stop just short of scoring the clincher.

It may not be true that misery loves

company, but how about this one — misery knows how to go on and on and on and on!

But there is this about the mysterious enigma of the Red Sox and the like. *You don't have to let it get you down.*

It is much like having a situation in the work place or school where two or three "rotten apples" steal the pleasure others might have at work. Sometimes those apples take precedence over individual pride in doing your best. They have a way of permeating all that others may be trying to accomplish. It is even worse when they know better.

Good parents, or pastors, or just any good friends usually would tell us we must rise above all that — and that we must give it up to Christ, and thus overcome.

Hey, that's good advice. In reality, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus. And, by the way, I am still a longsuffering Red Sox fan. Someday ...



ALLEN

Unity of believers is major theme for all Christians

Question: Conflict has erupted between two members of our church and threatens to polarize other members. What do you advise?

Answer: Unity of believers is a major theme of Christ's teaching.

As regular readers know, I believe conflict in the lives of Christians, Christian families, and among church members, is one of the most deadly problems we face.

1. Conflict should be addressed early before it gets worse and infects other church members or the church ministry.

2. No more people should be brought in

families matter

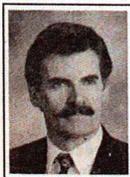
— by Ivy Scarborough, attorney, mediator

to address the conflict than is necessary.

3. Move toward open and complete communication of the disputants, keeping in mind this communication should only take place in the presence of the fewest number of people that is necessary. Guidelines should ensure the discussion is civil and respectful.

One of the worst and most common mistakes is to sweep conflict "under the rug," hoping it will go away. This is a prescription for resentment, and possibly worse eruptions.

Furthermore, it diminishes the sense of family we should nurture among believers.



SCARBOROUGH

God is most concerned about the condition of our hearts, not our external behavior, no matter how disciplined or exemplary that behavior may be.

4. It is best that this process is guided by a trained and experienced mediator. But skilled and trained mediators who are mature and well-grounded in the Bible are rare.

Your pastor or another respected church leaders may have to serve in this role, even without training.

Finally, urge your church to see that key leaders are trained as mediators.

Skilled Christian mediators among your membership would be one of the greatest assets to your church's well-being and ministry, and potentially to your community. ■

Plowing new ground is Belmont's standard

Editor's note — This is the last in a series of three articles about Tennessee Baptist colleges.

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Most Tennessee Baptists know they have three Baptist schools of higher education. But the reputations of the three reach far beyond the Volunteer State.

Belmont University, Union University, and Carson-Newman College are in the early stage of a three-year \$30 million endowment campaign to benefit equally the three institutions. The endowment will supply new resources for scholarship for Tennessee Baptist students.

Belmont, once a women's college, has earned a place of distinction that exceeds expectations of a decade ago.

Belmont became a part of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1951, bringing with it a storied history from antebellum days, as Adelia Acklen's Belle Monte estate. Though that and other Belmont history are important, the university of today is light years distant.

William E. Troutt, Belmont's president since 1982, answered a question about Belmont's value to prospective students this way:

"Why should a student come to Belmont, a Baptist school? You need to come because, more than ever, students need a supportive atmosphere. You

belong, and you can experience God's love. Teaching and programs at our schools are outstanding. Studying with a Christian teacher cannot be overstated."

Even in a casual conversation, Troutt's confidence in Belmont is evident. He says Belmont will never get away from the fundamental Christian values that have shaped the school.

"We are always searching for unique ways to serve Tennessee Baptists better," he says.

The Nashville area university boasts a cosmopolitan student body that is largely Tennessee Baptist, and yet the school attracts students from almost every state and many foreign countries.

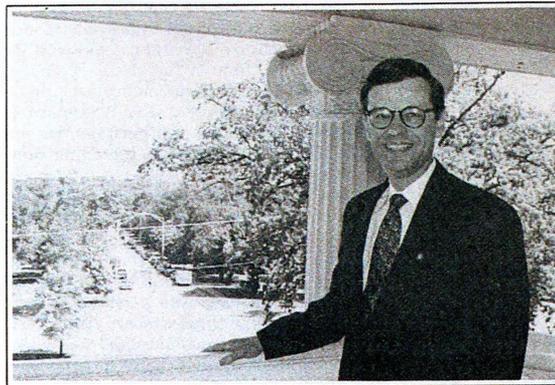
In addition to being a college of academic excellence, Belmont prides itself in innovative processes that benefit students, faculty, the Middle Tennessee area, and Baptist churches across the state.

One of the aims is to make Christian liberal arts education attractive, enjoyable, and beneficial to the student in all areas of life.

One of the most recent awards, which indicates Belmont is achieving its goals, came last month.

The university was awarded the Quality Cup from *USA Today* and Rochester Institute of Technology. Cups were awarded in six categories — government, health care, manufacturing, service, small business, and education.

The Quality Cup award recognizes small teams of employees who use teamwork and principles of total quality management to cut costs,



MUCH IS SAID about Belmont University's ties with the Nashville area, but President William "Bill" Troutt thinks of the school's links with midstate Tennessee — and across the entire area. Belmont provides quality education in a Christian community setting.

solve problems, and increase efficiency.

In the first year for an education category, Belmont was the recipient.

A May 2 front page article in *USA Today*, reminded readers of the longstanding logjams of college administrative services that make life tough for students.

The article announced Belmont's award this way:

"Beginning in late 1994 a team of campus administrators and business office employees decided to look for ways to end the campus runaround.

"They held brainstorming sessions, visited other schools and held student focus groups. The result: a proposal for Belmont Central, a one-stop office where students can request transcripts, fill out financial forms, cash checks, and manage a myriad of administrative tasks.

"The program, launched in fall 1995, has attracted the notice of colleges around the country and won the team the Quality Cup for education."

The team located Belmont Central in Freeman Hall, in the center of campus life. The area is about the size of a mall

bank branch, and is staffed by four coordinators.

Each coordinator is trained to use an automated information bank designed to address every problem that students bring. And if the problem is too complex, coordinators find someone who can answer it.

It's a credit to the program that students have few questions that can't be answered. And, as one coordinator says, "They like to see how they can stump us."

In a way, the move toward Belmont Central is an example of how the college approaches typical problems that might seem beyond repair.

Belmont's enrollment from the last semester was 2,926. Students came from 48 states and 40 countries. Belmont's leaders are proud that the student to faculty ratio is 11-1.

The university has six schools with undergraduate degrees in 53 major study areas



and 34 minors. Master's degrees are offered in business administration, accounting, education, music education, nursing, and occupational therapy.

During the recently completed school year, the enrollment was:

Business: 971 majors, and 251 in master's program.

Religion: 78 majors, including many women "who receive a warm welcome into a program structured to give them firm grounding in their careers in ministry." Belmont has sponsored several sports evangelism teams to Poland through the Tennessee Baptist Convention Partnership Missions program. Also, the Moench Center for Church Leadership was launched last September.

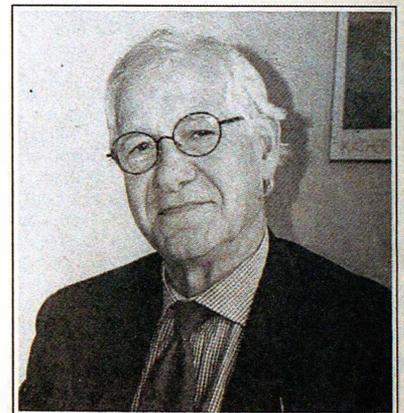
Music: 347 undergraduates. The school hosts more than 150 concerts a year free and open to the public.

Nursing: 216 majors enrolled. The facilities were recently enhanced overall with nursing labs.

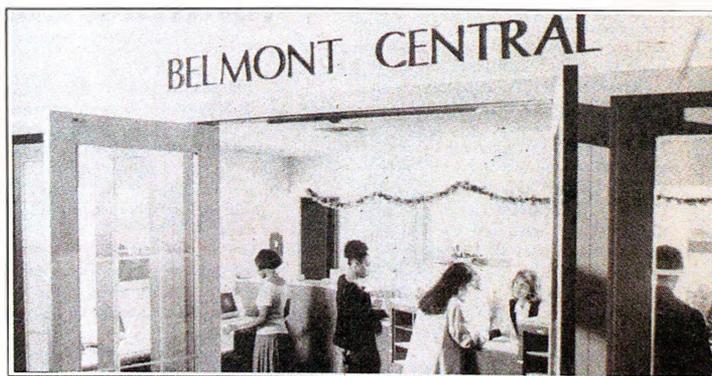
Sciences: 187 undergraduate majors. Ten different under — See Plowing, page 5



STEVE SIMPLER is dean of Belmont's School of Religion. The school does not attempt to do seminary work, he says, but provides students a good base even if they are unable to attend seminary.



FRED KENDALL, above, on Belmont's administrative staff since 1984, serves as liaison between the school and the TBC. He also directs planned giving. He sees Belmont influencing students to be leaders.



BELMONT CENTRAL, left, provides students with a place to find answers to a variety of questions and needs.

Belmont students agree with faculty on quality



Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Though no one claims Belmont University is perfect — students and faculty agree that the school is different, that it emphasizes quality, and that a good education will be provided for students who really want it.

There are many pluses to be had at the Tennessee Baptist school.

Let's hear it from some who have firsthand experience:

Michelle Tooley, a second year professor in the School of Religion, says the school has 40 percent women, and that the student faculty ratio is 5-2.

"I am here because of the people who talked to me about Belmont. All the contacts were very positive.

"And I like Belmont's emphasis on teaching. I value teaching and want to be better. My colleagues and students help me with that. Teaching is being there when the light comes on."

One of her classes is about women in the Bible. She is helping students develop an understanding about religions in the world.

Richard Fallis, dean of the

School of Humanities/Education, professor of English literature, grew up in Nashville, but spent 24 years on the Syracuse University faculty.

He says he is at Belmont because of the sense of values he sees there. "We're more than just a part of the big machine," he says.

He believes Bill Troutt is "changing things," and "we need a big vision for the future, to put Christianity along with quality. I have a sense of participation here."

He says he likes the diversity of the school. He compares his deanship to a juggling act. "It's a joy to learn along with others. And I especially like the diversity of the student body.

"We have to make the programs we have even stronger."

