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Tennessee ranks third in food gifts to N. Korea

For Baptist and Reflector

NEW ORLEANS — Southern Baptists sent another shipment of aid to North Korea May 3 to ease the mounting pressure from an extended famine that has left many people malnourished and weakened.

More than 4.7 million pounds of food donated by Southern Baptists and LeSea Global, a private relief organization, sailed from New Orleans on board the ship *Evangeline*. It was bound for a mid-June arrival in Wonsan, a port

city along the coast of the Sea of Japan. The *Evangeline* was originally slated to leave April 29, but it was delayed by rain and a shortage of volunteers to help load the food.

Southern Baptist church members responded on short notice to an urgent call in March from three of their denominational agencies to help assemble the shipment. In a little more than a month, they bought and packaged some 650,000 pounds of boxes filled with dry beans, corn meal, flour, spaghetti noodles, rice, and powdered milk, and pre-

pared them for shipping to New Orleans.

Tennessee Baptists ranked third among state conventions by collecting 899 boxes of food. They also contributed \$573.67 to the effort. Only North Carolina (2,609 boxes) and South Carolina (1,269 boxes) collected more food. Texas Baptists were close behind with 803 boxes, followed by Mississippi Baptists with 775 boxes.

Baptists from 28 states collected boxes of food, each of which should feed five people for more than a month.

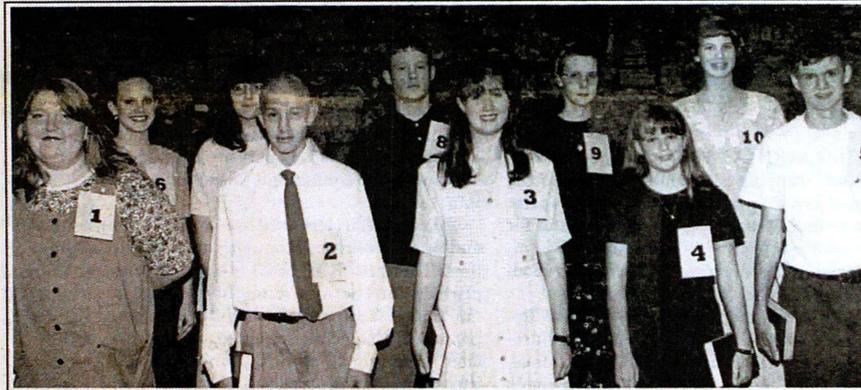
Also included on the *Evan-*

geline were about 950,000 pounds of dried corn, flour, rice, and sugar, and 925,000 pounds of dehydrated soup mix — enough for 23.1 million soup meals — all bought with \$725,000 in Southern Baptist World Hunger Funds. Those funds represent offerings from Southern Baptists, including about \$136,000 designated for North Korea just since March.

"Overall, we feel very successful," said a project spokesperson. "Southern Baptists acted generously and on an extremely short timetable to provide such an outpouring." *B&R*

Box, Townsend top youth Bible driller, speaker

For Baptist and Reflector



PARTICIPANTS IN THE State Youth Bible Drill are from left to right, front row, Britnye Smith, Allons Church, Allons; Justin Nipper, Mount Olive Church, Knoxville; Priscilla Green, Walnut Hill Church, Bells; Holly Bigham, Mine City Church, Ducktown; David Holsinger, Broadmoor Church, Memphis; back row, Lindsey Box, Bethel Church, Greenfield; Amada Large, Talbott Church, Talbott; Matt Farr, Shores Church, Goodspring; Laura Huggins, Hillcrest Church, Clarksville; and Melissa Ramsey, Bowmantown Church, Jonesborough. — Photos by Connie Davis

BRENTWOOD — More than 150 proud parents, grandparents, and friends gathered at the Baptist Center here May 2 for the 1998 State Youth Bible Drill and Speaker's Tournament.

Ten regional winners in each event earned the right to participate in the state events.

The State Youth Bible Drill winner was Lindsey Box of Bethel Church, Greenfield. First runner-up was Melissa Ramsey of Bowmantown Church, Jonesborough.

The top youth speaker was Hayley Townsend, a 10th grader from First Church, Dandridge. Her speech was entitled "Teenagers — The Church of Today." Kellye Rachel of Eastview Church, Ramer, was first runner-up. Her speech was entitled "The Bible — God's Gift To Us."

Each of the regional winners in the Speaker's Tournament received a \$400 scholarship from either Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, or Union University. Townsend earned an additional \$3,200 scholarship, according to Bruce Edwards.

State winners will represent Tennessee Baptists during Discipleship and Family Development Week at Ridgecrest Conference Center in July.

Churches are encouraged to plan now for 1999. Contact the TBC Christian Growth Development Group at 1-800-558-2090 to register to receive materials for 1999. *B&R*



YOUTH SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT participants are, from left, front row, Hayley Townsend, First Church, Dandridge; Rebecca Young, First Church, Mt. Juliet; Amanda Morgan, French Broad Valley Church, Kodak; Ben Barrett, Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville; Kellye Rachel, Eastview Church, Ramer; back row, Laura Moore, Charleston Church, Stanton; Stephen Garrett, Allons Church, Allons; Mandy Lee Baskin, Third Church, Murfreesboro; and Amanda Hampton, Hickory Grove Church, Trenton. Not pictured is Joshua Goggans of Oakwood Church, Chattanooga.

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New church staff introduced to TBC ministries



ABOVE, TBC Executive Director James Porch, left, visits with two new pastors in Weakley County Association and their director of missions. From left are Joe Lusby, First Church, Greenfield; DOM Richard Skidmore, and Larry Reagan, Adams Chapel Church, Dresden. **BELOW**, Executive Board staff member Gene Williams, left, talks with Pastor William Russell of Cross Roads Church, Bells, and his wife, Gloria.

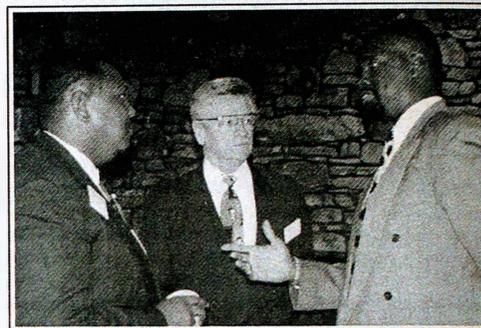


For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Approximately 48 pastors, other church staff members, and their spouses attended the New Church Staff Orientation May 4-5 at the Baptist Center here. It was one of the highest attended sessions in recent years.

The staff learned of Executive Board ministries and had the opportunity to visit with representatives of TBC institutions. They also dialogued with TBC Executive Director James Porch and heard from former Executive Director Tom Madden.

Rebecca Land of Nashville led a special session on the "Role of the Ministers Spouse." **B&R**



PASTOR AMOS HOWARD, right, of Mt. Zion Church, Smyrna, visits with Ken Weathersby, left, and Bill George of the Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group of TBC Executive Board ministries.

Messengers to vote on BF&M addition

Baptist Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A special committee studying a possible addition to the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Faith and Message document will call for an addition to the 35-year-old BF&M emphasizing the marriage relationship models the way God relates to his people.

The seven-member committee was appointed by SBC President Tom Elliff in response to a request from a Maryland messenger — Charles Lawton — at last year's annual SBC meeting that an article on the family be included in the BF&M document.

Messengers to the 1998 meeting in Salt Lake City June 9-11 will vote on the committee's proposal.

Anthony Jordan, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and chairman of the committee, said the proposed addition is "thoroughly biblical."

He told Baptist Press: "The BF&M has not been amended since 1963 when the inimitable Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs led the effort to develop a statement of faith for Southern Baptists. The BF&M has stood the test of time as the clear declaration of our faith."

"The assignment to produce a concise, clear statement that expresses the generally held beliefs of Southern Baptists concerning family was a daunting one. Therefore, our committee approached its responsibility with prayer, reverence, and diligence."

Jordan said every line of the proposed addition is deeply rooted in the clear teaching of Scripture.

The complete proposed addition follows:

"God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

"Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel for sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

"The husband and wife are of equal worth before God. Both bear God's image but each in differing ways. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to his people.

"A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family.

"A wife is to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being 'in the image of God' as her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his 'helper' in managing her household and nurturing the next generation.

"Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents." ■ — Herb Hollinger

Strong LMCO fuels IMB overseas raises

Baptist Press

RICHMOND — A strong Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1997 will allow the International Mission Board to provide much-needed pay raises to its 4,300 missionaries worldwide.

During their meeting here May 4-6, IMB trustees decided on raises ranging from \$100 per month for career and associate couples to \$33 a month for single International Service Corps and journeyman missionaries.

Early receipts for the offering ran well beyond those during the same period in past offerings, but final totals actually will not be known until the books close May 31.

Trustees also decided any possible excess over the offering's \$100 million goal would go to pioneer work among 20 unreached people groups and to make new advances to sprawling urban areas where multitudes appear ready to respond to the Gospel. Sixty percent of any overage would be used to initiate work among unreached people groups and 40 percent to support "impact strategies for reaping the harvest in at least 16 strategic megacities."

