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LifeWay Christian Resources of the SBC

Baptist Sunday School Board may get new name

By Linda Lawson and Charles Willis
For Baptist Press

GLORIETA, N.M. — In a historic vote, trustees of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have approved recommending LifeWay Christian Resources to the denomination as the new name for the 106-year-old agency.

By a unanimous voice vote Sept. 15, trustees approved the administration recommendation during their semiannual meeting at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Two more steps remain in the approval process — consideration in February 1998 by the SBC Executive Committee to putting the request on the agenda for the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention and consideration by messengers attending the June 9-11 meeting in Salt Lake City. If approved by SBC messengers, the new name would become effective immediately.

"As our executive management group has lived with the proposed name, we feel it best represents who we are and what we do," President James T. Draper Jr. told Baptist Press. "We came to this name after looking at over 400 possibilities. This is not a trendy name; it will stand the test of time. It also

incorporates an established name that represents quality resources in the view of churches and individuals."

LifeWay already is the name of one of the board's publishing imprints and the name of two of its retail stores in Albuquerque, N.M., and Denver.

After the vote, trustee chairman Nick Garland, pastor of First Church, Broken Arrow, Okla., said "history has been made. If Jesus tarries, years from now, people will say LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention was born in 1997 at Glorieta."

Draper said the name is rooted in the Bible verse, John 14:6: "Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

"We already seek to lift up Christ as the only way to truth, salvation, and eternal life through everything we do," Draper said. "I believe we can point people to The Way even through our name."

The three words in the Bible verse — way, truth, and life — illustrate the many dimensions of the saving work of Christ, Draper said.

"LifeWay points to the essence of our Christian faith — The Way to a full and

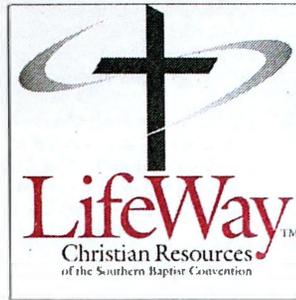
meaningful life. 'Christian' delineates our faith and complements 'Southern Baptist' in the latter part of the name. 'Resources' encompasses both products and services and relates them to life needs. 'Of the Southern Baptist Convention' clearly states our relationship to our denomination and the churches we serve," Draper said.

In the past five years, Draper told trustees, a new vision has been cast for the Sunday School Board. It states: "We will assist local churches and believers to evangelize the world to Christ, develop believers, and grow churches by being the best worldwide provider of relevant, high-quality, high-value Christian product, and services."

To carry out the vision, new values, operating principles, and business and financial objectives have been developed.

"We felt it was also appropriate to consider whether the name, The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, best reflects the mission of the institution and the expanding ministries we are providing as the 21st century approaches," Draper said.

From one assignment in 1891, publishing Sunday School literature, the board — See Baptist, page 3



DRAPER

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Nashville Association is preparing to be the first site in Tennessee for Christian Women's Job Corps, which was introduced to men and women in two meetings here Sept. 18.

The ministry has received a great reception, according to Diane Shepherd, associational coordinator. When officials with Families First, Tennessee's welfare program, were contacted, they already were familiar with the program. A representative of Families First and Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention worked together as two of 18 founders of Vice President Al Gore's Welfare to Work Coalition to Sustain Success.

Davidson County Families First officials were not only familiar with the program, they

were aware of the need for mentors to assist the many women who are the heads of households and are on welfare, said Shepherd.

About 90 percent of poor families are headed by women, Shepherd told representatives of churches gathered at Lockeland Church here, the first base for Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC).

Shepherd also noted that "welfare reform is evidence that welfare has not worked."

The resources to help disadvantaged women, said Candy Phillips, associational WMU director, are available, especially in a city like Nashville. But disadvantaged women often don't know about the resources or are unable to tap them because these women don't network, she said.

"We'll provide a network for them. And we'll tell them they can do it. They have a lot of people telling them what they



GATHERED FOR a presentation of Christian Woman's Job Corps are, from left, Jackie Langlois, Lockeland Church, Nashville; Diane Shepherd, Lockeland Church; and Candy Phillips, First Church, Nashville.

can't do," said Phillips.

Creely Wilson, state coordinator of CWJC, explained the program provides a mentor for each participant, who is referred, in most cases, from a program such as Families First. The two women will meet regularly for two years.

CWJC will provide educational and spiritual training, among other life skills, at base sites.

Churches in the association can help by providing volunteers donating items, and assisting financially. For more information, call Shepherd at (615) 255-9681 or Wilson or 371-0704. B&R

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Venezuelans' faith response affirms work

Tennessee Baptist a leader in medical mission work

By Clay Renick
For Baptist Press

BARQUISIMETO, Venezuela — John McLendon found a cure for his own fatigue during a medical trip to Venezuela in July.

"I would just look up and see people becoming Christians," said McLendon, a pre-med student from the University of Mobile. "It never failed to give me new strength."

Baptist medical volunteers spent 10 days in the country, treating 6,427 patients and recording 2,491 spiritual decisions.

"The needs are great there," said Dewey Dunn, a member of Woodmont Church, Nashville, and a physician who teaches at Vanderbilt University's medical school in Nashville.

Dunn also is a member of the Baptist Medical-Dental Fellowship, with 1,700 doctors

and dentists worldwide who average 600 volunteers on trips every year. Expenses average \$1,300 per trip, and volunteers pay their own way.

Dunn has helped lead 40 volunteer projects in Venezuela, Chile, Philippines, Poland, and Costa Rica.

"Over the next few years the fellowship is seeking to double its membership and strengthen support of SBC global missions," said James D. Williams, executive director. "Dewey Dunn embodies the very best of missions support."

In 1996 alone in Venezuela, medical volunteers treated 21,578 people and reported 6,377 spiritual decisions.

Throughout the years, each trip had its own problems.

In the volunteers' first trip back in 1987, they had to dump their medications because they lacked government permission to bring the materi-

also into the country.

Dunn needed medical care when he fell in a river and cracked two ribs in a 1994 trip there. He had to ride a mule and sleep in a hammock two nights.

"On one of those nights all of the persons in the village accepted Christ at a service under the moonlight," Dunn recounted.

"I encountered many problems that were beyond our capacity to treat," added Ricardo Gonzales, a member of the July volunteer team and a medical student at Vanderbilt.

"I would explain that all I had to offer was prayer," he recalled. "Many of these patients gratefully accepted, knowing their condition was in the hands of the Almighty."

