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Executive Board committee leaders named for '98

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptist Convention's Executive Board chose its officers at the Sept. 5 meeting here — and committees were assigned at the Nov. 12 meeting in Jackson.

Bill Northcott, Covington pastor, continues as Executive Committee chairman, and Paul Medley, pastor from Jasper, is vice chairman.

Other committees and their officers include:

Budget and Program — Kenneth Hubbard, Smyrna pastor, chairman; and Reed Dixon, Sweetwater, vice chairman;

Central Administrative — Jewell Jennings, Lebanon, chairman; Otis Hinton, Paris pastor, vice chairman;

Christian Services — Charles Anderson, Gatlinburg, chairman; and Don Edwards, Murfreesboro pastor, vice chairman;

Church Programs — John Holland, Knoxville pastor and chairman; Pat Landrum, retired pastor from Brighton, vice chairman;

Convention Ministries — Elmer Crosby, retired director of missions, Columbia, chairman; Lawrence Hudson, Memphis pastor, vice chairman;

Education — Ray Newcomb, Millington pastor, chairman; Joseph Rosas, Memphis pastor, vice chairman.

At the September meeting the Executive Board elected Michael Smith, pastor of Second Church, Memphis, president; and John Holland, pastor of Salem Church, Knoxville,



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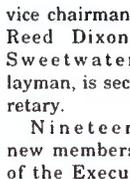
CROSBY



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vice chairman. Reed Dixon, Sweetwater layman, is secretary.

Nineteen new members of the Executive Board were elected by messengers at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Nov. 11-12 in Jackson.

Trustee Orientation for all new board and committee

members is scheduled for Dec. 4-5 at the Baptist Center here.

The Executive Board next meets Jan. 12-13, also in Brentwood. ■

Tennessee gifts projected to increase 53 percent

World hunger gifts rise in 1997, IMB leaders report

By Louis Moore
For Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — World hunger receipts rose more than 23 percent over 1996 and for the first time another state besides Texas leads the Southern Baptist Convention in world hunger giving, International Mission Board trustees were told during a Nov. 18-20 meeting on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The trustees adopted a record \$210.8 million budget for 1998 that will support the efforts of more than 4,200 missionaries working among 336 ethnic groups in 127 countries. The budget anticipates continued strong advances in giving from Southern Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program and the annual Lotie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions.

North Carolina Baptists gave \$538,479 for world hunger last year with receipts for November and December still to be counted. They increased their gifts 23 percent, according to Bill Cashion, the board's world hunger consultant.

States experiencing significant growth in world hunger gifts include Tennessee, where IMB officials project gifts will increase 53 percent over a year ago. In 1996 Tennessee Baptists gave \$388,203. By October of that year they had given \$178,895. By October of this year Tennesseans already had given \$385,943.

Cashion estimated total IMB hunger receipts for 1997 will top \$7.35 million, up from \$5.9 million in 1996.

Trustees also heard without action a report from IMB President Jerry Rankin and Senior Vice President for Overseas Operations Avery Willis on recent developments in the agency's relationship with

the China Christian Council.

The CCC recently issued an open letter on the Internet and contacted several church-run news agencies, including that of the World Council of Churches, to argue its case that the Southern Baptist agency should only work in the country through CCC channels.

Rankin and Willis reaffirmed the board's commitment to a multi-track approach in China and said the agency wants to continue working with the CCC as one of those tracks.

"We don't feel this is a setback for our work in China," Rankin said of the CCC letter. "It is a public relations challenge because it appears we have been shut out of China, but that is not the case at all."

The 1998 budget, an increase of more than \$5 million over the 1997 budget, includes salary increases for missionaries and staff. ■

'60 Minutes' failed to show offensive side of Disney: Land

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The CBS News program "60 Minutes" failed to show viewers what products Southern Baptists and others have found so offensive as to fuel a boycott of The Disney Company, a Southern Baptist Convention official said of the Nov. 23 report.

Meanwhile, Disney head

Michael Eisner called critics of one of his company's movies "nuts" but said he would meet with those who are boycotting the giant entertainment conglomerate. He also denied the boycott is having any financial impact.

In an interview with "60 Minutes" correspondent Leslie Stahl, Richard Land, president — See "60 Minutes," page 10

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Carter hosts dialogue with Baptists

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter hosted an informal dialogue on reconciliation with Baptist leaders Nov. 14, including a number of African American and Hispanic Baptist leaders but no Southern Baptist Convention officials. One SBC agency head was invited but declined to attend.

Carter has been publicly active in seeking to bring about mostly political reconciliation on a world scale since he left the White House as president in 1980. He also has continued teaching Sunday School at a small Baptist church in Plains, Ga., and has authored several books.

A spokesperson at the Carter Center here, where the meeting was held, said no news release was prepared about the meeting.

"It was a private meeting with Baptist leaders that President Carter held to discuss a wide range of issues," said Carrie Harman of the Carter Center staff.

Two Southern Baptist leaders were at the meeting — Timothy George, dean of Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., and Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla., and former SBC

president. James T. Draper Jr., president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was invited to the meeting but declined, apparently in part because no other SBC leadership was invited. He also told Baptist Press the Carter meeting came during the time of his executive management group retreat which had been planned for months and could not be changed on short notice.

George and Henry both said they did not know who else was invited prior to the meeting. "It was a meeting convened by President Carter out of his interest in reconciliation. It included a number of Baptist leaders of various denominations and types, not all Southern Baptist-related," George told Baptist Press.

He said he could not identify the rest of the participants. "The one thing they would like me not to divulge is a list of the people who were there," George said. Baptist Press learned that a number of African American and Hispanic Baptist leaders were at the meeting as was Daniel Vestal, coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

George noted the meeting with Carter was "basically a brainstorming session."

Both George and Henry said participants spent a lot of time talking about racial reconciliation. ■

IMB seeks coats for Korean children

For Baptist and Reflector

RICHMOND — Bill Cashion, consultant for human needs for the International Mission Board, is seeking to collect 180,000 children's coats to be delivered to North Korea on Dec. 25.

The North Korean government has asked Southern Baptists to provide coats for the children of four providences.

Cashion is enlisting the support of Woman's Missionary Union and the North American Mission Board Disaster Relief to help collect the coats. Children's new or used coats that are in good shape should be sent to the IMB office by Dec. 15.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention's Missions Awareness and Involvement Group affirms the endeavor, said group leader Tim Bearden.

"This is a worthy project and we encourage Tennessee Baptists to participate," Bearden said.

Coats should be shipped direct to Coats for Christmas, % Bill Cashion, International Mission Board, SBC, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va., 23230. ■

Alabama Baptists address school prayer ruling

Baptist Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Coming on the heels of an emotional school prayer decision, Alabama Baptists voiced opposition to a federal judge's Oct. 29 ruling, during their Nov. 18-19 annual meeting here.

Nearly three weeks before the annual meeting, U.S. District Court Judge Ira DeMent placed an injunction on certain unconstitutional religious activity in Alabama's public schools. Aimed at a rural county school system in northeast Alabama where

common religious practices at a school have gone beyond the scope of the First Amendment, DeMent claimed, his injunction in DeKalb County has touched off a frenzy of emotional reactions on both sides.

With less than 1,000 messengers voting, approximately two-thirds favored a resolution that opposed Judge DeMent's decision.

The resolution also asks messengers to support state leaders in "challenging the overbroad and objectionable portions of the order" and to help the conven-

tion provide training to students on what their First Amendment rights are concerning religious liberty.

Alabama Baptists also opposed the National Endowment for the Arts in a resolution because of some objectionable material produced by artists and creators funded through NEA.

In the midst of continuing financial struggles at the University of Mobile, messengers chose to keep funding the state's youngest Baptist school. In spite of the university's lack of compliance with a 1994 agreement re-

garding its campus in San Marcus, Nicaragua, messengers chose not to penalize students for the university's past mistakes.

The university faces severe financial difficulties as interim President Walter Hovell tightens the budget.

In other business, Alabama Baptists unanimously adopted on first reading a new set of by-laws without discussion or changes which removes current limitations on entities regarding their relationship with the convention. ■

Writers chosen for new Sunday School quarter

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Two pastors and a Baptist university dean have been selected to write Sunday School lessons for the winter quarter.

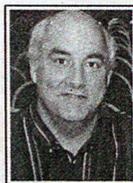
Ron R. Blankenship, pastor of Haywood Hills Church, Nashville, will write the Life and Work Series commentaries.

He is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, West. Va., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he earned both the master of arts in Christian education and doctor of ministry degrees.

He has been active in both the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Nashville Association. He is vice chairman of the TBC's Committee on Committees. He also served on the state and association levels while serving as a pastor in Virginia.



BLANKENSHIP



CHURCHWELL



POE

have three children.

Harry Lee "Hal" Poe, dean of academic resources and information services at Union University, Jack-

son, will write the Family Bible Series of lessons.

Poe is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and Southern Seminary where he earned the master of divinity and doctor of philosophy degrees.

Prior to joining the Union staff he was associate vice president for academic programs at Southern Seminary.

He has written two books, *The Fruit of Christ's Presence* and *The Gospel and Its Meaning* and numerous articles.

Poe and his wife, Mary Anne, have two children. ■

Partnership Prayer Requests

December

- 3 — Pray for the president and staff of Canadian Seminary in Cochrane, Alberta, Canada.
- 4 — Pray for Steven and Deborah Reese, IMB representatives to Poland.
- 5 — Pray for young married couples in Costa Rica.
- 6 — Pray for Tim Cox of Memphis, Mississippi River Ministry coordinator for Tennessee.
- 7 — Pray for Allen and Catherine Schmidt as they move into retirement next June. He is executive director of the Canadian convention.
- 8 — Pray for Belardin de Amorim Pimentel, general secretary of the Carioca Convention, Brazil; his wife, Heloiza, and missionary Elizabeth Oates.
- 9 — Pray for Sharon Reid of Gateway Church in Canada.

