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## Carson-Newman trustees vote to elect successors

By Lonnie Wilkey  
*Baptist and Reflector*

JEFFERSON CITY — Trustees of Carson-Newman College voted 29-5 on April 17 to change their trustee selection process.

The 36-member board, in a special called meeting held in executive session which excluded media and other participants, voted to amend its charter, allowing them to select their own successors. The action takes the selection process out of the hands of the Tennessee Baptist Convention which has been nominating and electing the college's trustees since 1919.

The amendment to the college's charter returns the 147-year-old institution to its original method of naming trustees.

At a press conference after the meeting, board members stressed the charter change in no way signifies a lessening of Carson-Newman's commitment to Tennessee Baptists or a shift from its strong Baptist heritage and roots. All trustees must be Baptist, with at least



FRED STEELMAN, second from right, speaks during a press conference following action taken by Carson-Newman College board of trustees to change the way trustees are elected. With him, from left, are Cordell Maddox, Calvin Metcalf, and Jeanette Blazier.

75 percent of them from Tennessee Baptist churches. In addition the president of the convention along with the TBC executive director-treasurer will be considered "designated" trustees with full voting privileges. Presently all trustees are Tennessee Baptists with the exception of three. The convention voted in 1994 to allow each college to have up to

three Baptist alumni from outside Tennessee on its respective trustee board.

School officials also said the action "paves the way for a broader and more representative board of trustees who can expand C-N's base of financial support and who have a true commitment to the future of Christian higher education."

"This action will provide a

more stable and secure future for Carson-Newman and ensure that the college can remain true to its Baptist heritage and its commitment to serving Tennessee Baptists," said board chairman Jeanette Blazier, a member of First Church, Kingsport. She stressed "the mission of the college does not change."

Marvin Cameron, vice chairman of the board and pastor of West Hills Church, Knoxville, told *The Baptist and Reflector* "the action was the best thing to do to insure Carson-Newman is a strong Baptist college in the 21st century."

Tennessee Baptist Convention leadership, including Executive Director James Porch and the Education Committee, which relates closely to the three Baptist colleges and Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, were not informed of the school's intentions until approximately one week before the trustee meeting. Carson-Newman's executive committee voted on the matter March 31.

After learning of the called — See Carson-Newman, page 3

## Tornadoes hurt Baptists, prompt ministry

By Connie Davis  
*Baptist and Reflector*

NASHVILLE — In minutes tornados in Cleveland killed a young woman who was a member of a Baptist church and in East Nashville extensively damaged the Nashville Baptist Association office and Edgefield Church last Thursday.

The numerous storms and related flooding have pummeled 40 counties across the state and resulted in 10 deaths, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

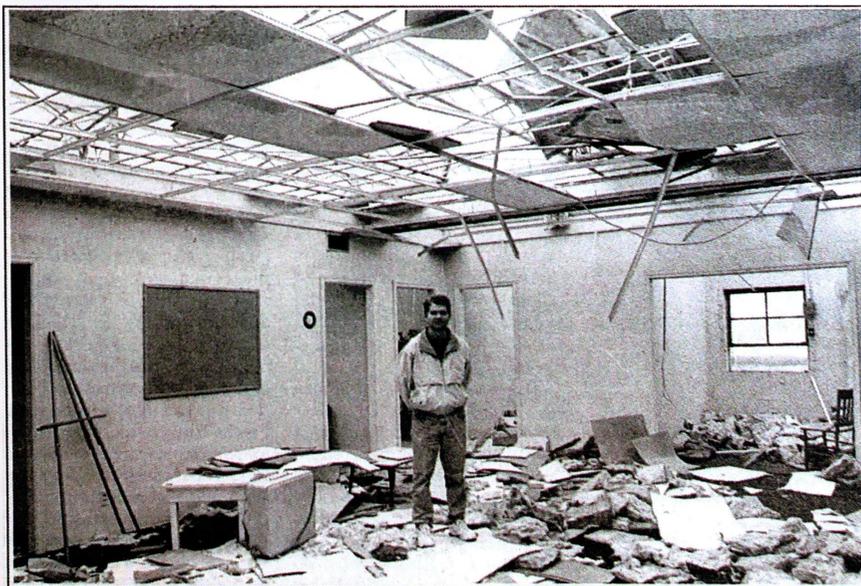
To respond, the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Feeding Unit accepted an assignment by the American Red Cross at a shelter for victims at Two Rivers Church here. Since Friday evening, about 20,000 meals had been prepared for victims, reported Tim Bearden of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries at press time. Many of the meals are being transported to people by the ARC. The unit plans to contin-

ue the feeding effort through April 26.

But some damage couldn't be helped, Baptists discovered.

In Cleveland, Angela Ware, 35, was killed when the log house she and her husband, Jay, had built, was damaged.

Ware was a member of Philippi Church, Cleveland. Jay Ware only received minor injuries. — See Tornadoes, page 6



STANDING IN a youth classroom at Edgefield Church in East Nashville which was damaged by a tornado is Terry Carver, pastor.

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## Nashville church meets despite tornado damage

# Edgefield worships in church foyer

By Connie Davis  
*Baptist and Reflector*

EAST NASHVILLE — Last Sunday Edgefield Church here met for worship in a small foyer by candlelight after tornadoes damaged the church April 16.

About 50 people gathered. So many came they overflowed into an adjoining hallway and room which were safe and dry.

The members hugged a lot with eyes glistening with tears. About 40 percent of the congregation were victims of the storms, estimated Terry Carver, pastor.

Carver allowed for a time of sharing during the service. A woman told how thankful she was to find her child safe in a damaged home. Like many, she had to abandon her car and walk through streets strewn with debris and power lines to reach her son.

Another member noted he had lived in Nashville during the 1933 tornadoes, which were much less destructive, but resulted in many deaths. No one in the Nashville area died as a result of last week's storms.

The members kept expressing their thanks to God.

Everyone's experiences, Carver said, are a reminder "that there's not one thing that matters, not a house, not a car, not a stereo or a TV, nothing matters except the

safety of your family and the ones you love."

Carver said, "Edgefield is still standing because we are the church; the building's not the church. We will remain. Edgefield still has a viable ministry here."

The congregation also can be thankful for the many who already have helped, he said.

A 10-person Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief team arrived with perfect timing, he reported. On Friday he was meeting with insurance adjusters who were advising him to remove items and cover others to protect them from predicted rains. He was trying to think of ways to contact church members who could help when the team arrived. Within several hours the work was done.

Also workers with Hardaway Construction of Nashville, which has ties with First Church, Hendersonville, came by and installed plastic over the damaged stained glass window, Carver added.



DISCUSSING THE DAMAGE to their church are Dorothy Sanders, left, and Mildred Preston.

And many others have expressed their condolences and offered help, he said.

Carver also encouraged the members to help each other.

"This is when God's people can come together to show their faith," he said.

"One thing we can be assured of is that we'll never lose the love of God.

"If God be for us who can be against us," said Carver.

Services will be held next Sunday. *B&R* — See related story and photos on the tornado which struck the Nashville area last week on pages 1, 6, and 9.

## Union trustees approve budget; affirm TBC relationship

For *Baptist and Reflector*

JACKSON — During their spring meeting Union University's board of trustees approved a \$25.1 million budget for 1998-99 and gave thanks to the Tennessee Baptist Convention for its continuing support.

In his report to trustees, Union President David S. Dockery cited signs of financial health and reaffirmed the board's support of their 1997 resolution to sustain a positive relationship with the TBC and to express its appreciation for the convention's support of Union.

"As we celebrate our 175th anniversary, we give thanks to God for his faith-

fulness to Union University through the years. We count it an honor to be the oldest institution in Southern Baptist life and give thanks to the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention who have sustained us," Dockery said.

"We pledge ourselves afresh not only to academic excellence but to profound spiritual devotion to Christ and to the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention," he added.

The \$25.1 million budget, which takes effect Sept. 1, includes funding for new programs on both the Jackson campus and Union's extension campus in Germantown. The board-approved budget represents a 14 percent increase from last

year's \$21.5 million budget.

Trustees also approved the university's work on an Academic Master Plan, which is the second phase of the comprehensive Campus Master Plan approved by the board in December 1997.

Trustees also honored a faculty member and donor. James Baggett, dean of the college of arts and sciences, will retire this year after 20 years of service. He was named university professor emeritus.

James Ayers, who recently gave the school \$2.1 million, will be awarded the doctor of humanities degree at spring graduation, set for May 30. Ayers is a West Tennessee business leader and a member of Union's board of trustees. ■

## SBC in Salt Lake City to top one millionth messenger mark

Baptist Press

SALT LAKE CITY — "Exalting the Unchanging Christ" will be the theme of the Southern Baptist Convention's trek to Salt Lake City for the SBC's June 9-11 annual meeting — the largest-ever gathering of evangelicals in the Utah capital and headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The meeting will be preceded by a Crossover Salt Lake City evangelistic thrust, with most events slated June 6, to share the Gospel with the region's 1.6 million Mormons and non-Mormons, the latter accounting for about half of Salt Lake City's population, falling toward 30 percent — or less — in outlying

areas. Longtime Utah religious observers say it will be the first time a large door-to-door witnessing campaign by a group the size of the SBC will be held in Salt Lake City, noting the door-to-door witnessing is a strategy often used by Mormons in other cities.