Jane Santi, a volunteer from Tennessee who worked in the eye clinic, said, "The memory that sticks in my mind is

one little boy. He cried from eye strain."

The boy was fitted with reading glasses, which led to a "big smile," Santi recounted. "I know that even if I couldn't help anyone else during the whole week, I was put there to help that little boy."

The mayor of Tejerios sent his whole staff to help at the clinic in his area. He provided lunch for the team and thanked the local church for hosting the effort.

After returning home in July, Dunn took another 15 teams and 125 volunteers back to Venezuela in August.

In March 1998 they plan to start a three-year project in the Andes Mountains of the country. Officials requested 16 medical teams. "That is a great opportunity," Dunn said.

"Many persons have contributed to make these missions a blessing." ■

Family organizations unhappy with new ABC series

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — TV advertisers were in focus after ABC, the network subsidiary of The Disney Company, aired "Nothing Sacred" — a drama about a priest much ballyhooed by ABC and the secular media and much criticized by cultural conservatives.

A list of 14 companies was posted by the American Family Association at its afa.net site on the Internet's World Wide Web after the show's Sept. 18 debut. The AFA, one of the first organizations to call for a Disney boycott in 1995, regularly urges concerned viewers to write to spon-

sors of TV programs that defame Christians or proffer sex, violence, and profanity, urging the companies to pull their advertising.

James Dobson's Focus on the Family also is urging viewer protests to Nothing Sacred's advertisers.

The AFA noted the show "takes religion to the liberal woodshed and ridicules Christianity like no other prime-time drama has ever done."

The Tupelo, Miss.-based AFA urged viewers to voice concern to local ABC affiliates. Affiliates can be identified on the Internet at <http://www.abc.com.local.stations>.

Concerns about Disney's moral direction

and Nothing Sacred also can be sent to Michael Eisner, c/o The Disney Company, 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521.

National advertisers on the program included Bayer Corporation, Burlington Coat Factory, Darden Restaurants, H.J. Heinz Company, Kmart Corporation, Procter & Gamble, Visa U.S.A. Inc., Unilever United States Inc., Reynolds Metals Company, Glaxo Wellcome, Inc., Alberto-Culver Company, and more.

For a list of companies and products, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Baptist and Reflector, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, Tenn., 37024. ■

Partnership Prayer Requests

September

24 — Pray for a language missions conference in Michigan to be held Oct. 18.

25 — Pray for Costa Rica missionaries Pam and Keith Travis and Ben and Susie Argil as they train new Christians.

26 — Pray for Christians in Canada to work together as they present the Gospel.

27 — Pray the state media library conference which will be held Oct. 17-18 in Michigan.

28 — Pray for funding to complete the multi-purpose building and chapel of Casa de Oracion in Costa Rica.

29 — Pray for the staff and ministries of the Michigan convention.

30 — Pray for Christians to mobilize in prayer for spiritual awakening in Canada.

NAMB continues missions education, including RAs

Baptist Press



ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Although new missions education materials for Southern Baptist churches are being developed by the North American Mission Board, Tim Seanor wants to reassure missions leaders traditional programs are still available.

"Virtually all the programs and materials previously produced by the Brotherhood Commission are still being produced, including Royal Ambassadors (RAs), MissionKids, Challengers, Express Missions, and Baptist Men," said Seanor, director of NAMB's missions education team. "The only significant change at this point is how churches order the materials."

Southern Baptist missions education material for men and boys was formerly produced by the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. However, the commission was dissolved this past summer, along with the Home Mission Board and the Radio and Television Commission. Their primary ministries, including missions education, were assigned to NAMB.

"Churches can order mission education materials, including *Lad* and *Crusader* magazines, from the Baptist Sunday School Board at 1 (800) 233-1123. Books and supplies can also be purchased at local Baptist Book Stores," Seanor explained. "Although we mailed September's Baptist Men curriculum to churches, materials from October forward are also now available through the Sunday School Board."

Churches and associations with questions about missions education programs may contact their state Baptist Men's office or NAMB's missions education staff at (770) 410-6365.

Seanor said NAMB will continue to work cooperatively with other SBC entities, including Woman's Missionary Union, state Baptist conventions, and the International Mission Board, to provide missions education materials to local churches.

"We have wonderfully exciting and innovative materials in preparation now for next year. I know our churches will find them effective in telling the story of what God is doing to reach our world through Southern Baptists," Seanor said. ■

Union trustees consider campus master plan, begin new year

By Kevin S. Trowbridge
For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — A campus master plan which would dramatically expand and change the appearance of Union University received a preliminary nod from the institution's trustees at their Sept. 12 meeting here.

In board action, trustees affirmed the general direction of the master plan proposal, invited feedback from the community, and indicated they would take final action on the plan at their Dec. 5 meeting.

The master plan proposes to expand the campus in a westward direction, with the university's primary entrance being at the newly-extended Pleasant Plains Road.

Union currently owns more than 120 acres to the west of Walker Road, which forms the current western boundary of

the campus. That acreage virtually straddles the four-lane parkway that is now under construction, and would house virtually all of the projected new facilities.

"The proposed master plan for Union projects a stunning, classical campus that will be a crown jewel for Jackson and West Tennessee," said Union President David S. Dockery.



DOCKERY

"We are grateful to the board of trustees for their vision for Union and their willingness to further explore this exciting proposal."

In other business, Dockery reported that freshman enrollment was up slightly over last year with 372, compared to 353 last year.

He also informed trustees about the success of the first program at Union's Germantown campus. Sixty-three students are enrolled there in the RN to BSN program which began in August.

Board members also approved an expansion to the current adult studies program with a new adult, learner-centered program of study for students 24 years of age and older. The new program will lead to the bachelor of science in organizational leadership degree and will begin next spring.

The new program, according to Dockery, is mission-driven and fits within the university's comprehensive vision for academics.

Trustees unanimously approved a joint resolution of the academic advancement and the church services committee that states "when appropriate Union University trustees, adminis-

Union gifts top \$5 million

For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — Union University received more than \$5 million in gifts and grants during the 1996-97 fiscal year ending Aug. 31.

The total of \$5,128,290 in cash gifts sets an all-time record for that 12-month period, according to Union President David S. Dockery. With the addition of more than \$1 million in "gifts in kind" — gifts of products or services rather than cash — total giving to Union was well in excess of \$6 million for the year.

"We are honored that Union's alumni and friends have expressed their support of the university in such a tangible and generous way," Dockery said.