The world is looking for a new race of men

A British soldier, facing the unconventional warfare of the men and women of the American Colonies, wrote that his men felt as if they were fighting against an endless supply of manpower.

Whereas in the early days of the war (American Revolution), the colonists ran in the face of the trained British and German troops, now they were attacking — and with a will and determination.

Here they were, fighting for their existence and for peoples' rights which we all enjoy today. They had come from a ragtag, undisciplined group of colonists — to defy the greatest army on earth.

One British soldier wrote later, "I felt as if I were looking at a new race of men." George Washington's Continental Army was made up of ordinary Americans, old men and young boys, citizen soldiers. They did not observe the etiquette of conflict so common in European nations. Instead, they fought relentlessly for freedom and rights with responsibility. They fought an enemy that would parcel out freedom when and to whom it wished.

Indeed they were a new race of men.

When the War for Independence broke out, British generals with their regal-looking soldiers and German mercenaries, joked and scoffed at the citizen-soldiers.

Just one decisive battle early on will do it — and they will cry out in surrender to King George, British officers said.

Washington's men, after several brutal defeats, retreated to "hole up" during the winter of 1776-77 on the Delaware River's eastern flank. They were freezing, almost destitute, short of shoes, weapons, ammunition, food, and other supplies.

But the British called off the war for a winter respite.

On Christmas Eve, 1776, General Washington mustered his soldiers, taking with them all available arms and ammunition and meager supplies — and ferried them across the ice-packed Delaware.

It is said that Washington was the last man in the last boat.

Silently they crossed over and struck the Hessian camp near Trenton — and won an astounding surprise victory.

Few of us today realize the impact of the one great strike against all odds, that turned the tide of the War for Independence. The war was by no means over, but the British and Americans realized that the Americans had a will to fight and a cause worthy of pursuing until death.

When the forces against you seem to be winning, don't give up — there's the lesson. The observer said, "I felt as if I were looking at a new race of men."

The Bible teaches us that when there is a cause worth dying for, most men will not be afraid to die.

Let's move from that example of struggling for freedom of rights — to a current struggle for spiritual life. Commitment

and courage are needed for both.

It is a remarkable opportunity, given by the Lord himself, that no one needs to perish, that all can have *light and life*.

This is a cause worthy of Christian warfare. If there is enough heritage for us through the sacrifices and lives of our American forebears, then we know we can be a new "race." The absolutes of Christian faith defy human logic.

Eternal life is at stake for millions of Tennessee Baptists and many more millions of people around the world.

Christ's first disciples talked and wrote about a new generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, called out of darkness into new life and light.

As the year's end draws near, we should reflect on who's found and who's lost, and whether we share the Light.

There is no Tennessee Baptist church without a great field to harvest. There is no Tennessee Baptist church with an insufficient number of harvesters. If there aren't enough harvesters, well, somewhere in Tennessee there is a church with harvesters to share.

All in all, there is no excuse for laborers to take a lengthy vacation or siesta from the harvest. *Listen to the people crying!*

If we reach back to grasp the tenacity and fortitude, the determination and faith of those such as George Washington and his compatriots — we will never grow weary in well-doing. — WFA



just for today

by Fred Wood, pastor emeritus, Eudora Church, Memphis



Start with a smile

Mary: "I'm sorry, Sam. I like you and respect you, but I can't marry you."

Sam: "Is there someone else?"

Mary: "Oh Sam, there must be!"

Take this truth

Don't worry when things go wrong. An alternative is present somewhere. Find it. Always have a back-up plan on any project you begin or anticipate.

Memorize this Scripture

I know how to be abased, and how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed. — Philippians 4:12

Pray this prayer

Lord, help me to be tough but tender, firm but flexible, strong- but ready to listen to another person's view. ■

Who said that?

Christians especially, through the years from youth to old age, can know the reality of sustained purpose and aliveness in the joy, sorrow, or hardship of following Jesus. They can experience continuing renewal of enthusiasm and excitement in new ventures of learning, friendship, and helping other persons. Until the process of dying begins, which is not just an old age phenomenon, we ought to try to stay alive. ... Above all, take Jesus Christ seriously. — *Life Is Worth Your Best*, Clifton J. Allen, Broadman Press, Nashville, 1980

Promises kept — an American flag and a star

One word more

by Wm. Fletcher Allen, editor



story behind that flag, I thought, or perhaps the storekeeper just didn't care about it.

I never saw many cars at the store. I didn't notice people going in or coming out. But there was the wear and tear of it, and the character that seemed to say that the store had stories to tell.

The day I stopped, out of curiosity, the front door was locked. Hanging on the knob was a crumbling sign with the words, "I'll Be Back." No time was given, no name signed.

So I peered into a window, and sure enough, there was the pot-belly stove. There were the benches and somewhat frazzled chairs, drawn into a circle. There were the counters, and a variety of "things" and gadgets hanging

from the walls and ceiling.

And there, over there on a wall near the stove was a calendar, blotted with age, words and figures now illegible. The floor was worn with the wear of many scuffing shoes and some bare feet, I think. A canister which once could have held lard sat on the keeper's counter, and crates of empty drink bottles stacked nearby.

Hard by the other window, a kerosene tank rested amidst fallen autumn leaves and paling grass. Nothing there, I realized. Wiping a smudge and dusty pane, I peered through. Everything was just as if someone had walked away years before, closing the door with a backward glance and a promise that, "I'll be back."

Then I saw it — a small flag

hanging just inside the window — a white flag, with a gold star in the center, World War II vintage.

I was left to wonder. Perhaps they sat around — friendly people, talking about their families.

Perhaps one day one of the group was notified that a son or daughter had died serving in a distant place. Perhaps that one was the gold star. And there were promises kept.

Perhaps one day the door was closed and someone hung the "I'll be back" sign on the door. Father or mother — or both? Son or daughter — was one of them represented by the gold star?

Passersby don't know. But Christ knows the end of every story, even when we don't. In faith, we wonder. ✝

When it 'hurts,' keep on giving for world missions

Tennessee Baptists already are into the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Many churches will prefer to have the prayer week and emphasis on international missions at another time.

The theme for the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions is actually a cry for help.

With a national goal of \$100 million, it's easy to feel the impact of the theme: "Help! Their Cry, Our Call."

Tennessee Baptists have given a steady increase each year since 1992, and gave \$7,194,174 for LMCO of 1996. That was an increase of 3.09 percent more than the 1995 total.

Enthusiastic participation and generous giving can help exceed that total for the 1997 effort. Giving toward the 1997 LMCO extends until next May.

To achieve the blessings of the Week of Prayer and participation in the financial support, Tennessee Baptist churches are mobilizing the people to pray for the lost and needy of the world — by using a prayer guide offered by WMU and the International Mission Board.

Second, churches can use mission studies to create awareness about the needs, and about our responsibility to pray, give, and go to the lost people — Matthew 28:19.

Third, Tennessee Baptists can share their abundance with sacrificial giving to missions. Faithfulness in giving helps equip missionaries in people groups around the world — and especially to the Last Frontier where people have never had opportunity to respond to the Gospel.

Tennessee Baptists are blessed. Stores around us

are filled with all we need for a good life physically. Churches are close by. Food, water, clothing, and shelter are available to most. Even our poorest homes would be considered luxurious to millions of people in the world.

When Christ gave the Great Commission to his church, he included the command, "God into all the world." He gave a personal invitation and a personal command, as if to say, "If you love me, feed my sheep."

The first LMCO goal was \$2,000, and \$3,300 was given. More than a century later, the International Mission Board continues to use gifts from the Christmas offering to exclusively support missionaries in their work — in ways not provided for in the regular IMB budget.

No one church can supply the needs, but cooperatively, we all can by heeding the cries for help. B&R

