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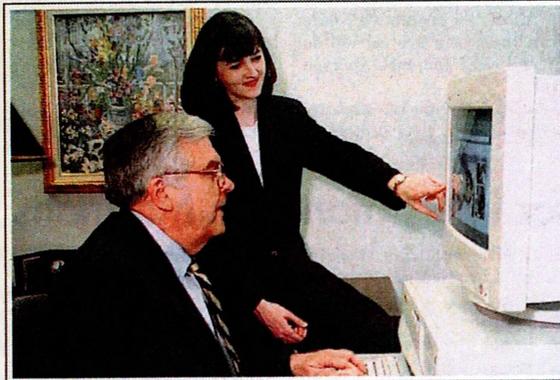
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BROWSING the new Web site on the Internet for the Tennessee Baptist Convention are James Porch and Denise Scott of TBC Executive Board ministries. Scott coordinated the development of the site. — Photos by Connie Davis

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The Tennessee Baptist Convention will go worldwide on June 1 when it launches its new Web site (www.tnbaptist.org).

The site will include information on the many services offered by the TBC Executive Board ministries, including event information, missions opportunities, camp schedules, Cooperative Program information, general organization information, and much more.

The site will also include links to TBC institutions, the

Baptist and Reflector, and Southern Baptist Convention entities.

"The TBC Web site has been designed as a user friendly tool to access a wealth of information about and for Tennessee Baptists," said Denise Scott. Scott is a ministry specialist in the Communication Services Group and worked closely with the company which designed the Web site.

The site also will allow quick access to timely information on services, resources, and ministries of the Executive Board, Scott added. Special features include information on how to be-



THE HOME PAGE of the new Web site introduces convention offerings to churches and individuals, including the plan for eternal life.

come a Christian and spiritual and life helps which will provide spiritual-based commentary on real life issues.

The TBC Web page comes after months of planning and investigation of how best to use the new technology. The Web site development team was comprised of Scott, Eleanor Yarborough, Phyllis Bates, Jerry Chapman, Mike Overcash, Pat Poindexter, Lana Rose, Terry Sharp, Lonnie Wilkey, and Tim Hill. Members represented each of the Executive Board ministry groups and the Baptist and Reflector.

"We looked at how we could enhance communications with Tennessee Baptists and others,"

Scott said.

"The Executive Board Web site opens a vast new dimension of communication for Tennessee Baptists," said Executive Director James Porch. "We are indebted to Denise Scott, Eleanor Yarborough and the entire Communications Group for their vision and aggressive leadership in preparing for this new venture.

"The noble purposes of our Web site will honor our Lord, present the Gospel and spiritual helps to needy people, and constantly inform Tennessee Baptists and our churches of the vast array of helps available through the One Servant Family Executive Board Ministry. B&R

Approves Baptist Center refurbishing, elects Rickman

Board heeds appeal from RFG, Education Committee

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board listened to an appeal May 12 from the Relationship Focus Group (RFG) and approved without dissent a motion presented by the board's Education Committee to not take any action against Carson-Newman College at this time.

Board members also approved a major refurbishing plan for the Baptist Center and elected Gary Rickman as the new Ministry Coordinator for the Executive Board (see separate story on page 3).

Carson-Newman College trustees voted April 17 to change the way their trustees are elected, taking the process

out of the hands of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The action has drawn criticism from across the state and some had suggested escrowing funds for the college until the matter is resolved.

Two entities actively have been involved in studying the matter since the action — the Relationship Focus Group which was appointed by then TBC-President Herbert Higdon at last year's annual meeting to focus "on ways to maintain and strengthen our relationships" and the Executive Board's Education Committee.

Higdon reported on the progress of the Relationship Focus Group which represents the diversity of the convention.

"We have prayed together, fellowshiped together, and formed friendships," Higdon

said. They have divided into subcommittees that are exploring various facets of convention life.

They have looked at the ramifications of the action of Carson-Newman College.

Higdon said the Relationship Focus Group "appeals to the Executive Board not to take any action with regard to Carson-Newman College at this time and allow the Education Committee time to work on this problem."

Members of the Relationship Focus Group are Ray Newcomb, Wayne Allen, Charles Bailey, Bill Sherman, Frank Hawkins, Marvin Cameron, Leonard Markham, Raymond Boston, Fred Steelman, Paul Durham, Jewel Jennings, Elizabeth Laida, Bill Bates, Jerry Tidwell, and

Richard White. Higdon and current TBC President Doug Sager are ex-officio members.

The Education Committee, chaired by Ray Newcomb of Millington, met prior to the May 12 Executive Board meeting and, after looking at other options, agreed unanimously to support the appeal from the Relationship Focus Group.

The Education Committee has been meeting with the presidents of Carson-Newman, Union University, and Belmont University in recent weeks. The committee is comprised of Newcomb, chairman; Higdon, Joseph Rosas, Pat Fife, Larry Gilmore, Mike Glenn, Joe Haynes, Houston Inman, Dale Kelley, Ginger McAfee, Mattie Mullins, James Robertson, Brent Seals, — See Executive, page 3

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In Indonesia

Southern Baptists watch, pray during turmoil

Baptist Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Southern Baptist families in Indonesia May 15 were prayerfully watching developments during a fourth day of rioting in the capital city here.

They were considering whether to evacuate with other American business and diplomatic personnel, a spokesman for the families said.

"They have the option to leave, and members of two or three families were to have left May 15," the spokesman said. "We have been monitoring the situation for several weeks,

and if events reach a certain level we will tell them to leave.

"At this point everybody understands they are free to do what they believe is best. Most of the families have not decided to take the option yet."

Telephone lines have remained open, and Southern Baptist workers based in Singapore have been able to keep in touch with families in Indonesia.

"All of the people we relate to in Indonesia are accounted for and OK," the spokesperson said.

At least 250 people were reported dead in riots protesting

austerity measures imposed by the government of President Suharton, according to Associated Press.

Most of the dead were looters caught in fires at four Jakarta shopping malls set ablaze by other rioters.

Americans were advised May 15 by the U.S. State Department to leave Jakarta and Surabaya, Indonesia's second largest city.

An intercessory prayer leader encouraged Southern Baptists to pray not only for Southern Baptists living in Indonesia, but also for the people of the country, which is the

world's largest Muslim nation.

"Many Indonesians have lost their lives, and we need to lift this country to God for his gracious care," said Randy Sprinkle.

Pray that God would bring an end to the violence and work these situations together to bring great good for his kingdom.

"Ask God to use this crisis to help people realize their spiritual emptiness, and pray that believers would not be intimidated but instead would boldly witness to their neighbors and friends about their need for Christ." ■

Advice offered for interaction with Mormons

By James Dotson
For Baptist Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Inside the Salt Palace Convention Center, this year's Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting will be familiar to most local church messengers. But outside, in a city rooted in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the clash of belief and culture is almost inevitable.

How should Southern Baptists approach and interact with their Salt Lake City hosts, many of whom may be Mormons? A courteous and respectful attitude is essential, of course, according to several leaders in reaching Mormons with the biblical Gospel. The most important points to get across in a short conversation, however, are the critical beliefs that set Mormonism apart from historic Christianity and a saving relationship with the historic Christ. Among those are the doctrines of God, Jesus, and salvation.