Factors in the record-setting year were more than \$1.2 million to the endowment fund, compared to less than \$400,000 the previous year, and gifts from Union alumni topped \$1 million for only the second time in the school's history. ■

tration, faculty, and staff share their faith by telling students how they may have an abundant life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ." The resolution affirms Union's

goal to become a Great Commandment university.

Elected as trustee officers were John Drinnon, chairman; Floyd Flippin, vice chairman; and Lynn Cobb, secretary. ■

ERLC trustees elect Tennessean as officer

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Meeting for the first time under a new name, trustees of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (formerly Christian Life Commission) added two new staff members, gave their endorsement for a national radio program, and approved a record budget during the Southern Baptist Convention agency's semiannual trustee meeting Sept. 15-17 here.

Union City evangelist Ben Wilkes was elected vice chairman, along with chairman Steven Wright of Houston, Texas.

Trustees approved the hiring of King Sanders, a pastor from Santa Fe, N.M., as director of communications for the agency's Washington, D.C., office. Sanders, who also served as an ERLC trustee until being named, will be responsible for the ERLC's newsletter, *Salt*, and will work with news media representatives in Washington.

The board also approved the hiring of Harold Harper of Dallas as executive producer of the agency's planned radio program and director of broadcasting. The agency plans to launch the national radio program, "For Faith and Family," on the eve of the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision Jan. 21, 1998 in Washington, D.C. The 30-minute live call-in program will air weekdays in selected markets across the United States and will feature ERLC President Richard Land, who is marking his ninth year in that office, and others on pressing issues of the day.

The program will also be heard internationally via AudioNet on the Internet. ■

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today provides resources and services for discipleship, music, family life, multicultural ministries, pastors and church staff members, and many others. The agency operates a nationwide chain of Baptist Book Stores and Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference centers. Through Broadman & Holman Publishers, the board provides books, Bibles, church supplies, and gifts.

In their February 1997 meeting, BSSB trustees agreed with management that the agency needs a new name. Draper announced to messengers attending the June 1997 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas the board's intention to change the name.

James L. Sullivan, who retired in 1975 after 22 years as president of the Sunday School Board, told trustees Sept. 15 in a videotaped message that as long as 40 years ago a new name was investigated for the agency.

"In 1957 the leadership of the Sunday School Board became aware of the inadequacy of the name of the institution," he said, adding "we never could find a name that suited everyone."

"I want to express my joy that a study has been made again, and apparently a name has been found that should be satisfactory to everyone," Sullivan said. "It has my ardent support and approval, and I hope the convention gets a recommendation from the trustees to that effect."

Mike Arrington, executive director for corporate affairs of the board and chairman of the 19-member employee naming committee, said interviews were conducted with leaders throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as part of the exploration of a new name.

"Our Sunday School Board executive management group, our trustees, and employees have been involved. We determined that a new name should re-

fect six key attributes of the Sunday School Board to communicate that we are Christian, approachable, multifaceted, ministry- and customer-focused, dynamic, and high quality," he said.

Draper said a logo, developed under the leadership of Paula Savage, a creative art director for the board, includes a key element from the present logo and the strongest symbol of Christian faith, the cross.

"Shaded curves on each side of the cross symbolize the Holy Spirit at work in the world. They also illustrate the energy of our commitment to meeting the needs of people in a world that is constantly changing. 'We live in a unique moment,' Draper concluded. 'We approach a new millennium. We must use every method at our disposal to point people to the timeless, eternal truth in Christ. He is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through him.' ■

BSSB trustees adopt budget, hear good financial report

Baptist Press

GLORIETA, N.M. — Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board approved a 1997-98 operating budget during their Sept. 15-17 semiannual meeting and affirmed the commitment of BSSB leaders "to do something for God now."

The 1997-98 budget of \$326,184,000 represents a 16.3 percent increase in revenue over 1996-97 projections of \$280,431,000. Trustees also approved a 1997-98 fixed and intangible asset budget of \$20,500,000.

For the year ending Sept.

30, trustees were told the agency projects income to be about \$1 million dollars under the budget of \$281,422,861. However, funds provided from operations — revenue and other income remaining after costs for expenses and contributions for Southern Baptist Convention support have been deducted — are projected to be \$13,162,791 compared to the budget of \$12,004,347.

The 1996-97 results are expected to mark the third consecutive year of positive financial results after two years of losses, 1992-94. The

board will pay off its one remaining loan Sept. 30 to become free of debt.

Because of good financial results, trustees were told there will be no across-the-board dated church literature increase for 1997-98. The prices of 24 periodicals will increase in the spring of 1998, but the increase will average about 0.8 percent compared to the 3 percent approved by trustees earlier this year.

BSSB President James T. Draper Jr. told trustees he and the board's vice presidents agree the board must use its resources to transform

lives and churches as never before. "We recognize we stand under the incredible blessings of God with an enormous stewardship to advance God's kingdom," he said. "More than anything else, we have a desire to seek the Lord and to join him in his work of redemption in the world. ... We are part of the kingdom of God, not just a business to distribute resources. Right now it just seems like every window of opportunity is open to us. ... We want to do something for God now. We just want to take advantage of every opportunity," Draper said. ■

In Chattanooga

Man leads witnessing efforts to the poor

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

CHATTANOOGA — The three Baptist laymen walked toward the apartment in the government-subsidized apartment complex. One of them had been asked by a Christian woman who lived in the complex to visit her adult children there.

The trio saw some people standing near a car on the street in front of the apartment. R.A. Sharp, one of the men, felt an uneasiness about the people. Had he seen them before or was it a warning from the Holy Spirit? he asked himself.

Sharp told his friends, Mike West and Julian Atwood, to go ahead to the apartment and let him visit with the people near the car.

Soon Sharp was talking with three African American men. He asked them if he could "share the love of Jesus with them," said Sharp, a member of Central Church, Hixson, Chattanooga.

One man said yes, and Sharp began his witness. The other two men remained, listening, he said.

Suddenly Sharp was interrupted as a woman bolted from the car gesturing wildly and cursing as she passed them. But she didn't pause to con-

front them. She moved on to an apartment next to the one West and Atwood were visiting.

Sharp saw West and Atwood move quickly off of the porch, where they were visiting with a man. They moved around the outside of the apartment building.

However, as West and Atwood were about to leave the scene, they felt a mysterious wind on their faces and in their hair. They also felt their fear escape and a compunction to rejoin Sharp.

When they rounded the corner of the building and viewed the scene, it seemed that the Holy Spirit had moved there too, they claimed. All of the people who were on the grassy common areas and walking down the streets were gone.