A milestone will be reached sometime during the Salt Lake City meeting — the 141st session in the convention's 153-year history — when the 1 millionth messenger will register. Fewer than 2,000 messengers are needed to register to total the million mark in attendance since the beginning of the SBC in 1845. The meeting will be held in the downtown Salt Palace Convention Center, across the street from the Mor-

mon Temple.

The theme of the SBC meeting is drawn from Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The SBC meeting is expected to attract between 8,500 to 9,500 messengers, according to SBC Registration Secretary Lee Porter, who has been predicting convention registration totals since his election as registration secretary in 1978. Attendance when the convention is held in a pioneer area is traditionally less.

Among the featured speakers at this year's SBC meeting will be James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo. The noted author and religious broadcaster will bring the concluding message

Thursday morning, June 11.

Also on the agenda is the election of an SBC president to succeed Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., who has served two one-year terms. The only announced candidate for the post is Paige Patterson, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. The election is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9.

Messengers also will consider a proposal to change the name of the Baptist Sunday School Board to LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, an SBC by-law change requiring a vote in two consecutive years. See SBC schedule on page 12. ■

# Carson-Newman College trustees vote to elect ...

— Continued from page 1

trustee meeting, Ray Newcomb, pastor of First Church, Millington, and chairman of the Education Committee, issued a call for the committee to meet. Three Carson-Newman representatives — President Cordell Maddox, Cameron, and Fred Steelman, pastor of Red Bank Church, Chattanooga, and chairman of the college's endowment campaign — met with the committee April 15 to discuss the college's proposal.

After several hours of discussion the Education Committee requested that C-N's board of trustees "allow adequate opportunity for negotiation and open dialogue regarding trustee selection and governance issues and to delay until after Aug. 1, 1998 any final action revising the school's trustee selection process that might adversely affect the relationship that exists between the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Carson-Newman College."

The Education Committee proposal also reaffirmed a previous commitment to Belmont University and Union University in discussion of those same issues.

The committee's proposal to the C-N board also noted "it is understood that negotiation will include, but not necessarily be limited to, (1) the percentage of trustees chosen by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the college, and (2) the restrictions on trustees elected from local churches and/or associations."

During the press conference Carson-Newman officials said the Education Commission's proposal was discussed during the trustee meeting.



MADDOX

Maddox said the trustees prayerfully considered the request from the Education Committee.

"They reluctantly felt they needed to move ahead with their plans," Maddox said, stressing their decision was not made hastily.

Maddox, who has been involved in Baptist higher education for 43 years, said the action was particularly hard for him and he searched for peace about the decision for three days before finally reaching that peace. "I came to the conclusion that this was the best thing to do although I knew it would make some people unhappy," Maddox said.

"The trustees made a courageous decision," he affirmed.

Not all trustees favored the action.

Trustee Jay McCluskey,

pastor of North Cleveland Church, Cleveland, mailed a letter to all trustees prior to their April 17 meeting. McCluskey provided a copy of the letter to the *Baptist and Reflector* after the trustee meeting.

In the letter he noted that "much of the rationale behind the proposal to change the trustee election format is based on the presumption that the current system of election can no longer be trusted to provide adequate board leadership. Frankly, I see little evidence that the present format has failed to produce a well qualified board of trust," he wrote.

While noting the trustee election process "clearly has worked well in the past," McCluskey acknowledged in the letter "there is a fear that, in the future, those people with a critical agenda toward Carson-Newman College will elect unsuitable candidates to the C-N board. While I cannot say whether or not such a threat really exists, I know of no example of an unsuitable candidate ever being elected to this board of trustees. We must not hastily react to mere threats of danger."

In the letter McCluskey also expressed concern about the timing of the called board meeting. He noted a full board meeting was scheduled for early May.

"The abruptness of this meeting makes our board's action appear suspicious. The full Carson-Newman family should be aware of this pending action. Whatever gains result in this abbreviated time frame are surely not worth the cost of our respect. We must rise above even the appearance of impropriety. We owe this to Tennessee Baptists, to our alumni, and to all friends of Carson-Newman College," McCluskey wrote.

After the meeting McCluskey told the *Baptist and Reflector* he was given opportunity to express his concerns before the board.

TBC President Doug Sager, pastor of First Church, Concord, Knoxville, attended the meeting as an ex-officio member along with Porch. Both were able to speak to the matter.

Sager said he appealed to the board "to allow us to sit down with leadership to see if we could work out our differences."



MCCLUSKEY

Sager observed the Relationship Focus Group was to meet April 23-24 and was scheduled to meet with the presidents of the three colleges.

## TBC leader responds to Carson-Newman action

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — James M. Porch, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention released the following statement April 20 following action taken by Carson-Newman College trustees on April 17 to change the trustee selection process.

"I am saddened and sincerely regret that the board of trustees of Carson-Newman College felt major action altering the trustee selection process was necessary.

"Further, I believe that continued discussions through the process of the Education

Committee meeting with the trustees and the administration of the college would have resulted in a more congenial solution.

"I have great concern about the scope and intensity of potential effects this action may have both on Carson-Newman College and our state convention.

"The college's trustees and administration have requested immediate dialogue with the Education Committee concerning the continuation of a mutually beneficial relationship. I ask Tennessee Baptists to join me in prayer as these discussions begin." *B&R*

He said Carson-Newman's decision not to delay their action was "disappointing."

"I had hoped for more time. I could not understand their urgency," he said.

Sager said the C-N action "will make it more difficult for us in trying to bring our convention together."

During the meeting Porch said he cautioned trustees about the effect of their action on the college and the convention.

"I discussed the potential losses the college could experience and I urged them to allow the convention process to continue through a window of time as requested by the Education Committee," Porch said.



PORCH

However, trustee Fred Hurst, a medical doctor and member of First Church, Knoxville, called the decision a "banner day for Carson-Newman."

The majority of the trustees "felt it important for this board to be above, beyond, and apart from the political process that is inevitable in any large organization, including the Tennessee Baptist Convention ...," Hurst said.

Some trustees said they feel the action does not lessen their commitment to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

"I want to reiterate the strength of our trustees' commitment to Tennessee Baptists and to remaining true to our Baptist heritage and roots," Fred Steelman said.

"Never in its 147-year history has Carson-Newman wavered from its relationship with Tennessee Baptists. We do not intend to do that now.

"Actually this change we voted today will put Carson-

Newman in the best possible position to continue strengthening its service to Tennessee Baptists," Steelman stressed.

Calvin Metcalf, retired pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville, and chairman of the board's denominational relationships committee, said he felt good about the trustee's decision. "I look forward to a healthy, long relationship with Tennessee Baptists in the days ahead."

Steelman, a former TBC president as is Metcalf, emphasized the college did not sever ties with the convention.

"In essence, we are the same as we were yesterday — made up of loyal Tennessee Baptists. We merely changed the way we elect our trustees so we can better serve the needs of the college."

Steelman said the trustees have discussed ways the college can maintain a strong relationship with the convention.

"It is our desire to sit down with the Education Committee and solidify ways to further strengthen the relationship between Carson-Newman and the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

Areas of discussion, according to the trustees are:

(1) "To restate our covenant between Carson-Newman and the TBC;

(2) "To discuss a negotiated role for the convention to recommend trustees to the college;

(3) "To determine future distribution of money received by Carson-Newman from the TBC for scholarships to Tennessee Baptist students;

(4) "To define ways for Carson-Newman to report to the TBC progress made on mutual goals;

(5) "To continue a liaison relationship between the Education Committee of the TBC and Carson-Newman;

(6) "To add the TBC Relationship Committee as a standing committee of the board."

Steelman acknowledged that there could be ramifications to the trustees' action including an attempt to escrow their funds. The college receives \$2.4 million from the state through the Cooperative Program. All of that, however, plus about \$1 million more goes toward scholarships for Tennessee Baptist students, Steelman said.

"The consequence (of escrowing funds) would be severe.

"We don't want to see it reach that point," he said. "We need to sit down and discuss how we can strengthen our relationship and get those monies to Tennessee Baptist students." *B&R*



STEELMAN

## Carson-Newman College trustees adopt following recommendation

The recommendation approved by Carson-Newman College trustees April 17 reads as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees recommends that the institution's charter and bylaws be amended to alter the method of trustee selection and provide the board with the authority to nominate and select 100 percent of the board's membership, with no less than 75 percent of that membership being members of Tennessee Baptist churches and the remaining 35 percent being members of Baptist churches which may be located outside the State of Tennessee, and that the amended and restated Articles of Incorporation be adopted as proposed and that the amended and restated articles be immediately filed with the Secretary of State to become effective upon filing; that the amendments to the bylaws be adopted to cause the bylaws to read as proposed." ■



SAGER

# Prize an answer to prayer for TBCH office staff

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Four employees of the state office of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes here received a prize from a local radio station which has answered several prayers, they report.