Trustees also held a memorial service for three missionaries who died while on active service. Joe Prickett, 67, who was assigned to St. Lucia in the West Indies, and Marie Blocher Carter, 59, serving in Argentina, died of natural causes while Charles Hood, 44, was felled April 21 by an assailant's bullet in Bogota, Columbia. ■

Tennessee missionaries granted 'emeritus' status

Compiled from Baptist Press

RICHMOND — The young man ran toward the truck, waving his hands frantically.

Missionary Fred Allen recognized the piece of paper the man held in his hand — a Gospel tract Allen had left in the village on a previous trip. "This is what we've been waiting for," the young man exclaimed. "We want to know more about God."

His voice filled with emotion, Allen recounted how the Lozi people of western Zambia received the good news of God's love as gladly as a thirsty man accepts a glass of cold water. In three years, more than 900 people made decisions for Christ and 33 new churches were started.

Allen, who served with his wife, Joy, in Zambia for 27 years was one of 81 Southern Baptist International Mission Board missionaries who received emeritus status during a service May 3 at Mount Vernon Church here.

Four Tennesseans were among those granted emeritus status.

Loretto native Elton Gray,

in a written testimony, noted "life is a series of new beginnings."

He said his "greatest obstacle as a missionary has been how to retire."

Gray and his wife, Dottie, served in Japan for 27 years. "As I write this 16 months after leaving our field of service, I am still waiting on the Lord for his direction for a week-by-week retirement ministry. I know God is faithful and I submit to his plan.

"I am deeply grateful for my 27 years with the IMB in Japan. I only wish I were young enough to start the process all over again."

The Grays will live in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Ooltewah native Carol Henson stepped down this year after 38 years of service in Chile.

She reflected on everyone who encouraged and helped her along her journey and expressed her gratitude.

Henson specifically cited her family, her missionary colleagues, Ooltewah Church, Southern Baptists "who provided a channel through which my physical needs were supplied and the task to which I



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was called was daily lifted to the Lord in prayer," and Chilean Baptists "who loved me through all my mistakes" and who allowed "me to work alongside them in the task of spreading the Gospel in Chile."

Tennessee natives Howard and Joyce Clark of Chattanooga and Knoxville, respectively, served in Spain for 16 years.

They noted the "greatest blessings we have received as missionaries are seeing persons respond to the Gospel and make commitments to follow Christ no matter what the cost."

By contrast, their greatest disappointments "were seeing persons refuse to respond to Christ and, as a result, seeing lives and marriages fall apart."

The Clarks too are thankful for Southern Baptists who provided financial support through

the Cooperative Program.

Like the godly worker Paul described in II Timothy 2, the emeritus missionaries had endured hardships, maintained discipline, and rejoiced in seeing the harvest, said IMB President Jerry Rankin.

"If we were recognizing you for what you have accomplished personally, this would be the conclusion of your ministry overseas," Rankin told the retiring missionaries.

"But ... as you have borne witness and brought people to salvation, as you have disciplined them, as you have trained leaders, as you have nurtured new congregations, your lives have touched others.

"Your witness and ministry will continue to live on because each of you has poured out your lives and multiplied yourself through others." ■



C-N staffer to lead N.C. college

For Baptist and Reflector

JEFFERSON CITY — The board of trustees of Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, N.C., have elected Chuck Ambrose as eighth president of the 113-year-old institution.

Ambrose has been vice president of advancement at Carson-Newman College here since 1994.

"The decision to leave Carson-Newman has been an extraordinarily difficult one for me and my family because its to this kind of Baptist institution that I owe much of who I am and what I believe," Ambrose said.



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Pfeiffer is a private, Christian institution of about 1,800 students.

C-N President Cordell Maddox said the appointment "speaks well of Dr. Ambrose and of the work he has done here at Carson-Newman."

Ambrose has nearly 14 years of experience as an administrator in higher education. **B&R**

TBC Disaster Relief enters long-term recovery phase

By Marcia Knox
For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — To use Disaster Relief terminology, long-term recovery is now in process in Tennessee following the April 16 tornadoes which ravaged the state, according to Tim Bearden, state Disaster Relief director.

The tornado created the first stage — the disaster itself. The second stage was immediate recovery which is followed by long-term recovery, Bearden explained.

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency reported nine deaths and

115 injuries statewide from the tornadoes.

"At this point in the disaster, affected associations will continue to work directly with the local authorities in the counties," Bearden said.

He noted "Tennessee Baptists from across the state will now shift the main focus of the recovery back to the local churches in the associations. The long-term recovery process may take years."

Directors of missions are now the front-

line contacts with churches and with other folks involved in the disaster, Bearden said.

"We are ready to help any way that we can. We can offer support, trained volunteers, training for future preparedness, and limited financial assistance.

"Our future Disaster Relief emphasis will be placed in churches specifically prepared in disaster events similar to this one that we just weathered," he continued.

Those needing Disaster Relief assistance and training are invited to call the TBC Disaster Relief office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-7926. **B&R**



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Dramatic Arts Festivals attract record attendance

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Three Dramatic Arts Festivals in April attracted 1,496 registered participants.

This was a record attendance not only for Tennessee but the Southern Baptist Convention as well, said Ev Robertson, ministry specialist in the TBC Executive Board ministries Church Staff Leadership Group.

Last year 1,250 people attended one single conference, Robertson said.

He noted there are few churches with enough educational space to handle the approximately 100 conferences offered during the festivals.

"By going to three festivals

we knew we'd reach more churches and a larger total number, and we did," Robertson said.

Festivals were offered this year at First Church, Jackson; Forest Hills Church, Nashville; and Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville. Faculty included Doug Berky, Face to Face, Re:Creations; Ferrel Marr, Tom and Seus, and Jeff Smith.

Over 300 total conferences were held at the three locations each focusing on various aspects of the dramatic arts, including puppetry, mime and interpretive movement, drama, and clowning.

Each site had creative worship services which demonstrated the use of dramatic arts in worship settings and

showcase performances where outstanding performers were featured, Robertson said.

Robertson noted that more than 200 people attended the pre-festival adult symposiums which focused on "The Dramatic Arts in Worship."

There was also a pre-festival youth mini-camp.

He observed that more adults attended the festivals this year than ever before.

Traditionally, the festivals attract many more youth than adults, Robertson noted.

"We are making progress in



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the practical use of the dramatic arts in local church ministry," Robertson said.

"That is exemplified by the participation in this year's Dramatic Arts Festivals."

Robertson added that more people are using drama effectively in their churches and are looking for quality training as well as fellowship with others involved in the dramatic arts.

Plans are in place to have three festivals again next year in Memphis, Nashville, and the tri-cities area, Robertson said.

A "super" festival is slated for the year 2000 in Nashville, Robertson said, noting planners hope to attract 2,000 participants to the festival. **B&R**

TeamKid training set for next week

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Two TeamKid Showcases will be held across the state next week.

The meetings will feature preschool and children TeamKid materials and the new youth resource TM412.

"This is not only an overview but a 'how-to' session on starting and maintaining an exciting TeamKid ministry for preschoolers, children, and youth," said Jerry Chapman of the TBC Executive Board's Christian Growth Development Group.

Sessions will be held May 19 at First Church, Greeneville, and First Church, Smyrna. Another session will be offered May 21 at Calvary Church, Jackson. Times at each location are 7-9 p.m. There is no prior registration or fee involved.

For more information, call Chapman at 1-800-558-2090, ext. 7932. **B&R**

Associations: churches working together

By Lonnie Wilkey
Interim Editor

May 18-24 is recognized as Associational Missions Week on the denominational calendar.

Tennessee has 68 associations spread across the state. Some are large with more than 100 churches; others have as few as 12 or less. Large or small, associations share a common identity — churches working together for Kingdom work.

Some may wonder what an association is or why they are needed.

Basically, associations are churches in a particular area. They may involve a county or counties. In essence, an association is like a state convention or the Southern Baptist Convention on a smaller scale. It is churches linked together by proximity with a goal on reaching the community and the world with the Gospel of Christ.

Bill George, a former director of missions at Beulah Association in West Tennessee, and now a ministry specialist in the TBC Executive Board's Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group, tells me a major problem associations must face is dealing with a lack of understanding of who they are. Senior adults are very familiar with the association and its work, but the young generation, particularly

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Generation X or "Busters" do not, according to George. Their lack of knowledge perhaps reflects one of their trademarks which is not being loyal to organizations in general.

Associations which are to survive and to be viable in the new century ahead are

those that will be willing to make changes in order to meet current needs.

Associations will need a clear mission and must be willing to customize resources for local needs, focus on developing leaders, and be willing to create new churches.

This brings us to the directors of missions. George observes that a director of missions must be a visionary, a mentor, a people person, one who can relate to the community at large, and be flexible and self-motivated.

And, if that is not enough, the DOM must be a "pastor to the pastor" while at the same time being a friend of the church, George notes. In other words, being a DOM is not an easy task. They often perform many tasks that go unnoticed. Despite their many jobs, they undoubtedly will have their critics who wonder aloud to their friends, "What does the DOM do?"