Did the Holy Spirit move in such a way because there was danger? Sharp believes so, because he learned later that this was an area where trouble-makers gathered.

But God was still at work. The African American man to whom Sharp was witnessing thanked him for the witness, despite the woman's reaction. Before Sharp left that day, the woman apologized to him for her outburst. And the next week, about 60 people in the area made professions of faith, Sharp reported.

Helping those in need
During the past two years (about nine months of each year because he doesn't work during winter) since R.A. Sharp began spending an afternoon a week witnessing in the projects, he's seen about 1,000 people make professions of faith, he reported. On Sept. 11, he and six other men saw 74 people make such decisions.

Sharp and West, a fellow member of Central Church, started this effort after they participated in the evangelism project held prior to the 1996 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in New Orleans, La. Sharp's experiences there "opened his eyes," he said, to the opportunities for witnessing.

And he's convinced several others of the opportunities, like Atwood, another member of Central Church, and Bill Delaney, pastor, Bartlebaugh Church, Chattanooga.

Without pretense
Delaney praises Sharp for his soul-winning work, but also for other characteristics, which drew him to become involved.

Although the two men both live in Chattanooga, they didn't know each other. They met in a shopping mall in Crossville. They began visiting, and Sharp, in his direct approach, invited Delaney to join him in the weekly evangelism effort in the projects.

That meeting was a year ago, but Delaney has joined

Sharp almost every Thursday afternoon except during winter months in the effort.

Delaney said he has been received graciously by everyone he has met in the apartment areas. And although those who accompany Sharp don't see as many people make professions of faith, Delaney has viewed many make that commitment, he noted.

"There's no greater thrill than to hold your hand out and have them place their hands on yours and hear them pray the prayer," said Delaney, referring to a prayer of belief in God. The experience is especially thrilling when young African American men make the decision, he added, because of the many who succumb to crime.

Then the workers refer the new Christians to a nearby African American Baptist church, said Delaney.

These witnessing efforts are the high point of his life, said the pastor. This is true despite the fact he was wounded while serving as a Marine in World War II, has worked as an attorney, and has led several churches.

God's leading
Sharp traces the foundation for his soul-winning work to an experience 17 years ago when he was injured during work as a machinist. God saved him from debilitation and/or death several times as

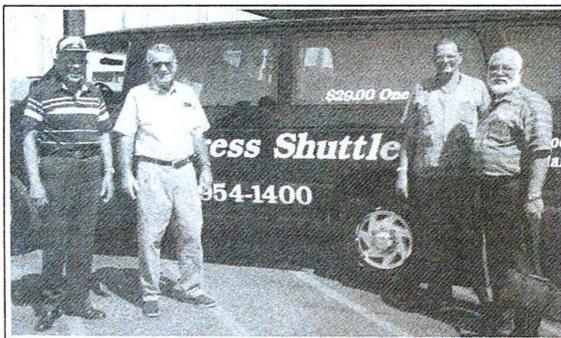
he recovered, Sharp reported.

He still suffers some repercussions of the injury, and he and his wife, Mildred, live on a fixed income, however, he spends his time ministering. As part of his commitment to evangelism at home, he regularly calls on people who are sick and in need.

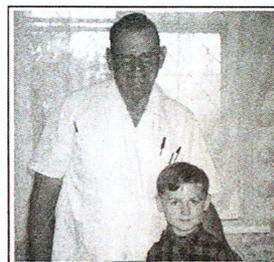
Sharp also travels regularly to other countries to witness through the Tennessee Baptist Convention partnership programs and through opportunities provided by the International Missions Board. Additionally, the couple has begun the R.A. Sharp Living Hope Ministries to train others in his witnessing approach.

"Soul-winning is not a gift," said Sharp, "it's a command from our Lord. If revival ever comes to America it's going to have to be outside the walls of the church ... (through) one-on-one evangelism and bringing the people to Christ," he said.

Concerning the fear of witnessing some people hold, he said, "The devil puts such fear in the hearts to make us think that we cannot do this, but our Lord is not the author of fear, but a giver of love and of a sound mind," said Sharp. *BER*



FOUR CHATTANOOGANS pause before leaving for ministry in the Ukraine during August. They are, from left, Burl Newport and J. W. Wilson, Brainerd Church, and R.A. Sharp and Jerry Powers, Central Church, Hixson.



A NEW FRIEND made in the Ukraine poses for a photo with R.A. Sharp.



WITNESSING BUDDIES R.A. Sharp, center, and Bill Delaney, pastor, Bartlebaugh Church, Chattanooga, have become friends, as have their families, including Mildred Sharp, left.

Belmont's Bob Mulloy honored for music business school work

For Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Bob Mulloy, associate dean of the Mike Curb Music Business Program at Belmont University here, was honored Sept. 6 for founding and developing the program. He was recognized during the culmination of the 25th anniversary celebration of the music business program. Mulloy is ill with cancer.



MULLOY

Program alumni announced the institution of the Robert E. Mulloy Award of Excellence to be given to a graduating senior of the program to help him or her develop a career. Belmont University faculty also honored Mulloy with a resolution thanking him for his efforts. He has been on the staff of the university for 33 years and is an alumnus.

The music business program is very successful by several measures, according to reports. Graduates of its program are working nationally in most major industry areas, reported Belmont

University and *The Tennessean*. And former students have been very successful in the field. They include Trisha Yearwood, Lee Ann Womack, Larry Stewart, and Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman. Over 500 students are currently enrolled in the program, which operates its own record label and several publishing companies.

The Robert E. Mulloy Award of Excellence will be administered by the program's board of advisors, which include the president of Atlantic Records, Nashville; vice president of Gaylord Entertainment, Nashville; president of

EMI Christian Group; chairman of Curb Records, Los Angeles and Nashville; president of Word, Nashville; president/CEO, BMI of New York City; and president, Decca Records, Nashville.

The Tennessean also reported that there is a growing movement to give Mulloy an honorary Country Music Association award.

Mulloy is a member of Forest Hills Church, Nashville. His wife, Pat, is on the staff of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries. *BER* — Connie Davis

Remember, colleges are part of our family too

The Executive Board's education committee recently reminded Tennessee Baptists of the importance of Carson-Newman College, Union University, and Belmont University, with a resolution/motion of affirmation. It was approved by the board and will be recommended to messengers at the annual meeting in November.

As indispensable members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the colleges are integral in the life of the Baptist family. In addition to that, these family members offer a sound choice to young Tennesseans (and others) who desire quality education in a Christian atmosphere.