A different god

"If you're talking to a Mormon, the most important thing is to show that we as Christians worship eternal God who never was a man," said Rauni Higley, a former Mormon who with her husband, Dennis, now operates a Christian ministry to Mormons in Salt Lake City. "It is something that the Mormons really do not get."

Mormons teach that God was once a man, and Jesus was merely the first-born of billions of spirit-sons of God on earth. They teach Mormons can eventually achieve that same godhood, with responsibilities for entire worlds of their own if they are faithful to the LDS Church. Many Mormons, however, are not clear on the distinctive differences and think their beliefs are not substan-

tially different from those of historic Christianity.

Higley said a conventional presentation of the Gospel often is not effective unless the differences are stressed.

"I look back when I was told as a Mormon that I needed Christ. I would say, 'Hey, I already have him. But my church is superior to yours because we have a living prophet,'" Higley said. "You witness to a Mormon about Christ and they just look at you and say, 'What do you mean?' ... You have to tell them, 'The Christ I am telling you about is different from the Christ you are talking about.'"

She cited several key verses that are especially helpful in pointing out what the Bible says about God, including Isaiah 43:10, which states in part, "... before me there was no God formed, nor was there any God after."

Other helpful verses in the same section include Isaiah 44:6 and 45:5-6, and 46:9-10. Most Mormons, even trained missionaries, do not have a ready explanation for the blatant contradiction of these verses with their teachings, she said. Other helpful verses include Numbers 23:19, Colossians 1:15, John 1:1, 14 and Ephesians 2:8-10.

Salvation by grace

Phil Roberts of the North American Mission Board also advised stressing the nature of God and Jesus Christ in presenting the Gospel, as well as the centrality of faith in salvation.

"For a Mormon, everybody is going to have a better life, even Adolph Hitler. But did he have faith? No. The Word of God says 'By grace through faith we are saved.' We have to emphasize to the Mormon we are under condemnation, all have sinned, and we must by faith have expectation of a better life

to come." Hitler is one of many non-Mormons who have been baptized by proxy in a Mormon temple after their death.

"The Book of Mormon redefines grace," Roberts said. "It's what God does for you after all that you can do. And who's ever done everything that could be done to save oneself? ... In defining grace that way, they rob grace of its meaning. Grace is being totally dependent on God's grace."

Baptists in Temple Square

The close presence of Temple Square — a tourist attraction and focus of Mormon proselytization efforts — raises a different set of opportunities for interaction. The worldwide headquarters of the LDS Church is just around the corner from the convention center.

One of the guided tours, conducted by young missionaries from around the world, includes the square and its buildings — including the Mormon Temple and Tabernacle and the North Visitor's Center which is open to the public.

Throughout the tours, missionaries often ask guests probing questions.

Southern Baptists should remember they are guests of the LDS Church while inside Temple Square, Roberts said. Security guards, in fact, have been known to remove Christians who spoke out too frequently about their beliefs or against the LDS Church. But there are opportunities for graciously sharing beliefs about Scripture.

"At the end of the tour you can graciously share with the tour guide something of your testimony of Christ alone, exclusive of any church testimony," Roberts said, noting Mormons respect a personal testimony. "Then you can leave them a Gospel tract and go." ■

Davis votes against lottery

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — In the May 6 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*, Sen. Lincoln Davis' name was inadvertently left off the list of legislators who voted no on the lottery and the horse racing bills.

Davis is a member of First Church, Byrdstown. ■

Alice Bond dies

For Baptist and Reflector

PULASKI — Alice Bond, wife of Giles County Association Director of Missions Carl Bond, died unexpectedly over the weekend.

Bond has been DOM in Giles County since 1983.

Mrs. Bond's funeral will be held May 21 at McMinnville Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Shells Ford Church, McMinnville. ■

Acteens encouraged to register for NAC

For Baptist and Reflector

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Tennessee Baptist Acteens are encouraged to register for the National Acteens Convention, set for July 1-4 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.

Acteens is the missions organization for girls in grades seven through 12 sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union. NAC is held once every four or five years.

Approximately 10,000 teens and their leaders are expected to attend NAC 98. For information, call 1-800-968-7301. ■

Executive Board heeds appeal from RFG, Education ...

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Joseph Sorah, Jerry Summers, and Catherine Via.

Newcomb had to leave before the board meeting to conduct a funeral, so the Education Committee report was presented by vice chairman Joseph Rosas of Memphis.

Rosas noted the consensus of the RFG was that a subgroup of the RFG meet with a subcommittee of the Education Committee and that discussions regarding trustee selection proceed with all three college presidents.

Those two subgroups met with the college presidents on April 30, Rosas reported. An agreement was reached on "talking points" such as formal and informal restrictions on the trustee selection process and presentation of a consensus state to the TBC, Rosas said.

The Education Committee's motion read: "We concur with the Relationship Focus Group request that no action be taken regarding Carson-Newman College at this time and that negotiations with the three colleges continue with a final report and recommendations due by Sept. 1, 1998."

Refurbishing project

With minor opposition, board members approved a major refurbishing project of the Baptist Center.

The project was first recommended by the feasibility subcommittee of the Executive Committee last year. The committee, in its final report in 1997, recommended that the Baptist Center remain in Brentwood and that monies received from the sale of the easement property be used for the refurbishing and remodeling of the present Baptist Center.

The refurbishing plan will improve the appearance and effectiveness of office space, according to a report given to the Executive Board.

Walls that currently separate groups and teams will literally be removed in an effort to improve coordination and the sense of "One Servant Family" at the Baptist Center, the report noted. Ministry assistants will have modern, ergonomic workstations.

Total cost of the refurbishing plan is \$898,414 and will be completed in two phases. Phase 1 of the refurbishing which includes all construction costs (except first floor) and new furnishings for ministry assistants, is set at \$585,652.

The refurbishing will be done in two phases. The recommendations adopted by the board last week call for an expenditure of \$523,991 which currently is on hand and an expenditure of \$61,661 from the general fund to complete phase 1. That expenditure will be repaid with funds the board expects to receive from the city of Brentwood for property they took to widen Maryland Way in front of the Baptist Center.

Funds to be used come from the city of Brentwood and unused budget money, along with interest.

Some board members questioned doing away with offices for the ministry assistants in favor of open workstations.

Bill Northcott, chairman of the Executive Committee, which brought the recommendation, said there was a "strong opinion that this will enlarge communication and contribute to team spirit."

Other actions

Board members also:

- Approved two recommendations from the Budget and

Rickman elected new ministry coordinator

For Baptist and Reflector

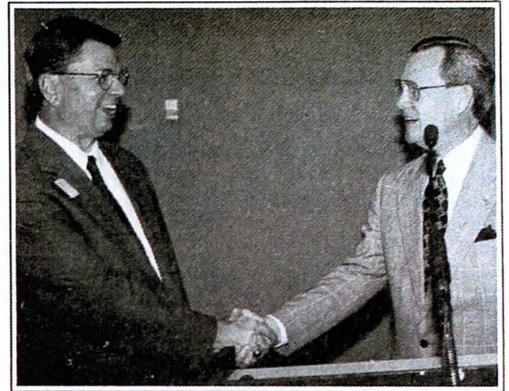
BRENTWOOD — The Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board elected Gary Rickman as ministry coordinator during their May 12 meeting at the Baptist Center.