Tennessee Baptists are fortunate to have good directors of missions serving throughout our state. They have accepted a call from God to lead the churches in their association to do Kingdom work.

Associations need the support of pastors, staff, and laity. Remember your director of missions next week and be in prayer for him and the churches he serves. *B&R*



just for
today

by Fred Wood,
pastor emeritus,
Eudora Church,
Memphis



Start with a smile

Doctor to patient: "Here are your test results. I have good news and I have even better news." Patient: "What's the good news?" Doctor: "It's personal. My son has just been accepted into medical school." Patient: "Congratulations. What's the even better news?" Doctor: "You're going to be paying his tuition."

Take this truth

Sometimes one person's misfortune enriches our pocketbook or some other phase of our life.

Memorize this Scripture

"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." — Philippians 2:4, NIV

Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me, as much as is humanly possible, to be as interested in the success of my friends as I am in my own success." ■

Four steps offered for 'fighting fair'

families matter

by Paul Barkley
counselor,
professor



Every family faces some fighting sometimes. It should be some consolation to us that we are not unusual when we fight. The first family in the Garden endured a fight that concluded with a homicide. While it is not unusual for families to fight, I believe that God desires that we

learn how to handle our fights without homicides.

In Matthew 7, Jesus gives us a four-step formula for finishing our fights fairly.

The first step is to display humility. "Do not judge lest you be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged, and by your standard or measure, it will be measured to you" (vv. 1-2).

It is a humbling thought to realize that what is good for the goose is good for the gander. It is sometimes easy as parents to say, "Don't do as I do, do as I say do." It is just as easy for spouses to hold each other to

different standards.

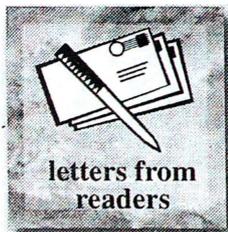
The second step is to declare honesty. Verse three notes: "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye and not notice the log in your own eye?" By nature of conflict, our perception is most often skewed by our need to defend ourselves. It is surprising how the caustic nature of conflict is reduced by honesty in admission of our own guilt or our own faults. It also has the effect of taking the wind out of our adversary's sails and making them more willing to look calmly for solutions.

Disowning hypocrisy is the third step. The chief expression

of hypocrisy is the unwillingness to acknowledge faults in yourself that you want to point out in the other.

Devoted helpfulness is the final step. "First take the log out of your own eye, then you will see clearly how to take the speck out of your brother's eye." In our day we might use the adage of becoming a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem.

If we could become willing to display humility, declare honest, disown hypocrisy, and devote ourselves to helpfulness, I contend that family fights would certainly diminish. ■



made to remain before the board for one year before it can be in effect. This means that any change in the charter could be reviewed by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and if it met with their displeasure, they could relieve the existing board and institute another board.

Additional language makes it impossible for the TBCH board to do anything with the property if the homes ceased to function as Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. The property would automatically revert to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In light of recent developments in our Tennessee Baptist Convention and inquiries to our office, I hope this information will be helpful to our pastors and churches. This ac-

tion was taken eight years ago when TBCH signed a covenant with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The trustees elected by the convention hold our corporation and it is our desire that it should ever remain so.

Gerald L. Stow, president
TBCH
Brentwood 37024

Remember family

I am writing to all my statewide Baptist family asking for help as well as prayers. There is a family in our church that needs support.

Blake Holt is 40 years old and has been recently diagnosed with leukemia. He owns a transmission shop in Jasper. His wife, Linda, works there as bookkeeper and also is a vol-

unteer secretary at our church. They have two sons, ages 15 and 11.

The family is active in Cornerstone Church. Blake chairs the ushers and Linda teaches the fifth and sixth grade Sunday School department.

The church will host a bone marrow drive in our fellowship hall on Sunday, May 17, from 4-6 p.m. This family is one of the finest families I have ever had the privilege of serving as pastor.

My prayer is that all of God's family will be sensitive in this regard. Support and prayers will be appreciated.

For more information, call (423) 942-0909, 942-1206, or 658-5714.

David Grisham, pastor
Cornerstone Church
Jasper 37347

Partnership Prayer Requests May

- 13 — Pray for Peter Kendrick, new cooperative missions ministry leader in Michigan.
- 14 — Pray for members of Moore's Chapel Church, Greenfield, located in the Mississippi River Ministry area, who want to build a new church.
- 15 — Praise God for the Promise Keepers conference held April 24-25 in Canada which drew 13,000 men.
- 16 — Pray for 20 youth from First Church, Nashville, who will work June 21-July 4 to help start a church in Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 17 — Pray for ISC workers Doug and Tricia Bagby in Costa Rica and for a sports evangelism team led by Betty Wiseman of Belmont University which will be in Cartago, Costa Rica, May 18-28.
- 18 — Pray for New Song Church in Memphis which needs a new pastor, a passenger van, and workers for the kitchen and parking lot.
- 19 — Pray for the Canadian Baptist Convention's annual meeting May 26-28.

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Matthew 13:8

A Newsletter For Church Leaders From Union University

A Partnership of Faith

Union University and the Tennessee Baptist Convention

by David S. Dockery, President

Following the Civil War, Tennessee Baptists felt the need to unite the three state organizations: the East Tennessee Baptist General Convention, the General Association of Middle Tennessee and Northern Alabama, and the West Tennessee Baptist Convention. Old controversies had generally been resolved, and a new day presented new opportunities and challenges. A special meeting of Tennessee Baptists from all three conventions was called for April 10, 1874, in Murfreesboro to consider the establishment of a united state convention. Delegates immediately authorized the convention's president to appoint two committees, each dealing with compelling and complementary issues, the Committee on Unification, which reported that afternoon, and the Committee on Education, which reported the next morning. The Committee on Education recommended:

"That it is of vital importance to the denominational interests of the Baptists of the state, to establish within or near the borders of Tennessee, a well-endowed thoroughly equipped university, of the highest order, with an interest-bearing endowment, at least, of \$300,000."

Then as suggested in the report, the convention president appointed a nine-man Committee on Location of three members from each of the state's grand divisions to determine the site for a Baptist university. The next day the committee met and recommended Jackson because of the town's "financial advantages, healthfulness, accessibility, refinement, [and its] intelligence and moral character . . . , together with [its] reasonable prospects . . . [for] securing to the university a large number of students and an adequate endowment." Some underlying assumptions of the committee were based on securing the land, facilities and assets of West Tennessee College and the closing of Union University at Murfreesboro, which would transfer its assets to Southwestern Baptist University.

The agreement that was reached became contingent upon the university trustees' raising \$300,000 within 10 years, with the understanding that the 10 years could be extended. The convention also approved a board of trustees to elect a president/principal, obtain a charter and establish the institution to be ready for students in September 1874. Dreaming of a regional institution of higher learning, which

they called Southwestern Baptist University, they prayed:

"Let us not forget that in building up the university we are laboring not for ourselves alone, but for the whole Baptist denomination of the Southwest. And let us remember that we are laying the foundation of an institution of learning which we hope, by the blessing of God, will continue for ages to come."

The university's trustees met in Jackson on August 15, 1874, and elected George W. Jarman, a former president of Union, as head of the new institution. Under his guidance legal matters were transacted, professors secured and classes were started. Thus Southwestern Baptist, an heir of West Tennessee College and the Jackson Male Academy (founded 1823), and of Union at Murfreesboro, was created, by legal succession, the oldest institution of higher learning related to Southern Baptists.

Southwestern Baptist became the first institution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC), and the university continued to be vitally related to the convention. Dr. C.R. Hendrickson, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church and chairman of the university's first Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, described this relationship better than anyone else:

"Southwestern Baptist University is the creature of the [Tennessee Baptist] Convention and [it] is indebted to it for its name, for its location, for its organization, for its Board of Trustees, for its status as a state[wide] institution, for its distinctive character, [and] for its hopes of a long and prosperous career." Thus from the beginning the TBC focused on Christian higher education and from the beginning it closely identified with Southwestern Baptist, renamed Union University in 1907 because of its close link with alumni, ex-trustees and former faculty.

The convention itself had been created with the goal of uniting the state's Baptists in forming an educational program of "the highest order" at Southwestern Baptist in Jackson. The library and faculty from Union had enhanced the academic standing of Southwestern Baptist. With this transfer the university came to be associated with such denominational leaders as T.T. Eaton, J.R. Graves, J.M. Pendelton, and Charles Manly (son of Basil Manly). For the next century, for example, the ministerial association of the institution would be called the J.R. Graves Society.



A RESOLUTION

Whereas, Union University is preparing to celebrate its 175th anniversary as an institution; and

Whereas, Union University has a strong and historic relationship with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and

Whereas, we are grateful that Tennessee Baptists have supported Union University over the years through sending students, financial stewardship, prayer and in many other ways; and

Whereas, we as a Board of Trustees wish to reaffirm our support of this happy relationship with Tennessee Baptists, and pledge to them our commitment to continue to build a great liberal arts university that is unapologetically Christian and church-related — dedicated to academic excellence, faithful to our Baptist heritage and evangelical convictions, and devoted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and the veracity of Holy Scriptures; and

Whereas, we believe Union University will bring honor to Tennessee Baptists as a Great Commandment University, faithful to its heritage and mission, with a focus on being an excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused and future-directed university;

Therefore, we as a Board of Trustees wish to express our appreciation for and support of the University's continuing strong relationship with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. We further pledge to be faithful stewards of the trust Tennessee Baptists have placed in us as trustees of this great institution, and welcome the continuing support and involvement of Baptist churches and individuals as Union University prepares to enter the next century.