Four members of the office staff received \$2,500 each April 8 in a contest conducted by WJXA-FM radio station of Nashville.

The office workers won the money for entering the contest, being at the office without notice, and listening to the station without notice.

Beth Ervin, a member of First Church, Nashville, said

she and her husband, Tom, had been praying for \$2,000 to allow them to proceed with the adoption of a baby from Russia.

They had several plans to raise the money, she said. One was from the sale of some land. But that plan fell through, she explained, and their other plan would have placed them in debt.

Then she received the contest money, explained Ervin. This is consistent with the way God has worked during this experience, she said. God has provided just what they needed just when they needed it, she said. It has taught her God is sufficient but he allows us to

exercise our faith.

For example, God provided an unexpected gift from their family at the beginning of the process. And for another payment they had the earnest money from the failed land deal. The Ervins plan to pick up their baby some time this summer.

Dottie Owens, who has worked for the office for eight years and is a member of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, said she found out recently that she needs some special glasses which will cost about \$1,000. She planned not to follow through because of the expense. Now she will order the glasses. Also, her husband,

Gary, has been dreaming, literally, Owens said, of beginning a small business but needed \$1,000 to do it. So he will be pursuing that dream.

Keri Turner, a member of Grassland Heights Church, Franklin, said the money is a God-send because now she can visit an ill friend in Canada. And Jennifer Craver, who initiated the group's involvement in the contest, will use her money to help her family. She is a member of Franklin Fellowship Church.

"So we've all been blessed," said Craver. "I believe God used me to bless my co-workers," she explained. *B&R* — Connie Davis



## Pastor killed on his farm

For Baptist and Reflector

NEW TAZEWELL — Hollis Simmons, 59, pastor, Underwood Grove Church, Cumberland Gap, and a farmer was killed by a bull on his farm April 11.

Simmons was evangelism director of Cumberland Gap Association for several years and has held other positions for the association. He had served as pastor in the area for 35 years and at the Cumberland Gap church for 12 years.

Simmons was pastor of Red Hill Church, Speedwell, for 12 years; Head of Barren Church, New Tazewell; MCM Church, New Tazewell; Leatherwood Church, New Tazewell; and Blairs Creek Church, Tazewell.

"Hollis was a very important part of our association and will be missed by a large number of folks," said Frank Hickman, director of missions of the association.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Norma, of New Tazewell; Marvin, who is pastor of MCM Church, New Tazewell; and daughter Sheila Weaver of Maryland; his father, Cluster Simmons of New Tazewell; and four grandchildren. *B&R*

## James Hutson of Rockwood sets retirement

For Baptist and Reflector

ROCKWOOD — James A. Hutson, pastor, First Church, Rockwood, will retire April 30 after serving the church 14 years and serving as a pastor for 41 years. He was honored by the church April 19.

Hutson has been pastor of Meridian Church, Knoxville, for 10 years, First Church, Madisonville, eight years; East Commerce Church, Lewisburg, four years; Pleasant Hill Church, Shelby, North Carolina, four years; and Beech Ridge Church, Bagdad, Ky.

Hutson, who is a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

He has served as a short-term worker in Venezuela, the Philippines, Grenada, and in the United States.

Hutson has been active in Big Emory Association, the Rockwood Civitan Club, has served on the board of directors for the United Way here, and has been a member of Roane County Leadership.

His family includes Steve Hutson, minister of students, Third Church, Murfreesboro. Jim Hutson and his wife, Imogene, will retire in Knoxville. *B&R*



HUTSON

## Mitchell starts ministry using recreation

For Baptist and Reflector

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Rick Mitchell, a native of Chattanooga who is serving as minister of recreation and education at a church here, has begun a ministry using sports and recreation to reach people.

The former missionary to the Philippines is operating from his philosophy to "give people what they want and then give them what they

need." So he has developed a ministry to help churches use sports, camping, retreats, drama, arts and crafts, trips, and socials to share the Gospel. The name of the ministry is Sports & Rec Plus.

"Lost people are not looking for the Gospel or a church. They are looking for fun ways to spend their leisure time," said Mitchell. His concept gives people fun-filled recreational experiences allowing them to build relationships

through these experiences, which provides Christians an opportunity to share Christ with them.

Sports & Rec Plus provides on-site workshops, resources, and consultation to churches for this effort. Mitchell leads churches without recreation facilities to use large classrooms and community sites.

The ministry has operated overseas and Mitchell has been named Sports and Recreation Consultant for the organization of missionaries in South Europe. He can be reached at 1-800-251-4078. ■



**DURING MINISTRY** in Sarajevo, Bosnia, Mitchell, right, served with Bob Worley, left, missionary; and Mustafa Demir, minister of sport and culture for the government there.

## Crusade planned for students in response to school violence

For Baptist and Reflector

MAYNARDVILLE — To stem violence which has erupted in schools in adjoining states, over 100 churches are cooperating to hold an Area Wide Crusade May 4-9 at Wilson Park here.

The crusade is the brainchild of Gary Beeler, pastor, Fairview Church, Luttrell. It will target students during crusade sessions May 4-6 at 9:30 a.m.

Students of Union County High School, Horace Maynard Middle School, and Maynardville Elementary School have been given an op-

portunity to attend, with permission of their parents. This event has been approved by the Union County Board of Education as a field trip.

The crusade also will include evening services May 4-9 which will begin at 7 p.m.

The morning sessions are expected to draw about 2,000 students. Addressing them and performing will be Miss Tennessee, Lana Keck, on Monday. A member of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville football team will speak on Tuesday. And on Wednesday Miss Knoxville, Julia Brackett will speak and sing. Beeler also will speak. *B&R*

## Lenoir City congregation holds crusade at stadium

For Baptist and Reflector

LENOIR CITY — Calvary Church here is hosting a Starlight Crusade May 3-6 at the Lenoir City High School Football Stadium. Sessions begin at 7 p.m.

Ike Reighard, pastor, NorthStar Church, Kennedy, Ga., will speak. He has served as pastor of one of the fastest congregations in the nation and is a popular speaker.

Reighard has been on the faculty of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is an author. Worship leader will be

Eddie Middleton.

Other speakers include Shelly Moore, Miss Teen U.S.A.; and Jeff Hall and Benson Scott, members of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville football team.

Musicians who are featured are recording artists Eddie Middleton formerly of NewSong; Babbie Mason, two-time Dove Award winner of Marietta, Ga.; NewSong; and Greater Vision with members from Tennessee, Georgia, and Kentucky.

For more information, contact the church at (423) 986-3567 or access the web site at <http://home1.gte.net/wilmothk/starlight.htm>. *B&R*

# Let's keep the lottery out of Tennessee



By Lonnie Wilkey  
Interim Editor

Last week the Tennessee House of Representatives voted 64-30 on legislation which would supposedly let Tennesseans vote on whether they want a state lottery. The House bill calls for a referendum in November on whether to call for a constitutional convention to remove the prohibition in the state constitution against lotteries.

The Senate is considering a different version of the bill. Hopefully, the bill will be "killed" in the Senate Finance Committee which was to have considered it on

Tuesday of this week. If it passed out of committee the full Senate will have to consider the bill later this week or next week. Time is running out. Tennessee Baptists should continue to let their senators know they do not want gambling in our state.

House members say they want to let Tennesseans decide if they want a state lottery. They neglect to tell Tennesseans that if they vote to remove the word "lottery" from the state constitution they also open the door for any and all forms of gambling, including casinos and video poker.

They also neglect to tell Tennesseans that they really aren't voting on a lottery in a constitutional convention. They are

simply voting to have the word "lottery" removed from the constitution.

Any form of gambling, including a state lottery, will have to go through the regular legislative processes. And you can guarantee that the gambling industry will pour money into campaigns of politicians who will look favorably after their interests.

It is interesting to hear the rationale of some House members. They say they want the people to decide. That's ironic. I don't hear them say "let the people decide" when it comes to their salaries or other perks. They don't say that in regard to other legislation.

Tennessee does not need a state lottery and we definitely do not need casinos. Let's keep gambling out of our state! *B&R*



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just for  
today

by Fred Wood,  
pastor emeritus,  
Eudora Church,  
Memphis



Start with a smile

Jan: "I like her. She and I have one important thing in common." Fran: "Does she like the same people you like?"

Jan: "No, she hates the same people I hate."

Take this truth

Love is a unifier but so is hate. Demagogues have manipulated gullible people this way through the years. Hate, like such other motives as fear, pride, and revenge, is, however, limited in its long range effectiveness. Only love can permanently and unconditionally motivate for living.