Rickman joined the Executive Board staff in 1991. He has been the leader of the Church Staff Leadership Group and the state annuity representative. He succeeds Bill Wilson.

A native of Arkansas, Rickman has lived in Tennessee most of his life. He is a graduate of Belmont University, Nashville, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., where he earned both the master and doctor of divinity degrees. He was licensed to preach in 1970 at Round Lick Church, Watertown, and ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1973 at Lakeview Church, Old Hickory.

Prior to joining the Executive Board staff, Rickman served as pastor of three Tennessee Baptist churches — Burt Church, Woodbury; Powell's Chapel Church, Murfreesboro; and Ridgeview Church, Chattanooga.

As ministry coordinator Rickman will coordinate the work of four ministry groups through supervision and leadership of group leaders. He also will serve on the Ministry Council, develop a program of Cooperative Program promotion, and assist the Executive Director in administration of Executive Board ministries.



BILL NORTHCOTT, right, chairman of the Executive Committee, congratulates Gary Rickman on his election as ministry coordinator. Rickman was elected during the TBC Executive Board's meeting May 12 at the Baptist Center.

Bill Northcott, chairman of the Executive Committee, noted the search committee processed 19 applications. The committee agreed Rickman was the "right candidate. God's person to fill this position." Northcott said.

After the election Rickman told board members, "Tennessee Baptists have invested a lot in my life. This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and to serve you."

Rickman and his wife, the former Joyce Vantrease of Watertown, have two children, Angie Lee Crossan and Jeffrey Rickman. ■

Program Committee: to set the percentage of Cooperative Program receipts for budget year 1998-99 be: Tennessee Baptist Convention, 62.5 percent; Southern Baptist Convention, 37.5 percent, and to suggest to the Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees that they take into consideration the total mission directed

offering of the nominee's church.

- Approved the following recommendations from the Committee on Boards: Jerry Tidwell, pastor, West Jackson Church, Jackson, to fill the unexpired term of Mike Weeks on the board of trustees at Union University; Charles Ennis, layman, Poplar Heights Church, Jackson, to fill the unexpired term of Richard Lee on the board of trustees at Union; John Wallace, layman, First Church, Morristown, to fill the unexpired term of Bob Brown, on the board of trustees at

Baptist Health Care System of East Tennessee; and Christina Crawley, layperson, Simeon Church, Nashville, to fill the unexpired term of Julia Gaskin, Clarksville, on the board of trustees of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.

- Approved a request from the UT-Martin BSU steering committee that their new worship center be named the "Clarice Thomason Memorial Worship Center."

- Approved the Golden State Missions Offering Allocations request of \$1,355,000. ■

New youth evangelism specialist named

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Kent Shingleton has been named youth evangelism specialist in the TBC Executive Board's Evangelism/Missions Strategies group.

He begins his new duties June 1.

Shingleton, 32, has been minister of youth and evangelism at First Church, Crossett, Ark., since 1995. He was minister of youth and activities at Exchange Avenue Church, Oklahoma City for five years.

A native of Oklahoma City, Shingleton is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Shingleton has completed three semesters toward a master of arts degree in religious education.

Shingleton and his wife, SHINGLETON, the former Shannah McKenna, have three children: Jared Kent, 6; Maci Rae, 4; and Molly McKenna, 2. ■



TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION Executive Board employees were cited for years of service during the board's May 12 meeting. From left are, Lonnie Wilkey, Baptist and Reflector, 10 years; Pat Mulloy, Executive Leadership group, 30 years; Larry Kirk, Evangelism/Missions Strategies group, 10 years; Liz Lee, Christian Growth Development group, 15 years; Carol Davidson, Missions Awareness and Involvement group, 10 years; Polly Lucht, Evangelism/Missions Strategies group, 10 years; and Bettie Lackey, Communication Services Group, 10 years.

TBC Executive Board acts wisely

By Lonnie Wilkey
Interim Editor

The Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board met last week and made several important decisions. Two in particular stand out.

First, the Executive Board unanimously elected Gary Rickman as ministry coordinator. He succeeds Bill Wilson who held that position before retiring last year. The ministry coordinator is responsible for coordinating the work of the four Executive Board ministry groups through supervision and leadership of group leaders.

It was announced that the Executive Committee search committee processed 19 applications before settling on Rickman.

Rickman is a good choice. Though born in Arkansas, he is a Tennessean through and through. His dad, Barney, was a long-time Tennessee Baptist pastor before retiring. Rickman has served three churches in the state as pastor and has been on the TBC Executive Board staff since 1991. One of his duties has been serving as the state annuity representative. This role has brought him into contact with many ministers throughout the state. Rickman has developed relationships that will be helpful in his new role and he has earned the respect of many people across the convention.

Second, the Executive Board, acting on a

recommendation from its Education Committee, affirmed an appeal from the Relationship Focus Group to "not take any action against Carson-Newman College at this time and to allow the Education Committee time to work on this problem."

There were some who were not looking forward to this Executive Board meeting because rumor was flying that there would be an attempt to "punish" Carson-Newman for the action their trustees took in April. An ugly scene was forecast by some.

Wiser heads prevailed. Many felt it important to work through the processes already in place. Numerous prayers were raised to God asking for wisdom and guidance. As a result, a motion was approved with little discussion. There was no "blood bath." Board members acted in a Christ-like manner with respect for each other's views. That's the way it should be.

The Relationship Focus Group and the Education Committee are comprised of a variety of committed, Christian men and women who reflect the diversity and uniqueness of Tennessee Baptists (see names on page 1).

They apparently felt more time was needed to dialogue not only with Carson-Newman College but our other schools as well. There are those who feel that some changes may be needed in the trustee selection processes for the colleges. Belmont

University in March had expressed a desire for the Education Committee to look at that issue.

The Education Committee has worked hard under trying circumstances. As someone said they did not create the problem that has arisen, but they are trying to work through it to find an amenable solution.

The Education Committee affirmed the Relationship Focus Group's appeal. They took it a step farther, however, by putting a deadline on the negotiations.

Talks can last forever. There has to be a timetable so all involved will strive to bring this matter to a conclusion. Carson-Newman College trustees have expressed a desire to continue discussions.

The stage is now set. It is time for leaders from both sides to sit down, roll up their sleeves, and come up with a solution. It can be done under God's leadership.

There will be some who feel the discussions will be a waste of time and that the action taken by the Executive Board is weak. Instead, it is a courageous move taken by men and women who believe in the processes our convention has in place. If negotiations fail, at least these leaders can say with conviction, "We did our best."

I don't think the talks will fail. Leaders from both the convention and colleges are sincere in their desire to seek an amenable resolution. Pray for these discussions in the days ahead and for those involved. **B&R**



just for today

by Fred Wood,
pastor emeritus,
Eudora Church,
Memphis



Start with a smile

Norma to Lydia: "Do you think Jan is the kind of person who can be trusted with a confidence?" Lydia to Norma: "Well, let me put it this way. She's the kind of girl that can't keep a secret even when she doesn't have one."