Adopted Unanimously
Union University Board of Trustees
Fall, 1997.

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The Union University Pastors School

Presents
"The Whole Gospel For The Whole World"

Union University's pastor school, titled "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World," will be held August 3-6 at Union. The school is sponsored by the R.G. Lee Center for Christian Ministry.

The annual event will offer addresses from the following speakers:

- Frank Lewis, pastor, First Baptist Church of Nashville
- Roy Edgemon, Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville
- Dennis Swanburg, minister of encouragement in Fort Worth, Texas
- Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president of the International Mission Board and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Anna Marie Edgemon, conference speaker and former missionary to Japan
- Charles Sullivan, executive secretary/director of State Convention of Baptists in Indiana
- Bob Agee, the worship leader for the pastors school, serves as president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

This year's school will meet simultaneously with Union's Senior Adult Conference. For more information or to register for the conference, please call John Adams, vice president for campus ministries and church services, at (901) 661-5300.



Frank Lewis

Charles Sullivan

Dennis Swanburg

Don Kammerdiener

Anna Marie Edgemon

Roy Edgemon

Don't miss this summer's Annual Senior Adult Conference

Union University will host its third annual senior adult conference, Aug. 3-5.

This year's conference theme is "Living the Abundant Life." The event will offer Bible study, worship, senior adult choirs, special music and 12 small group conferences.

Inspirational speaker and humorist Dennis Swanburg will serve as a conference leader and speaker at the event's Extravaganza Banquet.

The conference also will feature Charles Sullivan as Bible study leader, Bob Agee as worship leader and a conference leader, Don Kammerdiener, as a conference leader, and James Pulliam, retired minister of music at First Baptist Church of Bolivar, Tenn., as music coordinator and a conference leader.

Other conference leaders include:

- Randall Bush, associate professor of Christian studies and philosophy and director of the interdisciplinary honors program at Union
- Elwood Doss, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Martin, Tenn.
- Jerry Drace, Southern Baptist evangelist

- Bob Elliott, retired vice president of business affairs at Union
- David Gushee, director of the Center for Christian Leadership at Union
- George Guthrie, chair of the department of Christian studies at Union
- Paul Jackson, assistant professor of Christian studies at Union
- Kelvin Moore, associate professor of Christian studies

- Windy Rich, retired minister of education at Belmont Heights Baptist Church of Nashville
- Paul Veazey, director of planned giving and denominational support at Union
- Sandra Williams, assistant professor of physical education at Union

Conference registration costs \$43, which includes the extravaganza banquet, seven meals and all conference sessions. Those who do not wish to have the meals can register for \$20.

For reservations, lodging information or additional details about the conference, call Williams at (901) 661-5163 or (901) 661-5162 or John Adams at (901) 661-5300.

News Seeds

Christian studies department welcomes new faculty

Roger Glidewell and Brad Green will join Union's Christian studies department this fall. Glidewell will serve as assistant professor of youth ministry. Green will be instructor of Christian studies.

Glidewell is a graduate of Southwest Baptist University and received his master's from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He comes to Union after being staff evangelist for First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla.

Green has studied at several institutions of higher learning. He received his bachelor's from Northeast Louisiana University, his master of divinity from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a master's from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and is completing his doctorate at Baylor University.

Center for Christian Leadership hosts Conference on Faith and Public Policy

Union University and its Center for Christian Leadership will host its second annual national conference this fall, October 19-20.

The conference, "Christian Faith and Public Policy," will feature presentations from some of the nation's most widely respected Christian political and public policy thinkers, including Richard Land, president and CEO of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ronald J. Sider, president of Evangelicals for Social Action and Jean Bethke Elshtain, Laura Spelman professor of social and political ethics at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

While discussed topics will range from education to welfare reform to church and state issues, conference organizer and Director of the

Center for Christian Leadership David P. Gushee explains the underlying goal will be the same: for Christians to reflect together, across denominational lines, on the crucial moral issues that arise at the intersection of Christian faith and public life.

Lady Margaret Thatcher, former prime minister of Great Britain, will speak at the second annual Union University Scholarship Banquet on October 20. Her appearance also will be the final event of the Christian Faith and Public Policy Conference.

For conference registration of more information, contact Gushee, the conference organizer, or Cindy Meredith.

Gushee can be reached at (901)661-5024 or by e-mail at dgushee@uu.edu. Meredith can be reached at (901)661-5202 or by e-mail at cmeredith@uu.edu.

Union to Have Ice Cream Party at SBC

Union's Office of Alumni Services will host a Union Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. The reception will be June 9, from 9 to 11 p.m., at the Salt Lake City Marriott Hotel.

All alumni and friends of the university are invited to attend this ice cream parlor social.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the convention. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets before the convention can send a check to SBC Dessert Reception c/o Office of Alumni Services at Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN 38305.

SBC Ice Cream Party

\$1.00 off
purchase of tickets
with redemption
of this coupon



A Partnership of Faith

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In 1880 the Education Committee's report to the convention recognized the need for highly qualified trustees to direct and care for all aspects of the university. The trustees, according to the report, should be:

"Men of information and intelligence, and wholly capable of an active exercise of their trust. Their judgment should be higher than that of the community at large; and they should guide, not merely follow public opinion. This board should judge of the qualification and proficiency of the faculty, and be actuated by a refined conception of duty."

In 1903 the Education Commission of the Tennessee Baptist Convention organized to control its schools so as to prevent separation from Baptist ownership and management and to preclude absolutely any authority to jeopardize their existence. The commission wanted to lay such a strong foundation that the churches would put confidence in the schools and give them a more adequate financial future. In 1910 steps were taken to provide broad support for the institution by placing Christian education among the entities to be supported by the State Convention. Initial plans were laid to launch a \$500,000 campaign to support Christian higher education. Tennessee Baptists were alerted to the need to strengthen the ties with their schools when Vanderbilt University, in 1914, severed ties with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, after winning a court case enabling them to establish a self-perpetuating board.

The TBC Education Board sought to create profound convictions regarding Christian education, so that large gifts could be regularly made by the churches and help in recruiting Baptist students for the schools could be secured. To that end, in 1916, the Education Board stated its objectives:

"To mobilize the Baptists of Tennessee in the interest of Christian education; to awaken in the thinking of fathers and mothers an appreciation of higher education . . . to further in every possible way the interests of the educational institutions which the Baptists of Tennessee love and foster—Union University, Carson and Newman College, Tennessee College and Hall-Moody Institute . . . to inaugurate a statewide campaign for the purpose of uniting the friends of Christian education in one supreme effort by which our schools shall be placed upon a firm financial basis."

In 1918 Tennessee Baptists set a five-year goal to raise \$1,000,000 and enroll 3,000 students with 250 ministerial students. Membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was made possible for Union in 1924 when the TBC guaranteed the institution annual support of not less than \$25,000.

The first 50 years of the TBC are closely tied to progress in Christian higher education. With the growth of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the accompanying appreciation for higher education, and perhaps most importantly the development of the Cooperative Program, higher education has greatly expanded and continued to take a high priority. The growth of Union throughout the 20th century owes much to this high priority among Tennessee Baptists that has sustained the school through the years.

Commitment to Christian higher education among Tennessee Baptists resonates with the 1963 *Baptist Faith and Message* article on education:

"The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper

balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute.

The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists."

As we stand on the doorstep of the 21st century, Union is prepared to celebrate 125 joyful years of relationship with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. During these 125 years, Union has grown from a small institution to a university with an emerging national profile and a total enrollment in 1997-98 of over 2,350 students. Tennessee Baptist students make up 54 percent of a student body which overall is 70 percent Baptist. Among the student body this year well over 300 are church-related vocation students.

At Union we are indeed pleased to continue our strong relationship with Tennessee Baptists. As the oldest institution related to the Southern Baptist Convention, Union trustees, administration and faculty recently recommitted themselves (see the trustee resolution on page 1), to academic excellence, to profound spiritual devotion to Christ and to the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

It is our hope to strengthen, expand and enhance Union's relationships with the churches of the TBC. We are committed to distinctive Christian higher education that will help students learn to think and live Christianly. To that end Union is seeking to build a faculty of Christian scholars who demonstrate a love for God and the people of God, who seek to build a community of faith and learning through the love and care of students and colleagues, and who pursue academic excellence in teaching, research, writing and other scholarly activity. This guiding vision is shaped by faithfulness to Union's Christian liberal arts heritage.