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Gibson	2,456.00	2,147.06	Community Manry	0.00	0.00	W Mem.	12,322.69	4,950.76	Unicoi	4,845.10	1,151.00	Piedmont	9,735.55	8,623.82
Hickory Grove	5,665.29	2,194.00	Concord	59,281.08	37,192.96	Walnut Grove	7,231.29	318.32	University Pkwy	7,384.19	3,123.56	Pleasant Grove (N.M.)	437.75	2,111.00
Hillcrest	589.36	105.00	Covenant	2,606.30	3,560.70	Whiteville, 1st	10,297.21	8,039.86	Valley Hills	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Grove		
Humboldt, 1st	99,211.00	43,511.72	Cross Roads	0.00	1,890.02	TOTAL	218,106.52	131,926.05	Virginia Ave	12,000.00	3,368.41	Piney	20,008.33	20,431.36
Idlewild	4,225.98	1,745.64	Dallas Bay	20,381.20	2,213.17	Haywood			Volunteer	4,530.00	3,564.82	Rhema	3,713.35	3,565.00
Immanuel	1,355.00	1,731.37	E Brainerd	13,702.79	2,336.70	Allen	25,096.75	12,295.00	W Hills (B)	681.33	1,631.78	Rocky Valley	3,504.54	2,757.36
Keely Mill	448.41	216.63	E Chattanooga	0.00	0.00	Antioch	777.15	492.34	W Hills (J)	124.20	610.00	Strawberry Pk.		
Kenton, 1st	50,908.74	18,073.55	E Lake	0.00	403.00	Brownsville	83,320.02	49,260.53	Walnut Grove	124.87	0.00	1st	5,100.28	5,616.41
Laneview (K)	3,122.75	1,353.20	E Ridge	78,266.70	36,358.17	Calvary	6,869.61	1,189.00	Westerly Hgts	3,007.36	4,78.63	Swanns Chpl	0.00	6,041.00
Laneview (T)	723.02	112.00	Eastwood	2,230.56	310.00	Harmony	11,612.71	5,846.05	Woodlawn	9,465.90	5,290.58	Talbot	20,233.05	2,355.55
Latham Chpl	3,600.00	490.48	Edwards Point	222.45	0.00	Haywood Assn	0.00	82.00	TOTAL	971,928.90	585,046.87	White Pine, 1st	30,968.93	21,301.00
Lavinia	6,212.72	1,545.00	English Ave	0.00	0.00	Holly Grove	19,907.97	11,546.10	TOTAL	217,767.70	225,697.87	TOTAL	217,767.70	225,697.87
Marantha	1,628.00	240.00	Fairview	4,864.00	2,756.31	Poplar Corner	28,039.11	6,605.95	Holston Valley			Judson		
Medina, 1st	13,270.80	7,255.01	Faith United	140.20	0.00	Shaws Chpl	1,469.93	1,000.00	Bass Chpl	150.00	0.00	Burns	1,264.12	50.00
Midway	1,295.42	399.50	Falling Water	20,413.64	2,815.11	Stanton	3,701.84	2,531.00	Bech Creek	0.00	0.00	E Hickman	43.08	25.00
Milan, 1st	85,442.16	27,803.86	Falling Water Tbrnc	0.00	1,200.00	Woodland	10,259.10	5,400.32	Belmont	0.00	4,638.82	Faith Man (Vnr)	135.00	55.00
Mt Pisgah	2,791.55	1,750.00	Feast of the Lord	1,287.01	150.00	Zion	7,590.30	3,264.11	Bentleys Chpl	560.00	277.56	Judson Assn	48.33	0.00
Mt Pleasant	16,644.50	5,459.02	Frawley	4,626.00	1,698.00	TOTAL	198,644.49	99,512.40	Bethel	854.39	3,496.01	Liberty	120.00	152.00
Mt Bethlehem	10,570.53	7,452.77	Friendship	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee			Big Creek	767.74	2,032.43	Maple Grove	450.00	540.00
New Hope	5,636.35	6,582.68	Grace Ave	0.00	0.00	Concord	755.43	1,255.47	Caney Creek	11,256.58	4,440.57	Msnry Ridge	240.00	51.50
Northern Chpl	1,295.42	263.00	Greenwood	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee Assn	769.59	256.53	Cave Springs	1,143.36	694.81	Mt Zion	254.31	175.77
Northside	16,569.88	16,561.52	Guild 1st	0.00	0.00	Old Pond Hill	1,070.87	2,162.94	Choptack	1,517.36	4,323.13	New Hope	3,612.03	2,662.05
Oak Grove	3,547.48	1,543.08	Hickory Valley	500.00	335.00	Paint Rock	4,314.66	1,342.77	Christian's Bend	94.88	402.30	Old New Hope	2,145.00	2,655.13
Oakwood	5,624.65	3,275.55	High Point	0.00	373.96	Peakland Msnry	600.00	1,037.20	Church Hill, 1st	49,858.49	31,076.35	Parkers Creek	1,300.00	7,820.00
Old Bethlehem	567.00	227.00	Hilltop	100.00	1,100.00	Pisgah	2,003.56	1,907.00	Compromise	0.00	100.00	Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	11,214.89	10,517.21	Hixson, 1st	28,549.80	20,259.98	Ten Mile	6,749.56	1,378.00	Cool Branch	0.00	292.00	White Bluff, 1st	1,500.00	1,260.65
Poplar Springs	4,036.50	1,700.00	Johns Mem	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	16,263.87	9,339.91	Duck Creek	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	11,111.87	15,337.10
Rutherford, 1st	14,290.40	4,497.62	Kings Point	750.00	320.00	Holston			E Rogersville	12,330.92	12,182.43	Knox County		
Salem	19,712.58	8,688.13	Kingwood	1,600.00	3,259.50	Antioch	22,153.00	1,168.46	Elm Springs	0.00	600.00	Alice Bell	13,283.69	5,782.57
Smyrna	325.00	1,227.00	Lakeway	0.00	840.00	Baileton, 1st	1,122.09	4,740.50	Fishers Creek	264.73	144.00	Arlington	9,742.48	55,932.78
Southside	0.00	100.00	Lookout Mtn	1,928.96	625.69	Bethany	5,542.47	878.39	Gills Chpl	2,583.98	5,494.00	Atkins	1,041.03	2,761.39
Spring Hill	2,802.13	1,179.04	Maple Grove	32,437.58	7,005.24	Bethel (J C)	736.71	182.00	Henards Chpl	23,118.92	9,712.00	Ball Camp	100.00	7,733.49
Trenton, 1st	23,975.84	16,016.79	Meadowview	20,220.00	2,573.00	Bethel Valley	7,055.10	6,064.10	Hickory Cove	11,280.86	3,593.45	Basstown	812.50	2,054.67
W Side	3,971.58	392.00	Memorial	28,725.32	14,890.10	Beulah	23,495.08	7,270.74	Holston Valley Assn	233.92	0.00	Beaumont Ave	135.00	990.50
Walnut Grove	7,500.00	1,599.48	Middle Valley	0.00	8,839.10	Blountville, 1st	34,307.48	6,802.77	Hoves Chpl	1,500.09	4,666.01	Beaver Dam	73,289.77	36,623.86
White Hall	19,848.56	11,072.00	Mission Bautista	195.00	0.00	Bluff City	3,542.20	1,378.00	Independence	151.03	122.00	Belmont Hgts	8,385.07	6,565.43
TOTAL	574,719.03	267,832.02	Morris Hill	20,713.86	9,213.91	Bluff City, 1st	25,839.19	16,253.64	Keplar	0.00	509.14	Bethany	0.00	0.00
Giles County			Msn Oaks	0.00	0.00	Boone Trail	25,029.86	11,053.39	Lone Oak	240.00	440.00	Black Oak Hgts	31,036.50	7,100.13
Bradshaw	792.76	200.00	Mtn Carmel	6,802.95	14,517.21	Boones Creek	1,807.24	17,128.13	Looneys Chpl	1,631.96	1,778.00	Blount	591.39	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	Mtn Creek	0.00	3,345.52	Bowmantown	8,916.00	7,139.00	Lyons Park	645.98	800.00	Bluegrass, 1st	2,400.00	5,366.45
Elkton	3,607.56	1,794.70	Mtn View	600.00	200.00	Calvary (B)	2,964.29	707.00	Maple Hill	2,340.66	65.00	Boon View	120.00	0.00
Grace	1,180.00	407.02	N Red Bank	98.11	648.10	Calvary (E)	48,982.58	63,855.20	McCloud	65.00	75.00	Branville	470.61	1,196.83
Hannah	0.00	0.00	New Bethel	2,957.46	192.98	Calvary (G)	8,400.00	8,604.59	McKinneys Chpl	389.50	1,641.00	Broadway	1,322.41	2,268.85
Highland	9,141.23	2,885.96	New Liberty	1,665.00	264.00	Calvary (J C)	923.00	159.00	McPheeters Bend	11,350.47	2,885.62	Buffat Hgts	29,965.09	19,785.29
Liberty Hill	2,916.10	2,498.53	New Salem	17,255.00	3,927.90	Campbells Chpl	878.59	0.00	Mooresburg	689.06	766.46	Burnetts Creek	0.00	2,321.46
Lynnville, 1st	427.74	76.00	New Shepherd Hill	0.00	763.73	Central (E)	4,046.74	3,739.85	Morrisites Chpl	1,977.54	2,700.00	Callahan Rd.	1,147.83	648.34
Minnow Branch	0.00	0.00	New Union	2,135.69	1,802.84	Central (J C)	84,811.99	102,004.90	Mt Pleasant	0.00	100.00	Calvary	50,000.00	38,506.46
Minor Hill, 1st	3,470.00	3,054.06	Northside	8,827.70	2,309.29	Cherokee	6,611.50	6,496.48	N Fork	1,840.73	225.00	Cedar Bluff	1,719.73	0.00
New Hope	360.00	1,176.13	Oak Grove	3,234.47	2,129.00	Cherokee Mtn	0.00	0.00	New Hope	146.80	632.55	Cedar Ford	5,285.27	366.01
New Zion	4,050.85	2,173.58	Oak St.	6,129.95	2,043.99	Cherry Grove	15,959.36	5,864.51	Oak Grove	161,750.63	52,977.05	Central Beardtn	218,989.42	135,789.84
Oak Grove	0.00	487.00	Oakwood	35,825.79	11,470.70	Chinquapin Grove	18,437.56	15,927.32	Persia	34,474.22	9,981.07	Central Of Fdn		
Pulaski, 1st	24,747.00	23,583.95	Ooltewah	75,297.55	24,278.74	Clark St.	8,324.85	3,156.31	Pleasant Hill	250.00	250.00	City	116,193.01	121,775.87
Richland	3,524.13	1,475.83	Parkers Gap	0.00	0.00	Clear Branch	800.00	5,200.00	Prices Grove	1,124.67	0.00	Chilhowee Hills	31,378.52	23,289.33
Rock Springs	1,365.00	400.00	Philadelphina	1,000.00	1,464.59	Clifton View	2,069.61	3,440.32	Ridgeview	13,371.35	4,891.68	Churchview Ave	0.00	0.00
Scotts Hill	1,493.00	0.00	Pilgrims Rest	616.96	1,933.92	Covenant	50.00	0.00	Rogersville, 1st	63,250.00	32,267.71	City View	23,973.23	13,903.51
Shores	2,615.18	1,894.59	Pleasant Grove	12,128.00	2,840.00	E Watauga Ave	0.00	139.00	Shady Grove	245.57	2,478.05	Clear Springs	21,052.63	9,388.37
Thompson Chpl	0.00	606.91	Providence	6,812.75	236.00	Enon	1,706.76	184.10	Shepards Chpl	910.00	12,679.00	Community	0.00	0.00
Union Hill	80.46	154.42	Red Bank	218,732.66	96,449.12	Erwin, 1st	41,415.18	34,625.97	Speedwell, 1st	14,773.30	6,466.36	Concord, 1st	371,806.02	132,797.53
Union Valley	0.00	135.00	Ridgecrest	5,467.68	2,827.40	Fall Branch, 1st	25,277.55	8,031.48	Speedwell	194.90	953.06	Cornerstone	3,734.35	1,335.00
Wales	1,200.00	1,142.09	Ridgevale	131,666.92	70,491.92	Five Rivers	0.00	0.00	Surgonsville 1st	15,609.20	11,092.14	Cornerstone		
Welcome Valley	1,080.00	1,002.85	Ridgeview	16,855.59	6,112.86	Flag Pond	1,992.87	495.15	Tar Pine Valley	0.00	0.00	Flwshp	3,533.36	0.00
Wheelerton	300.00	450.00	Riverside	673.00	157.00	Fordtown	18,811.64	5,104.62	Tunnell Hill	4,987.49	1,730.00	Corryton	37,500.00	1,049.21
TOTAL	62,351.01	45,598.62	S Seminole	41,517.58	19,556.50	Friendship Chpl	5,536.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	1,501.00	Cumberland	29,622.93	17,617.31
Grainger County			S Soddy	2,142.72	405.00	Grace	13,012.41	2,923.87	War Creek	3,063.53	1,244.90	Cumberland		
Adriel	0.00	2,294.88	Shepherd	1,346.23	356.00	Gray Strm	4,538.62	1,057.22	TOTAL	456,108.99	241,851.91	Korean	1,650.00	0.00
Avondale	0.00	0.00	Signal Hill	816.57	1,460.00	Greene Hills	2,826.12	845.66	Indian Creek			E Sunnview	0.00	0.00
Barnard's Grove	4,735.93	5,145.28	Signal Mtn	2,863.24	31,510.32	Greenslawn	3,010.18	1,846.00	Bethlehem	1,223.65	4,363.00	Eastwood	695.13	1,244.09
Bean Station, 1st	3,194.60	1,256.97	Silverdale	116,422.33	11,818.85	Greenville, 1st	73,760.40	23,037.69	Calvary (S)	0.00	0.00	Ebenezer	15,586.63	