Take this truth

The person who will relate the fault of another to you will relate your faults to another person. A "gossiper" will never tell a lie if the truth will do as much damage. Such a person has a keen sense of rumor. Don't make the mistake of referring to gossip as "idle." It's always doing a job on somebody.

Memorize this Scripture

"The tongue ... is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person." — James 1:6, NIV

Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me to ask before I speak about another: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Amen ■"

from the church

by Bennie Morrison,
music director
Harmony Church,
Whiteville

Why show love?

In I Corinthians 13, the great treatise on love, Paul reminded us of the love that we ought to express to each other, how we ought to express this love, and the reasons for expressing "the greatest of these" in the first place.

In a hymn of praise to God's glory and power called "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," Henry Van Dyke reminded us of some reasons why we should love God and how that love is reflected in our love for each other.

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou, our Father, Christ our
Brother —
all who live in Thee are Thine;
Teach us how to love each
other,
lift us to the joy divine. ■*

When disaster strikes, Tennessee Baptists are ready

making
Christ
known

by Tim Bearden
Executive Board
Ministries, TBC



With the disasters that have hit Tennessee this year, we are all a little nervous.

I have a weather radio in my office and when the alarm goes off, not only do I jump, but people in adjoining offices jump as well.

We worry about what is going to happen next. We don't always

hear about all the disasters that hit Tennessee, but we are very much aware of the ones that hit close to us. If a disaster has hit, the telephone soon rings.

The most common question I receive after a disaster is, "Are Tennessee Baptists doing anything?" Usually I can answer yes and begin to talk about the different ways Tennessee Baptist volunteers meet the needs of people.

When the string of storms hit our state in April, Tennessee Baptist volunteers were in every affected area responding to human needs. I don't know everything volunteers did, but I know some cut trees, some fixed meals, and some comforted people who lost everything. Now

some are helping rebuild.

Usually when a disaster happens that we don't know about, Tennessee Baptists in the area affected are already responding. Statewide and national resources are always available. All it takes to get help is a telephone call to the state convention offices.

Disaster relief, however, is just one way volunteers minister in Christ's name. From criminal justice to Christian Women's Job Corp, from an area crusade in Brazil to a World Changers project in Tennessee, from college students serving as summer missionaries to Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action giving their money to world hunger, people are living out their faith.

There is even a group of people who give their spare time to lay brick for new church buildings. And the list of what Tennessee Baptists do is far from complete.

Sometimes people who don't know Tennessee Baptists ask why they do it. I know why. These are people of God who live out their faith in ministry.

Every time people ask if Tennessee Baptists are doing anything, I want to reply, "It may not be making the news, but let me tell you a little about these people called Tennessee Baptist volunteers." ■ — Bearden is leader of the Missions Awareness and Involvement group of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries.

we are receiving from our fellow Baptists and others. The costs of repairs and the amount of insurance coverage is still being determined at this time, but we are confident that God is going to take care of us.

I want to thank our sister churches for sending financial contributions and work groups to assist us. I also want to express gratitude to the Tennessee Disaster Relief ministry team. Don Davis, Archie King, Bob Davison, and many others were a great help to us at just the right time. We are grateful to Connie Davis and the *Baptist and Reflector* for their coverage and concern.

Please continue to pray for us as we recover and repair. We believe that God is going to use this experience to make us a

stronger body of Christ and whatever the outcome, we will give him all the glory.

Terry Carver, pastor
Edgefield Church
Nashville 37206

Wants answers

The actions of Carson-Newman College trustees have certainly created a barrage of opinion in my community. Folks, including myself, want the bottom line: why did they feel this was necessary?

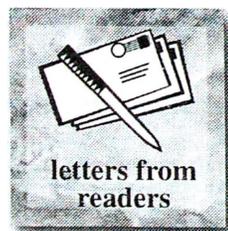
In the 1980s I had two children graduate from Carson-Newman and I am thankful for the education they received.

The question many of us have is this: Is this a ploy by the moderate brethren to insure they keep hold of the in-

stitution or is this a pure step to keep the school out of SBC politics, whatever that is? In my opinion, both moderates and conservatives have done some dumb things and this seems like another one in this category. The worst stance the trustees could take is to assume that they aren't accountable for their actions and need not give credible answers.

As a contributor to the Cooperative Program, of which Carson-Newman is a recipient, we deserve some straight, honest answers. The thinking people in our congregation will ask "Why?" I have no answers for them.

Jerry Heflin, associate pastor
First Church
Goodlettsville 37072



Appreciates help

On behalf of our congregation I want to express our deepest appreciation to Tennessee Baptists for the great acts of love and support you have demonstrated in the aftermath of the tornado that struck our church facilities last month. Our buildings have been severely damaged, but our spirit remains strong due to the encouragement



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From your missionary

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Each day we hear of millions who are dying from lack of food, water, or medicine. These are things that we take for granted.

Please come across our television sets asking us to do our part in helping some of the hurting by assisting in saving a person who might otherwise die without our help.

There is another kind of hunger — a kind that you can do something about yourself. Millions in the city of Rio de Janeiro are "starving" and dying without knowing Jesus — the Bread of Life.

A campaign of revivals to feed the "hungry" of Rio is scheduled for August and September. Volunteer workers are needed to share the "Bread of Life" with those who are dying.

You will have an opportunity to help save literally thousands of people. Will you assist our brothers and sisters in Rio reach out to the "hungry" of Rio de Janeiro?

In Christ,



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Check out TBC web site

The TBC Web site will be up and running by June 1. The Web site can be accessed by Internet address www.tnbaptist.org.

The new TBC Web site will feature Missions Awareness and Involvement Group and Partnership/Volunteer Missions. The latest missions opportunities will be listed for each of the partnerships.

In addition to the Web site, all Executive Board staff members will have new e-mail addresses at: first initial, last name@tnbaptist.org. ■

Volunteers for revivals urgently needed

By Marcia Knox
For *The Macedonian Call*

The Spirit of God is moving across Rio de Janeiro, and Tennessee Baptists have the opportunity to reap the fruits of the Spirit by participating in the upcoming Simultaneous Revivals in Brazil scheduled Aug. 9-17 and Sept. 27-Oct. 6.

However, more volunteers are needed to sign up for the revivals. The deadline to sign up is July 11.

The momentum of revival has already been reported by returning Tennessee volunteers who have observed around 500 decisions for Christ as a result of their team efforts.

Dean Haun, pastor of Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage, recently gave this testimony about his trip to Brazil.

"God blessed my wife, Pam, and me with an anointed and appointed trip to the great city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in

early January. We had the wonderful opportunity to be the very first people to go to Rio on the new joint venture between the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Carioca Baptist Convention in the city of Rio.

"Rio is a city of over seven million people, many of whom are living in spiritual darkness, but also intense spiritual hunger. You will discover numerous opportunities to be used of God as we did. You will work with some of the most dedicated and hard-working missionaries in our Southern Baptist Convention.