Steve Simpler, dean of School of Religion, professor, says, "Belmont is a basic, foundational school. Most of the religion majors will go on to seminary, so we give them that solid foundation.

Simpler has seven years experience as a pastor, and realizes what ministry students need.

"We offer a practical sequence of ministry courses. And we have focused on how to prepare them for ministry in the next century," he says. "The spiritual foundation must be there, including solid bases of Bible study."

The School of Religion students are heavily involved in ministries in the local churches and neighborhoods.

Natasha Lindley, Jackson, wanted a small Southern Baptist college. But,

most of all, she says, "God wanted me here, and he confirms this every day."

She is in the honors program and is Baptist Student Union president. "I like everything about Belmont," she

says. "I like the supportive environment, and I know the professors. They are really interested in students."

Debbie Tenpenny, is a 1995 graduate, now in charge of summer Mission-Fuge Camps at Belmont.

A veteran of two Centrifuge camps, she says she found that her goal was to help other people, especially youth.

"I would not feel this way if I had not had the great Christian influence in my classes and extra-curricular involvement."

Brian Wright, religion major from Church Hill, intends to pursue pastoral counseling. He says he came to Belmont because of the city setting and the scholarship program.

"Students here get personal attention from faculty and staff members," he says. Along with other Belmont students he works with churches in the area. He is teaching Bible

studies on campus, and working with the current scholarship endowment campaign.

Wright works with Dane Anthony, BSU director, and others to "keep campus ministries on the move for Christ."



DEBBIE TENPENNY, left, and **Dane Anthony**, right, exemplify two reasons why **Natasha Lindley** enrolled at Belmont. Tenpenny, an alumnus, is directing four Mission-Fuge camps for youth on the Belmont campus this summer. Anthony is responsible for missions and ministries activities at Belmont through his role as director of university ministries. Lindley is interested in Christian counseling.

Dane Anthony, University Ministries/Associate Dean of Students, is involved with a variety of student ministry programs.

He supervises all student Christian organizations — such as BSU, FCA, Ministers Ensemble, Christian Music Society. Area churches sponsor some programs for students also.

Belmont students have a variety of spiritual outlets on campus. "There is weekly university worship for everyone, seasonal celebrations, and a convocation each semes-

ter with spiritual emphasis.

"We wanted to design a program for every student, to create a common sense of service, involving all aspects of liberal arts education and Christian faith," he said. Students are required to have 60 credits from a plethora of spiritual programs.

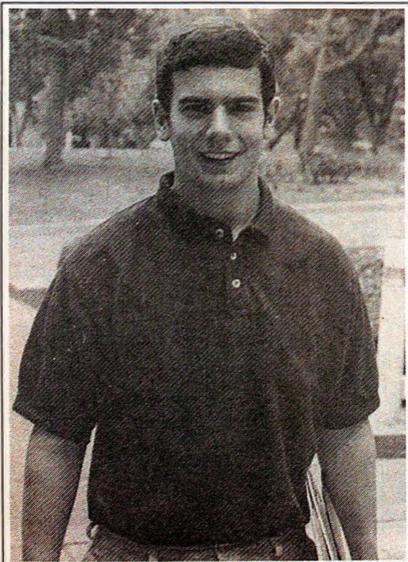
A faculty committee oversees the program. Convocations offer "chapel" credit also, and Spiritual Emphasis Week is always a highlight.

Anthony especially praises the help from local churches. **B&R**

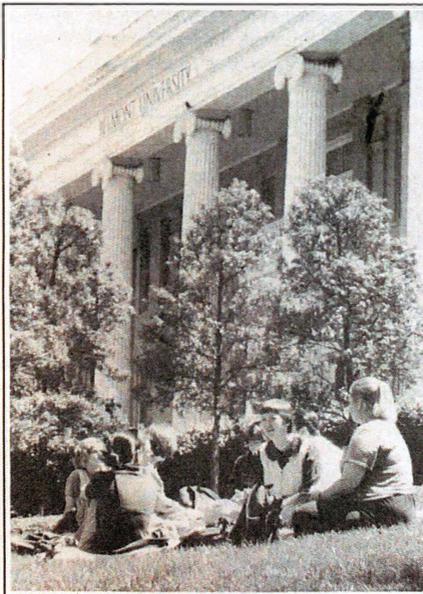
Plowing new ...

— from page 4 graduate majors offered.

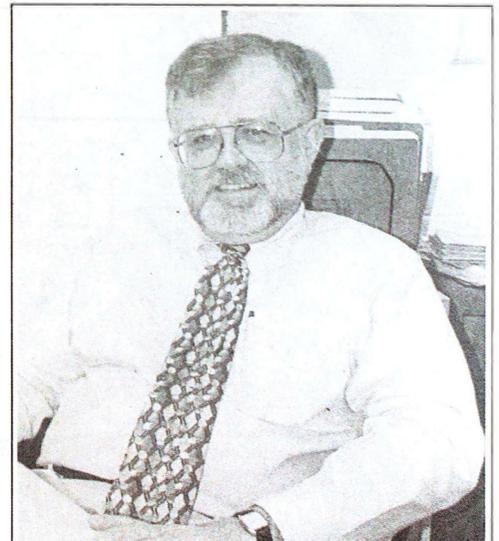
Humanities/Education: 623 undergraduate majors in 19 academic disciplines. The Rasmussen Studies Abroad Program takes students to the British Isles, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Russia, and Spain.



BRIAN WRIGHT, religion major at Belmont, sees marriage/family counseling in his ministry.



TEACHING a class outdoors is **Michelle Tooley**, professor of religion. Some of her students teach other religions through first hand experiences.



DEAN OF HUMANITIES and education, **Richard Fallis**, left a large Eastern university to join the Belmont faculty because of the school's vision for the future.

Forty-six serving in Tennessee

Summer missionaries receive orientation

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Forty-six summer missionaries from 13 states who have begun serving in Tennessee received orientation June 2-4 at the Baptist Center here and in Nashville. It was led by Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries staff. Below the missionaries are pictured during their visit to the Bicentennial Mall in Nashville.

Summer missionaries seek the roles through Baptist Student Unions or are recruited through student events, reported Beverly Smothers of the Executive Board ministries staff.

The students are appointed or assigned to service through the Home Mission Board and state Baptist Student Union offices, Smothers explained. They include college-age and high

school age students, the latter of which is termed a Sojourner. Additionally, some of the missionaries are Innovators who work in secular jobs as well as ministry-related service.

One additional student who is not pictured and is serving is No Myoung Su from South Korea who is with Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries.

The summer missionaries

are serving 10 weeks in a variety of ministry ranging from leading Vacation Bible Schools, resort ministry, camps, creative worship experiences, and working at mission centers, Smothers said.

The orientation provided training in ministry and relationship building among the summer missionaries and between them and their local supervisors. It was led

by Rodney Wilson of Executive Board ministries and was made possible by the Collegiate Missions Fund and the Golden State Missions Offering. *B&R*



POLK COUNTY RESORT MINISTRIES group includes, from left, Jarrett Swafford, Jason Schwerdtseger, Lara Bryant, Jeannette Grace, Teresa Smith; Supervisor (not pictured): Andy Jordan.



WOODCOCK BAPTIST CENTER (Nashville) group includes, from left, Heather Logan, Steven Burchette, Jennifer Easley, Mark Hanson, and Gina deLeon; Supervisor: Linda Knott.



BRINKLEY HEIGHTS AND NEW SONG churches group include, from left, Fred Holmes, Terri Taylor, Katrina Kelley, Perry Pennington, Jason Cox; Supervisors: Tim Cox, John Cowherd.



SERVING IN JACKSON AND WAYNESBORO are, from left, Suzanne Frost and Lois Spurgeon; Supervisors: Carol Vaughan and Juanita Warren.



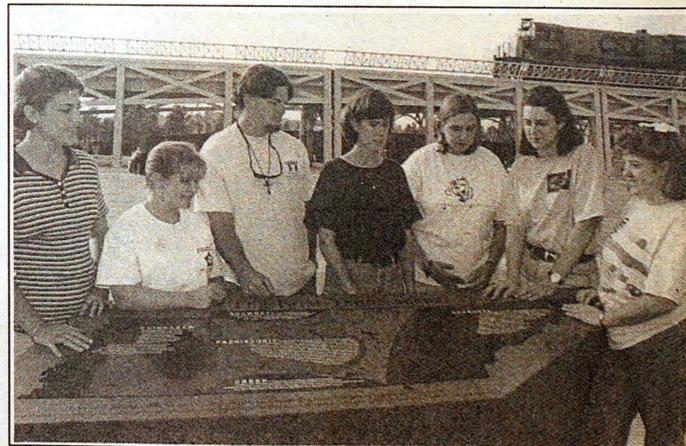
PROCLAIM TRAVELING MISSION TEAM includes, from left, Rodney Hawkins, Becky Sauls, Kelly Ayers, and Nathan Travis; Supervisor: Bruce Edwards.



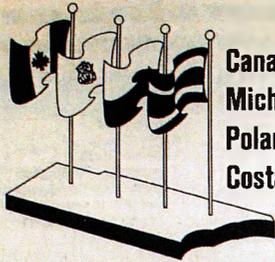
eXalt CREATIVE MINISTRIES TEAM includes, from left, Susan Etter, Brian Baldowski, Tony Traugher, Stephanie Blake, and Tina Ballard; Supervisor: Jay Austin.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORT MINISTRIES group includes, from left, Janna Clark, Mykel Clem, Jeff McFadden, Gwen Sargent, Kim Huff, Scott Capshaw, Andrea Smelley, Chrissy Tipton, Marla Shelton, and Tai Corp; Supervisor: Bill Black.



SERVING IN EAST TENNESSEE are, from left, Stephanie Edwards, Holly Little, Wayne Watson, June Shuford, Joy Pickering, Wendy Little, and Jenny Waldrop; Supervisors: Becky Brummit, Ginger Dalton, Butch Antinori, Tom Everett, Richard Lewelling, and Duncan Carver.



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From your missionary

Many projects are still available for this summer from Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team. Perhaps you have waited until now to begin, or the mission trip that you had planned to take did not work out for your church.

Then consider one of the many projects listed in this issue of the *Macedonian Call*. Our partners are depending on us. You can still make a world of difference!