Memorize this Scripture

"The love of Christ constraineth us." — II Corinthians 5:14

Pray this prayer

Lord, help me realize doing good is only completely satisfying to God and rewarding to self if it is done for the right motive. ■

Partnership  
Prayer Requests

April

22 — Pray for the meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan convention which meets April 28.

23 — Pray for Krista O'Keefe of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, who needs a bone marrow transplant.

24 — Pray for James Jones who leads evangelism efforts in Michigan as he leads Celebrate Jesus 2000.

25 — Pray for El Bosque Christian Community, Francisco de Dos Rios, Costa Rica, as it remodels a house for a new meeting place.

26 — Pray for Janet Burns, missionary to Brazil, who is recuperating from heart surgery.

27 — Pray for Bill MacFarlane of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, who is in remission from cancer.

28 — Pray for El Bosque Christian Community, a new congregation in El Bosque, San Francisco de Dos Rios, Costa Rica.

## Security is major concern for families

FamilyFax

Edited by  
Robert Parham

Security is a top ranked concern for families:

► According to Roper Reports Worldwide 1997 *Global Consumer Study*, "protecting the family" is the highest ranked value worldwide.

► *Targeting Families* concludes that "the central value of neotraditional thinking may be child protection." (Neotraditional parents accept wisdom from the past but do not want to go back to old models of family.)

Perhaps no generation makes security more central than Thirteeners (those Americans born between 1961 and 1981).

"Not only is the threat of

physical safety at an all-time high for Generation 13 or X, but the hope for a better tomorrow is slimmer than it was for previous generations," writes Robert Boutilier, author of *Targeting Families*.

*Rocking the Ages*, the Yankelovich Report on generational marketing, uses words like "survival" and "self-preservation" to describe Thirteeners or Generation X. The popular phrase "no fear" is one way Xers create an attitude to cope with their ethos.

"Xers are the prophylactic generation. 'Protect thyself' is their special commandment. Risks are everywhere," reports *Rocking the Ages*. "So protect yourself ... stockpile your own blood ... designate a driver ... just say no. Xers live for today because they can't depend on tomorrow. But it's more. They live for today protecting themselves against tomorrow."

The tragedy in Jonesboro,

Ark., and other forms of violence create anxiety among school children and daily apprehension among parents.

When congregational leaders stay calm and connected in anxiety-ridden emotional systems, they create reassuring peace when insecurity runs high. Congregational leaders may address the deep-seated need for security through a variety of initiatives:

► **Connect with Christian tradition.** In early Christianity, Noah's ark symbolized the church, a place of safety in a stormy world. Recovering such symbolism advances a sense of protection. Biblical images reinforce the awareness of God as a rock-solid refuge, protective hen, guiding shepherd.

► **Explore the value of protection in sermons.** The public attention span is so short that healing from the inside out seldom occurs. The

wound covers, but the underlying problem remains. After the sharpness of Jonesboro has dulled, addressing security needs is a healing initiative for many who face continuous risks and constant uncertainty.

► **Ensure that your church is a safe environment.** Security cameras, internal and external lighting, clearly understood procedures for child care, the proper mix of male and female adults with children and properly maintained church vehicles with licensed drivers are ingredients that advance safety. Study the prevailing community standards. Then, go the extra mile. ■ — Parham is executive director, Baptist Center for Ethics, Nashville. FamilyFax is published by Acacia Resources, a division of the center. It is available at no cost. A dedicated FAX line is needed. For information, FAX request to (615) 383-0915.

## Church members can rescue pastor from work trials

for church  
members

by Joe N. McKeever,  
Louisiana pastor/cartoonist

band's job. The wife told me she grew up in a church in which her father served as pastor. I asked, "Is he still pastoring?" "No," she said. "The doctor said the stress was killing him — so now he's running a funeral home." We both laughed at what it implied: That running a mortuary is less stressful than pastoring a church.

Most people do not think of a pastor's life as particularly stressful. After all, what does he do but read his Bible and pray and preach once or twice a week. Right?

Consider the expectations most pastors work under —

■ The need to grow the church spiritually, numerically, and financially.

■ Providing church programs for all age groups. He does it or sees that it gets done.

■ The upkeep and care of all buildings and grounds.

■ He preaches at least two or three sermons a week, and all of them must be winners.

■ He visits the sick, counsels those in trouble, oversees the church office, holds weddings and funerals, goes to denominational meetings, and represents the church in the community.

He does all this and a hundred other jobs. But, it's the little things that are the preacher killers. Things like —

■ The anonymous note criticizing him when he's done his best.

■ The family he cared for through a crisis moving their membership to another church without so much as a "thank you."

■ The silence of church members when there's a motion on the floor to give him some time away, or a book allowance, or a needed raise.

■ The criticism — never expressed to him directly but to everyone else within earshot — that "I was sick and he didn't visit me."

■ Mean-spiritedness in church busi-

ness meetings from people.

Your pastor does not need sympathy. He does not need a "pastor appreciation day" with lemonade and handshakes or another plaque on the wall. What he needs is love and prayer.

He needs you to do your job well, to be faithful. He needs you to attend church business meetings and to speak up.

And if you think he's doing a good job, he's a hundred times rather you would say it to another member or to someone in the community than to him personally. That way it blesses the work of the Lord, and when it eventually gets back to him, as it will, it carries a greater weight of authenticity.

Elders who rule well are worthy of twice the honor of any other leader. Paul said that in I Timothy 5:17. The pastors I know do not seek double the honor of anybody in the church or outside of it.

However, in the church could easily give them twice the honor they've received up to this point without hurting ourselves, or corrupting them or coming close to meeting the standard of I Timothy 5:17. ■

# Tornados hurt Baptists, prompt ministry

— Continued from page 1

Mike Rogers, director of missions, Bradley County Association, asked Baptists to pray for the Ware family.

In Nashville the historic Edgefield Church was hit. Winds, reportedly reaching 100 mph, ripped off about half of the roof of the church's educational wing.

A youth meeting room was left with natural lighting from daylight coming through the ceiling. Rain-soaked debris covered chairs, a piano, and the floor. In addition the rest of the church's roof was so damaged that rains on Friday and Saturday soaked most of the remaining church.

Winds also bowed in a 92-year-old stained glass window at the church and blew out some of its pieces. Interestingly, the main figure of the window, Jesus, remained untouched.

The association office also had rooms covered with ceiling materials, broken office items, and papers. Many of the large windows which form the west wall of the building, in the direct path of the storm, were broken.

Roof materials had been scattered onto the lawn. And all was wet from the storm's rains.

## Historic church

Terry Carver, pastor, Edgefield Church, was thankful everyone in the building at the time of the storms was safe. About 20 children and tutors stayed on a ground-level floor, he said, crouched under tables for protection.

Carver's concern now is the cost of repairs.

Although the church is insured, it is not insured for replacement costs. Damage costs

remain to be estimated.

The church's parsonage escaped damage although homes all around it were struck. It was surrounded by about six huge felled trees which damaged a fence, but thankfully, Carver said, God let the trees fall away from the house. It is located in the Lockeland Springs area.

The day of the storm, Carver endured the announcement that the church was destroyed, which turned out to be incorrect, and a period of no contact with his wife, who travels for her job. He and his children were walking to their house at about 8 p.m. because streets were impassable. They finally met his wife, Sandra, who was safe. It was one of the most emotional moments in his marriage, said Carver.

## Associational office

Jim Freedman, director of missions, Nashville Association, said he was just glad workers Barbara Seaborn and Margaret Bass, who rode out the storm in the building, were unhurt. They used a closet on the first floor of the building as protection.

Bass' car also was damaged by flying debris which broke out the car's windows and dented the body.

Freedman said he hoped the office would be open beginning April 20. He plans to relocate all workers and meetings to the first floor.

"We're just getting over the shock of it all," he said.

Damage costs to the office also were yet to be estimated.

## Woodcock Church/Center

Nearby Woodcock Baptist Church and Baptist Center were slightly damaged. David Long, pastor of the church, said a borrowed generator was

being used to keep freezers of food from spoiling. The Center provides lunch to the inner-city community each Wednesday.

A dropped ceiling was damaged in the church's daycare area by vacuum caused when wind blew a door open, he reported. Three trees fell just missing a house owned by the church and center, but crushed a fence. Other damage was minor, Long said.

To respond to the crisis, the church/center is working with Feed the Children, an organization which has a nearby storage facility. The two entities may cooperate to distribute food to storm victims.

Long pointed out that even those whose residences weren't damaged had to deal with spoiling food and closed grocery stores because of the lack of electricity.

## Protecting children at schools, daycare centers

First Church, Nashville, was undamaged although it was in one of the worst hit areas, downtown. The church's staff found a way to minister during the crisis, reported Frank Lewis, pastor.

After the first tornado, a second was predicted at about 5 p.m. Pedestrians were being warned to find protection. A part of the church facility which still had electricity was opened to about 40 people, reported Lewis. Telephones also were made available to them so they could contact family members.

Children in the church daycare were kept until 8 p.m. in

the center which didn't have electricity, Lewis said. This allowed parents who were caught in the storm and related traffic problems to retrieve their children.