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Calvary	9,878.25	7,943.00	Union Grove	227.48	0.00	Ridgetop, 1st	2,341.85	2,939.00	Red Bank, 1st	0.00	373.74
Caney Springs Chpl	468.65	239.00	Warrensburg	4,318.93	1,249.24	Robertson Co Assn	0.00	2,000.00	Richardsons Cove	2,827.87	688.00
Charity	871.25	525.00	Westview	2,860.00	5,186.26	Rock Springs	11,214.69	3,203.11	Roaring Fork	5,819.28	8,128.01
Cornersville, 1st	13,782.96	1,883.66	White Oak Grove	2,935.89	4,794.28	S Main	0.00	0.00	Sevierville 2nd	5,198.89	839.85
E Commerce	19,535.26	4,420.85	Whitesburg	1,300.00	6,275.95	Springfield	104,807.61	47,200.76	Sevierville, 1st	100,257.93	66,518.77
Eastview	1,500.00	2,068.00	Witt	5,101.59	841.00	Springhill	7,219.10	3,150.60	Seymour, 1st	16,468.22	30,272.90
Edgemont	8,003.78	2,770.38	TOTAL	590,341.27	435,578.66	Temple	0.00	5,236.61	Shiloh	3,000.00	1,563.50
El Bethel	4,116.90	15,045.98	Northern			White House, 1st	23,069.33	7,116.73	Sims Chpl	1,402.91	780.25
Farmington	2,517.84	872.80	Alder Sprgs	0.00	1,110.00	Williams Chpl	3,294.20	3,794.00	Sugar Loaf	895.25	0.00
Fosterville	2,038.38	674.24	Blue Springs	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	486,138.86	203,364.08	Trinity	0.00	0.00
Friendship	480.00	0.00	Carrs Branch	500.00	1,677.70	Salem			Union Valley	2,208.61	1,199.00
Hannah's Gap	945.00	937.00	Clear Branch	700.00	600.00	Auburn	6,328.54	2,240.46	Valley View	3,352.80	5,888.68
Hickory Hill	2,968.45	1,183.79	Hickory Valley	1,315.87	295.45	Burt	5,317.00	2,194.67	Waldens Creek	0.00	0.00
Holts Corner	3,662.32	960.67	Hubbs Grove	0.00	0.00	Calvary	3,295.44	2,850.73	Msnry	1,480.44	320.00
Hurricane Grove	1,282.10	200.00	Leatherwood	0.00	118.00	Center Hill	420.00	461.75	Walnut Grove	3,268.87	1,250.00
Immanuel	265.43	264.79	Lily Grove	0.00	182.84	Coopers Chpl	240.00	310.00	Wears Valley	4,324.87	12,798.53
Lakeview	900.00	0.00	Lone Mtn	985.00	1,815.00	Covenant	600.00	201.30	Williamsburg	647.00	0.00
Lewisburg, 1st	38,517.58	14,437.63	Maynardville, 1st	3,510.87	4,892.35	Dowelltown	814.84	504.82	Zion Grove	1,112.91	408.15
Longview	4,883.79	1,715.27	Milan	4,074.43	2,359.72	Dry Creek	3,097.00	827.62	Zion Hill	5,610.67	981.74
Lynchburg, 1st	4,453.07	1,215.26	Nave Hill	0.00	0.00	Elizabeth Chpl	3,555.21	3,086.05	TOTAL	317,406.46	241,244.22
Midland Hgts Msn	988.82	863.00	New Friendship	631.74	2,264.84	Faith	0.00	0.00	Shelby County		
Mt Lebanon	0.00	125.00	Northern Assn	0.00	200.00	Indian Creek Mem	3,210.00	2,614.60	1st Chinese	2,382.00	3,000.00
N Fork	8,756.00	3,909.93	Sunnyside	0.00	50.00	Lakewood Msn	2,361.00	835.50	Agape	14,961.80	2,128.62
New Bethel	7,714.00	3,340.80	Taylor's Grove	0.00	124.46	Malones Chpl	0.00	200.00	Armcore	39,938.44	10,924.62
New Duck River Assn	0.00	3,000.00	Union	0.00	140.00	Memorial	360.00	129.00	Ardmore Park	2,040.89	0.00
New Hope	1,184.10	1,200.00	Warwicks Chpl	1,067.10	533.96	Mt Herman	1,310.60	1,016.15	Audubon Terrace	56,089.10	33,581.24
Normandy, 1st	2,724.12	867.52	Willow Springs	800.00	312.00	Mt Zion	1,577.00	771.00	Balmoral	29,684.42	11,700.38
Parkview	10,006.69	1,062.50	TOTAL	13,585.01	16,676.32	New Home	3,056.75	5,039.76	Bartlett	138,460.20	23,206.89
Rover	4,442.88	787.20	Polk County			New Hope	835.24	622.50	Bellevue	322,475.00	326,273.00
Shelbyville Mills	75,204.67	19,552.05	Antioch	997.38	25.00	Open Bible	559.71	550.00	Berclair	30,782.27	21,652.86
Shelbyville, 1st	66,710.58	12,243.61	Ball Play	0.00	0.00	Plainview	0.00	884.23	Beverly Hills	22,076.95	4,173.00
Short Creek	923.63	1,416.00	Beach Springs	1,167.90	3,874.39	Pleasant View	2,062.00	200.00	Big Creek	2,256.43	639.21
Smryna	15,672.92	6,421.71	Benton Station	2,775.28	2,599.46	Prosperity	12,086.00	10,266.22	Boulevard	4,982.79	5,092.86
Southside	14,713.82	4,150.74	Benton, 1st	18,091.54	5,355.40	Salem	11,213.00	9,115.60	Briarwood	15,106.45	12,472.00
Twin Oaks	368.00	100.00	Blue Ridge Temple	2,383.68	683.58	Salem Assn	0.00	74.00	Bridgewood	0.00	0.00
Unionville, 1st	877.20	813.90	Boanerges	0.00	385.50	Shiloh	300.00	0.00	Brinkley Hgts	2,084.08	150.00
Wartrace	6,028.36	3,022.97	Cedar Springs	3,330.00	3,958.00	Smithville, 1st	23,840.29	11,595.85	Brookmoor	155,057.00	39,024.64
TOTAL	339,844.32	121,356.79	Cheestue	1,436.19	924.51	Snow Hill	3,123.31	1,548.01	Brookside	5,605.59	2,122.00
New River			Conasauga River	721.18	266.50	Sycamore	618.62	1,119.05	Brunswick	39,301.76	9,830.76
Bethlehem	15,091.61	2,852.00	Cookson Creek	0.00	534.60	Upper Helton	4,773.92	7,388.59	Calvary	1,000.00	835.50
Big Ridge Rd	2,354.88	1,115.37	Covenant	0.00	0.00	W Main	10,506.90	6,107.38	Cambodian	0.00	0.00
Calvary	1,346.10	332.00	Delano	4,587.46	4,694.31	Whorton Springs	2,452.00	2,659.00	Highland Hgts	958.97	0.00
E Robbins	0.00	0.00	Fairview	0.00	0.00	Wolf Creek	1,211.30	816.00	Charjean	2,160.00	6,724.00
Elizabeth	763.20	439.75	Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Woodbury, 1st	28,582.13	22,399.44	Cherokee	39,154.45	27,423.13
Emmanuel	0.00	0.00	Friendship	1,832.54	3,530.70	Woodland	70.00	220.00	Cherry Rd	73,666.24	29,681.02
Fairview	149.52	0.00	Greasy Creek	0.00	100.00	TOTAL	137,778.40	98,849.28	Collierville, 1st	85,793.49	151,510.24
Glennary Msnry	0.00	0.00	Htwasse Union	949.07	1,579.00	Sequatchie Valley			Colonial	66,015.80	24,644.30
Huntsville, 1st	5,127.78	4,121.55	Mtn Springs	1,415.75	375.49	Baptist Hill	2,207.35	2,160.00	Cordova	20,040.34	6,472.42
Ivy Grove	0.00	0.00	Mtn View	0.00	401.00	Cartwright, 1st	5,098.41	2,423.00	Cottonwood Hgts	0.00	0.00
Low Gap	1,311.38	0.00	Oak Grove	8,755.31	2,444.00	Cold Springs	1,560.00	1,518.34	Crestview	720.00	1,311.00
New Haven	12,538.80	4,043.34	Ocoee	0.00	0.00	Cornerstone	1,917.94	635.00	Dellwood	3,600.00	1,183.00
Nicks Creek	0.00	0.00	Old Ocoee	734.31	1,314.78	Daus	1,298.32	502.00	E Acres	495.88	2,335.79
Norma	813.50	0.00	Pine Ridge	175.00	175.00	Dunlap, 1st	4,342.49	4,695.20	Eads	2,902.70	1,811.00
Oneida, 1st	27,065.00	6,100.93	Pleasant Grove	1,434.00	750.00	E Valley	0.00	0.00	Egypt	1,930.66	17,719.05
River View	0.00	0.00	Rock Creek	0.00	0.00	Ebenezer	8,114.04	3,659.83	Ellendale	56,111.16	15,906.85
Robbins, 1st	1,048.75	610.00	Shady Springs	0.00	0.00	Ewtonville	17,057.08	3,793.10	Elliston	2,063.01	3,427.60
Shick Rock	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	5,131.94	5,022.85	Flat Mt	1,825.14	1,886.96	Emmanuel	11,191.37	1,755.29
Smokey Creek	0.00	200.00	Smryna	3,023.00	2,637.75	Grace	681.00	110.45	Eudora	25,570.85	9,543.30
TOTAL	67,610.52	19,814.94	Springtown	0.00	0.00	Jasper, 1st	39,429.88	13,854.05	Fairlawn	866.77	446.32
New Salem			Towee	0.00	0.00	Kimball	7,058.00	2,124.25	Fellowship	93,942.76	19,063.73
Brush Creek	4,174.91	1,874.20	Welcome Valley	0.00	0.00	Laager	1,015.29	0.00	Fisherville, 1st	1,437.48	1,530.01
Carthage Rd	849.75	543.00	Wetmore	7,703.40	4,452.62	Lee Station	1,215.53	3,244.32	Forest Hill	19,916.66	6,243.54
Carthage, 1st	13,200.00	9,899.61	Zion	15,330.87	10,752.59	Midway	730.21	200.00	Frasier	6,169.64	3,601.60
Gordonsville, 1st	11,650.31	6,047.94	TOTAL	81,975.80	56,837.12	Mineral Springs	360.00	924.00	Georgetown	8,176.38	5,704.40
Hickman	10,410.12	6,572.00	Riverside			Mt Calvary	2,762.54	943.00	Georgetown Hills	22,506.95	8,786.31
Lancaster	150.00	0.00	Allard, 1st	1,561.64	550.00	Palmer, 1st	582.23	0.00	Germantown	282,489.76	116,147.75
N Shore	1,947.53	7,193.36	Allons	4,342.60	2,363.10	Pikeville 1st Strbr	23,461.25	8,757.01	Germantown Korean	500.00	0.00
New Middleton	7,417.90	2,680.42	Byrdstown, 1st	8,130.24	10,636.98	Pioneer Com	5,535.85	1,719.00	Grace Thru Faith	2,478.97	1,750.00
Peyton Creek	1,755.00	4,436.00	Celina, 1st	4,804.40	2,296.57	Richard City, 1st	1,003.29	1,374.29	Graham Hgts	5,779.00	5,051.00
Riddleton	961.85	176.00	Clarkrange	3,728.02	2,153.95	S Pittsburg, 1st	13,242.92	5,953.75	Greenhills	752.13	474.16
Rome	3,542.55	1,600.00	Columbia Hill	1,200.00	1,967.43	S Whitwell	2,969.00	1,044.00	Greenlaw	0.00	2,300.00
TOTAL	56,059.92	41,023.53	Etter	3,959.37	2,373.92	Sequatchie, 1st	1,032.32	277.53	Hickory Ridge	29,916.68	10,579.92
Nolachucky			Falling Springs	216.67	0.00	Victory	4,153.65	4,557.86	Highland Hgts	38,742.93	24,237.00
Alpha	104,927.55	47,597.26	Fellowship	3,243.78	724.53	Whitwell, 1st	15,236.73	6,903.47	Hollywood	7,071.03	1,436.84
Bethel	14,585.03	12,081.22	Friends Chpl	868.00	127.00	TOTAL	163,890.46	73,160.41	Holmes St	200.00	605.00
Beulah	13,374.27	4,100.47	Hanging Limb	1,437.60	294.00	Sevier County			Iglesia La Buena	0.00	0.00
Bibles Chpl	9,034.78	17,508.48	Hermitage Springs	0.00	0.00	Alder Branch	7,505.34	3,460.27	Esperanza	433.73	0.00
Briar Thicket	196.00	400.00	Shrn	0.00	43.00	Antioch	3,499.92	2,700.56	Immanuel	81,527.83	20,000.78
Brown Springs	2,200.00	3,686.95	Livingston, 1st	26,991.86	20,112.89	Banner	2,187.05	567.00	Intr	300.00	300.00
Buffalo Trail	44,018.16	26,867.54	Livingston, 2nd	47,626.38	6,532.54	Beech Springs	4,252.00	7,958.00	Kensington	18,016.31	2,329.25
Bulls Gap	9,657.37	5,769.76	Memorial	4,295.01	1,948.29	Bells Chpl	3,167.11	1,630.90	Kirby Parkway	0.00	0.00
Calvary	22,882.37	11,295.30	Mineral Springs	60.00	280.00	Bethel	4,108.28	3,088.25	Kirby Woods	135,188.91	32,283.10
Calvine	100.00	1,169.20	Meadowville	2,255.98	3,611.00	Blowing Cave	159.01	0.00	Korean	6,000.00	0.00
Catherine Nenny	0.00	1,500.00	Mt Union	2,914.28	1,196.00	Boys Creek	0.00	310.00	La Belle Haven	15,600.00	2,821.80
Cedar Creek	0.00	231.00	Park Rd	280.43	363.00						

Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated	Church	CP	Designated
Colonial View Chpl.	2,981.44	1,897.63	S Madisonville	7,676.09	7,336.66	Oak St	21,538.24	9,232.34	Howell, 1st	1,394.80	390.00	New Vision	0.00	0.00
Cookeville, 1st	149,681.89	76,218.66	Shady Grove	0.00	515.84	Pine Grove	791.30	1,557.25	Kelly's Creek	0.00	20.00	New Vision Flwshp	0.00	0.00
Crossroad	137.52	0.00	Shelton Grove	0.00	10.00	Pleasant Grove	8,986.41	3,333.30	Kirkland	3,169.16	2,516.89	Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Cummins Mill	1,409.00	0.00	Shoal Creek	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Home	0.00	0.00	Lexie Cross Rds	1,699.40	300.00	Old Park	181.00	0.00
Dillard's Creek	0.00	0.00	Sweetwater Assn	0.00	75.00	Poplar Grove	5,718.24	1,754.51	Lincoln	4,807.54	2,036.64	Pinnacle Hill	0.00	0.00
Dodson Branch	1,904.00	1,185.00	Sweetwater, 1st	34,369.45	14,293.06	Powder Branch	948.20	2,167.00	Macedonia	616.30	0.00	Pleasant Grove	0.00	1,020.00
Double Springs	976.65	917.19	Tellico	746.16	443.00	Rittertown	8,704.04	4,088.25	Maranatha	1,319.19	2,088.00	Plunketts Creek	0.00	633.38
Eastwood	4,913.11	1,925.77	Tellico Plains 1st	6,796.00	1,803.00	Riverview	2,548.85	777.00	McBurg, 1st	600.00	0.00	Prescott Mem	0.00	835.00
Gainesboro, 1st	2,513.44	824.40	Tevis Springs	443.97	1,940.45	Roan Creek	2,000.00	1,485.00	Molino	0.00	50.00	Riverwood	390.87	0.00
Hampton's			Toewe Falls	150.00	0.00	Roan Mountain 1st	10,391.32	3,474.80	Mulberry, 1st	1,573.57	144.00	Rutledge	250.00	1,390.00
Crossroads	8,153.15	4,727.38	Trinity	0.00	0.00	Roan Park	4,766.05	4,800.00	New Grove	2,496.00	4,331.45	Shady	0.00	1,308.63
Johnson	870.00	200.00	Union Falls	491.91	43.50	Rock Springs	0.00	200.00	New Hope	0.00	1,120.75	Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Midway	1,183.96	2,212.62	Union Grove	60.00	393.30	Shady Valley	724.54	628.14	Oak Grove	1,080.00	3,766.15	Spring Hill (P)	0.00	0.00
Mill Creek	600.00	1,050.00	Union Hall	0.00	109.52	Siam	30,436.88	8,959.10	Oak Hill	4,484.00	1,565.00	St Johns	0.00	0.00
Monterey, 1st	45,113.66	7,096.95	Upper Shady Grove	0.00	200.00	Sink Valley	0.00	0.00	Parks City	14,505.81	3,809.00	Stone Brook Comm	0.00	825.00
Nash Grove	3,457.00	1,026.00	Victory	0.00	33.85	Sinking Creek	7,280.04	3,786.00	Petersburg, 1st	776.89	223.05	Trinity	0.00	0.00
New Home	4,842.78	3,868.83	Vonore	15,469.01	2,710.67	State Line	6,540.89	992.78	Pleasant Grove	180.00	800.00	Unity	3,372.50	4,249.00
New Macedonia	190.00	100.00	Watson Chpl	2,509.00	3,013.60	Stoney Creek	6,091.50	1,540.00	Pleasant Hill	149.48	6,905.58	Valley Grove	0.00	0.00
Poplar Grove	9,414.90	1,848.00	Westside	0.00	0.00	Sugar Grove	100.00	289.00	Pleasant Ridge	1,196.82	1,031.91	Valley View	0.00	241.47
Poplar Springs	1,051.68	671.84	Williamsburg	0.00	0.00	Unaka	11,963.37	3,938.28	Prospect	10,930.91	3,802.92	Victory	4,519.69	370.75
Rocky Point	1,434.07	300.00	TOTAL	180,521.06	191,473.28	Union	11,966.41	2,641.21	Stewarts Chpl	4,139.39	5,734.74	Vision	0.00	200.00
Sand Springs	2,694.05	1,795.75	Tennessee Valley			Walnut Grove	1,688.65	500.00	Taft, 1st	600.00	0.00	W Park	0.00	0.00
Scott Ave	987.00	1,020.00	Bethel	718.11	1,860.29	Watauga, 1st	517.07	1,125.00	W End	8,860.59	2,405.57	Wayne Co Bible		
Silver Point	535.00	695.00	Central	5,490.26	4,044.00	Watauga, 2nd	2,575.22	681.41	Wilson	170,842.17	84,351.51	Center	750.00	0.00
Stevens St	42,730.36	3,768.85	Clear Creek	2,450.05	1,400.97	Willow Springs	4,676.42	8,075.81	TOTAL	170,842.17	84,351.51	Westside Msny	0.00	0.00
Trinity	500.00	0.00	Cranmore Cove	359.14	677.00	Zion	457,765.46	188,991.69	TOTAL	26,981.35	45,952.08	TOTAL	26,981.35	45,952.08
University Hgts	1,000.00	1,071.50	Dayton, 1st	50,022.52	18,931.34	Weakley County			Alexandria, 1st	10,709.37	2,427.79	Tenn. Baptist Foundation		
Verble	1,379.00	523.00	Garrison	3,995.09	1,228.46	Adams Chpl	4,024.50	2,043.00	Bartons Creek	13,391.06	8,245.55	Foundation	325,912.85	52,189.39
W View	2,988.34	2,424.62	Grandview	3,796.39	1,310.00	Beech Springs	953.23	2,609.19	Big Springs	970.95	345.00	TOTAL	325,912.89	52,189.39
Washington Ave	40,449.66	6,338.86	Graysville, 1st	1,701.50	225.00	Bethel	65,023.04	86,731.17	Calvary	4,189.14	208.08	Individuals		
Wildcat	1,125.00	4,137.47	High Point	826.73	617.00	Bethlehem	0.00	19,134.56	Cedar Creek	3,766.85	2,180.67	Individuals	5,323.12	63,366.44
Woodcliff	897.85	1,076.00	Lake Dr	1,834.51	1,414.39	Bible Union	520.00	1,011.57	Chandler	0.00	0.00	TOTAL	5,323.12	63,366.44
TOTAL	869,246.09	147,425.88	Mt Vernon	831.00	0.00	Calvary	240.00	227.00	Fairview	23,192.36	13,494.63	Other Income		
Bays Mtn	2,988.52	3,789.13	Mt Zion	1,454.21	210.00	Central	38,187.76	10,876.13	Fall Creek	19,987.29	8,445.60	Advertisement	0.00	82,950.43
Bloomingdale	10,087.05	12,445.40	New Union	20,200.21	4,401.52	Corinth	2,609.00	3,120.00	Fellowship	1,821.64	68.24	Annunty Board Support	0.00	34,161.96