For this vision to take place, Union must find ways to enlarge the financial resources of the institution. Union primarily is a tuition-driven institution, with approximately 65 percent of our annual unrestricted operating budget (\$25.1 million) provided by tuition. With the addition of restricted funds, the annual budget greatly exceeds \$30 million. About 8 percent (\$2.4 million) of this amount annually comes directly from the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Our tuition price structure (approximately \$9,000 per year, per full-time student) is significantly less than the cost of educating each full-time student (approximately \$15,000). In an effort to address these needs, Union is developing an overarching strategy for institutional advancement that includes, among other things, cultivating strong relationships with the local community, alumni, businesses, foundations and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which includes the Church-Scholarship Campaign.

Similar to the convention's 1880 expression for quality trustees, we believe that the key to Union's effectiveness in the future in these areas is largely dependent on an effective Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees must see the big picture and assume the role of keeping Union faithful to her distinctive mission as well as keeping Union vitally related to each of her publics and constituencies, which first and foremost is the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

To face the challenges of the future, the Board of Trustees, in continuity with the early stated convention goals of 1875, must emphasize Union's intent to be an embodying Christian institution, exemplifying a strong relational and cultural tie with Tennessee Baptists and the Southern Baptist

Convention, concerned for sound faith and observance, strong chapels and mission programs, and conscious of Christian values.

Please know of our desire to continue to strengthen the cherished relationship between Union and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, for the good of Union University and the glory of God.

Soli Deo Gloria

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

Each month Union faculty, staff and administrators represent the university at business, community and church-related events. Below is the church-related speaking engagements schedule through September 1998.

Dr. John Adams, Vice President for Campus Ministries and Church Services

May 17	Baccalaureate, Scotts Hill High
May 24	Senior Adult Emphasis, FBC, Alamo
May 31	Memorial Day Service, Holly Grove Baptist Church, Bells
June 14	Children's Leadership Conference, Maple Springs Baptist Church, Meadon
July 19-22	IMB Trustees, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 1	TBC Regional Leadership Conference, FBC, Trenton
Sept. 14-16	IMB Trustees, Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Todd Brady, Campus Minister

May 19	Baccalaureate, Halls High School,
May 31	St. Paul CME Church, Jackson
June 8-12	Lake Forest Ranch, Macon, Miss.
June 15-19	Raleigh Baptist Church, Memphis
July 12-17	Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville
July 18-20	Youth Retreat, FBC, Jackson
July 26-29	Poplar Grove Baptist Church, Trenton
Sept. 8	Madison-Chester Senior Adult Meeting

Dr. David S. Dockery, President

June 3, 17, 24	Bible Study Leader, FBC, Jackson
July 4-10	Doctrine Study, Ridgecrest, N.C.
July 18-24	Doctrine Study, Goliotta, N.M.
July 26-29	FBC, Dyersburg

Dr. Michael Duduit, Executive Vice President

May 17	Baccalaureate Speaker, FBC, Lexington
July 27-30	Summer Ministry Institute, Princeton University

Dr. David P. Gushee, Associate Professor of Christian Studies

Interim	Co-pastor of Northbrook Baptist Church
May 30-	National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion and the College Theological Society, St. Louis
June 2	Visiting professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
June 16-26	Ministers Conference, Carson-Newman Senior Adult Conference, Jackson
July 20-22	
Aug. 3-5	

Dr. George H. Guthrie, Associate Professor of Christian Studies

Interim	Co-pastor of Northbrook Baptist Church
June 1-12	Visiting Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Aug. 3-4	Senior Adult Conference, Jackson
Sept. 4-6	Family Life, Lake Forest, Miss.

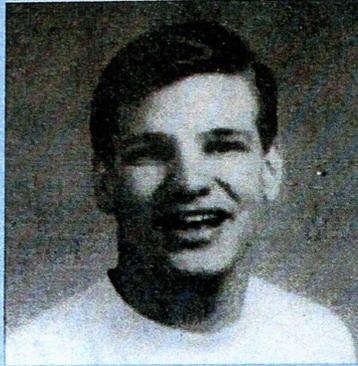
Rev. Paul Veazey, Director of Denominational Support and Planned Giving

Interim	Pastor of South Fulton Baptist Church
Aug. 3-5	Senior Adult Conference, Jackson
Sept. 6	Revival, Cottage Grove Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Williams, Director of Supervised Ministries

May 17	Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Bolivar
Aug. 17	TBC Regional Leader Training, FBC, Bolivar
Aug. 18	TBC Regional Leader Training, Ridgeway Baptist Church, Memphis
Aug. 30-	Revival, FBC, Somerville
Sept. 2	
Sept. 14-15	TBC Regional Leader Training, Central Baptist Church, Bearden

The Churches On This Page
Made A Dream Come True



Bradley Bruhn is about to graduate from Union. He'll receive a bachelor of arts in religion during this month's graduation ceremony.

Since his freshman year, Bradley has been helped by a scholarship from his home church, West Jackson Baptist, where he has been a member for 13 years.

When it came time to pick a college, Bradley chose Union for its academic excellence and strong Christian values.

"I wanted to remain in this area because I felt God still had things he wanted me to do here in Jackson. I also came to Union because of its academic program. Union offers many types of ministerial opportunities and its religion and music faculty have outstanding reputations," Bradley said.

With Union's help, Bradley became minister of music at East Laurel Baptist Church in Pinson. He plans to stay at that post and remain active in his singing group, Chosen Generation.

For more information on how you or your church can make dreams come true, send in the coupon below or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-338-6644 or (901) 661-5050.

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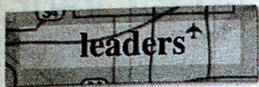
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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH GIVING REPORT

September 1, 1997 to April 30, 1998

	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED
BEECH RIVER			HAYWOOD		
Bear Creek	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	Allen	\$ 1000.00	\$ 0.00
Crossroads	0.00	100.00	Holly Grove	0.00	790.99
Flatwoods	0.00	300.00	Shaw's Chapel	350.00	450.00
Lexington, First	0.00	3200.00	Stanton	200.00	0.00
Mt. Ararat	700.00	300.00	Woodland	0.00	1500.00
Parsons, First	0.00	28000.00	Zion	0.00	1448.31
Sand Ridge	250.00	0.00		\$ 1550.00	\$ 4189.30
Sardis	275.84	0.00			
Union	125.00	125.00	MADISON-CHESTER		
	\$ 1400.84	\$ 32025.00	Ararat	\$ 0.00	\$ 5000.00
BEULAH			Beech Bluff	0.00	1956.59
Marin, First	\$ 2400.00	\$ 0.00	Calvary	0.00	2400.00
Mt. Olive	75.00	0.00	East Laurel	0.00	300.00
Ridgely, First	2629.05	3670.00	East Union	0.00	2129.28
South Fulton	0.00	3800.00	Englewood	0.00	8600.02
Tiptonville, First	0.00	2772.31	Enville	0.00	150.00
Union City, First	2925.00	0.00	Jackson, First	0.00	13060.00
Union City, Second	0.00	1966.38	Madison	480.00	0.00
Woodland Mills, First	423.65	0.00	Malesus	200.00	0.00
	\$ 8452.70	\$ 12208.69	Meridian	800.00	0.00
BIG HATCHIE			North Jackson	0.00	2000.00
Ashport	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	Parkburg	38.00	70.00
Charleston	300.00	0.00	Pinson	0.00	89.39
Covington, First	2666.68	6000.04	Poplar Heights	1320.00	355.00
Faith	291.62	0.00	Unity	0.00	236.00
Fellowship	300.00	0.00	Wards Grove	300.00	0.00
Grace	240.00	0.00	West Jackson	150.00	22019.03
Henning	347.29	0.00		\$ 3288.00	\$ 58365.31
Pleasant Grove	1708.96	250.00	SHELBY		
Ripley, First	1332.00	141.86	Ardmore	\$ 835.20	\$ 0.00
Smyrna	750.00	0.00	Audubon Park	700.00	0.00
	\$ 7936.55	\$ 6491.90	Bartlett	0.00	749.97
CARROLL-BENTON			Boulevard	0.00	0.00
Camden, First	\$ 0.00	\$ 864.00	Brookside	0.00	100.00
Howse	1000.00	0.00	Cherry Road	1166.67	0.00
Huntingdon, First	0.00	7288.42	Faith	0.00	150.00
Trezevant, First	0.00	1000.00	Leawood	576.90	0.00
	\$ 1000.00	\$ 9152.42	Lucy	0.00	80.00
CROCKETT			Millington, First	875.00	1525.00
Alamo, First	\$ 400.00	\$ 900.00	Mullins Station	524.48	0.00
Friendship	159.00	0.00	Raleigh	146.00	1020.00
Gadsden, First	0.00	150.00	Shelby Forest	0.00	0.00
Maury City, First	1666.72	0.00	Trafalgar Village	524.97	0.00
	\$ 2225.72	\$ 1050.00	Union Avenue	500.00	0.00
DYER				\$ 5849.22	\$ 3624.97
Dyersburg, First	\$ 0.00	\$ 2916.69	SHILOH		
Finley	0.00	1000.00	Adamsville, First	\$ 250.00	\$ 1750.00
Fowlkes	0.00	900.00	Clear Creek	0.00	150.00
Halls, First	0.00	2500.00	Eastview	0.00	450.00
Macedonia	0.00	100.00	Good Hope	400.00	0.00
New Mitchell Grove	0.00	167.00	Gravel Hill	875.00	0.00
Newbern, First	1694.10	7436.71	Mt. Zion	80.00	0.00
Southside	0.00	750.00	Selmer, First	0.00	19583.31
	\$ 1694.10	\$ 15770.40	Sharon	43.23	0.00
FAYETTE				\$ 1648.23	\$ 21933.31
Somerville, First	\$ 3500.00	\$ 5000.00	WEAKLEY		
	\$ 3500.00	\$ 5000.00	Central	\$ 800.00	\$ 0.00
GIBSON			Dresden, First	0.00	668.00
Bethpage	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.00	Gleason, First	0.00	200.00
Bradford, First	0.00	1600.00	Jolley Springs	225.00	0.00
Calvary, Humboldt	468.94	0.00		\$ 1025.00	\$ 868.00
Clear Creek	0.00	225.00	WESTERN DISTRICT		
Dyer, First	0.00	0.00	Maplewood	\$ 0.00	\$ 3546.21
Fellowship	175.00	0.00	Oak Hill	220.00	0.00
Humboldt, First	5333.36	0.00	Paris, First	1360.00	3306.68
Kenton, First	0.00	1250.00	Puryear	700.00	100.00
Lavinia	0.00	64.00	West Paris	0.00	100.00
Milan, First	300.00	1400.00		\$ 2280.00	\$ 7052.89
Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	OTHER TN CHURCHES		
New Bethlehem	1392.62	0.00	Athens, First (McMinn-Meigs)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1200.00
New Hope	0.00	1200.00	Central North	0.00	100.00
Northside	800.00	0.00	Erin (Cumberland)	0.00	3500.00
Oak Grove	281.59	0.00	Forest Hills (Nashville)	0.00	429.00
Old Bethlehem	100.00	0.00	Grace (Bledsoe)	0.00	279.00
Poplar Grove	800.00	0.00	Hendersonville, First (Bledsoe)	0.00	9496.00
Poplar Springs	350.00	0.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 15004.00
Rutherford, First	500.00	0.00	OTHER STATES		
Salem	0.00	1394.89	Abilene (GA)	\$ 0.00	\$ 708.00
Trenton, First	0.00	5409.54	Belden (MS)	0.00	250.00
	\$ 10651.51	\$ 12543.43	Calvary (IL)	0.00	116.00
HARDEMAN			Evangelicals for Social Action	0.00	1000.00
Bolivar, First	\$ 600.00	\$ 2250.00	Harmony (KY)	0.00	10.00
Cloverport	0.00	300.00	Immanuel (KY)	0.00	50.00
Hebron	0.00	100.00	Plantersville, First (MS)	0.00	100.00
Grand Junction, First	1328.00	0.00	Pleasant View (MO)	0.00	106.00
Saulsbury	200.00	125.00	Pryor, First (OK)	0.00	50.00
Silerton	0.00	100.00	Warren (GA)	0.00	1000.00
Toone	0.00	1352.59	West Frankfort, Second (IL)	0.00	515.41
Trinity	150.00	100.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 3905.41
Whiteville, First	0.00	586.00		\$ 54,779.87	\$ 214,098.62
	\$ 2278.00	\$ 4913.59	UNRESTRICTED TOTAL	\$ 54,779.87	
			RESTRICTED TOTAL	\$ 214,098.62	
			CHURCH GIVING TOTAL	\$ 268,878.49	