Why not a family mission trip? Many of the projects that we have listed are just right for a family. Take a different kind of vacation this summer! You can still get away, see new sights, and be a model of Christian service for your family.

God Bless,



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Partnership Prayer Requests June

- 18 — Pray for Celebrate Jesus 2000 as Michigan Baptists try to reach every household in the state.
- 19 — Ask the Lord to bless the first weekly Arabic Christian radio program begun in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, to reach the 40,000 Muslims in the area.
- 20 — Pray for Vida Abundante mission in Tecurrique, Costa Rica. Missionary Larry Hendricks reported three people made professions of faith.
- 21 — Pray for the father of Baptist representative to Poland, Mark McNiel. He has pancreatic cancer.
- 22 — Pray for the state convention of Michigan's retreat for deaf people June 19-22.
- 23 — Pray for one-year-old Jared Groves, whose family is a member of Jasper Place Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- 24 — Pray for "Grace and Peace," a missionary music group, that performs in Costa Rica. The members are Rick Lane, Mary Hendricks, and Cathy Rogers.

In Costa Rica

Volunteers train Disaster Relief workers

By Mike Stricklin
For *The Macedonian Call*

For a country about the size of West Virginia, Costa Rica has more than its share of opportunities for natural disasters.

A team of four Tennessee Baptists recently returned from Costa Rica, a country that has about 250 volcanoes out of which four are considered active. Flooding is an annual event in the tropical country, and there are occasional earthquakes and mud slides.

In mid-May, my wife Connie and I were

a part of the Disaster Relief team, led by state Disaster Relief director Tim Bearden, that helped Costa Ricans begin to develop a Disaster Relief program. This was the first time Disaster Relief or any such training was taught in the Central American country.

A total of 14 leaders from several evangelical groups attended the classes, held at a Nazarene camp in San Jose. The classes were hosted by the SBC Costa Rica Baptist Mission and the Evangelical Alliance, an umbrella group for evangelicals. The classes were also supported by the Costa Rica Red Cross.

by a missionary nurse in teaching CPR.

Connie and I serve as the state Disaster Relief child care unit coordinators. She taught the child care classes, and I explained Disaster Relief food service and ministering to survivors.

Our courses were very well received. The people in the classes were enthusiastic and responsive. They gave us information as we tried to instruct them.

Some of them had experienced disasters in their home villages. One lady said her family did not have any food for seven days after an earthquake.

One of our interpreters was Luis Chavarria, president of the Baptist Union in Costa Rica. Chavarria left a church pastorate to begin a new work among people who once lived in cardboard "houses." A flood swept these structures away. The government built concrete houses on higher ground for them, but the residents are still very poor.

Several of the projects in Costa Rica, listed in the *Macedonian Call*, are "prayer walks." We had the opportunity to participate in a prayer walk in the community where Chavarria is working. As we walked through the streets quietly praying for each house, Chavarria would mention special needs in some of the houses.

Some of the people would come to the door and greet us. Others would peek — See Volunteers, page 10



PRACTICING moving disaster victims are missionary Ben Argil, second from left, and other conference participants. Michael Bonner, second from right, served as the instructor.

Pastors enjoy 'Timothy-Paul' relationship

Smyrna, Costa Rica churches enjoy partnership

By Linda Lawson
For Baptist Press

SMYRNA — Their names are Kenneth and Leo. Their relationship is Paul and Timothy.

Kenneth Hubbard is pastor of First Church, Smyrna, while Leo Chevarria is pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista de Heredia, the oldest Baptist church in Costa Rica.

The two met in 1996 when Hubbard visited Costa Rica with a team from the Tennessee Baptist Convention "to firm up the partnership (between the TBC and Baptists in Costa Rica)." In January 1997, he preached a revival in Chevarria's church. Hubbard is a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

"Leo's very interested in church growth," Hubbard said during an interview. "We spent hours talking through an in-

terpreter."

As Hubbard left to return to the United States, Chevarria told him, "You have been my Paul."

Hubbard's response, "From this day forward, you're going to be my Timothy."

One of Hubbard's first actions was to lead his Tennessee church to buy Sunday School and Discipleship Training literature published in Spanish by the Baptist Sunday School Board for their Costa Rican brothers and sisters in Heredia.

"The first material we received was a blessing," Chevarria said during a May visit to Tennessee. "When teachers received it they were surprised and amazed. It forces the teachers to study more to prepare their lessons. This helps our church."

Along with curriculum, copies of the quarterly devo-



DURING HIS visit to Tennessee Chevarria, left, pastor in Costa Rica, visits his new friend Hubbard, pastor in Smyrna, and his wife, Faye.

tional guide, *Quietud*, were provided.

Chevarria estimated 90 percent of his members had no personal devotional time. *Quietud* immediately became a valued tool for daily devotionals.

In addition to their own use,

Chevarria said church members turn in their periodicals at the end of each quarter so they can "share the blessing" with other churches.

Hubbard also invited Chevarria to the Smyrna church to preach to both the — See Smyrna, page 10

Costa Rica Projects

Special Services

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

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 do evangelistic Christmas concerts in churches and public places. The target is young people.

Project #: CR71998801
 Dates: Jan. 6-12, 1998
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Music
 Annual Music Camp needs a camp voice teacher to work with young people.

Project #: CR71998802
 Dates: Jan. 6-12, 1998
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Music
 Annual Music Camp needs a music camp composition/arranging teacher to help advanced musicians learn publication quality composition/arranging in Spanish.

Project #: CR71998803
 Dates: Jan. 6-12, 1998
 Location: San Jose
 Description: Music
 Annual Music Camp needs a choir director to teach Spanish music with evangelistic theme.

Construction/Evangelism

Project #: CR71997815
 Dates: Open
 Location: South Zone
 Description: Construction/Evangelism
 A team of 10 is needed to do construction for a public health clinic in a rural area. Ongoing and revival services will be held on the job site. Team also needs to bring two doctors. Team should be able to build from the slab up on building.

Family Ministry

Project #: CR71998804
 Dates: March 13-23, 1998
 Location: Heredia
 Description: Music
 A team of 5 is needed to help Central Church in Heredia provide family issues workshops and offer guidance on counseling.

Michigan Projects

Construction

Project #: N-2
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Cadillac
 Description: Construction
 Evergreen Church in Cadillac needs a team of 4-10 to lay carpet and linoleum in sanctuary.

Project #: SC-3a-3e
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Battle Creek
 Description: Construction
 New Life Church needs a team of 8 to do new construction on the church.

Project #: M-13e; M-13g-i
 Dates: July 7-Aug. 31
 Location: Clinton Township

Description: Construction
 Central Church needs volunteers to help with construction of new sanctuary including wallboarding, painting, electrical repairs, and plumbing.

Project #: O-9h
 Dates: July 27-31
 Location: Clarkston
 Description: Construction
 Oakland Woods Church needs a team to lay carpet and do detail and finish work on new 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 #: SE-1
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Monroe
 Description: Construction
 Union Church needs a team of 6 to do bricking and blocking a new all purpose building.

Summer Missionary

Project #: M-4-M-12
 Dates: Summer
 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: Gwynn
 Description: Evangelism
 A youth group has been requested to do evangelism, puppets, drama, and music in local and neighboring Southern Baptist Churches.

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

Church Planting

Project #: M-3
 Dates: ASAP
 Location: Port Huron
 Description: Church Planting
 The Macomb Association in Port Huron needs a church planter to do evangelism, leadership development and some music. Project length is 1-2 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 includes drama, music, skits, games, and puppets.

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

Project #: B-2
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Midland
 Description: Survey Community
 Emmanuel Church in Midland needs a team to do community survey also work with youth in evenings.

VBS/BYBC

Project #: O-11
 Dates: June 22-28
 Location: Auburn Hills
 Description: VBS Helpers
 The Hillcrest Church in Auburn Hills needs a team of 6-12 to help in VBS.

Project #: SC-5

Dates: June 23-27
 Location: Boore Creek
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 Temple Church in Boore Creek needs a team of 10-15 to conduct VBS.

Project #: N-5
 Dates: Early July
 Location: Oscoda
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 The Huron Church in Oscoda needs a team of 6-12 to do VBS.

Project #: O-10
 Dates: July 21-25
 Location: Rochester Hills
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 A team is needed to help with VBS and BYBC by identifying church prospects, sharing the Gospel, and helping form new small groups for adults.

Project #: N-6
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Lake City
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 Lake City Church needs a team of 6-12 to do VBS.

Project #: N-4
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Pellston
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 First Church, Pellston, needs a team of 6-12 to do VBS.

Project #: B-1
 Dates: Open
 Location: Birch Run
 Description: BYBC
 The Bay Area Association needs 5 or more volunteers for BYBC.

Canada Projects

VBS

Project #: CA-10
 Dates: July 7-18
 Location: Edmonton
 Description: VBS
 A team of 6 is needed to do outreach, preparation and VBS.

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 #: CA-8
 Dates: July 19-26
 Location: Saskatchewan
 Description: VBS
 Faith Church needs a team of 6 to do VBS for preschool children in mornings and for youth in evenings.

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 do 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 do one week Bible Camp for youth grades 7-12.

Construction

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

Church Planting

Project #: PM1997636
 Dates: Open
 Location: Surray, B.C.
 Description: Church Planting
 A team is needed to plant a church. They will lead BYBC for Vietnamese children and support the church plant through prayer.

Project #: PM1997622
 Dates: Open
 Location: Vancouver, B.C.
 Description: Church Planting
 A Tennessee church is needed to partner Gladstone Church in sponsoring a church plant for a Mandarin-Taiwanese congregation.

Project #: PM1997619
 Dates: Summer
 Location: North Kildonan
 Description: Church Planting
 A team of volunteers is needed to start new church.

Evangelism

Project #: CA-14
 Dates: Oct. 4-8
 Location: Charlottetown, PEI
 Description: Revival Renewal Services
 Community Church in Charlottetown needs a team to do a renewal services.

Poland Projects

Music

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

Evangelism

Project #: 11997427
 Dates: July 7-13
 Location: Wroclaw
 Description: Evangelism
 First Church, Wroclaw, needs a team of 10 to do evangelism outreach in two nearby towns. Team needs gifts in music, drama, puppets, etc.