"You will have well trained and competent translators who will communicate the English language into the native Brazilian Portuguese language. You will be welcomed and greeted by some of the most loving and gracious Christian people you will ever meet. God's presence and power will accompany you as you commit to this great work."

Tennessee Baptists have a responsibility to "feed" the hungry who are living in spiritual darkness in Rio, throughout the world, as well as in the state of Tennessee.

Below are the two Rio Si-

multaneous Revival Projects. See if God is calling you.

Contact TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team for information on simultaneous revivals at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2021. ■

Detailed descriptions of revival needs

Project #: PM41998925

Dates: Aug. 9-17

Location: Governor's Island

Description: Evangelism

A total of 15 teams of two people are needed for simultaneous revivals in churches in Governor's Island.

Cost: \$1,900 per person

Contact: Murray Mathis (retired pastor of Third Church, Murfreesboro), (615) 890-7308

Project #: PM41998919

Dates: Sept. 27-Oct. 6

Location: Jacarepagua

Description: Evangelism

A total of 20 teams of two people are needed for simultaneous revivals in churches in Jacarepagua. Nightly services will be held along with visitation, personal witnessing, speaking in schools, and special musical presentations.

Cost: \$1,900 per person

Experience of volunteer during city festival

Carnival: Life in the fast lane in Brazil

By Allyson Wimberly
For *The Macedonian Call*

Words cannot express the way I feel as I look back at my partnership missions trip and especially as I look toward the future.

I am changed forever by taking a volunteer missions trip! I knew that this would be an unforgettable adventure. However, I did not realize that I'd bring Brazil home to Tennessee.

From the beginning of my clown ministry, I had a desire to go anywhere God would send me. A team of 10 was needed in Rio for Impact '98, and the Carioca Convention had organized street evangelism teams for ministry during Carnival Feb. 21 - March 3.

Out of a team of 10 organized through the TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team, I was the only one who went to Carnival. The other group members were unable to make the trip due to personal reasons.

God prepared me from the start for that change of events. A family member had given me frequent flyer miles, and I was already traveling separate from the other team members.

I arrived in Rio to find a beautiful place, lush tropical flowering trees, the mountains, the ocean, and the people. The Impact '98 participants had gathered at First Church, Rio, and there I met the re-

maining nine people God had chosen to work with me as clowns.

I taught clown classes in the morning hours for two days. From those classes God handpicked six interpreters to assist our team. They doubled as clowns.

The team, which we named the Transformed Clown Team, stationed ourselves two blocks from the Samba Parade in a playground where children were left to wander while their parents attended the Carnival parade.

We were surrounded by children all the time sometimes as many as five children thick in a crowd. I was completely enclosed in God's peace while I watched people dressed in strange costumes enter and exit the parade area.

Brazilian Christians have a constant battle against sensuality which is their cultural legacy. I am so blessed not to have been raised in those conditions. I take comfort from the fact that my

forefathers left me a legacy of Christian training. Perhaps those who made up the clown group planted the seeds in Brazil that could be the start of a Christian legacy for the country.

The clown group and I saw over 100 people confess Jesus as Lord of their lives in the 10 days we served him! The people of Rio took me into their homes and loved me. Since they followed God's leadership, the power of God helped us transform lives.

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CLOWNS from left, Clare Kato, IMB missionary; Teresa Carismo of Costa Rica; and Allyson Wimberly or 'Hootie,' get ready to perform.

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Students from Union University serve in Costa Rica

For The Macedonian Call

A total of 28 students and leaders from Union University, Jackson, led by campus minister Todd Brady, ministered April 3-11 in two regions of Costa Rica during their Spring Break.

The Union team split into two groups to minister. Seventeen members worked in the northern area of Guanacaste while 12 others spent the week in the Valley of the Saints, south of San Jose. The team was made up of students who are studying business, education, language, Christian studies, pre-medicine, and other disciplines.

"It was the diversity of the Union team that allowed us to be involved in a wide variety of ministries throughout the week in Costa Rica," said Brady. The team was actively sharing the Gospel and encouraging local church ministries in the various towns where they worked. In addition to the local interpreters, the team also included students who spoke Spanish.

"Having so many on the team who spoke the language helped us to build relationships with people more quickly," said Brad White, a sophomore Spanish major from Paducah, Ky.

White shared the Gospel with a young man named Joani who lived on Deer Island in the Gulf of Nicoya. Although the young man did not accept Christ, it was the first time that Joani

understood the good news. Joani told White that he would go home and "talk to God about it."

Students also were involved in door-to-door visitation, Backyard Bible Clubs, evangelistic services, prayer walking, and personal evangelism.

Andy Pettigrew, a sophomore Spanish major from Jackson learned something new while on the trip. He and Tony Rengifo, IMB missionary, were overlooking a community in a small valley. Rengifo commented that the people living there didn't have access to the Christian message.

"As I looked out over the valley, God really burdened my heart for the people of Costa Rica," said Pettigrew. This burden drew him to work with Rengifo and his wife, Renee.

The team in the Valley of the Saints showed the film, "Jesus," to over 100 people who gathered in a local theater. Several trusted Christ as a result of the students' witness and the film.

The group also experienced a miracle. On the first evening, group members gathered in the hotel where they were staying to pray. A Costa Rican man stopped to listen to the English prayer. Although he was not able to understand, God peaked his interest.

"We talked with the man, and he accepted Christ," said Jon Putt, a senior marketing major from Tupelo, Miss.

"Our team gathered around, laid hands on him as we prayed for him, and presented the man with a Bible.

We realized quickly that God was the one who was working and not us."

One of the most effective methods of team sharing was a creative wordless drama set to music, which portrayed God's creative and redemptive work. Team members were trained to present the drama with little notice and with no props except an amplifier.

"It was great when the people stopped to watch every time we performed the drama," said Carrie Teague, a sophomore pre-medicine/chemistry major from Jackson. "We did the drama in soccer fields, on street corners, in worship services, and even on the beach. It was a conversation starter for many people."

"Everyone came back to the United



THE TEAM FROM Union University gathers in front of waterfall in San Jose, Costa Rica, prior to beginning work in the country.

States with a greater passion and desire to see God's name spread throughout the world," said Brady.

"Our awareness was increased; our burden for the people of Costa Rica was made greater; and our sensitivity to the Lord's leadership was heightened during our experience.

"Our worldview was molded and shaped by being a part of what God is doing among other nations."

Union University team members are available to speak to churches and associations about their recent mission trip experiences. To schedule a student speaker, call Todd Brady at (901) 661-5161. ■

Carnival: Life in ...

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Whether we were on the street at Carnival, in a "favela" (slum), or in a thriving church, God went before us and gave us the needed stamina to do his will.

Day after day I saw children in the same clothes because they lived in the streets. I had a hard time stepping over children who were sleeping in the streets at night.

One sweet face that I will never forget belonged to a little boy who died less than 24 hours after I painted his hand. I also told him of God's love for him, and I am so glad that I did.