Park Avenue Christian School, which is associated with Park Avenue Church, also was in the path of both major storms which hit Nashville Thursday. The facilities were undamaged except for the church sign.

Horace Gaskins, principal, said about 75 students were in the building when the storms blew over the facilities. The students were a part of an after-school program.

Gaskins described roaring, furious winds, which caused such a vacuum that it was difficult to close doors.

The students were gathered in a safe place and they started praying, even the youngest, he reported. Those prayers were answered, he added, because several blocks away areas were heavily damaged.

The school had emergency lighting capabilities, which were used until the students were picked up by their parents at about 6 p.m. Frozen food hopefully will remain frozen if electricity is restored within several days, Gaskins added.

"We were very fortunate," he said, noting that if the first storm had hit at 3 p.m. instead of 3:30, it might have endangered many parents retrieving students. About 175 students from kindergarten through the eighth grade attend the school.

Other good has come from the experience, Gaskins added.



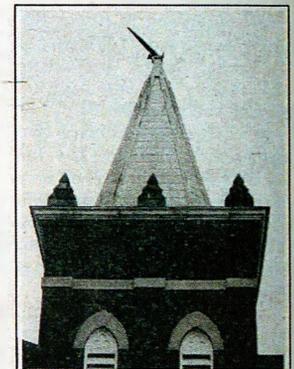
"It's amazing how everybody is talking about miracles and the Lord. It's great."

## Others hurt

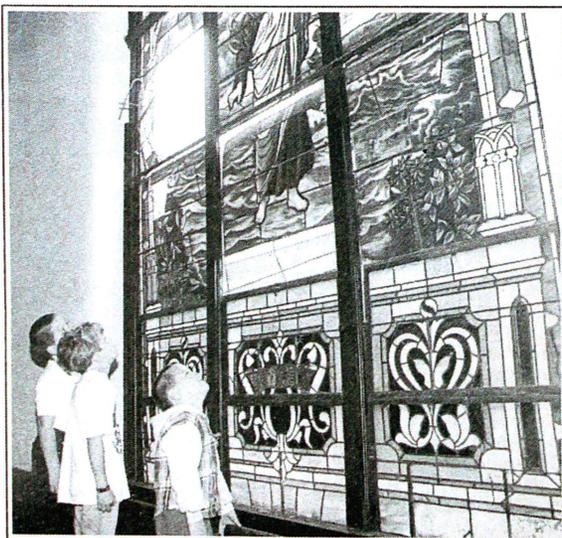
Tim Bearden, director of disaster relief efforts for the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries, said efforts continue to help storm victims across the state. He is working with association offices and other relief organizations to learn of needs.

"There are lots of folks willing to help," he said, referring to Disaster Relief workers across the state.

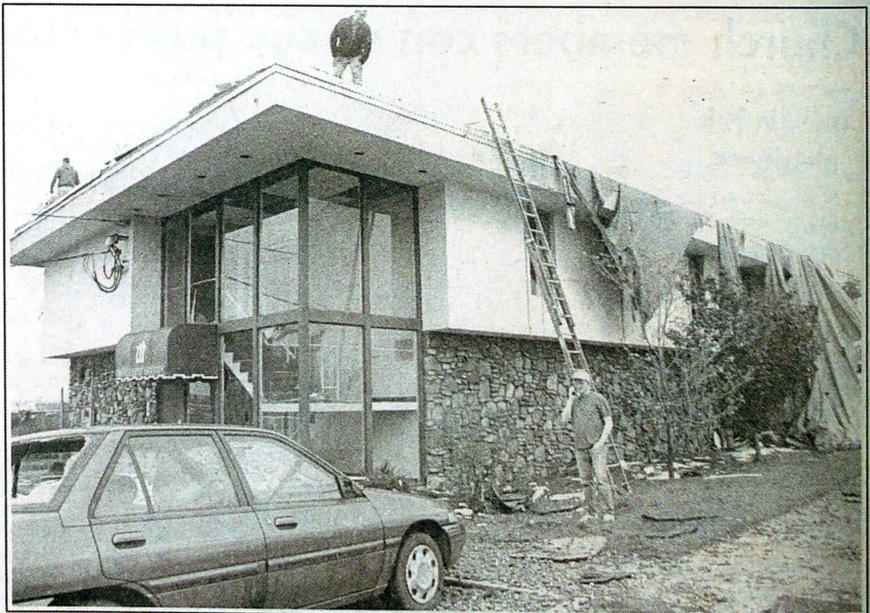
Other damage and efforts to help may have occurred across the state that the *Baptist and Reflector* was not aware of at press time. *B&R* — See more on pages 2 and 9.



A SPIRE on one of Edgefield's towers was bent by the wind.



LOOKING at a damaged window at Edgefield Church are, from left, Hunter Keen, Stephen Carver, and Dalton Keen.



THE MORNING AFTER the storm at the Nashville Baptist Association office Jim Freedman, standing at the side of the building, director of missions, talks on a cellular phone because of the lack of telephone service. — Photos by Connie Davis

# C-N sends 213 students to do missions on break

For Baptist and Reflector

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College students here set records once again for their involvement in missions during spring break and led the state among both public and private colleges or universities in their involvement.

C-N sent 213 students and sponsors to serve in 15 missions efforts.

"It's really a reciprocal effort," explained Nenet Measels, associate campus minister. "We go out to share Christ's love and touch the lives of people in need, but it's amazing how the lives of our team members are changed by these interactions as well."

When spring break began March 5, C-N teams struck out for locations in nine states. The ministry opportunities were diverse — from inner city food and clothing distribution centers to battered women's shelters to church construction projects and juvenile rehabilitation homes. Also the college's A Cappella Choir, Baptist Student Union Gospel Choir, and other contemporary Christian music groups as well as a creative ministries team traveled throughout the Southern states leading worship services.

Rachel Blackmon, a junior biology major, led a team of 11 to the Baptist Children's Home

in Dayton. During the day, the group did projects on the grounds, like painting and raking leaves, but the evenings were reserved for the 5- to 18-year-old residents.

"Some kids are there for truancy, others for more serious reasons, like physical and sexual abuse or neglect," explained Blackmon. "They have gone through so much more than any of us will ever go through, but they were still so loving."

Chad Hartsock's team not only faced the challenges of constructing a new church in the middle of one of Chicago's worst gang territories, but the group also experienced a para-

lyzing snow storm.

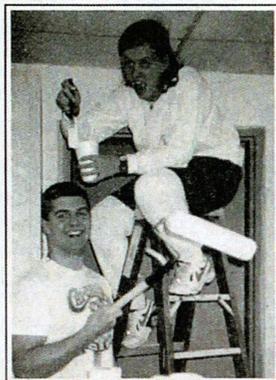
Located in a ghetto of Chicago's south side, Mount Carmel Ridge Church is in one of the worst neighborhoods of the city. The pastor told Hartsock, a junior religion major, "he actually had to bargain with revival gangs for a one mile no-fire zone so that we could do our work."

The team renovated the interior of a store the church will call its new home. But they awoke one morning to find eight inches of snow and ice. During two days without power, the temperature inside the building dipped to 50 degrees. And during that period they only had enough food for each member to have one sandwich. "The team didn't complain,"

recalled Hartsock. "They kept right on working with minimal lighting. At a time when everyone could have quit and felt sorry for themselves, they worked that much harder." Members of the church fed them the second evening.

"It was reassuring to realize that we've got the same God no matter where we are in this world, and that same God is going to take care of us," Hartsock said. "Despite the difficulties we encountered, I'd do it all again in a heartbeat. I'd leave today."

Measels said, "The number of students and the commitment of the students to this sort of work says a lot about the mission of Carson-Newman and who we are." ■



PAINTING part of the children's home in Dayton are Daniel Suthphin and Sarah Phipps.



POSING outside a Baptist center in Elizabethton after working in the center's clothing area is a 10-member team who served during spring break.



## Rich cited as top senior adult

Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — C. Winfield "Windy" Rich refers to himself as "a busy old man."

Though he may be 77 years old, Rich has the enthusiasm and energy of someone much younger.

A retired minister of education, Rich served several churches, including two in Tennessee — Temple in Memphis and Belmont Heights here. During retirement he began serving as a Sunday School growth consultant.

Rich assisted 75 associations with Sunday School growth campaigns between 1981-91. During that same period he served eight churches as interim minister of education.

Rich, a member of Charlotte Road Church, has become a popular speaker among church groups, particularly senior adults. "At my age I feel I have something to say to them," he said. He is a regular at Baptist Sunday School Board-sponsored Chautauquas for senior adults. And he is a Sunday School growth consultant for Nashville Association.

His efforts will be recognized in May as Rich will be featured on the back cover of a bulletin produced by the Southern Baptist Church Bulletin Service as "Senior Adult of the Year."

The road for Rich has not been easy in recent years. He has overcome a heart attack, stroke, and the death of his wife, the former Ethel Holt of Milan, in 1991.