Calvary	41,239.45	19,053.74	Ogden	1,798.22	7,781.82	Davis Mem	605.45	50.00	Gladeville	33,937.63	4,645.67	Austin Peay BSU	0.00	2,112.32
Cedar Grove	6,167.86	3,013.75	Pennine	0.00	0.00	Dresden, 1st	26,558.88	8,670.42	Greenvale	246.13	741.70	BSSB Support	0.00	91,461.89
Colonial Hgts	134,272.50	65,699.35	Sale Creek	2,125.00	1,103.15	Eastside	195.87	1,038.00	Hillcrest	6,331.73	21,763.78	Belmont BSU	0.00	4,750.00
Dorothy St Msn	515.88	0.00	Salem	5,657.19	2,868.43	Fellowship	417.49	326.00	Hobson Pike	6,799.95	2,754.12	Camp Fees	0.00	445,542.12
Fall Creek	3,223.67	536.00	Smyrna	5,308.79	1,811.06	Gearns Chpl	1,816.00	897.00	Immanuel	102,914.04	18,176.78	Chatanooga State		
Fr Robinson	15,584.61	11,686.71	Spring City, 1st	19,383.35	9,245.93	Gleason, 1st	12,275.38	5,158.50	La Guardo	10,521.93	4,017.41	CC BSU	0.00	200.00
Glenwood	17,100.15	4,680.42	St Clair	2,010.23	1,439.00	Greenfield, 1st	20,978.12	6,500.20	Lebanon, 1st	120,104.28	16,621.29	Clarksville #126		
Gravelly	8,858.03	3,069.92	Walden's Ridge	4,302.00	5,453.00	Hodges Chpl	0.00	560.80	Macedonia	1,658.44	1,769.47	Rainbow for	0.00	14.00
Greenville	1,080.00	1,461.06	Washington	4,321.59	700.00	Liberty	1,328.74	1,800.00	Mt Juliet, 1st	130,589.52	29,096.90	Cleveland SCC BSU	0.00	21,096.69
Higher Grnd	66,765.37	14,931.38	Wolf Creek	11,387.49	1,156.00	Long Hgts	1,210.00	488.50	Mt Olivet	5,329.75	21,194.77	Columbia State		
Indian Springs	93,384.25	14,711.02	Yellow Creek	3,982.91	7,053.70	Mocks Grove	2,400.00	2,160.05	New Vision Msn	0.00	0.00	Comm. College	0.00	1,306.43
Kingsport, 1st	156,102.07	98,326.16	TOTAL	153,956.49	74,932.05	Main St	526.38	278.75	Ramah	1,415.13	0.00	Conference Fees	0.00	539,912.91
Litz Manor	24,197.12	7,249.05	Traett			Moore's Chpl	0.00	2,736.99	Rocky Valley	2,972.58	1,209.74	Cumberland University	0.00	2,051.82
Lynn Garden	13,188.77	5,098.70	Bell's	0.00	0.00	New Hope	2,846.33	2,865.74	Round Lick	13,878.00	3,083.41	Dyersburg SCC BSU	0.00	1,710.22
Mill Creek	0.00	555.00	Bread Of Life	957.36	762.76	New Prospect	1,621.61	0.00	Saulsburys	3,486.09	594.91	ETSU, BSU	0.00	4,000.00
Orebank	15,721.33	6,339.04	Cedar Grove	4,206.00	1,608.00	New Salem	2,385.65	353.00	Shop Springs	3,996.00	3,953.00	HMB Support	0.00	220,021.70
Reservoir Rd	4,274.06	1,679.93	Fellowship	0.00	0.00	Northwestern	428.00	310.00	Silver Springs	11,635.91	8,634.32	Hiwassee College, BSU	0.00	100.00
Shiloh	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	970.00	400.00	Oak Grove #1	1,500.00	5,710.71	Smith Fork	1,965.13	2,217.23	Income Other	0.00	9,516.26
Springdale	3,960.56	2,993.64	Liberty	475.60	85.00	Old Bethel	1,365.30	1,584.56	Southside	7,860.36	2,362.71	Interest Income	0.00	54,031.97
Sullivan	23,035.98	7,738.91	Macedonia	0.00	0.00	Palmer'sville	3,034.97	227.34	Trinity	765.11	698.00	Jackson SCC, BSU	0.00	2,700.00
Summersville	2,740.00	1,053.00	McEwen, 1st	7,622.28	4,303.93	Pleasant Grove	2,482.66	3,299.18	Village	650.00	388.00	Lincoln Mem. BSU	0.00	400.00
Sunnyside	13,145.17	75,703.55	Oak Grove	4,117.55	2,557.68	Pleasant View	0.00	0.00	Vine	759.01	515.88	MTSU, BSU	0.00	5,500.00
Tr Cities	75,300.00	18,424.05	Pomona	3,214.01	805.19	Public Wells	0.00	3,857.83	Watertown, 1st	13,279.65	11,442.90	Maryville College BSU	0.00	147.75
Vernon Hgts	815.95	807.00	Sylvia	30,233.18	2,253.06	Ralston	0.00	712.78	Webb's Chpl	385.24	354.00	Material Sales	0.00	28,981.25
W Colonial Hills	20,000.00	14,963.70	Trace Creek	32,434.50	13,614.81	Ruthville	100.00	806.25	TOTAL	571,297.23	194,651.15	Motlow SCC, BSU	0.00	4,896.33
W View	2,700.00	8,080.08	Truett Assn	48.34	0.00	Sand Hill	943.61	510.00	Additional Churches			Pellissippi State BSU	0.00	405.73
Walkers Fork	300.00	100.00	Vanleer	0.00	0.00	Sharon, 1st	12,932.00	8,043.72	1st Flwshp	600.00	0.00	Rhodes BSU	0.00	500.00
TOTAL	757,158.35	404,249.69	Waverly, 1st	34,054.00	22,477.90	Sidonia	900.00	1,253.00	Abundant Life	165.00	400.00	Rhode State, BSU	0.00	2,194.49
Sweetwater			TOTAL	118,332.82	48,868.33	Southside	21,546.72	8,433.00	Agape Fellowship	0.00	950.00	Subscriptions	0.00	388,120.96
Altoona	0.00	0.00	Union			Thompson Creek	1,195.85	1,393.60	Antioch	0.00	0.00	Tennessee		
Antioch	250.00	0.00	Bear Cove	9,750.00	11,920.00	Tumbling Creek	5,275.26	1,634.71	Barbara Layton	0.00	3,000.00	State University	0.00	375.00
Beatys Chpl	0.00	0.00	Boling Springs	1,968.24	1,422.22	Union Grove	1,017.80	230.00	Bear Creek	0.00	1,153.07	Tennessee Tech BSU	0.00	3,500.00
Bethlehem	2,192.00	24,631.58	Bon De Croft	280.00	106.00	W Union	600.00	2,089.00	Bellevue Chpl	0.00	0.00	UT of Chatt. BSU	0.00	3,300.00
Big Creek	191.19	924.66	Cherry Creek	1,523.47	2,040.50	Weakley Co Assn	0.00	127.00	Belvue Christian	150.00	150.00	UT, Knoxville BSU	0.00	8,375.00
Calvary	0.00	2,047.59	Doyle, 1st											