Year after year, these three have received accolades for having good faculties and administrative leadership, excellent guidelines for preparing students to be good, hard-working citizens, and a solid Christian foundation and heritage.

Not all schools can claim such accolades, and of course, do not deserve them.

Tennessee Baptists need to reaffirm their colleges, to encourage them to continue to produce well-prepared graduates who will make a difference in a world that needs good Christian leaders.

We don't have to travel far geographically or historically to find that not all denominational colleges survive intact from all the stresses of history.

They may survive, but not as Baptist colleges, and not providers of quality edu-

cation to all who are qualified.

The temptation to "take the money and run" has persuaded some. For others, the Baptist affiliation has been dropped.

And the ties of other Baptist schools have been severed because of anger and misunderstandings. Sometimes it has been an unwillingness to allow trustees to carry out their duties.

We aren't trying to paint the picture of three perfect colleges — nor do we think they are guilty of any serious theological threats to Tennessee Baptists.

The second part of the resolution urged Tennessee Baptists to support the colleges and to contact them with any matters of concern. This is proper also.

The best way to keep our colleges in the family as healthy, functioning, well-disciplined members is to offer constant affirmation and encouragement. And with these, we stress that the convention main-

tains the right and privilege of caretaking.

It's probably similar in other state conventions, but we speak only to the Tennessee schools: look not skeptically to your convention, but look optimistically and with determination to be steadfast to the faith that binds us.

We need to be able to look forward with confidence to continuing good relationships for many generations to come.

We can offer the encouragement to our colleges quite simply — pray for them with confidence that God will do a good work with them. Express concern to the proper persons when you sense even the smallest violation of trust. Often these are unintentional.

And let's remember that the family should always give Carson-Newman, Union University, and Belmont University the same respect. Like the rest of us, they are part of the family. — WFA

Best answer — say, 'We're working on it'

Baptists have a well-functioning curiosity. One of the oft-repeated questions asked among us must be, "Have you heard about ...?"

The latest "secret" concerned the Annuity Board and who would be chosen as Paul Powell's successor. Everyone just had to know.

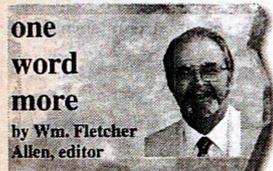
So when the committee was almost ready to name the new president, all parties in the process denied knowing any-

thing — well, almost.

The eventual nominee, O.S. Hawkins, the Annuity Board, and Hawkins' church, First Baptist, Dallas, were pressed to the wall by questioners, including the media. To be honest, no one handled it well.

One week there were denials to the media, and the next week, Hawkins was elected. Why not simply say, "We are working on it, and will give the news when it's ready." No denials, just clarity. WFA

'I'm just a pilgrim, bearing my load,' says the song



That is a line in a song by Steve Grace, one of the best Christian singers in Australia.

But that's not the end of it. The rest of the song relates how the Christian depends on Jesus for loving care, and constant concern, no matter what.

I didn't meet Steve Grace when I was a visitor in the Down Under last summer. I surely met his music, and I met his brother Warwick, and sister-in-law, Mary. They are members of Thirroul Community Baptist Church on the Southern Coast, an hour's ride from Sydney.

Music sung by Steve — and Warwick — touches life where the water hits the wheel.

The Aussie siblings grew up on the mission field, and the evidence of missionary parents is easily recognizable in the mu-

sic. In many respects, Steve Grace is "bigger" in Australia than most American singers of Christian music. And I think the reason comes from the heritage.

The lyrics are good reminders of the Christian's life in Christ, and the servanthood that reflects.

I bought a tape, and Mary gave me another. The words are intriguing, but unmistakably simple. They reach the ordinary family as well as others who are willing to be challenged.

The words are about truckers, narcotics dealers, soldiers, children, needs and desires, and a lot about family living — and lost people.

I think "enthusiasm" and "compassion" are good descriptive words also.

I have been blessed many times by such examples, blessed by people who really didn't intend to bless me. But isn't that the way Christianity works best?

The lifestyle of servanthood, enthusiasm, and compassion works, it really works!

So I continue to be blessed by those

Aussies, and especially the music. I'm thinking of the servanthood angle, best demonstrated by example.

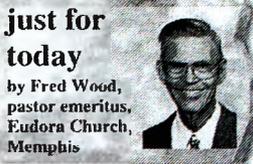
Our church is young, barely 12 or so years old. We don't have pews that are fixed to the floor, and we have a beautiful basketball court painted on our floor.

We have to move chairs back and forth, in and out, and keep them active. On Wednesdays, the sanctuary is a wonderful dining room.

On Sundays, it is a worship center — tables moved out, chairs rearranged. And for several years, guess who did the chair moving? Yes, it was the members.

The older men jumped at the opportunity. On Wednesdays and again on Sunday nights, it was the oldtimers who moved the furniture.

After a time, I realized that the younger men were equal to the task. They had moved in and taken over. Was I glad? Yes, but the lesson is that servanthood sets an example, benefiting the servant and the served. It doesn't end with, "I'm just a pilgrim, bearing my load." ☺☺☺



just for today
by Fred Wood, pastor emeritus, Eudora Church, Memphis

Start with a smile
Mother to Willie: "Why don't you read more and watch television less? Reading is good for you."

Willie to Mother: "Mama, I heard you tell someone the other day that one picture is worth a thousand words."

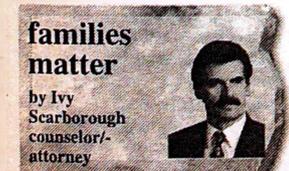
Take this truth
We should be careful of what we say. If we aren't, someone may twist our words to mean something we didn't intend. We cannot be too careful about our conversation.

Memorize this Scripture
A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. — Proverbs 25:11

Pray this prayer
Lord, help me not only to speak the truth but help me also to get my facts straight. Then I will not unintentionally misrepresent a situation or cause someone to misunderstand what I mean. ■

Who said that?
God help us not to neglect the use of a thing like faith because we do not know how it works. It would be a criminal offense in a doctor not to use the X-ray even if he does not know how barium chloride makes Gamma rays visible. We must know that our opinions are not a matter of very great moment, except in so far as in what they lead us to do ... Faith and common sense, taken together, make reasonable service, which ends by giving us the light of life. — Wilfred Grenfell, *The Reader's Digest*, Pleasantville, N.Y., 1934

Be sure you get what you planned for in a home



families matter
by Ivy Scarborough, counselor-attorney

Question: We made a contract with someone to do some work on our home. The work was never completed, even though we have paid. As Chris-

lawsuits primarily focus on Christians settling their disputes with others Christians through secular courts. Paul addressed a specific problem of church members at Corinth suing each other (I Corinthians 6:18). Be wary of over-simplifying or taking Scripture out of context.