Rich has a simple philosophy for aging well. "One must continue to dream, for it is by reaching for new dreams that keeps one forever young at heart."

He noted that "when you stop thinking about new things to do you settle into sameness, lameness, and tameness" — something he has no plans to do. ■ — Lonnie Wilkey



RICH

## Missions volunteer 'heals' needs at home

By Lettie J. Kirkpatrick  
For Baptist and Reflector

CLEVELAND — Having served as a volunteer in medical missions in such countries as Bangladesh, Haiti, Honduras, Africa, and China, Ronald Coleman of Westwood Church here has witnessed first-hand the health plight of other areas.

However, he also believed there were people in his own city here who were slipping through the cracks of the United States health care system. As he became convinced of the need, Coleman took action.

He learned uninsured workers in the

area could not find affordable health care. And God led other Christians in the health care field and elsewhere to agree with him that they could help these people.

In November 1992, the Good Samaritan Clinic was opened. It offers free health care and Christian counseling one night a week. For his efforts in this endeavor, Coleman received the 1993 Tennessee Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association.

The successful formation of the Cleveland clinic gave Coleman a platform to promote the concept in other counties. A similar program was begun in Athens.

Coleman now has

assumed the position of state director of Volunteer Medical Services. In this role he helps develop similar volunteer health care programs in Tennessee.

To simplify the establishment of clinics and to motivate Christians and churches to "share the vision," Coleman has published a book. He also writes for the *Cleveland Daily Banner* as a columnist.

The book, *When My Neighbor Suffers: Responding to Needs* combines philosophy, motivation, and how-to in an interesting, challenging and easy-to-follow format. Each chapter is preceded with a sketch drawn by Coleman's son, Josh. The chapters begin with anecdotes that draw the reader into the topic discussed.

Coleman recently presented copies of the book to each state legislator in Nashville. They were encouraged to take this information home and pursue development of similar clinics.

*When My Neighbor Suffers: Responding to Needs* is available at the Bradley Association office in Cleveland; Westwood Church, Cleveland; and at local Christian bookstores. For more information on the book or to contact Coleman, call (423) 478-7448 or e-mail him at rcole343@aol.com. ■ — Kirkpatrick is a freelance writer of Cleveland.



AT THE STATE capitol during the presentation by Coleman to state legislators recently are, from left, Rep. Chris Newton of Polk County, Coleman, and Rep. Don Bird of Bradley County.



THE SITE of the Good Samaritan Clinic in Cleveland is this house.

# Congress conference spurs RAs into missions action

For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — A conference on how wooden toys can play a role in missions made a lasting impression on a Royal Ambassador group from First Church, Martin, last year.

The group, led by Minister of Education/Administration Ken Bush, attended the RA Congress at Belmont University last year and attended a conference led by M.B. Howard of Covington.

"We are always looking for ways to get boys involved," Bush said.

The Martin church already had a tie with missionaries. Bush's predecessor at First Church, Mike Ray, is a missionary in the Ukraine.

While Ray was home on a

brief furlough last year, Bush talked with him about the possibility of collecting toys.

Ray told him he could use the toys as a witnessing tool to tell others about Jesus.

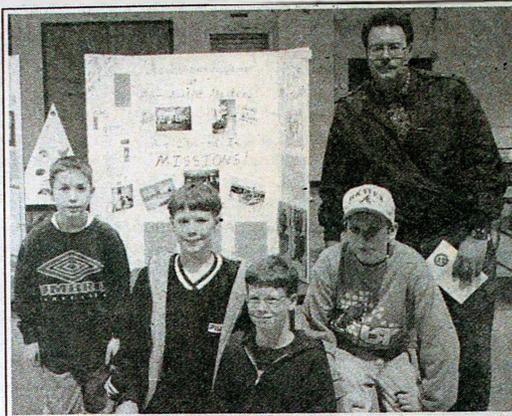
So the RAs at First Church began making puzzles and puppets. They also were able to purchase \$125 worth of toys from a store going out of business for about \$12.50, Bush said.

They also collected "Happy Meal" toys to send to Ray as well, Bush added.

The group ended up sending an entire box of toys to the Ukraine, Bush said.

The conference at Belmont made the boys think about what they could do, Bush told those attending Howard's conference at the April 9-11 RA Congress held this year at Union University.

The church also has ties with other missionaries associated with the church. "We will try to help them as well," Bush related. **B&R**



**ROYAL AMBASSADORS** from First Church, Martin, stand with their project during the recent RA Congress in Jackson. They made and collected toys to send for use on the missions field. From left are John Essary, Andy Bush, Alan Bush, Tim Burgan, and Minister of Education/Administration Ken Bush.

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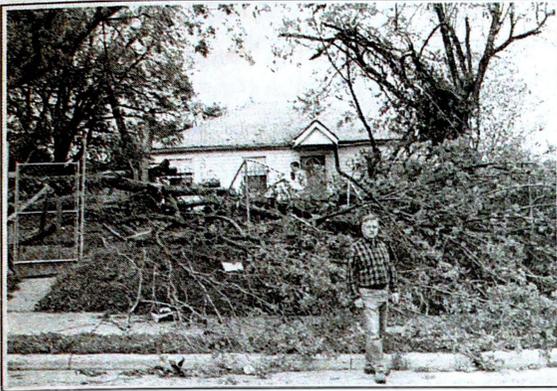
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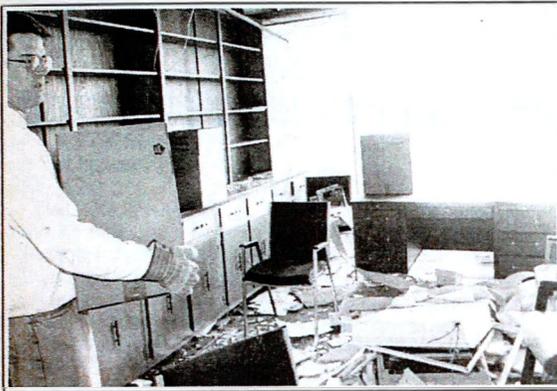


*Dr. Gerald L. Stow, TBCH  
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# Tornados hurt Nashville Baptist Association, churches



**STANDING** in the street in front of a house owned by Woodcock Church is David Long, pastor. Trees fell around the house, but did not damage it.



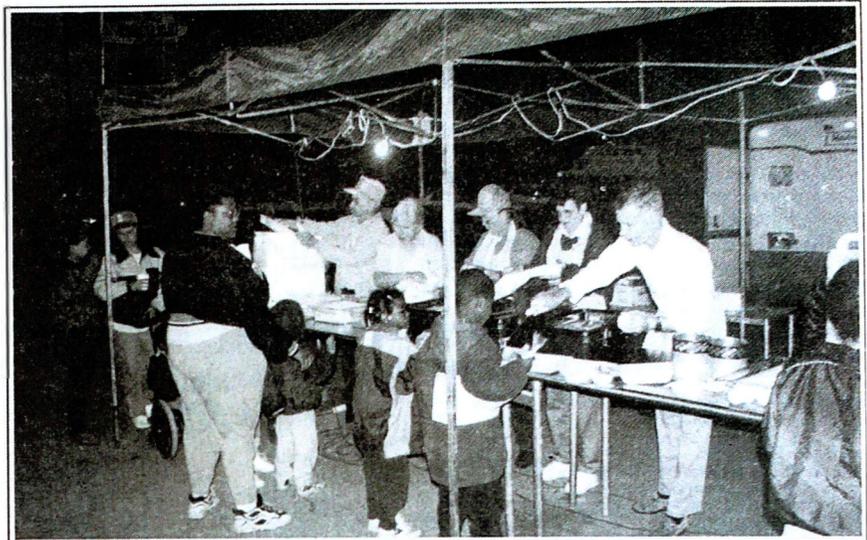
**BRETT STEWART** of the association staff carries away a box of trash from a damaged room.



**VOLUNTEER** Fred Lodge, pastor, Una Church, removes some blinds from two windows at the association office. One no longer has any glass.



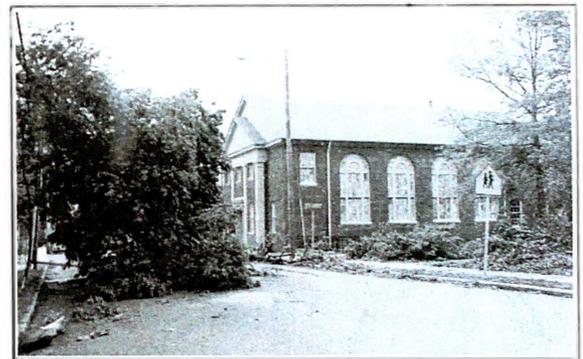
**WORSHIPPING** by candlelight in the foyer of their damaged church last Sunday are many of the Edgefield congregation.



**FEEDING STORM VICTIMS** outside Two Rivers Church, Nashville, which was designated as a shelter by the American Red Cross, are state Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers.