Project #: 11997437
 Dates: July 5-17
 Location: Gorzow Wilk.
 Description: ESL/Evangelism
 Baltic Mission needs an English teacher and also evangelism speaker.

Project #: 11997438
 Dates: Sept. 7-21
 Location: Katowice
 Description: Evangelism
 The Katowice Church needs a team of 1-3 to train the church in organizing and conducting home Bible study groups. The church requests a pastor and one or two lay leaders in home Bible study.

Construction

Project #: 11997439
 Dates: July/August
 Location: Gdynia
 Description: Construction
 The church at Gdynia needs a team to do renovation and repairs of its building. This work includes replacing windows and doors in the church.

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 do renovation of a church. This includes painting, repairing wood floors and laying paving tiles for parking area.

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

Project #: 11997440
 Dates: Open
 Location: Warsaw
 Description: Renovation
 Baptist Union needs a volunteer to replace steel grill work on all 3 floors of its building.

Camp

Project #: 11997404
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Warsaw
 Description: Senior Adult Camp
 Baptist Seminary in Warsaw needs a team to help in Senior Adult Camp with crafts, toile painting, etc.

Tennessee Projects

Construction

Project #: T-1
 Dates: June/August
 Location: Crossville
 Description: Construction
 Oakhill Church in Crossville needs a male adult team to do bricklaying and carpet laying.
 Contact: Bill McCrary, (615) 484-5065

Project #: T-2
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Seymour
 Description: Construction
 Harmon Chilhowee Academy in Seymour needs several teams to do renovation of the old public school building.
 Contact: Walter Grubb, (423) 573-8321

Project #: T-3
 Dates: Open
 Location: Crossville
 Description: Construction
 Lantana Road Church in Crossville needs a team to seal a roof on a metal building.
 Contact: Brian Branam, (615) 788-1577

Project #: T-4
 Dates: November
 Location: Springville
 Description: Construction
 A church in Springville needs a team to help with new building including asphalt, electrical masonry, painting, plumbing, drywall, roofing, etc.
 Contact: Rev. Kenneth Basham, (901) 644-0318

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 and fixing up low-income housing, distributing meals and BYBC.
 Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 92
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Atoka
 Description: Construction
 Gateway Church needs construction team of 10-12 to build addition onto church.
 Contact: Brad Whitl, (901) 837-8087 or James Tanner, (901) 476-8344

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

Contact: Les Sanders, (901) 853-8366

Project #: 94
 Dates: Open
 Location: Jackson
 Description: Construction
 Greater Hope Day Care needs team of 5-10 with carpentry skills to do light construction for one week.
 Contact: Richard C. Lee, (901) 423-6290

Project #: 95
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 Brinkley Heights Church needs teams of 10-15 youth to assist apartment management with clean up and fix up of apartments. Teams will also distribute meals and conduct BYBCs.
 Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 96
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 New Song Church needs team of 10 youth/adults to repair neighborhood homes.
 Contact: Peggy Barkley, (901) 521-6868

Project #: 102
 Dates: Open
 Location: Fossville
 Description: Construction
 Fossville Church needs team of 5-10 adults to put in driveway. Bring equipment.
 Contact: Ted Powers, (901) 877-3734

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.
 Contact: Judy Jackson, (901) 372-2373

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, fix-up housing, and distribute meals.
 Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 105
 Dates: Summer
 Location: Rossville
 Description: VBS
 Gospel Light Church needs teams of 20-25 youth/adults to conduct VBS in morning. Also in afternoon teams will clean up, paint up and fix up. Bring tools.
 Contact: Les Sanders, (901) 853-8366

Project #: 106
 Dates: Year Round
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Evangelism
 Individual needed to coordinate children's Bible clubs, Bible studies and volunteer teams in Leahy's Trailer Park. Volunteer will work 2-3 days per week for 2-4 hours per day.
 Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 107
 Dates: September to May
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC
 Team of up to 6 youth to do Big A Bible Clubs for Leahy's Trailer Park. Club will run one night a week for four consecutive weeks. Bring refreshments and materials for arts and crafts.
 Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

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Nashvillians work at seminary in Poland

By Dewey and Bobbie Dunn and Myrna Deere
For *The Macedonian Call*

NASHVILLE — A volunteer team from Woodmont Church here recently returned from Poland after helping the Polish Baptist Seminary in Radosc in many specialized areas due to their immense talents.

The Woodmont team's project which began April 19 — May 3 was listed as landscaping, sewing, medical needs, and library work. However, like many partnership projects, the project became flexible since the team members' talents were varied.

They built a gazebo and playground, made medical rounds, completed a First Aid room, lead a spiritual conference, worked in the library, sewed mattress covers, and did eye examinations.

The team was made up of members from Woodmont Church and Forest Hill's Church, Nashville, and members from Mississippi and West Virginia. The Tennesseans included: Pete and Myrna Deere, Dewey and Bobbie Dunn, Carlton and Doris Carter, and Ann Booth, Wood-

mont Church; and Roy and Carole Renfro, Forest Hills Church. Others were Bruce and Ann Chase from West Virginia and Thomas and June Nolen, Mississippi. The team was led by Pete Deere.

The Carters worked in the seminary library. The men worked on building a gazebo and a children's playground and the women sewed mattress covers. Two couples did additional work. Roy Renfro, a retired surgeon, and his wife Carole attended to medical matters, along with Dewey Dunn, a gastroenterologist, and his wife Bobbie.

The Duns arrived April 17 two days earlier than the team to see former medical colleagues from Vanderbilt who live in Bialystok. Likewise, the Carters had already arrived before the team at the seminary. The team rendezvoused at the apartment of Gustaw Cieslar, rector of the seminary.

In Polish Radosc means "joy" and that was the purpose of our mission, Dewey Dunn said, who served as the team's spiritual leader. "We had a spiritual purpose of growing in Christ to live on Higher

Ground. We went to study a book that was entitled *Doing Church Without God*, written by a Baptist lawyer."

Dunn also presented an ethics lecture that was held one evening at an apartment complex near a large children's hospital. "Missionary Mark Edworthy wanted to make contacts hoping to start a new mission church in the area.

Several Polish people attended plus seminary students. One Polish lady had many questions, and I had a conversation with her though she did not wish to pray with us."

Besides the spiritual nature of the trip, the women got things going in the sewing room to make 75 mattress covers. The outside team started to work on the children's playground and also did the foundation work for the gazebo. Roy Renfro made plans for the medicine room with shelves, an examining table and a desk, according to Dunn.

The group also attended a prayer meeting at the International Baptist church in downtown Warsaw. A missionary couple, Barbara and Robert Springle lead this ministry in



PAUSING during a tour of the Warsaw Palace are, from left, front row, June Nolen, Myrna Deere, Bobbie Dunn, Ann Booth, Anne Chase, Carole Renfro, Doris Carter and Carlton Carter; back row, Thomas Nolen, Pete Deere, Dewey Dunn, Bruce Chase, and Roy Renfro.

the Polish Baptist building.

The volunteers attended community English classes at the seminary. "This is a spiritual outreach with Christian choruses being sung and one-on-one witnessing," Dunn said. "This is a great ministry that was started this academic year. More students want to take the classes than there are places available."

The first night of advanced English classes resulted in a discussion of jury duty. Bobbie Dunn made a wonderful con-

tribution to the class because she recently experienced it in Nashville, he added.

"By the end of the week, the playground began to take shape and Pete Deere put up a swinging tire. Already the children were playing there. The Polish workers at the seminary joined us. Heavy work progressed rapidly. Work on the gazebo was now progressing with the footing of concrete being poured."

The volunteers also brought — See Nashvillians, page 10

Team from First Church, Martin, serves at Poland seminary

By Roger S. Oldham, pastor,
First Church, Martin
For *The Macedonian Call*

When First Church, Martin, was asked to go to Poland on a partnership missions trip, our first thoughts were, "Why Poland?" If Poland, then why work at a theological seminary?

Surely, there must be other more "cutting edge" projects. However, as we learned about the needs in Poland, we learned how work at a seminary campus could be "cutting edge."

One of the great needs of Polish Baptist work is trained leadership. Less than half of

the 59 churches in the Polish Baptist Union have full-time pastors; and few of the pastors are trained.

Following many years of applications to the government and supplications to God, the Baptist Union received permission to build a seminary/conference center.

The new seminary campus is located on a small tract of land in Radosc, a suburb in the southeastern part of Warsaw. Construction began in 1994 with financial assistance from Baptist from Germany and the United States.

By 1997 the dormitories, offices, dining facilities, apartments, and some classrooms

were finished and in use. The shell of the chapel is under roof, but much work remains on it and on many of the classrooms.

Our March 8-16 project, requested by seminary rector Gustaw Cieslar, had four components: painting and light finish work in classroom and dormitory buildings; lectures at the evening English classes which were offered as an evangelistic ministry by the seminary to residents; services at six Polish churches; and teaching at the seminary.

In addition, our church allocated funds to furnish a classroom, provide library cards for the seminary library, and purchase a Lord's Supper service for the Joy Fellowship, a new church which meets in the seminary facilities.

After 21 hours of travel, our team was immediately taken for a three-hour ride to the eastern side of Poland for a flurry of church assignments. On Saturday night, Coy Tilley, an employee at Weakley County Municipal Electric Company, and I, Roger S. Oldham, pastor at First Church, Martin, spoke at the Hajnowka Church.

James Graves, a retired football coach and adjunct math teacher at University of Tennessee at Martin, gave his

testimony, and Lanier Ferguson, a retired CPA, preached at a small church in Narew.

On Sunday morning, Tilley preached at Hajnowka and Graves preached at Narew. In the evening, I preached again at Narew. The church at Narew is fairly remote and does not usually get to host volunteers. The pastor and members were quite excited to have three services with a different speaker at each service.

The largest church in the Baptist Union is located in Bialystok, a city in eastern Poland of over 200,000. On Sunday morning, I spoke at the only Baptist church in the city. Three people confessed Christ during the open invitation.

On Monday, we met and developed an immediate close relationship with Charles and Barbara Layton. The Laytons serve as Mission Service Corps volunteers and work in Poland as the liaisons between Tennessee Baptists and the Polish Baptists Union. They live in a small apartment on the seminary campus.