Texans to form new convention

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Southern Baptists of Texas, a conservative group disenchanted with recent actions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has begun the process of creating a new state convention.

The move was initiated by a unanimous vote of the SBT board of directors here Nov. 20. Directors authorized the SBT officers and the administrative director to begin immediately the process of transitioning the organization into a new state convention.

Messengers to the BGCT in November approved a committee report that conservatives fought. Among the plan's recommendations was one that tied BGCT membership more closely into giving to the BGCT.

Conservative churches unhappy with the moderate lean of the BGCT had been exploring ways to bypass the state convention.

Dee Slocum, an Amarillo pastor and vice president of SBT, said the action was due to what SBT perceives as "a broadening and distancing of BGCT from SBC."

He said the vote elevated Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to "equal status with the SBC" and also elevated the BGCT to denominational status. The CBF is a group of moderate Baptists critical of SBC leadership. ■

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'60 Minutes' failed to show offensive side ...

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of the SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, said Disney is "pushing a Christian-bashing, family bashing, pro-homosexual agenda."

"And you need to understand that when you take your money and you go to the theme parks or you rent the animated features or you go to the animated features, you're helping them subsidize the material in other venues that is going to be an attack on your values and your beliefs."

While "60 Minutes" showed Land discussing criticisms of animated feature favorites "The Little Mermaid" and "Pocahontas," Land expressed disappointment in a Nov. 24 Baptist Press interview that no mention was included of products distributed by Disney subsidiaries that helped lead to this year's resolution calling for a boycott.

"Clearly, they didn't spend more than a nano-second on the other stuff and that's very disap-

pointing," he said. The "other stuff," Land continued, includes "Priest," which portrays a group of Catholic priests as committing homosexuality and adultery and was distributed by Disney-owned Miramax Films; the lesbian-themed "Chicks in White Satin," produced by Disney-owned Hollywood Pictures, and the book *Growing Up Gay in America* from Disney-owned Hyperion Press. He discussed some of these products in his two-and-a-half hour interview with Stahl, Land said. "Those are the issues that show the pro-homosexual agenda, that show ... the Christian bashing."

The report on "60 Minutes" was "better than I expected but less than I hoped," he said.

James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, made similar comments about the show.

"Unfortunately, '60 Minutes'

served up softballs to Michael Eisner regarding the nature of the Disney boycott," Dobson said before the show in a release based on a Nov. 19 CBS promotional piece on the segment. "He should have been asked: Why does Disney use its profits from 'Winnie-the-Pooh' and 'Sleeping Beauty' to fund trashy films such as 'Kids,' 'Priest,' 'Train-spotting,' 'Lie Down With Dogs,' 'Scream I and II,' and offensive programs such as (ABC's) 'Nothing Sacred' and 'Ellen' through its subsidiaries?"

Eisner said his company is "not pushing any agenda."

In responding to concerns about the movie "Pocahontas," Eisner said when "somebody says Pocahontas is anti-Christian or anti-Jewish or anti-black, or anti-Native American, I say inside, deep down, 'They're nuts. They really are' ..."

Eisner said he would meet with his critics anytime in a non-hyped manner. Land told Baptist Press, however, "They stifled us in two meetings. If Mr. Eisner wants to meet, he needs to contact us and invite us to a meeting. And we promise not to call him nuts, and we hope he'll refrain from calling us nuts in the future."

Gay days at Disney was a featured topic. Land said, "We never said gays should not be allowed to visit the park. We just said there shouldn't be a gay day and there should be notices put up informing people it is a gay day."

Stahl asked Land if he did not like homosexuals. He responded he loved homosexuals, as the Lord commanded, but detested homosexuality. ■

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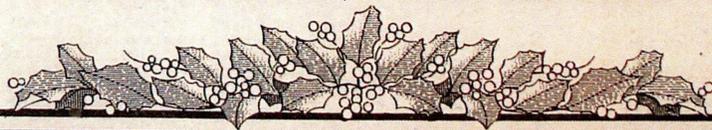
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God's plan

By Ron Blankenship

Focal Passage — Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 42:1-9

Blessing of risk (Genesis 12:1-3). World missions began in this passage with the call of Abram (later named Abraham). God promised Abram many descendants, "a great nation." Abram's descendants would spread God's message of salvation to "the ends of the earth."

With this promise came much risk. First, Abram lived in a pagan environment which knew nothing of Abram's God. There were many barriers which would need to be faced, those of religion, culture, prejudice, greed, and others. God said, "To your descendants I will give this land." However, Abraham and his children would face numerous foreign enemies who were hostile to his God.

But isn't that life in God's army? When we follow God's will, he may lead us into hard places and attempt difficult tasks. We are faced with a lot of surprises. But God fights for us and the battle is his, not ours.

Abram also risked leaving his familiar surroundings as well as close friends and family. Our missionaries sacrifice to leave their comfortable First Baptist churches to begin a new ministry in a strange and unfamiliar part of the world. Missions is often romanticized as if it is an exotic vacation. God's joy is with his servants wherever they do his will. God's blessings come to those who risk and those to whom the Gospel is taken.

Blessing of justice (Isaiah 42:1-4). God's blessings also are present when his people spread his message of justice to all parts of the earth. We read "He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles," (v. 1). In a pagan culture there are no boundaries concerning good and evil. Each person does what is right in his own opinion.

The Israelites, Abraham's descendants, neglected to risk the journey to spread God's message to a pagan world. God's justice came upon his own people through the Babylonian Exile. Jesus Christ eventually became the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah 41-45. Jesus is God's "elect" and "chosen one."

Isaiah also writes, "And the coastlands shall wait for his law." The law relates to the original Ten Commandments. Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life" who guides us into the right way of living.

The law is written on our hearts in Jesus Christ. Jeremiah says, "I will put thy law in their minds, and will write it upon their hearts." The world is blessed when God's law and his justice are spread.

Blessing of light (vv. 5-9). Jesus reflects on these words of deliverance at the beginning of his ministry in Luke 4:18-19. To open blind eyes and to free prisoners from darkness is very symbolic. "Light" in the Bible often refers to wisdom and righteousness, over against "darkness" which stands for ignorance and evil of sin.

If everyone could be physically blind for one day, we would appreciate the blessings of our eyesight. Without sight we stumble and fall. Without light we can't see the beautiful world God created. Spiritually blind people are ignorant of God's ways. They are prone to worship idols and to stumble into sin's pit. When sin blinds, it imprisons its victims in a cage of spiritual darkness. Only Jesus Christ, "the light of the world" can set us free from the bondage of sin.

During a tour of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the guide turned off the lights in an underground tunnel. The darkness was dense and frightening. Then he lit a small candle and it lit up the whole room. Even a little light dispels a great deal of darkness. So, let your missionary light shine so the world of darkness will be blessed with the sight of God. — Blankenship is pastor, Haywood Hills Church, Nashville.

Living in God's light

By Hal Poe

Focal Passage — I John 1:1-2:11

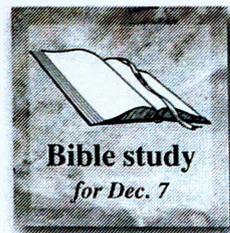
I John describes what it means to have fellowship "with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ" (ch. 1:3). John uses descriptions he learned from Jesus to explain what fellowship means. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). John used this description of Jesus at the beginning of his Gospel when he wrote, "In him was life and that life was the light of men."

Family Bible Lesson

Oneness of the Father and the Son

One of the main purposes of this book is to stress the oneness of the Father and the Son. John does this first by stressing that "God is light" (v. 5) and the only way to have fellowship with God is to "walk in the light" (v. 7). John makes clear that "light" does not mean special knowledge as the Gnostics claimed. Light is not a **what** but a **who**. How do we walk in the light?

John uses several other descriptions he learned from Jesus to explain what it means to be "in the light." Jesus said that we should abide or live in him (John 15:1-17). Walking in the light has to do with the quality of one's relationship with Jesus through whom we also have fellowship with the Father.