**DISCUSSING** plans for the association office are, from left, Jim Freedman, director of missions; Fred Lodge, pastor, Una Church; and an insurance company representative.



**LOCKELAND CHURCH** stands unharmed by trees which fell around it but reportedly the church's parsonage was damaged. John Langlois is pastor.



**MAKING PLANS** to prepare about 9,000 meals each day are, from left, Don Byrd and Curt Fowler, both of West Lonsdale Church, Knoxville; Barbara and Scott Gavel of Two Rivers Church, Nashville; and Tim Bearden, state Disaster Relief director.

# SBC meeting-related programs feature Tennesseans

Compiled from Baptist Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Several meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 9-11 will feature Tennessee Baptist speakers.

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church, Cordova, will speak during the SBC Pastors' Conference June 7-8 at the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Rogers is slated to speak on Monday morning, June 8, on the topic "his secret life with the Savior."

Other speakers during the Pastors' Conference include the six SBC seminary presidents who each will give a message on a doctrine or "an-

chor point" that is "foundational to who we are and what we're about as ministers of the Gospel," said Claude Thomas, Pastors' Conference president.

Another featured speaker during the conference is Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee who will speak Sunday evening.

Three Tennessee Baptists are slated to speak during the annual program of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists June 10. The program begins at 12:45 p.m. in Ballrooms B/D of the Salt Palace Convention Center.

Baptist Sunday School Board President James T.

Draper Jr., a member of Two Rivers Church, Nashville, is the featured speaker on the program.

Other speakers include Phil Glisson, Memphis evangelist, and Bob Pitman, pastor of Kirby Woods Church, Memphis.

Draper's wife, Carol Ann,

will speak on the women's program of the Pastors' Conference on Monday, June 8. ■

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## In his presence

By Mike Rogers

**Focal Passage — Exodus 33:16-19a; 34:1,5**

The greatest tragedy we face as a church, standing at the threshold of the 21st century, is that we may move forward in our practice of religion without God. I am afraid that we may be unaware that our "doing church" attitude could lead us into building some man-made idols. You know, those idols that are constructed by the hands of self-sufficiency. Human nature has a horrible track record of setting goals and making plans that feed our own sense of accomplishment and hunger for control.

Before you stop reading, consider that the possibility is as real for us today as it was for the people of Israel in the desert with Moses, who rejected God and worshiped idols they had built with their own hands. God said to the Israelites after they turned away from him, "Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way" (Exodus 33:3).

The idols were built by the community of faith who had turned away from Almighty God. They had shaped their religion around their own desires and defined right from wrong in their own terms.

**God's commandments — worth the wait!**

The heart of this Sunday's lesson is about a community that is resisting trust in God. They have not recognized that walking according to God's commandments is the safest philosophy. Knowing and doing the will of God is the theme song of any community that is in a right relationship with God.

The Israelites got tired of waiting on Moses and abandoned the idea that they would hear from God. They were operating out of the common human mindset which is sometimes described in this way — "Don't just stand there, do something!" What they did not realize was that Almighty God was revealing his will for his people to Moses while they waited. In fact, God was summarizing his will into 10 succinct statements.

**God's awesome character is unchanging**

There is no question that God's character, love, and righteousness are unchanging. In the first part of Malachi 3:6 God reveals, "For I am the Lord, I change not."

Who we are often shifts with the winds of circumstance. That is why we have the responsibility to search out, obey, and live within the parameters of God's will if we expect to live in his presence. It is man who must change, not God.

**God keeps it simple — Ten Commandments!**

Moses expressed the right attitude when he said to God, "If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways, so I may know you and continue to find favor with you." Moses knew that he must change if he was going to continue in God's presence. God gave Moses what he asked for.

Almighty God wrote 10 moral absolutes on two tablets so that his people might know how to walk with him by faith. These 10 commandments have formed the foundation for moral standards throughout all of history.

Is your community of faith living according to God's commandments? What about you? Are you walking in his presence? — Rogers and his wife Debi are the authors of "The Kingdom Agenda: Experiencing God in Your Workplace" (LifeWay Press, 1997). Mike also serves as director of missions, Bradley Baptist Association.

## A new covenant

By Billy Murphy

**Focal Passage — Mark 14:12-26**

We have come with Jesus to Thursday evening of Holy Week. For all good Jews, this was the evening before the Feast of the Passover was to be celebrated. Knowing that his arrest, trial, and death were imminent, Jesus made elaborate plans with his disciples for this last evening.

Two of the disciples were sent into Jerusalem to contact a man with a pitcher of water on his shoulder — such a pitcher was usually carried by women, so this man would easily stand out.

They met the man and he led them to the room in which Jesus would join the disciples later to eat the Passover meal. The upper room was made ready.

Why this encounter? Why this Last Supper? Was it to celebrate the historic feast celebrating the Jewish faith and fathers? Was it just one last farewell gathering, inspired by love and the longing of Jesus for companionship before the

ancient festival; he was giving it new meaning. He was not only celebrating the old covenant of God with Israel; he was instituting a new covenant.

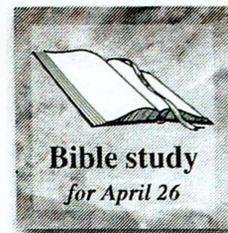
Of the bread they ate that night, he said, "Take eat, this is my body." Of the wine in the cup, he said, "This is my blood of the New Testament" (the New Covenant). This new covenant between man and God was that man could be saved by the sacrifice of Christ's body on the cross — by his spilled blood. The old covenant was superseded by the new.

The old covenant was based on obedience to the law; the new one was not dependent on law, but on the love evidenced in the shed blood of Calvary. With that sacrifice, man entered into a new relationship with God — a relationship of continuing love between him and man.

This Upper Room meeting was impressive for the disciples; imagine what it must have meant to Jesus! He knew he was to die; he did not want to, but he accepted it. He knew that on earth he would drink with them "no more of the fruit of the vine."

"Then he turned his face toward Gethsemane." Before the actual agony experienced by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, he predicted his betrayal at the hands of one of his own. In other words, Jesus was in control of his fate. He knew of the dark forces gathering to take his life.

The Lord's Supper has past, present, and future dimensions. It is a commemoration of the deliverance from Egypt of the people of God, based on obedience to God. The supper also is a reminder of the abiding presence of God with and within his people (I Corinthians 10:16-17). As we see in Mark 14:25, it testifies to our future hope in the coming of his kingdom. Jesus was certain of the sin of man and, by the same token, he was certain of the love of God. He knew that in the end love would conquer sin. — Murphy is Computer Consultant for West Carroll Special School District and a bivocational pastor, Howse Church, Atwood.



## Family Bible Lesson

cross? No, definitely there was a deeper meaning.

Never before had such a Passover been held. Since then, such a supper has not been held. The Passover season was the most sacred season of the year for Israel. It commemorated the liberation of the Jews from Egypt. You will remember the references to that dreadful night in Egypt before the people of Israel fled toward the Red Sea. That first Passover celebration marked the time when the Jewish nation really began; it was their national birthday.

Every year since then, the Jews have celebrated the Passover in such a manner. It is the greatest of Jewish days and celebrations. But Jesus was not merely celebrating an

## A missionary church

By James Growden

**Focal Passage — Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3**

My prayer is that every person reading these lessons belongs to a missionary-minded church. There are so many opportunities for the Lord's work and so few "workers." Pray with me for more missionaries — local, state, and international.

In Acts 11:19 we see the first largely Gentile local church, Antioch. It was from this church that Paul's three missionary journeys were launched.

Antioch, on the Orontes River, about 300 miles from Jerusalem, was the capital of the Roman province of Syria. It was the third largest city in the empire, with a population of about 500,000. It was one of the cosmopolitan centers of the world of that day and a center of commerce, Seleucia (16 miles away) being its seaport. Replacing Jerusalem as the number one Christian city, it was the center of the early missionary activity of the church.

When the church accepted Peter's testimony that the Gospel was also for Gentiles, Christianity exploded into Gentile areas and large numbers were saved. The seeds of this missionary work had been sown after Stephen's death when many believing Jews were persecuted and scattered, settling in faraway cities

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and spreading the Gospel.

Notice 11:22ff, such an important move on the part of the church could not escape the attention of the mother church in Jerusalem. Earlier the Jerusalem apostles sent Peter and John to check up on Philip's ministry in Samaria. Now the Jerusalem saints sent Barnabas all the way to Antioch, over 300 miles north. Barnabas could not escape the conclusion that God was genuinely at work in Antioch. What a wonderful joy for the home church.

Three things were said about Barnabas (v. 24): he was a good man, he was full of the Holy Spirit, and he was full of faith. In verse 25 we see Barnabas needed help and the best suited for the task was Paul who was living in Tarsus (ch. 9:30). Verse 26 states several facts about the church. Barnabas and Paul ministered a full year in Antioch, teaching great numbers of people. The church was continuing to grow numerically.

Jesus' disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. The ending "ian" means "belonging to the parties of," thus "Christians" were those of Jesus' party. The word Christian is used only in Acts

26:28 and I Peter 4:16.