Is God calling you to serve him in missions? You may have to get out of your comfort zone. Getting out of your comfort zone and into the "God zone" will please him. — Marcia Knox contributed to this story. ■

Team from Belmont ministers to Costa Ricans

By Betty Wiseman, associate professor
For The Macedonian Call

A total of 11 faculty, staff, and family members from Belmont University, Nashville, spent their Spring Break, March 13-22, in Costa Rica leading family ministry conferences and doing light construction work.

The team led family ministry conferences at Central Church in Heredia at night. During the day they worked at the Costa Rica Baptist Camp where they did painting and repair work. The team also was lodged at the camp during their visit.

The Belmont team was a diverse group. Team members were Norma Baker, Norma and Howard Stevens, Karen Stevens, all members of First Church, Nashville; Joy Criscoe and daughter, Jenny Orten, both of Vine Church, Lebanon; Amy and Jeff McGinnis, members of Grace Community

Church, Brentwood; Lois and Luell Smith, members of First Church, Greenbrier; and Betty Wiseman, member of Brentwood Church, Brentwood.

Conferences at the church were provided for all ages in the family. Issues such as communication, conflict, sex, forgiveness, drugs, and witnessing were addressed. Puppet shows and clowning enhanced the ministry each night.

An unexpected blessing came when the pastors of two other Baptist churches arrived with members from their congregations to participate in the conferences. This was an answer to prayer for IMB missionaries Sue and Greg Smith. It was the first time the three pastors had participated together in ministry.

The trip was especially refreshing for Norma and Howard Stevens, who had lived in Heredia for two years in the 60s while attending language school as newly appointed missionaries. Their daughter, Karen Stevens, who also was a part of the team, was a child when they lived in Heredia.

It was great fun observing their "homecoming" and excitement there. They were reunited with the widow of a former pastor, Dona Cecilia. She surprised the Stevenses by attending the last night of the conferences.

Four members of the team were invited by the country's Woman's Missionary Union presi-

dent, Irma Grant, to accompany her to a home to ask God's blessings on a two-month-old girl. Little "Abigail" was "adopted" by the team.

She attended the conferences. And her mother and grandmother brought her to the team's worship service on Sunday at the campground.

The team also worked two afternoons at the Baptist seminary in San Jose with English as a Second Language classes. It was good to meet other missionaries and to see the seminary.

One afternoon some of the team participated in a prayer walk for the first time. Following an orientation by IMB missionary Greg Smith, team members divided into three teams and dispersed in different directions to pray for the community.

Sunday morning the Heredia congregation traveled to the campground to join the team for morning worship, a baptismal service, and a family picnic. It was a very special worship experience as everyone gathered around the freshly painted swimming pool and watched eight new believers experience baptism.

Eight-year-old Issac who lives at the campground with his family became another special friend of the team. Issac's family serves as caretakers for the camp. Issac, who was recovering from a broken bone in his ankle, worked with Jeff McGinnis, the strength and conditioning coach of Belmont. Issac's tears touched the team as team members said goodbye.

Before we left, Pastor Enrique Madriz and his wife prayed with us.

Back at home, how exciting it was to share with our students, coworkers, friends, and congregations about the Spring Break committed to ministry. ■



MEMBERS OF THE Belmont University team and a new friend, Issac, front row, pause during the team's work with families in Heredia, Costa Rica.

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Dyersburg evangelist leads revival in Canada

For *The Macedonian Call*

"The Lord's timing is always perfect when we know that we are doing the Lord's will," according to a Dyersburg evangelist who recently returned from a partnership/volunteer missions trip to Worsley, Alberta, Canada.

William "Bill" Oakley learned of a request for an evangelist from Terry Sharp, Partnership/Volunteers Missions specialist during the State Evangelism Conference in January. The request was to conduct a revival for Worsley Church in Worsley, which is about 700 kilometers north of Edmonton, Alberta.

"Being a full-time evangelist, the Lord made it very clear to me that I was the one he had chosen to take this assignment," Oakley said. "I was already scheduled to be in Michigan in revivals the weeks of April 5 and 19.

After some phone conversations with Dick Hale, pastor of Worsley Church, the date of April 12-16 was set for the revival."

Oakley arrived amid snow and wind. Oakley stayed with Hale and his wife Shirlee and their six children.

Worsley is located in North Alberta, Oakley added. It is a community that consists of farmers, ranchers, loggers, and oil producers.

Hale's father started Worsley Church 30 years ago where father and son both have served 15 years consecutively as

pastor. The church has 100 resident members.

"I wondered how many people would show up for the 8 a.m. Easter service, which was the only service scheduled for the morning," Oakley said. "To my amazement the house was filled with 150 people who had come to worship, and many had driven from 20 to 25 miles over gravel roads to attend the service."

That morning two people were baptized who made professions of faith. After the service, the ladies of the church prepared brunch for everyone. From Sunday evening through Friday evening, the revival averaged over 50 per service.

Oakley and the pastor visited several of the ranchers and farmers in the area. Most live 20 miles or more from each other.

One of the added attractions to the times of visitation was the sighting of deer, elk, coyotes, swans, geese, ducks, and other creatures.

Hale is a bivocational pastor who farms, ranches, logs, and serves the church. His formal training is from a Bible college in Canada started by Henry Blackaby. Blackaby served as one of Hale's professors.

Oakley was impressed by the congregation's commitment to missions in North



NEW FRIENDS made by Bill Oakley while in Canada were Shirlee and Dick Hale. Hale is pastor of Worsley Church in Alberta, where Oakley led a revival.

America. "My heart leaped when Hale announced to the church that their Annie Armstrong Offering had reached almost \$6,000."

"Worsley Church is a strong witness for our Lord both in Worsley and around the world. My sincere prayer is that the Lord will allow me to return to that area again." ■

Prayerwalk Practicum set

For *The Macedonian Call*

Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team will be hosting a Prayerwalk Training Practicum on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Baptist Center in Brentwood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The prayerwalk is a spiritual phenomenon which has unfolded in recent years and is "praying on site with insight." Southern Baptists have participated in prayer-walking around the world.

Prayerwalking helps people see the world

through God's eyes. It might involve one-on-one witnessing or not. Since the purpose is prayer, then anyone can do it.



MC EACHERN

Bob McEachern of the International Mission Board will be leading the practicum. McEachern has done prayerwalks and taught this practicum many times. He served as a missionary in Korea for 14 years.

In addition to classroom instruction, there will be an actual prayerwalk. Those attending will be prepared at the close of the course to prayerwalk.

For more information, call the Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at (615) 371-2021 or 1-800-558-2090. ■

First Church, Nashville, constructs a church building

For the *Macedonian Call*

Mosquito bites, smashed fingers, cracked ribs and collar bone, and bruised ankles and shins don't sound much like a wonderful experience for 10 construction volunteers from First Church, Nashville, in Costa Rica. However, Ron and Daisy Hamlin, team members, would disagree.

The First Church team left on April 13 and worked through April 27 to construct a church. Some of the time only nine worked because one of the members had to return

home early due to injuries.

They worked with a church in Siguirres, where a traditionally English speaking congregation is dying because younger people are speaking Spanish.

Keith and Pam Travis, IMB missionaries, are starting a Spanish-speaking service and hope the church will have two services soon, one in English and the other in Spanish.