You indicated this company showed no regard for Christian principles or even basic principles of fairness. You further indicated your every effort to resolve this by other means has been ignored. There are a few steps that you might take before suing.

1. File a complaint with your local Better Business Bureau.
2. Determine whether the business is regulated by any state, local, or federal agencies. If so, the agency

will likely have a complaint procedure for you to follow.

3. Check with local television and newspapers to see if they have a problem-solving column or news segment which can address this case.

Finally, if all else fails, don't foreclose a legal remedy. Paul was trying to discourage a particularly damaging practice among Christians; he was not arguing that we Christians should permit ourselves or others to be victimized by whomever comes along.

You recall that Paul, when faced with false accusations, did not passively permit himself to be victimized. He resorted to an appeal to Rome through the legal system of his day and God used that process. ■

leaders

■ **Dan G. Farmer**, pastor, First Church, Greenfield, will retire Sept. 28, after serving the church for 15 years. During his 41 years of ministry, he has served as pastor of Midland Church, Bell Buckle; Cross Bridges Church, Columbia; Rosedale Church, Nashville; Valley View Church, Nashville; and Ebenezer Church, Greenbrier. Farmer and his wife will retire in Greenfield.

■ **Parrans Chapel Church**, Bolivar, licensed and ordained **Scott Pearl** Sept. 21 to the ministry.

■ **Chris Chambers** has been called as minister to students and **David Gass** has been called as minister of recreation and senior adults, by First Church, Collierville.

■ **Hornsby Church**, Hornsby, has called **Lucas Butler** as youth/children's director.

■ **Jerry Drye**, pastor, Hebron Church, Middleton, has resigned to work in Christian broadcasting at radio station WWGM-FM. He is co-hosting

and producing a weekly comedy/variety program, "Good News Magazine." It is heard each Saturday morning from 9-11 a.m.

■ **Jimmy Garrett** has been called as pastor of Dixie Hills Church, Bolivar, effective Sept. 14.

■ **Tony Langton** was ordained into the ministry Sept. 14 by Tulip Grove Church, Old Hickory. Langton and his family are involved in inner-city ministry at Woodcock Church, Nashville.

■ **George Siler** has been called as minister of youth and recreation at Faith Church, Bartlett, effective Sept. 1. He was associate director for World Changers when it was based at the former Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission in Memphis. Siler is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

churches

■ **Whitehaven Church**, Memphis, began a year-long celebration of its sesquicentennial anniversary Sept. 7.

■ **Southland Church**, Memphis, will hold its 50th anniversary celebration Sept. 27-28. Activities include an open house Sept. 27, Sunday morning worship service featuring message by Bobby Douglas, former pastor, and luncheon.

■ **Parrans Chapel Church**, Bolivar, will hold re-



BREAKING GROUND at the Chattanooga campus of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Aug. 25 are, from left, **Burl McMillan**, TBCH; **Quinten Howard**, TBCH trustee; **David Myers**, director of missions, Hamilton County Association; **Gerald Stow**, TBCH president; **Kimberly and John**, campus residents; and **Steven Williams**, a builder. A new cottage will be built on the site.

vival Sept. 28 - Oct. 1. **Jerry Legg**, pastor, First Church, Dyer, will speak. It will be kicked off with the congregation's annual fish fry.

■ **Judson Church**, Nashville, is renovating the interior of its sanctuary and lobby. It was built in 1980 and seats 1,300 people.

■ **Pleasant Plains Hickory**, will hold revival

Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 165th anniversary Oct. 19. In addition to regular activities, the church will hold a luncheon and display of historical memorabilia. A musical program will follow and a tree will be planted to culminate the celebration.

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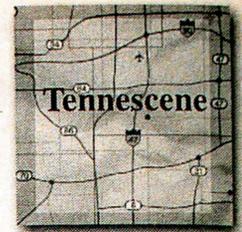


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Sept. 28 - Oct. 1. **Bob Norman**, retired pastor, Clearview Church, Franklin, will speak.

■ **Pine Orchard Church**, Oakdale, will hold a Homecoming Sept. 28. Activities will include a luncheon and afternoon musical program.

■ **Forest Hills Church**, Nashville, is holding a DivorceCare Support Group beginning Sept. 28 for 13 weeks. It will meet each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (615) 373-8074.

■ **First Church, Memphis**, has called **Darren J. N. Middleton** as theologian in residence, the first person to be named to the role. Middleton is assistant professor of religious studies at Rhodes College, Memphis. He is a native of Great Britain and studied for ministry in the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

associations

■ **Madison-Chester and Crockett County associations** are holding an Area-Wide Crusade Sept. 21-26 at Union University, Jackson. The services are at 7 p.m. **Kelley Green** is speaking and **The Stone Brothers** are leading the music. Special guests are **Kelley Cash Sheppard**, former Miss America; **Ted DiBiase**, a former professional wrestler; and **Thomas Young**.

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Resumes can be sent to Associational Missionary Search Committee, 735 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio, 45404.

One Gospel

By James Hutson

Focal Passage — Acts 17:16-19, 22-28, 30-34

This is the final lesson on the theme "Christianity's Exclusive Claims." We have studied about one God, one Savior, and the one response that is necessary. This final lesson sets forth the claim of only one Gospel. If we accept the truths found in the first three lessons then this lesson is self-evident.

Acts 17 centers in the ancient city of Athens. This was the home base for Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. It was city of intellectual pursuits. Many scholars think Paul's visit to Mars Hill was his worst day. I like to think that Paul made the best of a difficult situation. As the Apostle looked around he saw statues in every direction. In front of him was the intelligentsia of the city — the Stoic and Epicurean philosophers. One idol caught Paul's eye, alerted his brain, and motivated his heart. It was the statue to an Unknown God. Paul uses that statue as an introduction to his sermon. Paul is saying "let me tell you about the real God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ."

He is a God of creation. Here Paul answers both the Stoics and Epicureans in regard to creation. The apostle proclaims the real God owns and rules over the world and everything in it. He is a God of life and breath. "In him we live and move and have our being." He is not limited to the Parthenon of Athens or the Temple in Jerusalem.

Is life by choice or chance? There are those who believe this world as we know it and life as we experience it just happened. This is not what the Bible says. The Bible declares that God created everything that is.