We move on to chapter 13 where we see Barnabas and Paul are sent out to preach. This was the first of Paul's missionary journeys. What variety there was in the Antioch church. What variety there is in the church today. The common thread among these men was their deep faith in Christ. We must never exclude anyone whom Christ has called to follow him.

The church dedicated Paul and Barnabas to the Lord's work. The church was deeply involved in sending Paul and Barnabas, but it was God's plan.

You may ask, "Why did these two go?" (1) The Holy Spirit led them, (2) they followed the communication routes of the Roman Empire — this was the easiest way, (3) they visited key population and cultural centers to reach as many people as possible, (4) they went to cities with synagogues speaking first to the Jews in hopes that they would see Jesus as the Messiah and help spread the Good News to everyone.

We are privileged to continue this missionary work today. We still have areas of this planet that need the Good News and it is our task to spread the message just as it was Paul and Barnabas' task to go on the first missionary journey. — Growden is a teacher and a bivocational pastor, Hillcrest Church, Nashville.

## associations

■ **Knox County Association** is holding a World Missions Conference April 26-29 involving 11 state missionaries, 15 North American missionaries, and 24 international missionaries.

## churches

■ **Harmony Church, Whiteville**, will hold revival April 26-29. Phil Lovelace will speak and Bennie Morrison will lead the music.

■ **Colonial View Church, Cookeville**, will hold revival May 17-22. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Don Owens will speak.

■ **First Church, Pulaski**, held a drama "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames" recently. The four-night presentation drew 3,200 people. As a result, 289 people made professions of faith and 123 people rededicated their lives to Christ. These people came from 54 churches. The church is continuing to experience good results from the presentation.

■ **Glenwood Church,**

**Nashville**, will hold a Tax Relief Party for single adults April 25 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 if the person received a tax return and none if the person paid additional taxes. Tim Powell, minister of music, Glenwood Church, will lead the music.

■ **Rocky Hill Church, Knoxville**, will hold a Family Enrichment Conference May 1-3. Bob Taylor, formerly with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will speak.

■ **Cross Roads Church, Greenbrier**, will hold Alcoholics Anonymous meetings each Friday night at 7 p.m. beginning May 1. For more information, contact the church at (615) 384-8328.

■ **First Church, Bolivar**, sponsored a five kilometer run March 28 which resulted in gifts totaling more than \$1,000 for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. Also, on March 29 the church honored all county law enforcement personnel. Activities included a breakfast and their participation in Bible study and worship.

■ **Trinity Church, Hendersonville**, will host a Praise and Worship concert April 26 at 6 p.m. The performing musicians are members of Christian Network International in

**Nashville**. For more information, contact the church at (615) 826-0874.

■ **First Church, Somerville**, will hold a revival April 26. State Rep. Page Walley for House District 80 will speak during the morning service. Lynn Prather, a student at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, will speak during the evening service.

■ **Forest Hills Church, Nashville**, will hold a Women's Conference May 1-2. Barbara Summey Marshall, command chaplain, Naval Service Warfare Center, Camp Lejeune, N.C., will speak. Lisa Merrell, will lead praise and worship. For more information, call the church at (615) 373-8074.

## leaders

■ **North Knoxville Church, Knoxville**, has called **Blake Estes** as music and youth director.

■ **Jim Carr**, pastor, Middle Creek Church, Oliver Springs, for 10 years, has been called as pastor, First Church, Gordonsville, effective May 17.

■ **Roland C. Hudlow Jr.**, and **Mary Hudlow** retired

from Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes in Dayton March 31 after serving 31 years. They will continue to live in Chattanooga.

■ **Magna View Church, Talbott**, called **George Miller** as pastor, effective March 1. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, E m a n u e l School of Religion, Johnson City, and is working toward a degree by extension at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

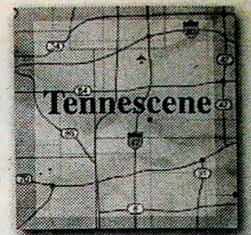


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## deaths

■ **William Clyde Cobb**, 84, died March 15 at Dyersburg Manor Nursing Center. He was director of missions in several Baptist associations, including Dyer, Hardeman/Fayette, Cumberland, Chilhowee, Beulah, and Grainger. A member of West Side Church, Jackson, Cobb was a graduate of Union University, Jackson; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

■ **Virginia Todd** of Nash-



ville, retired staff member of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes office based in Brentwood, died April 17 after a car accident.

## schools

■ The Leu Art Gallery of **Belmont University**, Nashville, hosts the Spring 1998 Senior Show April 19-26. For more information, call (615) 460-5578.

■ **Union University**, Jackson, will hold a teleconference on grief April 22 from 12:30-3 p.m. Cokie Roberts of ABC News will moderate. The panelists will discuss how culture, spirituality, age, and gender affect the grieving process. Sponsors include Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Hospice of West Tennessee. For more information, call Tell-A-Nurse at 1-888-425-9898.

# SBC Annual Meeting — June 9-11

## Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah

Theme: *Exalting the Unchanging Christ*

### Tuesday morning, June 9

- 8:00 — Inspirational Music
- 8:25 — Prayer
- 8:30 — Call To Order — Tom Elliff, SBC president; Registration Report and Constitution of Convention — Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary
- 8:35 — Committee on Order of Business (First Report)
- 8:40 — Welcome — Jim Harding, executive director, Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention, Draper, Utah
- 8:45 — Response — David F. Meacham, executive director-treasurer, Nevada Baptist Convention, Reno, Nev.
- 8:50 — Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers
- 8:55 — Theme Interpretation: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday
- 9:15 — Recalling Our Heritage — Recognition of Former SBC Presidents
- 9:20 — Crossover Salt Lake City Report
- 9:25 — Denominational Press Report
- 9:35 — Introduction of Motions and Resolutions
- 10:00 — Executive Committee Report (Part 1)
- 10:50 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 10:55 — Worship in Music
- 11:00 — President's Address — Tom Elliff
- 11:40 — Benediction

### Tuesday afternoon, June 9

- 1:00 — Concert of Praise
- 1:20 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 1:25 — Prayer
- 1:30 — Business — Committee on Order of Business (Second Report); Introduction of Motions; Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 1:45 — Messenger Information Survey
- 1:50 — Executive Committee Report (Part 2)
- 2:30 — Election of Officers (First)
- 2:45 — Sunday School Board Report
- 2:55 — Sunday School Board Presentation

- 3:25 — YouthLink 2000
- 3:30 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 3:35 — Woman's Missionary Union Report
- 3:45 — Committee on Nominations Report
- 3:55 — Committee on Committees Report
- 4:05 — Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee Report
- 4:15 — Election of Officers (Second)
- 4:30 — Introduction of Motions; Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 5:00 — Benediction

### Tuesday evening, June 9

- 6:30 — Music for Inspiration
- 6:45 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 6:50 — Prayer
- 7:00 — Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:10 — Theme Interpretation: Jesus Christ, the same today
- 7:30 — Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) — Rick E. Ferguson
- 7:40 — Previously Scheduled Business, Introduction of New Motions, Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 8:05 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 8:10 — North American Mission Board Report
- 8:20 — North American Mission Board Presentation
- 9:05 — Benediction

### Wednesday morning, June 10

- 8:15 — Concert of Praise
- 8:30 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 8:35 — Prayer
- 8:40 — Business — Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report), Introduction of Motions (Last Time)
- 9:00 — Previously Scheduled Business
- 9:20 — Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 9:50 — Seminary Report — R. Albert Mohler Jr., president, Council of Seminary Presidents
- 10:05 — Seminary Presentations
- 10:50 — Election of Officers (Fourth)

- 11:00 — Concert of Praise
- 11:10 — Convention Message — James G. Merritt, pastor, First Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 11:50 — Benediction

### No Wednesday afternoon session

### Wednesday evening, June 10

- 6:00 — Concert of Praise
- 6:10 — Prayer
- 6:15 — Business — Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report); Election of 1999 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, Music Director
- 6:25 — Theme Interpretation: Jesus Christ, the same forever
- 6:45 — Annuity Board Report
- 7:00 — Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission Report
- 7:15 — Election of Officers (Fifth)
- 7:25 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 7:30 — Concert of Praise
- 7:40 — International Mission Board Report
- 7:50 — International Mission Board Presentation/Commissioning Service
- 8:55 — Benediction

### Thursday morning, June 11

- 8:55 — Inspirational Music
- 9:10 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 9:15 — Prayer
- 9:20 — Previously Scheduled Business
- 9:35 — Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 10:05 — American Bible Society Report
- 10:10 — Baptist World Alliance Report
- 10:20 — Local Arrangements Committee Presentation
- 10:25 — Presentation of Outgoing Officers
- 10:30 — Presentation of New Officers
- 10:35 — Congregational Praise and Worship
- 10:40 — Inspirational Music
- 10:50 — Keynote Speaker — James C. Dobson, president, Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 11:35 — Benediction