■ **Troy Rust** has been called as pastor of Harmony Church, Adams. A graduate of Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Rust is currently studying at the Billy Graham School of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

■ **Oakwood Church, Knoxville**, has called **Chris Clift** as minister of music and **Chris Gilliland** as minister of youth.

■ **Julian Suggs** of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries led a team of 12 ministers of music from across the state to serve in Canada May 1-8. The effort supported the Tennessee/Canada Baptist Partnership. The ministers of music are members of the **Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference**.

■ **Ralph Thomas**, pastor of First Church, Oakland, since 1991, will retire effective at the end of May. He will be

available for pulpit supply and interim pastorates.

■ **Cedar Grove Church, Kingsport**, has called **David Silver** as youth minister. Silver and his wife, Martha, have two children. He previously served in ministry at Skyline Heights Church, Johnson City.

■ **Litz Manor Church, Kingsport**, has called **Harry Fontaine** as music minister.

■ **Roy Edgemon** of the Baptist Sunday School Board has been named interim pastor at First Church, Rockwood. He has served several churches in the state as interim pastor.

■ **Walt Riley** is the new minister of education/administration at Inglewood Church, Nashville. Also at Inglewood, **Linda Shipley** began serving as minister to senior adults and pianist effective May 1.

■ **Ronald E. Stewart** will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pastor of Grace Church, Knoxville, on May 17. A day of celebration is planned, culminating with a churchwide reception after the evening service.



■ **Oakwood Church, Knoxville**, will observe its 95th anniversary May 17. For more information, call the church at (423) 524-7548.

■ **Piney Church, Hohenwald**, will conduct revival services May 17-22 with Milton Hicks, pastor of First Church, LaVergne, as guest evangelist.

■ **Poplar Corner Church, Brownsville**, will conduct revival services May 17-20 with evangelist Phil Glisson of Memphis.

■ **Ron Herrod** will lead revival May 17-20 at **West Lonsdale Church, Knoxville**.

■ **Big Ridge Road Church, Oneida**, will host the Pine Hill Quartet at noon on May 17.

■ An area wide crusade for Christ will be held for DeKalb,



THE WEST TENNESSEE Pastors Conference recently elected officers for 1998-99. **Wayne Perkins**, right, pastor of First Church, Kenton, was elected president while **Otis Hinton**, pastor of Temple Church, Paris, was elected vice president. Other officers include **Malcolm Norton**, pastor of First Church, Trezevant, secretary-treasurer, and **Conroy Ryan**, associate director of missions and educational director, **Madison-Chester Association**, songleader. The West Tennessee Pastors Conference meets monthly on the campus of Union University.

Smith, and Wilson counties May 17-21 at Three Forks Park in Watertown with evangelist Harold Hunter. Participating churches are **Bartons Creek, Brush Creek, Fall Creek, New Vision Mission, Round Lick, Smith Fork, Southside, FBC, Watertown, and West Main**.

■ **Alva Church, Cumberland Furnace**, will be in revival May 17-23 with Bobby Kail, pastor of Crossland Avenue Church, Clarksville, as guest evangelist.

■ **First Church, Joelton**, will break ground May 17 for a new 1,100-seat, \$3.5 million worship center. Former pastor Murray Mathis will be among the guests. Church members have designed and crafted commemorative gifts for families in attendance.

■ **Criewood Church, Nashville**, will dedicate its newly-renovated sanctuary

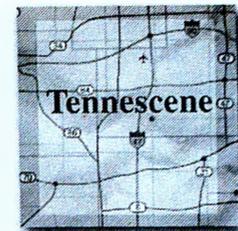
on May 17.

■ **First Church, Somerville**, will host another Tri-County Family Affair May 16. The events developed as a response to Promise Keepers. For more information, call the church at (901) 465-3528.



■ **Clinton Association** will host Vision '98 at Anderson County High Stadium May 16-17 for area youth. Leading the event will be Rodney Gage. He will lead a special session for parents and youth workers on May 16 at 10 a.m.

■ **Polk County Association** is seeking resumes for the position of director of missions. They may be sent to chairman of the search committee Paul Snyder, Rt. 2, Box 34, Benton, TN 37307.



Global Outreach hits all-time high at Union

For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — More Union University students participated in Global Outreach trips this year than ever before.

Global Outreach is a short-term missionary program in which students volunteer their time to one of several pre-appointed sites. Participating students minister through personal evangelism, Backyard Bible Clubs, worship services, preaching, testimonies, singing, inner-city ministry, construction work, homeless shelters, prayer walking, and door-to-door visitation.

More than 130 students and faculty sponsors participated in trips over spring break to the following locations: San Jose, Costa Rica; Dallas, Texas; Greenville, S.C.; Evansville, Ind.; Toledo, Ohio, and Jackson.

Union senior Sarah Hackett traveled to Dallas. "Through this trip, I realized that there is a world in need and thirsty for the love of God. It's up to us to go and tell them about Jesus," she said. **B&R**

Salem DOM accepts pastorate

For Baptist and Reflector

LIBERTY — Thurman Seber, director of missions at Salem Association, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Upper Helton Church in Alexandria.



SEBER

Seber served the association for more than 13 years during which he preached in 162 revival meetings, with the majority of them in the association.

He will continue as DOM through the end of May. His wife, Laura, has been the secretary. She, too, will resign. **B&R**

NEW HOPE CHURCH, Readyville, recently held a memorial service for **Rose Dowdy**, wife of former pastor **Robert Dowdy**. Mrs. Dowdy taught children in Sunday School at the church for 20 years. Twenty members of her family were present at the special service which was conducted by Dowdy. Dowdy, center, presented a plaque to the church in memory of his wife to **Ray Bunch** and **Franklin Boyce**.