He is a God of history. God is concerned with the affairs of men and nations. Neither exist in time or geography apart from the expressed will of God. Here Paul confronts the philosophers who believed that even if God created the world he was indifferent to it. Those Greek philosophers believed the world was like an alarm clock. God wound it up, went off, and forgot about his creation. Not so, said Paul. No nation is a surprise to God. The golden age of Greece was gone. The Roman conquests were complete. In the midst of the splendor of ancient Greece (Parthenon on Mars Hill) mankind cannot find God. Yet is God who has revealed himself to man in the prophets and priests — but not supremely in the person of his own son, Jesus Christ.

He is a God of judgment. This God of creation who is actively involved in the affairs of men and nations calls for mankind to repent. He is not a God who is captive in his own creation, nor is he unconcerned about the needs of mankind. What is the standard of God's judgment? His son whom he raised from the dead. The question of Pontius Pilate in Matthew 27:22 demands an answer. "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Christ." The only worthwhile response: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The response to Paul's message. Some mocked at the idea of the resurrection. Their minds were made up. No new truth. Some procrastinated. We will hear you again. Some believed. If you are waiting for the perfect place and the perfect time to witness, it may never come. Seize the opportunity that is available, pray for God's guidance, and move forward. Some opportunities are better than others. Most likely some of those who heard Paul on Mars Hill would never have another opportunity to hear the Gospel. Paul did his best and by the grace of God "a few believed."

What if Paul had said nothing? What if you say nothing about your faith in the Lord Jesus? Don't be discouraged by those who mock and sneer. Rejoice in those who believe. — Hutson is pastor, First Church, Rockwood.

A vision of renewal

By Dennis Trull

Focal Passage — Zechariah 4:1-14

Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai and proclaimed God's Word during the reign of Darius. The Lord used both of these men to bring encouragement to Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest, and the people to rebuild the temple. Zechariah had experienced a series of visions that seemed to have come to him at night. This encouragement comes from three eternal truths: God's presence, God's power, and God's provision.

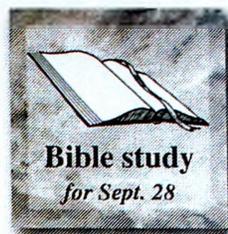
God's presence. Zechariah sees a golden lampstand with a bowl on top of it. There were seven lamps on it, each lamp having a spout or pipe. The tabernacle had a seven-branched lampstand, as did Solomon's temple. According to the Jewish historian Josephus, Herod's temple had a candelabra with seven arms. Additionally, there were two olive trees, one on each side of the bowl. Olive oil was used in the Old Testament to anoint kings and priests. The lampstand and the olive trees represented the

must rely on God's Spirit or the task will not be done in a way that glorifies and pleases the Lord.

God's power. There are two results given in Zerubbabel's life that indicated God's power or ability. First, verse seven denotes that in human eyes the problem that looks like a great mountain looks like a plain from God's powerful perspective. Something we need to remember the next time we face that great mountain of a problem. Second, verse seven also announced that Zerubbabel would bring forth the "top stone." This headstone could imply the foundation or the keystone in the arch. Either way it represents God's power on Zerubbabel to complete the temple.

The affirmation of these powerful results are given in verses 9-10. When you put these two verses together you get a picture of Zerubbabel at the beginning of temple construction laying the foundation, a plumb line in his hand during the actual construction, and the fact that he was there when the temple was finished. That is quite a testimony to the power of God, and a great lesson for us. When we follow God's will, operating in his power, we will see things we thought could never happen.

God's provision. As we have seen, where the presence of the Lord is there is power. In these verses, add this important truth: where the presence of the Lord is there is provision. In verse 12, Zechariah asked about the two olive branches which were beside the golden pipes. The angel told him that these were "the two anointed ones, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth." The immediate reference was to Zerubbabel and to Joshua. Part of God's provision to the returned exiles was leadership through them. We need to realize it is quite possible and probable that God would use us to be his provision to someone else, and vice versa. Only the Holy Spirit could enable us and others to fulfill this God-given role. Let us all remember: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord." — Trull is pastor, First Church, Savannah.



Family Bible Lesson

presence and anointing power of Almighty God.

Verse six contains an eternal message. It would work in Zerubbabel's life and it will work in ours. In fact, God's work will not be accomplished if that message is not obeyed. Zerubbabel's task of leading God's people to rebuild the temple was a work with seemingly insurmountable obstacles. God resoundingly reminds Zerubbabel that he could not do God's will and work in his own human strength. But, by God's Spirit it would be accomplished. Some of the tasks God has called us to do also contain seemingly insurmountable obstacles and some of those tasks do not, but the principle is the same for any task. We

Brother against brother

By Michael Ruffin

Focal Passage — Genesis 4:3-12, 25-26

The first four of the Ten Commandments address the need for a whole relationship between a person and God, while the last six address the need for a whole relationship between a person and other people. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:29-31). The focal passages also bear out the truth that our relationship with God and our relationship with other people are connected.

Worship begins in the heart. Cain brought an offering of his produce to the Lord, while Abel brought an offering of his flock. John Sailhamer has noted that the text does not dwell on the problem with Cain's offering, but rather focuses on the response of Cain to the refusal by God to accept his offering [*The Pentateuch as Narrative* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992), p. 112]. Cain became angry and upset, prompting a warning from the Lord that Cain should be on guard against further temptation which could arise from the condition of his heart. Cain's worship was not

Explore the Bible Lesson

accepted because his heart was not right with God and with others, a problem that soon got worse for him. The Old Testament prophets insist that true worship of God emerges from a sound relationship with God which results in a sound relationship with other people. Such true relationships begin in the heart and flow outward into action.

Anger leads to the violation of personal relationships. Motivated by anger, Cain murdered Abel. We might easily overlook the implications of this part of the text for us. After all, few of us are murderers or are even tempted to be murderers. We would do well to remember the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. There, he reminds us of the truth that it is the attitude of anger, the attitude toward our fellows which is the motivation behind murder and which constitutes the sin. He also reminds us of the need to make amends with the person with whom we are angry before we come to God in worship. Again, the connection between worship and relationships is established.

When the Lord asked Cain where his brother was, Cain responded, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

The resounding answer of the Bible is that we are indeed the keepers of our brothers and sisters. We are not responsible for the actions which they choose to take, but we are responsible for the attitudes we have and the actions we take

toward them.