On Wednesday evening, the team spoke at First Church, Warsaw, and the First International Church in Warsaw. Southern Baptist missionaries Rob and Barbara Springle

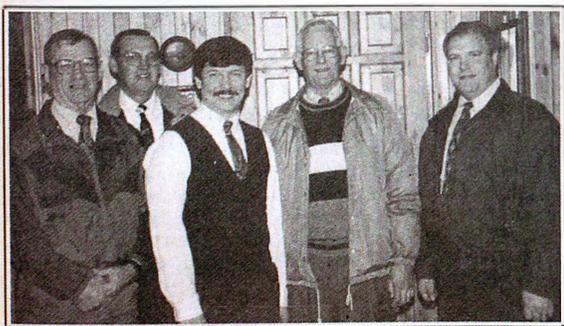
serve this new, English-language church housed in the First Church of Warsaw.

Our main construction task was painting at the seminary. Each building has a basement and two or more floors. Each room is heated by one or more radiators. The basements were constructed so as to be totally functional.

Tilley, Graves, and Ferguson painted ceilings, walls, door-facings, and radiators and more radiators. Even though I painted enough to be in one or two photos, my primary day assignment was to lecture in pastoral ministries, systematic theology, and evangelism.

The seminary hosted an English Evening School on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Of the 50 students in the classes ranging from 13 to 58-years-old most are not believers.

At the Tuesday evening English class, Graves presented a lecture on American football. Showing excerpts from the Super Bowl Game, Graves was able to point out that Green Bay Packers' player Reggie White is also a Baptist preacher. In this predominately Roman Catholic country where Baptists are viewed as a "sect," identifying White as Baptist gave increased credit — See Team from, page 10



MEMBERS OF the painting crew from Tennessee and their new Polish friend are, from left, James Graves; Coy Tilley; Henryk Podsiadly, administrator of Baptist seminary; Lanier Ferguson; and Roger S. Oldham.

Pastors enjoy 'Timothy-Paul' relationship

Smyrna, Costa Rica churches enjoy two-way partnership

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Anglo and Hispanic congregations. During the Sunday morning worship service, church members sang hymns together in Spanish and English.

"We're building a partnership," he said. "If you're just doing it one way, I don't think you reach the apex of what you want to do."

Smyrna's First Church, which will break ground for a new building in Sep-

tember, will send a team to Costa Rica in October to do construction work at a camp and at Chevarria's church. Others from the Smyrna church's puppets and clowning ministries will work at the camp in 1998.

Ramon Martinez, director of the BSSB multicultural leadership department, said he hopes more churches will follow the example of FBC, Smyrna, in a two-way partnership

and providing literature to Hispanic churches.

"We can accomplish much more in ministry, sharing, and training through a relationship in both directions. More needs can be satisfied," Martinez said.

Terry Sharp, director of partnership volunteer missions for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, said "building relation-

ships and finding out and meeting needs is what we're really trying to encourage. One of the strengths of partnership missions is relationships."

Chevarria described FBC, Smyrna, as a church with a "big heart." Hubbard said the first-hand involvement has "heightened the interest of our people in missions." ■



More partnership projects ...

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Project #: 108
Dates: Open
Location: Jackson
Description: VBS
Up to 40 teams of 6-10 youth/adult needed to hold one week VBSs or BYBCs in apartment areas or housing projects for Madison-Chester and Crockett Associations.
Contact: Carol Vaughan, (901) 668-5690

Project #: 109
Dates: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: VBS
Monument of Love Church needs teams of 5-10 youth to do VBS classes, activities, arts, crafts, and other related duties for two weeks.
Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, (901) 744-1643

Project #: 110
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: BYBC
Teams of 10-15 youth are needed to do one-week BYBCs in low-income apartment complex, National Apartments. Teams will also help the apartment management with clean up and fix up and also distribute meals. Puppets and clowns skills are helpful.
Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 111
Dates: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: BYBC

New Song Church needs teams of 10 or more youth to do BYBCs in public housing community building in church neighborhood. In the afternoons, groups may also help in other types of projects or second BYBC at another location.
Contact: Peggy Barkley, (901) 521-6668

Project #: 112
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: BYBC
Shelby Association needs at least 10 teams of 10-30 youth to work with local churches doing Bible clubs in city parks. In the afternoons, teams will do community work projects such as clean up, paint up and fix up. Clowns and puppets skills are helpful.
Contact: Rev. Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Miscellaneous

Project #: 113
Dates: Year Round
Location: Memphis
Description: Clothing Ministry
Brinkley Heights Church needs individuals or team of youth to work in clothing room. Volunteers are needed for 1-2 days per month for 2 hours per day.
Contact: Janie Hemminger, (901) 458-0617

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 and food ministry. Volunteers are needed 2-3 days per week for 2 hours per day.
Contact: Sam Wilson, (901) 458-0617

Project #: 115
Dates: September-April
Location: Memphis
Description: Tutorial Ministry
Brinkley Heights Alliance needs individuals (youth-high school/adults) to tutor grade school children on Thursdays for two hours. This is one-on-one tutoring.
Contact: Jeane Billington, (901) 372-7477

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.
Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, (901) 744-1643

Project #: 117
Dates: Summer
Location: Memphis
Description: Summer Camp
Monument of Love Church and Shelby Association need teams of 5-10 youth to lead, plan, and administer Summer Camp program/activities for one week to one month.
Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, (901) 744-1643

Volunteers train Disaster Relief ...

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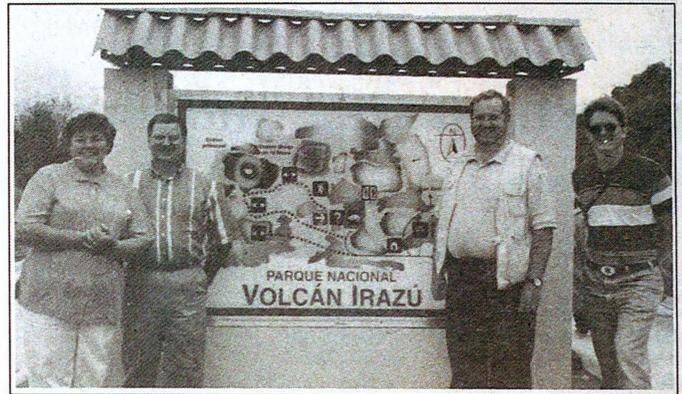
through the windows, and some came to the street to talk to us. Many of the residents are children in this area.

Chavarria has a vision of a church in this community with a child care facility that would provide at least one meal per day. He has a lot picked out and some money for the child care facility. All that remains now in barriers to his vision is cutting through local government red tape and more money.

The "Ticos," a name that Costa Ricans use to identify their Indian and Hispanic ancestry, that we worked

with all have a servant's heart. One lady illustrated their servant attitudes. In his fire building class, Bearden explained that each fire should be doused with water to be sure that it was out completely. The closest water was 200 yards away and down a steep bank to a creek. Cecilia Alvarez Ramirez, who was dressed in her best clothes, found a container and went to the creek for water even though it wasn't her fire.

I was blessed by the trip as were all of our team members, and I pray to be able to return soon. — Mike and Connie Stricklin are members of Hopewell Church in Savannah. ■



STANDING BY A SIGN explaining one of Costa Rica's many volcanos which the Tennessee Disaster Relief Team visited are team members, from left, Connie and Mike Stricklin, Tim Bearden, and Michael Bonner.

Team from First Church, Martin, serves ...

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bility to Baptist witness in general.

Ferguson presented a lecture on the history of Tennessee on Thursday night. Wearing a coonskin hat, he spoke of Davy Crockett and other Tennessee volunteers. Ferguson emphasized the role that Baptists from Tennessee played in the development of American democracy. During the class breaks, there were several opportunities to witness with some of the Polish people whose English skills were fairly good.

The team traveled on Saturday by train to the World War II death camp at Auschwitz. This sobering visit served as a

stark reminder of the need to reach this country with the Gospel while its doors are open. Only since 1991 have the churches begun to enjoy some of the political freedoms gained following the Solidarity movement.

The team also lead in worship at the Baptist Union's newest church start, the Joy Fellowship on the Sunday prior to returning to Tennessee. Poland is strategically located between east and west. It speaks both languages. It may be the pivotal country for continued evangelization of many of the unreached people groups of the world.

Lingering impressions struck the volunteers such as

the heart-felt praying and singing of the people and the steadfast faith of the people who have faced innumerable problems and immeasurable persecution. It is easy to be a Baptist in Tennessee. It is difficult to be a Baptist in Poland.

The vision of the Polish Baptist leaders is staggering. This small body of believers drawing on very limited resources is constructing a facility for training pastors and church workers to reach Poland. However, they are already looking to expand their mission to include the East (Russia and beyond) and the West (Europe and beyond). ■

Nashvillians work at ...

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40 table cloths for the Seminary's dining hall which they made before their trip to Poland, and they were presented by Myrna Deere.

Ray Renfro went shopping several times with Charles Layton, the Tennessee/Poland Volunteer missionary coordinator, to put together the supplies for the medical room. The medicine shelves were put together, the desk was assembled, and the exam table was built. The room soon took shape with a lavatory with mirror, a single bed, red plastic chair, and shelves stocked with medicines.

People came for medical attention and some wanted eye examinations which were done by Bobbie Dunn and Carole Renfro.

"As always the Lord blessed superabundantly. We are praying that the contacts from the English classes and the children's day camp this summer will add to the fellowship at the small seminary church."

In August, the day camp will include local children and orphans. They will use the playground, practice English, have music, study Bible stories, and have a lunch on the campus."

The next Woodmont team that went to Poland May 3-17 was also from the same Sunday School class. ■ — Marcia Knox also contributed to this story.

Inner city congregation holds block party

For Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Recently about 500 people gathered for a block party held by Woodbine Church, an inner city church in Nashville. It was the first block party held by the church.