Set for July release

Sullivan updates book on Baptist polity

For Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — *Baptist Polity As I See It*, written by former Baptist Sunday School Board President James L. Sullivan, was borne of the leader's classroom lectures at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The updated edition of the popular guide to Southern Baptists' nature, emphasis, and procedures offers what Sullivan has "seen or participated in for more than half a century in the Baptist ministry." It will be released in July by Broadman & Holman Publishers.

"This book deals with basic principles which have become the most accepted guidelines in Southern Baptist life," ex-

plained Sullivan, a member of First Church, Nashville.

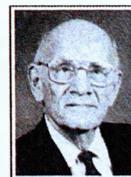
"There are four basic elements in the development of polity for a religious body — tradition, law, sound organizational principles, and theology."

Beginning with the nature and importance of the local church, Sullivan addresses least understood areas of Baptist polity, including the operation of the Southern Baptist Convention and related agencies, as well as those who serve in the organization.

Additional chapters address

typical kinds of denominational structures, as well as the development of organized Southern Baptist life and how polity is shaped by both revelation and experience. Sullivan also includes material on "The Covenant for a New Century" restructuring plan of the SBC.

"In our denomination, with its amazing growth, the guidelines of our polity have served us well and the implementations of the principles have been proven over and over again," Sullivan said. "My belief in our denomination is stronger than it was in 1926 when I preached my first sermon. My prayer is that this book shall not only increase better self-knowledge, but a greater unity as well." **B&R**



SULLIVAN

Medical plan rates to rise

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Southern Baptist ministers and other church employees and seminarians covered by the Personal Security Program medical plans will see rates for coverage rise 5 percent on July 1. Participants were advised last November a mid-year increase in 1998 was possible.

"The trend in claims and charges by hospitals, physicians, and drug companies combined to make this increase necessary," said Douglas Day of the SBC Annuity Board. ■

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SBC Cooperative Program receipts down; up for year

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for April declined more than 16 percent compared to the previous year's April, according to Morris H. Chapman, SBC Executive Committee president.

For the fiscal year, however, receipts remain above the previous year's total by .46 percent.

For the month of April 1998, a total of \$11,903,309 was received, compared to the same month of 1997 of \$14,299,668, a decrease of \$2,396,359, or 16.76 percent.

After seven months of the SBC fiscal year, Cooperative

Program gifts total \$91,241,293, compared to the same period last year of \$90,819,060, an increase of .46 percent or \$422,232.

Designated gifts for April also declined compared to last April: \$9,193,43 to \$10,046,351, a decrease of 8.49 percent or \$852,918.

For the year-to-date CP receipts are over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget requirement of \$86,441,294 by

\$4,799,998, or 5.55 percent.

The SBC Cooperative Program total includes receipts from individuals, churches, and

state conventions and fellowships for distribution according to the 1997-98 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget. ■

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Singleness and marriage

By Mike Rogers

Focal Passage — Matthew 19:1-9 Marriage

It is shocking for some of us to hear that divorce is just as common in the Christian community today as it is in other areas of our society! Yet when people allow themselves to be ruled by human nature, they usually seek the easy and convenient way. Many times we find ourselves letting human nature rule instead of God. It always causes problems!

God's Intention for Marriage

The Pharisees came to Jesus to test and trap him into expressing opinions that would violate the Orthodox thinking of their day. You might say they were looking for ways of branding him a heretic. One of the sensitive issues of that time dealt with marriage, divorce, and what was acceptable to God.

Perhaps they thought that Jesus would make divorce even more acceptable for them since he seemed to spend so much time with sinners! They asked him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

His response revealed God's intention for marriage. Jesus said to them, "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female, and for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh?" He then said to them, "So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

God created, through marriage, a unique relationship where two can become "one". Our creator's intention for marriage was and still is that a man and a woman experience an intimacy not found in other human relationships — a certain closeness that is given by God only through the gift of marriage. This relationship is a relationship that cannot work effectively apart from God and our willingness to surrender our will to him.

Man Seeks the Easy Way Out

The Pharisees then quoted Moses. The Pharisees were working from a religious mindset that had been influenced by human nature. It was a man-made religion shaped by the desires of human nature rather than by the revealed will of God. It was soaked in compromise and submerged in a sea of convenience.

Marriage is for life. The answer to marital problems does not lie in finding a way to escape, but rather in cooperating with God! God can and will change our selfish mindset. He will create within us a new heart.

He will teach us new thoughts — his! We can love, live unselfishly, forgive, and lay our life down for another with the help of his Holy Spirit.

Of course both partners must cooperate with God, for a marriage to be truly in the center of God's will. Just remember that God created marriage and God will sustain it, if we will only trust him and cooperate with him! — 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.

Marriage and divorce

By Billy Murphy

Focal Passage — Mark 10:1-12

From Moses' day until today, the topic of divorce has been a controversial subject. It is a sensitive issue that involves many people emotionally. Many have strong convictions about the rightness or wrongness of divorce.

Remember, the Pharisees were more interested in trapping Jesus in some controversial subject than they were in acquiring any new insight about that subject. The Pharisees were waning in popularity with the common people, and they would attempt anything which would slow the growing popularity of Jesus.

Family Bible Lesson

The exact location of the encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees is not known, but it seems to have taken place on the east side of the Jordan in Perea. This is significant because Herod Antipas was tetrarch (ruler), not only of Galilee to the north, but also Perea to the east. It was this Herod Antipas and his wife, Herodias, whom John the Baptist had denounced for divorcing their spouses to marry each other.

As usual when a crowd gathered around Jesus, his enemies were always present. To entrap him, these enemies asked a question, hoping to get Jesus in trouble with Herod Antipas in the same way as John the Baptist (Mark 6:17-18). Possibly, the Pharisees hoped to force Jesus to say something negative concerning the Mosaic Law with regard to divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). Perhaps they wanted to engage Jesus in their own debate about the legitimate grounds for divorce according to 24:1.

The debate about divorce among Jewish scholars revolved around the meaning of an obscure Hebrew phrase

translated "some uncleanness" in the King James Version.

One school of thought (Shammai) understood it to mean sexual infidelity. Another respected school of thought (Hillel) interpreted the phrase as referring to just about anything the wife did that displeased her husband. This could mean burning the bread while preparing the family meal.

Jesus was not willing to set himself against Moses. Therefore, Jesus called the Pharisees' attention to some words in the first two chapters of Genesis.

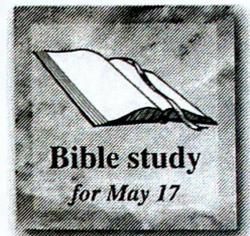
Jesus quoted Genesis 2:24 on what God wants marriage to be. The example of Adam and Eve illustrated the basic building block of human society — the family. God's intention is a lifetime relationship. Husband and wife must give highest priority and loyalty to each other, even above that given to parents.

The argument of Jesus was that, since they are united and since in the beginning God made one woman for one man, they cannot be separated but by the authority of God. Man may not put away his wife for any cause as some advocated.

In this decision, Jesus seemed to favor one of the schools of thought involved (Shammai). It shows that when it was proper, Jesus answered questions without regard to consequences. He answered the question, not from Hillel or Shammai (the Jewish teachers) but from Moses, and thus defeated their malice.

We must keep in mind two facts as we struggle with such difficult questions. Mark dealt with Jesus' answer to one specific question about marriage. The other is that Jesus expressed God's ideal.

We need to look not only at what Jesus taught about the ideal, but how he dealt with people who fell short of the ideals. — Murphy is computer consultant for West Carroll Special School District and a bivocational pastor, Howse Church, Atwood.



God's plan for the church

By James Growden

Focal Passage — Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

What a wonderful passage to study. In almost 30 years in the ministry I have pastored seven churches and God's plan for each of them can be summed up in Ephesians 4. Let's examine the focal passages.

"We are all parts of one body," says Paul. We have been given many gifts and abilities, however, we are to walk in harmony. Unity does not just happen; we must work to achieve it. Often differences among people can lead to division, but this should not be true in the church. Our diversity can be such a blessing to the church. Instead of concentrating on what divides us, we should remember what unites us, one body, one Spirit, one future, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God. Praise the Lord.

Have you learned to appreciate people who are different from you? As a pastor and school teacher, I have. We know how much diversity there is in the local church. I find even more diversity in the teaching profession. However, I have come to appreciate other teachers, parents, and students, and I find that I can benefit from their diversity. Each one has their "good points." As in

Explore the Bible Lesson

the work place, you have to learn to get along with everyone in the church. We need to concentrate on our common beliefs, not on our differences and do whatever the objective of fulfilling God's plan for the church. We can if we will just put our hearts and minds to the task.

Can you see how the differing gifts and viewpoints can benefit the church as it does God's work? In verses 1-2 we see that God has chosen us to be Christ's representatives on earth. In light of this truth, Paul challenges us to live worthy of the name "Christian." This includes being humble, gentle, patient, understanding, and peaceful.