Grace amid alienation. God punished Cain by causing him to wander. Already Adam and Eve had been driven from the Garden of Eden, and as a result of his murder of Abel, Cain was driven even farther away. He had lost his brother by his own hand, and he must also live far away from his father and mother. Indeed, the place where he subsequently lived was the land of Nod, which means "wandering."

Like Cain, when we sin against God and others, we sense our alienation from them. Still, Cain experienced the grace of God in the midst of his alienation. He was protected from possible vengeance, and he established his own family. Adam and Eve also experienced a gracious gift from God in the birth of a third son, Seth. So too can we experience the good grace of God in the midst of the pain and alienation we cause by our sin. We should recognize this good news, even as we affirm the need to have the type of relationship with God and others that might avoid such alienation. — Ruffin is associate professor, School of Religion, Belmont University, Nashville.



NOBTS trustees OK landmark degree program

Baptist Press

DECATUR, Ga. — New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted unanimously Sept. 9 to approve the creation of a master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree program.

The new 79-hour program, to begin in the spring of 1998, will be a landmark among seminaries as it will qualify NOBTS graduates for licensure in all 50 states.

"Our new master of arts in marriage and family counseling degree will be the premiere degree of its kind," said Steve Lemke, NOBTS provost.

"It offers a 24-hour theological/biblical core of courses as a foundation for preparing distinctively different Christian counselors.

"In addition, he said, the 60 hours of counseling courses meet the highest national standards for licensure. This new degree truly will be a flagship program."

Trustees also voted to change the name of the seminary's 21-year-old School of Christian Training to New Orleans Baptist Theological Sem-

inary College of Undergraduate Studies.

The new name "gives a clearer representation of who we are and what we are: a quality, accredited, undergraduate degree program," said Jimmy W. Dukes, dean of undergraduate studies at NOBTS since 1990. ■

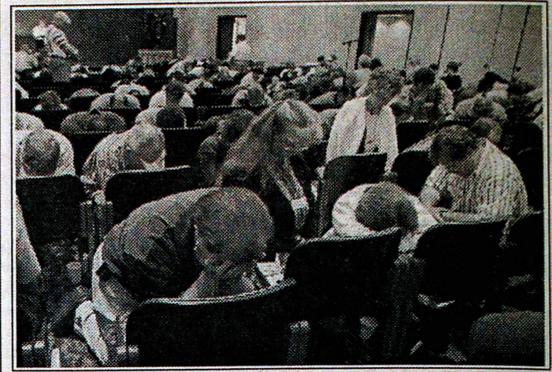
Louisiana factions agree on Anderson as consensus choice

Baptist Press

PINEVILLE, La. — "Everyone of us needs everyone of us," Bob Anderson said recently after being presented as a "peace" nominee for Louisiana Baptist Convention president.

"It's time for Louisiana Baptists to bring back that wonderful fellowship we all have enjoyed down through the years," said Anderson, pastor emeritus of Parkview Church, Baton Rouge.

Anderson's nomination comes with the endorsement of both Friends of Louisiana College and Louisiana Baptists Speaking the Truth in Love. In recent years, those groups have squared off at state conventions with opposing nominees. ■



Getting away to pray

Employees of the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Ga., and Ft. Worth, Texas, spent three days in prayer and fasting Sept. 9-11. Employees placed their telephones on voice mail, held no meetings, and conducted no business. Instead, they met in corporate worship and prayer with frequent breaks for personal devotion, Bible study, and reflection. — Photo by James Dotson

NAMB endorses new chaplains

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — Twenty-eight chaplains were endorsed by the North American Mission Board Sept. 14, bringing the total number of Southern Baptist chaplains to 2,518, serving in 27 countries and all states and territories of the United States. The service was held at First Church, Peachtree City, in suburban Atlanta.

In addition to institutions and the military, chaplains serve in health-care and pastoral counseling roles as well as business and industrial settings.

"Chaplains minister through their presence," said George Pickle, chaplaincy associate for health-care and pastoral counseling at NAMB. "They bring the presence of Christ to the trauma, drama, and celebration of life." ■

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Canadian Baptists to plant churches

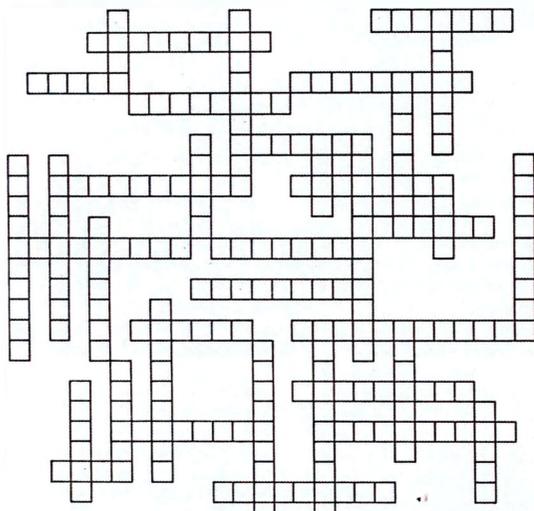
Baptist Press

EDMONTON, Alberta, Canada — The Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists is aiming to put more resources into church planting, via a restructuring which channels funding from associational directors of missions to national

For Adults and Teens

The Book of II Thessalonians

Paul encouraged all followers of Christ to press on. Use the words below to fill in the puzzle.



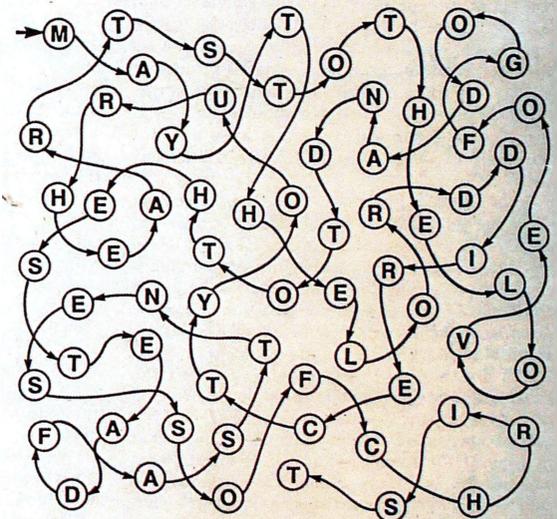
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Fun for the Family

Just for Kids

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Follow the lines and write the verse on the lines below.



Answers to the Sept. 17 Fun for the Family Puzzles

For Adults
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another. — I Thessalonians 3:12a

For Kids
Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — I Thessalonians 5:16-18

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-2 Thessalonians 3:5