On the first day at Siguirres, the team removed the rusted tin roof and the termite-eaten rafters. For the next three days, they replaced

the wood, installed a new tin roof, and put a fresh coat of paint on the church.

Then the team went to Shalom Church in Los Guidos, a district in San Jose. The congregation of 50-60 are meeting in a temporary building in the pastor's backyard. For two years, the women of the church have baked tamales and other goods to raise money to remodel the house.

On April 15, while the team was in Costa Rica, the church voted to start the project. Clive and Nancy Buttemere, IMB missionaries and members of Shalom Church, contacted Sue Smith, IMB volunteer coordinator, to see if any assistance was available.

"We still had a few days work to complete the project in Siguirres," Daisy Hamlin noted. "But Keith Travis said he could put the finishing touches on the church."

In four days, the Shalom Church had the supplies on site, the work plan completed, and people in place to assist the team.

"On the first

day, the Ticos, what Costa Ricans call each other, taught us how to mix concrete and lay a concrete floor," Ron Hamlin said.

The day was spent hauling sand, gravel, cement, and water for the concrete. The rest of the week was spent framing and installing wall board for eight rooms, enlarging the living area of the house for a chapel, and filling in dirt for the bathrooms.

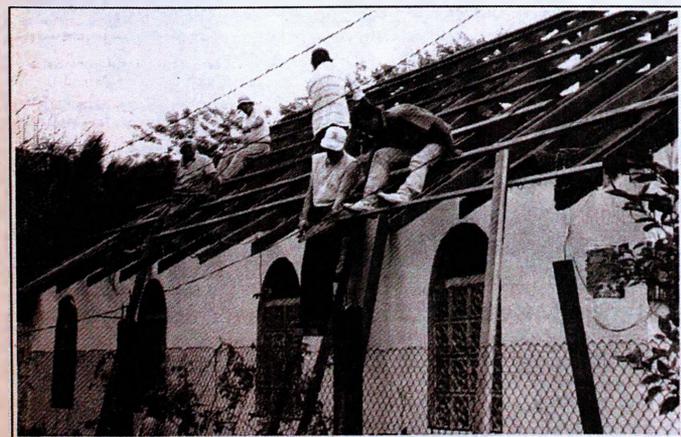
The Shalom Church planned to install doors and windows and paint and finish the floor so it could hold its first service in the church May 10.

"We learned from each other as we worked, laughed, ate, prayed and had devotions side by side," Ron Hamlin said.

"The First Church team was truly blest to be part of God's work in Costa Rica," Daisy Hamlin said.

"Each of us will treasure our experiences and memories with the Costa Rica people and the missionaries. To go to another country and work and worship side by side with those who speak in another language is life changing."

Other members of the First Church team included Cliff Abel, Deloris and Bob Foust, Frances Jeannette, Diane and Russ Mabrey, and Mary Alice and Headly McMains. ■



WORKING ON THE ROOF of one of two churches the team helped are, from left, Ron Hamlin, Cliff Abel, a member of the church, Russ Mabrey, and another church member.

Partnership Prayer Requests

May

- 20 — Pray for missionary to Costa Rica Nancy Buttemere, who teaches deaf children.
- 21 — Pray for the eight volunteers from Ebenezer Church, Knoxville, who will do construction work May 29 - June 7 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 22 — Pray for Michigan's evangelism leader, James Jones, who is heading up the Celebrate Jesus 2000 emphasis.
- 23 — Pray for Paul Johnson, pastor, Royal Heights Church, Delta, British Columbia, Canada, and his family as they travel during their sabbatical.
- 24 — Pray for the search committee for a director of missions to serve Michigan's Genesee Association.
- 25 — Pray for missionary to Costa Rica Clive Buttemere and the Los Guidos congregation which has begun an intensive visitation program.
- 26 — Pray for Christians across Canada to cooperate to spread the Gospel.

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Costa Rica Projects

Evangelism

Project #: PM71998808
 Dates: Sept. 1998
 Location: Heredia
 Description: Evangelistic Campaign
 A total of 4 volunteers are needed to do a youth revival for ages 12 and up and children's activities for ages 9 to 12.

Medical

Project #: PM71998824
 Dates: Sept. 18-28, 1998
 Location: South Zone
 Description: Medical
 A total of 3 doctors and 2 dentists are needed to do medical and dental clinics in a rural area.

Michigan Projects

Construction

Project #: GD-2a
 Dates: June 1-21, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to rough in multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2b
 Dates: June 1-21, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to do roofing in a multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2c
 Dates: June 22-July 5, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to do electrical work in a multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2d
 Dates: June 22-July 5, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to do plumbing for a multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2e
 Dates: July 17-26, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to do masonry work for a multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2f
 Dates: July 6-26, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to dry wall a multifunctional building.

Project #: GD-2g
 Dates: July 6-26, 1998
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Construction
 A total of 3 teams are needed to paint a multifunctional building.

Project #: G-3A
 Dates: July 17-20, 1998
 Location: Durand
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to do first rough-in on a new building.

Project #: G-3C
 Dates: July 6-13, 1998
 Location: Durand
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to do electrical work on a new building.

Project #: N-6B
 Dates: Open
 Location: Oscoda
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to replace roof of 60,000 sq. ft. single story building and provide materials.

Project #: GD-3
 Dates: Open
 Location: Detroit
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to do repair work on existing building.

Project #: GD-4
 Dates: Open
 Location: Detroit
 Description: Construction
 Volunteers are needed to build new restrooms.

Music Ministry

Project #: N-5
 Dates: Open

Location: Prudenville
 Description: Music Ministry
 Congregation song leader and pianist are needed.

VBS/BYBC

Project #: G-1
 Dates: July 1998
 Location: Linden
 Description: BYBC
 A team is needed to do BYBC and Block Party with outdoor concert for new church start.

Project #: GD-5
 Dates: June 29-July 31, 1998
 Location: Detroit
 Description: VBS, BYBC, Drama
 A team of 15 volunteers is needed to do VBS for H.O.P.E. Baptist Center.

Project #: N-6A
 Dates: July 1998
 Location: Oscoda
 Description: VBS
 A team is needed to do VBS.

Project #: O-2
 Dates: July 13-20, 1998
 Location: Lake Orion
 Description: VBS
 A team of 10-20 is needed to do VBS.

Project #: M-2
 Dates: July 17-24, 1998
 Location: Eastpointe
 Description: Evangelism/VBS/Block Party
 A team of 8-12 is needed to do Block Party for evangelism and VBS.

Project #: M-5
 Dates: July-August 1998
 Location: Clemens
 Description: BYBC/Revival
 A team is needed to do BYBC and revival to encourage outreach.

Evangelism

Project #: M-3
 Dates: Open
 Location: Hazel Park
 Description: Evangelism/Church Growth
 Revival teams, evangelism, and church planting activities are needed to help mission church.

Project #: M-4
 Dates: Open
 Location: Roseville
 Description: Sports Evangelism
 A total of 2 volunteers are needed to do sports clinics for children and youth with emphasis on evangelism.

Telephone Survey

Project #: H-1
 Dates: Open
 Location: Ann Arbor
 Description: Telephone Survey
 A total of 6-12 volunteers are needed to do telephone survey for new work prospects.