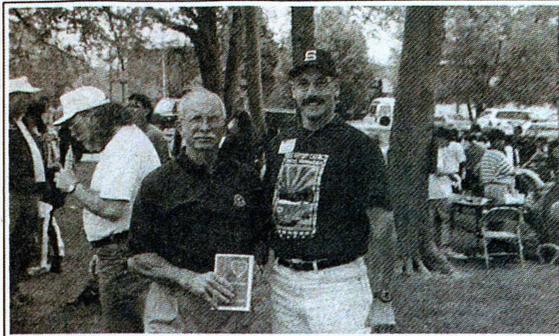
The event was held on the property of the church and included offerings of free ice cream and used clothing. Church members, who had received witnessing training prior to the block party, used the event to visit with those who attended and share their faith, explained Don Whatley, minister of missions at the church

for the past seven months. Whatley, who also is a home missionary, previously served as a missionary in the Lafayette and New Orleans areas of Louisiana.

As a result of the party, 42 people made professions of faith and 300 new prospects were contacted.

To follow up on the event, a Bible study was started in a multihousing area a few blocks from the church and 52 people attended the first meeting, reported Whatley.

"Please pray for us as we reach people for Christ," he said. *B&R*



PAUSING during the activities are Billy Chapman, left, member of Woodbine Church, holding a New Testament, and Barry Sneed, pastor.



WITNESSING to a girl and a Muslim woman during the block party is Don Whatley, minister of ministries, Woodbine Church.



PEOPLE LOOK through clothing provided during the block party.

Church holds traditional celebration for Hispanics

For Baptist and Reflector

BELLS — First Church here held a Cinco de Mayo celebration for Hispanics, which is their Independence Day celebration.

It was held on Sunday, May 4, although the celebration traditionally is held on May 5.

The event drew about 135 Hispanics and 125 church members, who served as hosts.

The church began a Bible study class for Hispanics about a year ago. Members also offer English classes. The ministry is led by Jim and Laura DeJulio, who participated in the

worship service held during the celebration. Special guests were Estriberto Britton of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries, and his wife, Isabel.

Activities were bilingual and featured food prepared by Hispanics of the church. The evening ended with fireworks and the breaking of pinatas. Paul Bryant is pastor. *B&R*



THESE three Hispanic men gathered for the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Bells.



Tennessee features

Church sees 98 people 'saved'

For Baptist and Reflector

WATERTOWN — Round Lick Church here has had revival services it will remember for some time.

May 18-22 the church had revival services led by Harold Hunter, evangelist of Hermitage. During the revival and in services the following Sunday, 98 people made professions of faith and over 65 others made other spiritual decisions, reported Terry Wilkerson, pastor.

"I've read about revivals. It was like something I had read about," said Wilkerson.

During some services about 350 people crowded into the sanctuary which seats 300. Watertown only has a population of about 1,000, he explained.

Wilkerson said one thing the congregation did to help bring about the events was a 30-day period for prayer. Members signed up to pray 30 minutes for the revival and for people who were not Christians. Names of such people were available from the church office.

He also credited Hunter, who spoke at a high school and middle school about teen suicide, which drew youth to the services. Hunter also felt the movement of the Holy Spirit during the services. One evening he felt led to do something he said he hadn't done in his 36 years of preaching. Hunter led an invitation at the first of the service. About 12 people made decisions, said Wilkerson, including one who had to leave early.

The congregation is encouraged and ready to help those who made decisions. Thirty-eight members have agreed to be encouragers for one month to one or two people who made spiritual decisions. Most of those who made professions of faith, 24, were adults.

Wilkerson said he also felt the Holy Spirit in preparation for the revival. During a worship service he felt led to tell the congregation that he thought 100 people could be saved during the revival. *B&R*

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Liberian Baptists try to aid recovery

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Baptist leaders in Liberia "have a mind to work to evangelize and help their people recover" from monumental losses suffered in the country's long civil war, said Emmett Dunn, youth director of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dunn, himself a Liberian, who recently returned from a visit to his country, said the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Education Convention is struggling for survival because the churches have no money with which to support its pas-

tors. Nevertheless, Dunn said, Liberian Baptists maintain their goal of doubling their approximately 230 churches by 2000.

"Church attendance is on the rise, with some churches moving to two or three services each Sunday," Dunn said. Most of those in church, he noted, have no employment.

Most of the pastors are young seminary students or graduates who, Dunn said, "are doing very well but need basic training in leadership

and administrative skills."

Despite the devastation in Liberia, Dunn is optimistic after returning to his country.

"I, for one, believe hope is in sight," Dunn said after seeing the spirits of the people there.

Liberian Baptists are thankful to Baptists around the world and the BWA, Dunn said, explaining, "Without the help they received from the BWA over the years, the convention would not have survived." ■

SWBTS not target of Graham comment

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — During a nationally televised interview June 8, evangelist Billy Graham mentioned "a southwestern seminary" where his granddaughter was persecuted for a moral stand.

The seminary is not Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, according to a

spokesman for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Southwestern's president, Ken Hemphill, added June 9, "None of Dr. Graham's granddaughters have ever attended."

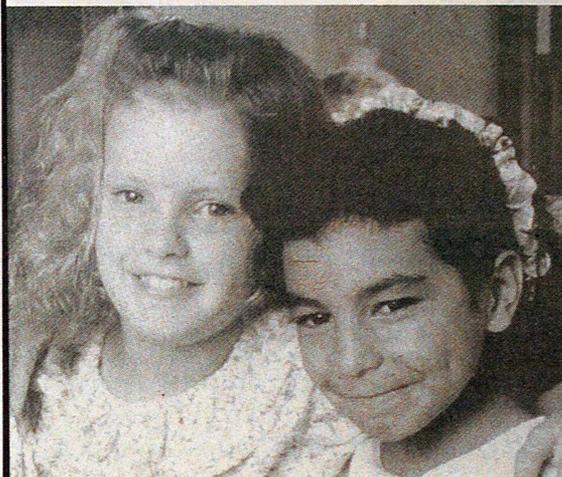
Graham has been a long-time supporter of Southwestern Seminary and is an honorary life member of the SWBTS Advisory Council. ■

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Duck River Association dedicates new facility

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

TULLAHOMA — Associational Missions Week held May 19-25 had a special significance for Baptists in Duck River Association.

The association sponsored different activities during the week related to its new office facility.

Events scheduled included a ministers' conference, WMU luncheon, senior adult coffee, and an appreciation barbeque for volunteers who helped construct the building. The finale was a dedication/open house of the facility on May 25.

The building has been built primarily with volunteer labor, said Director of Missions Baylon Hilliard.

He noted more than 167 vol-

unteers from 21 churches in the association helped. Three volunteers, one each from Texas, Alabama, and Florida, also assisted in the effort, he said.

"The Lord put the right people in place at the right time," Hilliard observed.

"We used the expertise and skills people in our association had," said Hilliard, who had oversight of the construction, working along with the building committee. "And, we discovered others as the project progressed who were willing to give of their talents," he added.

"Everything fit in place. In the Lord's timing it was done," he noted.

The interior decorating also was done by volunteers and was coordinated by Janet Paterson, the association's ad-



DUCK RIVER ASSOCIATION Director of Missions Baylon Hilliard, right, and moderator Kerry Walker, pastor of Trinity Church, Manchester, stand in front of the association's new office facility.

ministrative assistant.

The new facility is located on a four-acre tract about one mile from the old associational office building. It has 4,978 square feet, compared to the 1,861 feet in the old building.

Space and lack of parking were prime factors in the association voting to move and build a new building, he said.

"Our members here saw the need for expanded associational office facilities and they responded under the leadership of the Lord to meet that need," Hilliard said.

One of the key components of the new facility is a media library. "I hope we will be able to resource our churches in a better fashion," Hilliard said.

The building will be avail-

able for churches to use as well as others. The facility has already hosted a Tennessee Baptist Convention-sponsored event.

A three-bedroom house is on the four-acre tract and it has also been used to help ministers in the association who have been in transition.

The association plans to continue to use it in some fashion of ministry, Hilliard said. Classes are being planned in the house for persons in the association interested in learning to sign for the deaf, he noted.

Due to the volunteer labor Hilliard said the total cost of the building will be under \$150,000, more than half of what it normally would have cost. ■



BUILDING COMMITTEE members were among those who broke ground two years ago for a new building which was dedicated in late May. From left are, John Segree, pastor, First Church, Estill Springs; Robert Payne, DOM Baylor Hilliard, Eric Hodge, Jeff Clark, Marvarene Vincent, and John Troxler.

David Hunter of Lebanon

Blind seminarian earns three degrees in four years at Midwestern

By Joni Hannigan
For Baptist Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When David Hunter's beeper goes off, he's likely to be heading straight for one of the walls at a local ice-skating rink. With the camera-sized beeper suspended from his neck to warn him of the boundaries, Hunter, who is blind, enjoys another of the activities that keeps both mind and body sharp.

Graduating with a record number of master's level degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City in May, Hunter says he's felt the sting of rejection from people who may not understand just what his strengths and weaknesses are.

"Don't judge a book by its cover," sighs Hunter, a Tennessean who considers First Church, Lebanon his home church. "Give people a chance."

Hunter was the first Midwestern graduate to earn all three master's degrees in his four years at Midwestern — the master of divinity, the master of church music, and the master of religious education.

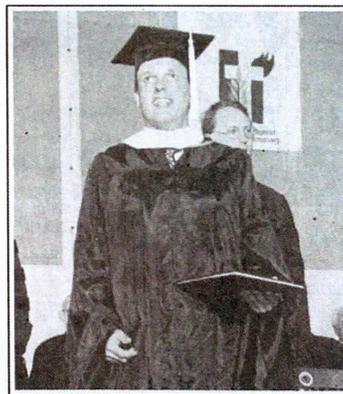
Prior to coming to seminary, he

earned a bachelor of arts in religion from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, and the bachelor of arts in music from Adams State College in Colorado.

A gifted musician, speaker, dramatist, and listener, Hunter readily admits his limitations but says he wishes people would realize there's more to life than seeing.

About the only difference between Hunter and other ministers may be his need for transportation. Since Hunter cannot drive, he relies on a ride service or friends to get him from place to place. Until recently, one of the biggest challenges Hunter faced was having access to written resources. Now, he says life is easier with a computer, a scanner, a voice synthesizer, and the software that allows him to bring books and papers right into the computer for almost instant conversion to a voice telling him what's on the page.

Hunter lost his sight gradually as the result of an optic nerve disease. Although he could see pretty well as a child, by the time he was 12 all that was left were dark shadows and outlines. After attending Tennessee School for the Blind where he learned to type,



DAVID HUNTER receives his degrees from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hunter attended his local high school where people assisted him by reading aloud or taping the textbooks.