We are admonished in verse 3 to keep the unity of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit leads us to be unified. We must be willing to be led by his Spirit. We do that by focusing on God, not on ourselves.

Each believer has God-given abilities that can strengthen the whole body (the church). Your special ability may be seemingly small, but it is yours to use in God's service.

Our oneness in Christ does not

destroy our individuality. The Holy Spirit has given each Christian special gifts for building up the church. It is crucial to use them. Are you exercising the gifts God has given you?

God has given his church an enormous responsibility. This involves preaching, teaching, healing, nurturing, giving, administering, building, and many other tasks. Together, as the body of Christ, we can do far more than we would ever dream possible.

Ephesians 4:14-16 completes this lesson. Christ is the Truth, and the Holy Spirit who guides the church is the Spirit of Truth. Satan, by contrast, is the father of liars.

As Christians, we must be committed to the truth. This means both that our words will be honest and that our actions will reflect Christ's integrity. "Living truthfully" is not always easy, convenient, or pleasant, but it is necessary if the church is going to do Christ's work in the world.

God's plan for his church is that we all work together (in unity) to grow in Christlikeness and to carry out the Great Commission as stated in Matthew 28:18-20. Let's do it. — Growden is a teacher and a bivocational pastor, Hillcrest Church, Nashville.



Former Belmont dean named president at B-PC

Baptist Press

MT. VERNON, Ga. — David R. Smith, vice president for institutional advancement at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, has been named president of Brewton-Parker College here.

Smith, 46, received the unanimous recommendation of the presidential search committee and was elected April 26.

Smith, a native of Texas, begins his new duties June 1. He formerly was dean of admissions for Belmont University, Nashville, and later director of development for denominational support.

Brewton-Parker College, a Georgia Baptist college, has been involved in financial crisis regarding improper distribution of federal funds to unqualified students.

The government is requiring the school to make restitution of the misappropriated funds along with penalties. School officials have said privately a settlement agreement is close to being finalized. ■

NAMB joins hands with First Priority

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — The North American Mission Board pledged leadership and potential financial support May 6 to First Priority of America, which promotes and supplies resources for Christian clubs on secondary school campuses.

The "strategic alliance" with First Priority of America gives NAMB a seat on the organization's denominational ministry board, an oversight panel with broad authority to help shape the ministry's direction. If NAMB's financial contributions are 10 percent or more of First Priority's budget (currently about \$300,000 annually), the agency's representatives would gain approval/veto powers over such areas as core values, major strategies, doctrinal stance, and national ministry staffing.

Currently more than 1,000 Southern Baptist churches of

all sizes are active partners in First Priority ministries.

"I am thrilled with this new strategic alliance," said NAMB President Bob Reccord. ■

Florida legislature approves pro-life license plate

Baptist Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Barring a veto from Gov. Lawton Chiles, Floridians will be able to purchase a "Choose Life" license plate by the end of 1998. Florida legislators approved the specialty license plate bill by a vote of 28-12 in the Senate and 77-41 in the House of Representatives.

If the bill becomes law, a portion of the license plate fees would go to aid adoption in the purchasers' respective counties. ■

SBC historical society marks 60th anniversary

Baptist Press

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Historical Society marked its 60th year during its April 23-25 annual meeting at Dallas Baptist University exploring the theme, "Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists."

The society's keynote speaker was William Pinson Jr., executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Officers of the society passed a resolution supporting the initiative of former President Jimmy Carter in brokering an agreement between leaders of both sides of the controversy that has affected the Southern Baptist Convention for almost two decades.

The SBHS, which assumed independent status following the dissolution of the SBC Historical Commission in 1997, receives no support from the Cooperative Program.

Two Tennesseans were honored by the SBHS: **Jim Taulman** of Nashville, for service as managing editor of *Baptist History and Heritage* since 1995 and **Carolyn Patton**, who served the SBC Historical Commission, the SBHS, and the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives for 26 years. ■

Wounded Heroes luncheon set at SBC

Baptist Press

EULESS, Texas — Because a number of Southern Baptist churches and leaders have do-

Two-month revival sees 1,275 professions

By Russell N. Dilday
For Baptist Press

LAUREL, Miss. — Revival services in Mississippi led by Arkansas Baptist evangelist William Blackburn ended Easter Sunday after nine consecutive weeks and 1,275 professions of faith in Christ. Blackburn said the revival experience at Highland Church, Laurel, Miss., "changed my life" and "has given me a bold-

ness." Blackburn, a vocational evangelist since 1986 and member of First Church, Lavaca, Ark., had led revival efforts for the 700-member congregation in 1995 and again last year. In planning this year's revival, he and pastor Dennis Sewell "talked about a month-long campaign, but one that only committed the church to one week. The pastor and I had come to the decision that you couldn't have real revival in a Sunday-through-Wednesday revival meeting."

Sewell and Blackburn were soon proven right, though, as Blackburn said, "When it started out, no one in the church believed it would go this long."

In the first two weeks of the "Find Faithful Crusade," 300 church members made professions of faith.

"It started on Jan. 31 with a men's wild game supper. The next morning I preached a message called 'Examine Yourself,'" Blackburn recalled. He said the message focused on listeners examining themselves to determine if

they are truly saved.

The result, he noted, was a mass of salvations as people committed themselves to Christ. They then had a tremendous burden for lost people — loved ones, relatives, and friends, Blackburn noted.

Among the hundreds of people making public decisions, "we had 18 deacons saved, three preachers from other churches get saved, and a deacon that had been a big troublemaker saved."

More than a month later, with more than 900 professions of faith recorded, the decision was made to take Saturday nights off and to conclude the crusade March 25. However, due to large crowds continuing to attend and the number of decisions being registered, the decision was made to continue until Easter.

After Blackburn had preached his final sermon, there were 1,275 recorded, counseled salvations and they had baptized more than 600 of those.

Blackburn admitted he faced the disappointment of lack of support for the revival from some other preachers in the area. "This idea of church members getting saved has a negative opinion among some preachers," he explained.

Despite that disappointment, Blackburn said the crusade changed his life and gave him a "vision that our problem today is that we have a lot of lost members in our churches. The message to examine yourself is the message for today," he said. ■

nated funds, the Wounded Heroes luncheon set for the Salt Palace Convention Center June 8 will be at no cost to participants, according to Freddie Gage, Texas evangelist and founder of the ministers' help organization.

Gage said Southern Baptist ministers are invited to the first Wounded Heroes luncheon in Ballrooms A-D, Level 1, at the Salt Palace, which is also the site for the annual meeting of the SBC June 9-11.

Speakers for the luncheon will be Fred Lowery, pastor of First Church, Bossier City, La., and his wife, Leigh. Emcee for the event will be **Jerry Sutton, pastor of Two Rivers Church, Nashville.**

For more information, call Wounded Heroes at (817) 571-6907. ■

Seminaries plan SBC-related events

Compiled from Baptist Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The six Southern Baptist seminaries will hold luncheons in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to be held here June 9-11.

Southeastern Seminary will hold a luncheon June 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Ballrooms 1 and C, Level 1, of the Salt Palace Convention Center. Seminary President Paige Patterson will speak. Cost of the luncheon is

\$12. To register, make checks payable to SEBTS and send to SEBTS Alumni Office, P.O. Box 1889, Wake Forest, N.C. 27588. Deadline for reservations is May 29. For more information, call (919) 556-3101, ext. 203.

Southern Seminary will hold its luncheon June 10 from 1-3 p.m. in ballrooms E, F, G, and H on Level 1 of the convention center. President R. Albert Mohler Jr. will speak. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advanced tickets must be purchased by June 5. For more information, call 1-800-626-5525, ext. 4143.

Midwestern Seminary will hold its annual luncheon on June 10 at noon in the convention center. President Mark Coppenger will give an update on the seminary. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door. For more information, call (816) 453-4600.

Golden Gate Seminary will host alumni and friends at a luncheon June 10 immediately following the morning session of the SBC in Room 25E&F on Level 2 of the convention center. President William O. Crews will give a "State of the Seminary" report. Tickets are \$15 per person. Send reservations with payment to Golden Gate Seminary, Office of Institutional Advancement, 201 Seminary Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941, or call (415) 380-1496 for more information.

New Orleans Seminary will hold its alumni and friends re-

union June 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, within walking distance of the convention center. A "State of the Seminary" report will be given by President Chuck Kelley. Tickets ordered before June 1 are \$15 and those purchased at the NOBTS exhibit in Salt Lake City will cost \$20 each. Ticket orders may be placed through the alumni office, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126.

Southwestern Seminary will conduct its luncheon June 10 at noon at the Little America Hotel. President Ken Hemphill will speak. Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 each and may be ordered from the Southwestern Alumni Office, P.O. Box 22500, Fort Worth, TX 76122. ■

DOMs to meet June 7-8 in Utah

Baptist Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions will meet June 7-8 at the Best Western Olympus. A special seminar on "Ministering in a Cult Society" will precede the annual meeting. The seminar will be led by Phil Roberts of the North American Mission Board. Theme interpretations for the meeting will be given by William O. Crews, president of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. ■