The idea of being "in" Christ is the primary meaning of salvation for John. Everything else (forgiveness, cleansing, eternal life, holiness, joy) comes as a by-product of being in Christ. The apostle Paul taught this same idea which originated with Jesus, and he consistently made the qualification in his letters that all the blessings of salvation come only in, through, with, or by Christ.

The relationship of living in Christ rather than merely acquiring spiritual knowledge always comes out. John stresses that the important thing to know is **him**. People who truly know Jesus will be affected by him and it will show.

In this regard, truth is not objective knowledge; it is a person. Jesus said "I am ... the truth" (John 14:6). John says that the person who says he knows Jesus, but does not do what Jesus said "is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (ch. 2:4). Jesus is not in him. John would have learned this from Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:21-23).

John stresses that the matter of fellowship with God depends upon whether or not we live in Jesus (v. 6). Living in the light is a matter of living in him.

When Jesus explained what it meant to live in him, he also explained that those who lived in him would obey his command which was to love one another (John 15:9-12). — Poe is dean, Academic Resources and Information Services, Union University, Jackson.

Diamond in the rough

By Rocky Churchwell

Focal Passage — Genesis 27:11-13, 21-27a, 41

Have you ever been amazed at how God can take a person, whom society might classify as unusable, and use that person for great things? God often uses the least intelligent, attractive, and important (by human standards), to further his redemptive purposes. Why? God looks past the outside appearance and sees the heart.

God looks past our character flaws and sees potential for service in the life of someone like Jacob.

We begin Genesis 27:1-17 with Isaac the old man, asking his favorite son Esau, to hunt game and serve it to him. This really wasn't unusual for a father who could not see to hunt anymore, and a son who loved to hunt. Esau's hunting knowledge had probably come from Isaac. Isaac, now old, missed the company of his son, and just before the giving of a blessing, he wanted to remember younger days.

Esau was Isaac's favorite and Jacob was Rebekah's favorite. While Esau was out hunting and fishing with Isaac, Jacob was home helping his mother.

Rebekah overheard Isaac's plans and schemed to get the blessing away from Esau who was always gone, and give it to her favorite. Parents fail when they show favoritism because it usually

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drives a wedge between the siblings, perhaps for life.

Rebekah and Jacob devised a plan to fool Isaac and steal the blessing. Rebekah was willing to lie to get Jacob what she thought he should have. She taught Jacob that lying is acceptable if you don't get caught. Jacob, who had already gotten his brother's birthright, was willing to do anything to come out on top. The son who had been born second, wanted to be first.

Jacob (vv. 18-29) was able to fool Isaac into giving him the blessing promised to Esau by wearing Esau's clothes and covering himself with skins to imitate his brother's hairiness. Rebekah cooked the meat to resemble Esau's cooking. When Isaac almost discovered Jacob's deception, Jacob managed to evade the truth, until Isaac was fooled and the blessing was given. Jacob lied — and cheated.

Blessings were important to the Jewish people. They believed that words carried power. A word spoken as a blessing could bring good fortune on the one receiving it, but a word spoken as a curse could bring just the opposite.

Fathers would bless the children, with the first born receiving the best blessing. The blessing

given to Jacob was Esau's by right of birth and the blessing meant for Jacob went to Esau instead.

Jacob and Rebekah were successful in their plan to cheat Esau, but to what cost? In verse 41, Esau plans to kill Jacob. Realizing that his birthright and blessing had been stolen by his brother, Esau plans revenge to console himself. Who could blame Esau for being angry at his brother?

But God wasn't finished with these two. Even though Jacob was a liar and a cheat, God had plans for him. Jacob is sent away under the guise of looking for a wife from his mother's country.

God deals with us not by justice but by grace. If we got what we deserved for the sins that we commit, death would be our justice. God chose to show grace to Jacob and honor the promises made long before he was born. Jesus Christ brings forgiveness to our lives in spite of what we really deserve. He has the power to forgive even the most dreadful of sins. Rebekah is left to feel the consequence of what she has done. She is left with a dying husband who probably knew she lied, and a vengeful son, while the child she loved the most was gone.

We need to remember though that while God will always grant forgiveness if we ask for it (I John 1:9), sin still has a way of taking its toll sometimes. — Churchwell is pastor, First Church, Jamestown.

leaders

■ **Larry Hall** has been called as pastor of West Hills Church, Bristol. He is a teacher at Blountville Middle School.

■ **Bill Highsmith**, director of recreation at Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville, and his wife, Peggy, celebrated their sixth anniversary at the church Dec. 1.

■ **Lee Wilson** has been called as minister of youth at Central Church, Alcoa.

■ Crossroads Church, Centerville, has called **Preston Cunningham** as pastor.

■ **Kenneth Williams** is the new pastor of Gearin's Chapel Church, Greenfield.

■ **Virgil Allison** is serving as interim pastor of Harmony Church, Adams, following the resignation of Pastor Bruce Cunningham.

■ First Church, Jackson, recently welcomed **Ken Hartley** as interim minister of music.

■ **Gene Bond** is the new pastor of New Haven Church, Oneida.

■ **Chuck Webb** recently began serving as pastor of Gayland Heights Church, Knoxville.

■ Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, has called **Mike Boyd** as pastor. He comes to the congregation from North



THREE YOUNG WOMEN from Tennessee recently were commissioned as journeymen with the International Mission Board and are now on the field. From left are **Jenice Pearson**, Calvary Church, Oak Ridge, MK teacher in the Philippines; **Leah Chambers**, First Church, Morristown, English as Second Language teacher in Jordan; and **Christie Irvin**, Lucy Church, Millington, MK home schooler in Nigeria.

Trenholm Church, Columbia, S.C.

■ **Paul McClelland**, who has been serving in student ministries at First Church, Jefferson City, was ordained into the ministry Nov. 9. He and his wife, Amanda, will begin serving as missionaries with Bread for the Hungry in Peru in 1998.

■ **Mark Lemay** recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as associate pastor/education at Parkway Church, Goodlettsville.

■ **Lloyd Lawrence** celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor of Triune Church, Arrington, in November.

■ **Beryl Vick**, minister of music/recreation at Immanuel Church, Nashville, celebrated his 29th anniversary with the

GOODSPRINGS CHURCH, Etowah, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary. In photo to right, **Grace Loveday** displays the cake she made for the occasion. **BELOW**, Pastor **Arnold J. King**, far left, thanks the homecoming committee for their work. From left are **Dan Choat**, chairman; **Melva Buckner**, and **Phyllis Wilson**. The church was established as Crittenden Fork Church. The name was changed in 1881. During the celebration service the morning message was brought by **Jack Burns**, who was ordained at the church in 1952. From 48 members in 1891, the church now has a membership of 413.



churches

■ **Dalewood Church**, Nashville, recently held open house and dedication services for its new Christian Life Center.

■ **Concord Church**, Chattanooga, celebrated its debt-free status Nov. 16 with a note-burning service.

■ **Keely Mill Church**, Dyer, recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

people

■ **Mike Garner** and **Gale Reynolds** were ordained as deacons Nov. 9 at New Bethlehem Church, Dyer.

■ **Kerry Lynn Harris** was ordained as a deacon Nov. 9 at Palmersville Church, Palmersville.

■ **Brad Ridgeway** was ordained Nov. 9 as a deacon at First Church, Paris.

■ **Olive Allen**, a retired missionary with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, recently celebrated her 93rd birthday in Bluff City.

congregation in November.

■ **First Church**, Sweetwater, recently welcomed two new staff members — **Steve Riddle**, minister of music, and **Andy McCulley**, senior adult choir director. Pastor **Gary Baker** has announced his resignation, effective Dec. 31.

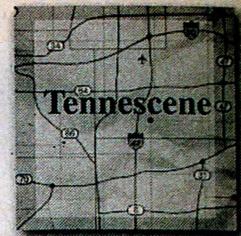
■ Two Gibson Association pastors recently resigned — **Steve Carr** at Antioch and **Bill Brown** at White Hall. Also in the association, **Ken Spegal** has been serving as interim pastor at Lavinia Church since Oct. 26.



STONES RIVER CHURCH, Smyrna, broke ground recently for a new million-dollar addition to existing church facilities. Participating in the service were, from left, **Ruben Utley**, **Sally Cox**, **Carolyn Taylor**, **Denny Taylor**, **Richard Kiskadden**, **Betty Tapley**, **Janice Leverenz**, **Paul Johns**, **Pastor G. Ross Maroney Sr.**, **Earl Grisham**, **Thomas Anderson**, and **Joe Williamson**.



WOODBINE CHURCH, Nashville, recently sponsored a training conference for Laotian pastors. The conference was led by **Joel T. Bayluangrath**, far left, pastor of Woodbine's Laotian congregation and president of the Southeast Lao Baptist Fellowship. Woodbine Pastor **Don Whatley**, sixth from left, also participated in the meeting which included representatives from several states.



schools

■ **Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy** recently received a \$20,000 gift from Gatlinburg businessman and Baptist layman **Luther Ogle** to help renovate the school's elementary division.



BETHEL CHURCH, Cunnigham, recently was honored by the **Billy Graham School of Evangelism** at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for being one of the most evangelistic churches in the nation. Bethel, with an all-time high of 354 resident members, is one of the fastest growing churches in Middle Tennessee. The church ranked 26th in the state last year in total baptisms. Senior Pastor **Ted Denny**, left, accepted the award from **Charles E. Lawless Jr.** of Southern Seminary.



DURING A RECENT homecoming service at Pleasant Hill Church, Sparta, **Rosa Phifer** was recognized by Pastor **Brandford England**. Phifer recently celebrated her 100th birthday and has attended Pleasant Hill Church for 95 years. She attended Pleasant Hill when both the community school and church were in the same building. She is still alert mentally and physically, said her pastor.