Raised in a Christian home, Hunter was saved when he was 7. In his teens, Hunter ministered to others in surrounding country churches where his father took him to preach, sing, act, and

play music. Additionally, Hunter kept busy traveling to youth camps and Centrifuge to minister with other teens.

Now Hunter desires to serve God through a variety of gifts, but with a focus on his organizational, teaching, music, and leadership skills.

"I'd like to coordinate worship and to bring it together so that it flows," Hunter says. "Real worship is a true spiritual encounter with God and fellowship with each other. It involves music, drama, preaching the Word and fellowship — that's all a part of worship."

Hunter's volunteered in ministry for years. Most recently, as a member of Friendship Church in Kansas City, Kan., he has assisted with the children's ministry, music, and Sunday School. He led a small choir and used his gift as a talented pianist and soloist to minister there as well.

Other than making sure he shops "with people he can trust," Hunter's life seems pretty routine. Scrambling eggs in the microwave, searching the classifieds for a job, taking long walks on the seminary campus, or dreaming of a future wife, the 31-year old Hunter is well-prepared for his next step. ■



HCBA Bible center graduates eight

For Baptist and Reflector

SEYMOUR — Eight students, the largest number ever, graduated May 30 from Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy's Bible Training Center (BTC), according to Ted Huckaby, director of the center who retired at the end of this term.

The BTC, formerly known as the Academy Preachers School, was originally designed for bivocational pastors of small churches, but laypersons also attend.

Graduates included Kurt Benson, pastor, Laurel Valley Church, Townsend; Andy Davis Sr., Valley View Church, Sevierville; Tim Eddleman, Tarklin Valley Church, Knoxville; Jessie E. Garner, First Church, Rockwood; Susan Bailey Huckaby, Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville; Joseph G. Lewis, Tarklin Valley Church, Austin L. Moore, associate pastor, Valley Grove Church, Knoxville; and Charles Yancy, associate minister, True Light Missionary Church, Knoxville. ■

Tennesseans graduate from SBC seminaries

For Baptist and Reflector

Approximately 44 students with Tennessee ties were among May graduates of five of Southern Baptists' six seminaries: Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS), Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS); Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS), Wake Forest, N.C.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS), Louisville, Ky.; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS), Fort Worth, Texas. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., did not report any Tennessee graduates.

Photos and information on graduating students were provided to the *Baptist and Reflector* by the seminaries. Information is listed in this order — name, name of home church and location (home town used when church not provided), school, degree.

Abbreviations of degrees are as follows: associate of divinity (A.D.); bachelor of general studies (B.G.S.); diploma in religious education (D.R.E.); graduate diploma in religious education (G.D.R.E.); doctor of ministry (D.M.); doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.); doctor of education (D.E.); master of arts in religious education (M.A.R.E.); master of religious education (M.R.E.); master of divinity (M.D.); master of arts in Christian education (M.A.C.E.); master of divinity in Christian education (M.D.C.E.); master of arts in Christian counseling (M.A.C.C.); master of divinity with biblical languages (M.D.B.L.); master of divinity with languages (M.D.L.); master of church music (M.C.M.); master of music (M.M.); master of arts in marriage and family counseling (M.A.M.F.C.); master of divinity with counseling ministry (M.D.C.M.); and master of social work (M.S.W.).

Photos were not provided for the following graduates:

Kymerlie Slayden Mitchell, Nashville, SBTS, M.D. ■



James Dean
Park Avenue
Nashville
MBTS
M.D.



David Hunter
FBC, Lebanon
MBTS
M.D., M.R.E.,
M.C.M.



R.D. Kelsey
Valley View
Nashville
NOBTS
M.D.



Kokou Loko
United Commun.
Chattanooga
NOBTS
M.D.



J. S. McClurkan
Piney Grove
Harriman
NOBTS
M.D.



Dino Senesi Jr.
Grace
Elizabethon
NOBTS
D.M.



Brad Smith
Kingsport
NOBTS
M.D.C.E.



Tylitha Whatley
Ashland City
NOBTS
D.E.



Daniel White
Erwin
NOBTS
B.G.S.



Craig Cummings
Knoxville
SEBTS
M.D.C.E.



Lori Ferguson
Maryville
SEBTS
M.A.C.E.



Steven Hall
Nashville
SEBTS
A.D.



William Horner
Bristol
SEBTS
D.M.



Mitchell King
Dalewood
Maryville
SEBTS
M.D.L.



David Mason
Knoxville
SEBTS
A.D.



Thomas Whitaker
Nashville
SEBTS
M.D.C.C.



Chris Alley
City View
Knoxville
SBTS
M.C.M.



Todd Bishop
Double Springs
Athens
SBTS
M.D.C.E.



Douglas Brown
Missionary
Grove, Camden
SBTS
M.D.



Wayne Dowling
Memphis
SBTS
M.S.W.



Michael Elliott
Indian Springs
Kingsport
SBTS
M.A.C.E.



Kay Faulkenberry
FBC, Niota
SBTS
M.S.W.



Darrin Hughes
Oak Ridge
SBTS
M.D.



David Kitts
Oakwood
Knoxville
SBTS
Ph.D.



Ronald Lester
Immanuel
Lebanon
SBTS
M.D.C.E.



Brett Margetjak
Persia
Rogersville
SBTS
M.D.C.E.



Ben McGinnis
Nashville
SBTS
M.D.



Gary Millroney
Tusculum Hills
Nashville
SBTS
M.A.C.E.



Paul Pendergrass
Glenwood
Oak Ridge
SBTS
M.A.C.E.



Rob Plummer
Brentwood
Brentwood
SBTS
M.D.



Doug Plumlee II
Pastor, FBC
Celina
SBTS
D.M.



Candy Rhines
Head of Barren
Tazewell
STBS
M.S.W.



John Schuster
Dyersburg
SBTS
Ph.D.



David Vaughan
Central
Hixson
SBTS
M.C.M.



Marci Hill
College Heights
Gallatin
SWBTS
M.D.



Tracey Hunter
First Church
Columbia
SWBTS
M.D.B.L.



Andrew Murry
Beverly Hills
Memphis
SWBTS
M.D.B.L.



Lisa Nanney
West Jackson
SWBTS
M.A.R.E.,
M.A.M.F.C.



Jason Nichols
First Church
Union City
SWBTS
M.A.R.E.



Johnny Osbourne
Bethel
Rogersville
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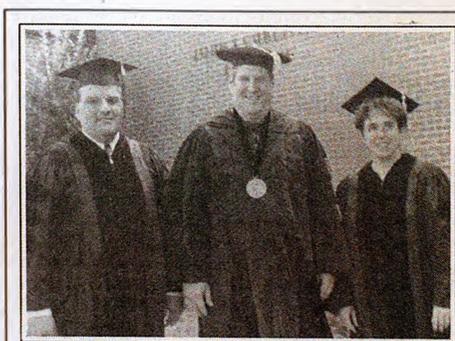
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G.D.R.E.



Brian Vietti
First Church
Allen
SWBTS
M.A.R.E.



James Workman
Nashville
SWBTS
M.M.



Doctoral grads

Chuck Kelley, center, president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, congratulates Tennessee graduates upon receiving their doctorates from NOBTS — Dino J. Senesi Jr., left, of Elizabethon, and Tylitha Whatley of Ashland City.

Giving

By Gary Rickman

Focal Passage — Psalm 50:7-13, 23; 66:13-15

How much? This is a question we find ourselves asking quite often. Tragically, this is the attitude that too many people take when approaching God concerning their stewardship of material things. However, living as a Christian is not merely a budget matter or a matter of paying dues; it is a spiritual matter. It has to do with gratitude to God for what he has given and with trust that God will see to our future needs.

The question the Christian should be asking is not "how much" but "how should I give to God?" The Bible study this week gives the answer to this question.

First, we are to give regularly. In the psalms you will find no more forceful rebuke of the "busyness" of religion than you do in Psalm 50. However, in the midst of God's words of judgment, there is an affirmation. In verse 8 God found no fault with the sacrifices the people had brought. God observed the regular offering and there was affirmation at this point. God's dissatisfaction with the people came not because the offerings were regular, but because the gifts were empty expressions from lives that had not been committed. This takes us to the second answer to the "how should I give" question.

Second, we are to give devotedly. God was displeased with Israel not because they brought their sacrifices, but because they misunderstood the meaning behind their gifts. They assumed God needed their sacrifice. God reminded them he owned it all. The motive behind our giving should not be God's need. He doesn't need our money. However, we have a need to express our love for God and experience the joy of giving.

Third, we are to give faithfully. A vow in the Bible is a pledge or promise to God in which the believer voluntarily assumed an obligation to show devotion to God in some specific way or circumstance. In this passage as an act of his worship, the individual stepped forward to pay his vows. His giving was a testimony of what God had done in his life. Faithfulness in stewardship is more than giving regularly. It is giving by people full of faith. It is giving that does not grow out of obligation; rather it is giving that grows out of a faith in God who is trusted to meet every need today, tomorrow, and forever.

Fourth, we are to give generously. The psalmist gave generously because he had the proper view of what really mattered. He knew God didn't need what was offered, but the worshiper needed to express his gratitude to him. How much he gave was not the issue, but the spirit in which he gave it was what was important. Jesus taught us that lesson when he commended the widow who gave her mite. The size of the gift is not necessarily a measure of its generosity. God wants and rewards a generous spirit.

Godly giving is concerned far more with attitude than amount. We still should recognize that God doesn't need our resources. What he wants is us. To get us, he has to pry us loose from our self-serving loves, so he commands us to give in such a way that we become free to love and serve him. For the Christian, the most appropriate place for this expression of faithful giving is through the local church as an act of worship that expresses to God and others our gratitude and praise for God's faithfulness. ■ — Rickman is Church Staff Leadership Group Leader, TBC Executive Board.

Christ and faithfulness

By Wm. Fletcher Allen

Focal passage: II Timothy 4:1-18

Have you ever been "at loose ends" about a change in your life, perhaps a long-distance move, or a significant turn of events? Maybe you sensed such a time as an irreversible event. As Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, he knew the time of his death was imminent. He expresses in this closing chapter his powerful testimony of faith and faithfulness.

I remember hearing that great preacher, Stephen Olford in an evangelism conference close a sermon on faithfulness with this great exhortation, "Preach the Word! In times of distress and defeat, preach the Word. When joy reigns and fills your heart, preach the Word. Today, tomorrow, and always — be faithful, preach the

Family Bible Lesson

Word!" Olford was right. We are to preach the Word, live the Word, share the Word — in faithful response to the Savior's command.

Paul challenges Timothy to be faithful, despite the fact that some would turn from the truth to hear from others what they wanted to hear. In his final instructions, he told Timothy that his Lord, who had always stood with him, would be faithful with his reward, and would deliver him into his heavenly kingdom.

Charge to be faithful (vv. 1-5). Paul reminded Timothy that they lived in the presence of God and the Lord Jesus. In that situation then, his charge to Timothy was a divine charge, thinking of Christ's future appearance when he would judge the living and the dead.

Timothy, your main task, Paul was saying, is to be a herald of the good news, and "stay at your post."

Tempering freedom with love

By Jerry Chapman

Explore the Bible Lesson

Focal passage — I Corinthians 8:1-13

In just a few chapters we will find the love chapter, but Paul started his theme on love long before then. This is the fourth session in the unit on "Relating together as God's People." Paul wanted the Corinthians to allow love to reign supreme in their relationship with one another.

Love reigns supreme over knowledge (vv. 1-3)

The old adage "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" certainly rang true for the Corinthians. Paul continues to answer their questions.

This question was about meat offered to idols. Three concerns were related to this: (1) Should Christians attend ceremonies and dinners celebrated in pagan settings where meat offered to idols was served? (2) Should Christians eat any meat since most of the meat sold in the market had been offered to idols?

(3) Should Christians eat in pagan friends' homes? Paul pointed out that idols were not only false but really didn't exist, except in the minds of those who believe in them.

There were those in the church who thought they had more knowledge of such things than others. They had it all figured out. Their ar-

rogance made it difficult for others. Paul indicated that no matter how many facts one knew about God there was no need to create problems. Paul wanted the people to exercise love because love is superior to knowledge.

God, the author of love, reigns supreme to idols (vv. 4-6)

No matter what kind or how many idols there may be in our minds God reigns supreme over any and all of them. Paul says emphatically that there is "one God." "All things" are created by God.

Human beings are God's creation. And we are created by God for God. We exist for him; not him for us. To be in right relationship with him is what really counts.

We face so many "things" and persons in the world today that may cause us to waver from our relationship with Jesus. Idols control us and when they do they control our relationship with God.

It may be our work or hobby and even the dearest people in our lives, our family. But they can become more important than our relationship with God.

We need to constantly guard our spiritual lives for those things or people that make us put God second place.

False teachers would come and teach false doctrine to gullible listeners. He told Timothy to stay alert, doing the work of the evangelist.

Testimony of faith

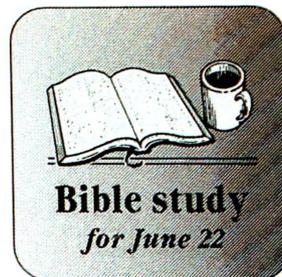
(vv. 6-8). Paul knew he was facing death, and he pictured his life as a sacrificial offering, and that, like a ship leaving the harbor, he was departing. But he assures Timothy that (v. 7) he has been faithful, and (v. 8) that his hope after death is that Christ's spirit within him had produced righteous living, and a "crown".

Information and instructions (vv. 9-18). Though others had forsaken him or gone out on mission, Luke remained. Paul says to Timothy, "Come quickly," and to bring Mark.

He asked his friend to bring him his cloak, scrolls, and parchments — all things he needed, and not just wanted. Though no one had stood with him earlier, Paul reminds Timothy that the Lord had stood with him, and would deliver him into his heavenly kingdom.

God's servants, like Paul, will be faithful to Christ regardless of what it may cost. They will put God's will before their own desires. They will go where he wants them to go, and never count the cost. Like Paul, they will make his desires for them the primary thrust of their lives.

In our lives today, there will be many temptations for compromise. Each compromise will be attractive, easy, and perhaps seem to be rewarding. But Christ calls us to be faithful, and to exhort others to live lives of faithfulness. One goal of the Christian life is to be the faithful servant, the willing servant, never quibbling about where or when. ■ — Allen is editor, *Baptist and Reflector*.



Bible study
for June 22

Our love influence over others reigns supreme over our own freedoms (vv. 7-13)

Paul taught that eating meat offered to idols was not wrong. No food of any kind has any barring whatsoever on our relationship with God. God's grace sets the believer free. They were given the freedom to eat any food they preferred.

But with freedom comes responsibility. The more mature Christians knew this but were not aware that even if they ate the meat or were seen in places where it was served was a "stumbling block" to the younger believers.

Every believer is at a different level of spiritual maturity. Paul urged the mature believers to exert the right kind of influence: an influence bathed in love.

Therefore, if eating meat that had been sacrificed to an idol would lead immature believers to sin, the mature believer should not do it. And if a mature believer continues to do this then he is in danger of worshiping Satan. There are always serious consequences to our sins.

Practicing love among believers is more important than acting purely on the basis of knowledge and freedom. This gives independence a whole new meaning. ■ — Chapman is Discipleship Coordinator, TBC Executive Board.



Tennessee

churches

■ For the 12th consecutive year, a group from Murfreesboro's **Southeast Church** will work on the Sioux Indian Reservation near Wounded Knee, S.D. The Tennesseans will lead a Vacation Bible School and work on building projects June 19-28.

■ **Ruthville Church, Martin**, has completed its new kitchen and fellowship hall.

■ **Pleasant View Church, Clarksville**, held revival recently. As a result, 42 people made professions of faith and 61 people made other recorded decisions while 73 made commitments to soul winning. Felix Snipes, magician of Atlanta, Ga., led the services.

■ **Laneview Church, Kenton**, is holding a Preachers School on Thursdays during June through August. Noel

Edwards, associate pastor of the church, is leading it. For more information call (901) 587-0795.

■ **Greenville Church, Church Hill**, will hold Vacation Bible School June 23-27 from 6:30-9 p.m. The theme will be "Joy to the World."

associations

■ **Lawrence County Association** is accepting resumes for the position of director of missions following the retirement of J. C. Carpenter last fall. Resumes may be mailed to Bob Johnston, chairman, Director of Missions Search Committee, 2427 Highway 43 - South, Leoma, Tenn. 38468. The deadline is July 15.

leaders

■ **Germantown Church, Germantown**, has called **Richard Jackson** as interim preacher, effective June 15. Former pastor, Ken Story, retired in May. Jackson is the retired pastor of North Phoenix Church, Phoenix, Ariz., and works out of the Jackson Center for Evangelism and Encouragement at Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas.



JACKSON



CUTTING THE RIBBON representing the opening of Bledsoe Association's new Missions Strategy Center in Gallatin recently are leaders, from left, Paul Mostellar; Brent Lay, former director of missions; Ruth McKinney, widow of Nat McKinney, former director of missions; J.C. Lewis, former director of missions; Mike Pennington, director of missions; James Porch, TBC executive director; Neil Jackson; Ed Hardy; Walter Morris; and Elmer Suddarth.

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■ **Mack's Grove Church, Dresden**, surprised **Jerry Powell**, pastor, and his wife, Ora Lee, with a celebration on June 8 to celebrate Powell's 60th birthday and the couple's 40th wedding anniversary. Both events fell during one week. Seventeen family members were able to attend.

■ **Greg Bowers**, pastor,

First Church, Portland, has been called as pastor of First Church, Indianola, Miss.

deaths

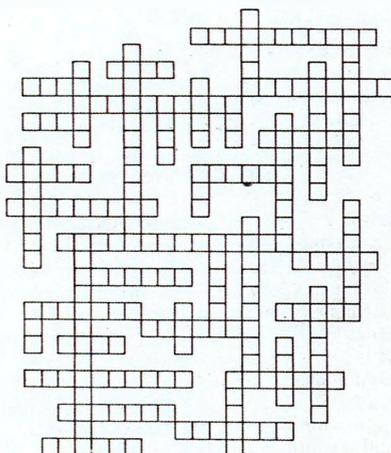
■ **Anne Margrett**, 87, emeritus foreign missionary to Argentina, died June 7. Her parents, Sidney and Ermine Bagby Sowell, were the first missionaries to Argentina. Margrett, a widow in 1936, was appointed in 1941. She served 34 years until her retirement in 1975. She worked

as director, Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Rosario and as dean of women, International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires. Margrett graduated from Virginia Interim College, Bristol; Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.



MARGRETT

For Adults and Teens The Book of Galatians



The number of letters in each word below will help you fill in the puzzle above.

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Fun for the Family

Answers to the June 11 Fun for the Family Puzzles

The Book of II Corinthians for Adults and Teens

We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed, but not driven to despair, persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed. So we do not lose heart. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. — II Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18

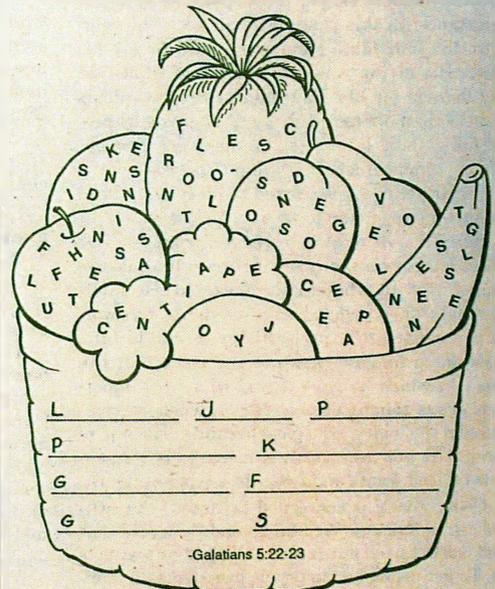
The Book of II Corinthians for Children

THEREFORE IF ANY ONE IS IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY, BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. — II Corinthians 5:17

Just for Kids

The Book of Galatians

Unscramble the words below and fill in the fruit basket with the Fruit of the Spirit.



-Galatians 5:22-23

"Fun for the Family" is a feature of the *Baptist and Reflector* that will appear regularly.