Project #: H-2
 Dates: Open
 Location: Chelsea
 Description: Telephone Survey
 A total of 6-12 volunteers are needed to do telephone survey for new work prospects.

Project #: H-3
 Dates: Open
 Location: Dexter
 Description: Telephone Survey
 A total of 6-12 volunteers are needed to do telephone survey for new work prospects.

Project #: H-4
 Dates: Open
 Location: Pinchney
 Description: Telephone Survey
 A total of 6-12 volunteers are needed to do telephone survey for new work prospects.

Canada Projects

Camp

Project #: 97MIDO27
 Dates: July 19-24, 1998
 Location: Alberta
 Description: Camp Counselor
 One volunteer is needed to serve as a lifeguard for a children's camp. Other abilities such as drama, music, etc. a plus.

Evangelism

Project #: 97NOR021
 Dates: June 29-July 4, 1998
 Location: Saskatchewan
 Description: Evangelism/Camps/Music/Drama
 A team of 10-15 is needed to help with an associational based family camp. Camp begins July 1 and runs through weekend with special emphases

every night. Also involves 2-3 days in Saskatoon.

Project #: 97NOR018
 Dates: July 18-Aug. 1, 1998
 Location: North Battleford, Saskatchewan
 Description: Evangelism/VBS
 A team of 3 is needed to do VBS, visitation, crafts, drama, and puppets.

Project #: 97NOR016
 Dates: Sept. 19-27, 1998
 Location: Prince Albert
 Description: Evangelism/Music
 A team of 10-12 is needed to hold night-ly revival services with music and drama.

VBS/BYBC

Project #: 97MIDO26
 Dates: July 1-14, 1998
 Location: Evansburg, Alberta
 Description: VBS
 A team of 3 is needed to VBS with music, classes, and games.

Project #: 98NOR024
 Dates: Open
 Location: Charlottetown
 Description: VBS/Evangelism
 A total of 12 volunteers are needed to do VBS and visitation in the homes.

Project #: CA-18
 Dates: July 13-24, 1998
 Location: Northwest Edmonton
 Description: VBS/Community Survey
 A team of 4 is needed to do VBS and survey with focus on low cost housing projects in area.

Project #: 97NOR022
 Dates: Aug. 1998
 Location: Saskatchewan
 Description: VBS/BYBC
 A team of 10-12 is needed to lead VBS/BYBC.

Rio de Janeiro Projects

Evangelism

Project #: PM41998925
 Dates: Aug. 9-17
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism
 A total of 15 teams are needed to lead revival in the Governor's Island Association.

Project #: PM41998912
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism/Construction
 A team of 10 is needed to do evangelism and light construction in small churches.

Project #: PM41998907
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Construction/Evangelism
 A team of 12 is needed to do construction and refurbishing work at the Centers for Social Work. They will also do evangelistic work in neighboring churches and other activities of the Social Work Board.

Project #: PM41998913
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism
 A team is needed to do evangelism in small churches.

Project #: PM41998914
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism/Creative Ministries
 A team is needed to do evangelism and creative ministries in small churches and new congregations.

Project #: PM41998917
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism/Construction
 A team is needed to do evangelism and construction in small churches and new congregations. Also help complete construction on a small church.

Project #: PM41998920
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism
 A total of 20 volunteers are needed to revitalize a church with less than 10 members.

Project #: B-2
 Dates: September 13-20
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism
 A total of 10 volunteers are needed to work a new church start in Rochinha, the largest slum in Latin America.

Project #: PM41998919
 Dates: Sept. 27-Oct. 6, 1998
 Location: Rio de Janeiro

Description: Evangelism
 A total of 20 teams of 2 are needed for simultaneous revivals in churches in Jacarepagua. Nightly services will be held along with visitation, personal witnessing, speaking in schools, and special musical presentations.

Project #: PM41998904
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism/Drama/Music
 A team of students will perform in schools, churches, plazas to prepare people for a crusade.

Project #: PM41998905
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Evangelism/Drama/Music
 A team of students will perform in schools, churches, plazas to prepare people for a crusade.

Project #: PM41998937
 Dates: Oct. 25 - Nov. 3, 1998
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Prayer Walking
 A team of 20 is needed to do prayer walk in preparation for new church start.

Chaplain

Project #: PM41998931
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Children's Hospital Chaplain
 A volunteer is needed to upgrade training of children's hospital chaplain.

Church Planting

Project #: PM41998924
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Church Planting
 A total of 20 volunteers are needed to start a new work in Jacarepagua Association area, called Pantanal.

Construction

Project #: PM41998909
 Dates: Open
 Location: Rio de Janeiro
 Description: Construction/Evangelism
 A total of 12 volunteers are needed to do refurbishing work at the Centers for Social Work and evangelistic work in area churches.

Tennessee Projects

Construction

Project #: T-19
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A team is needed to do interior work/finishing of a pre-engineered metal building.
 Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, (901) 345-2162

Project #: T-25
 Dates: June-August 1998
 Location: Martin
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-12 volunteers are needed to do construction of a new addition to the Baptist Student Center.
 Contact: James Kinsey, (901) 885-8525

Project #: T-28
 Dates: June-August 1998
 Location: Ripley
 Description: Construction
 A team is needed to brick original sanctuary and an 40-foot addition.
 Contact: Wayne Rowan, (901) 635-7128

Project #: T-33
 Dates: June 22-July 31, 1998
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Painting
 A total of 10-30 volunteers are needed to do repair and home improvements.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-43
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-10 volunteers are needed to frame and roof new ministry center.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: T-61
 Dates: June - September 1998
 Location: Centerville
 Description: Construction
 A team of 15-20 is needed to construct a 70X140 multifunctional building.
 Contact: Jim Griffin, (931) 729-5437

Project #: T-62
 Dates: June - September 1998
 Location: Pulaski
 Description: Construction
 A team of 6-12 is needed to construct an associational multipurpose office.
 Contact: Carl Bond, (931) 363-5916

Project #: T-42
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-10 volunteers are needed to do metal building construction for a new ministry center.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: T-41
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 2-10 volunteers are needed to do electrical and plumbing work for a new ministry center.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: T-37
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 5-15 volunteers are needed to do finish work on church.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-46
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-10 volunteers are needed to do paving for parking lot and drive way of new ministry center.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-34
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 5-10 volunteers are needed to replace roof of building.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-32
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 5-20 volunteers are needed to pave parking lot.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-31
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 5-15 volunteers are needed to do plumbing and electrical work on church.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-45
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-10 volunteers are needed to do drywall for new ministry building.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: T-44
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Construction
 A total of 4-10 volunteers are needed to do masonry work on new ministry center.
 Contact: Tim Cox, (901) 458-0617

Project #: T-47
 Dates: Open
 Location: Dresden
 Description: Construction
 A total of 25-30 volunteers are needed to do construction of a new sanctuary for an African-American church.
 Contact: Richard Skidmore, (901) 364-3739

Camps

Project #: T-48
 Dates: July 26-31, 1998
 Location: Brighton
 Description: Camp
 A total of 5-10 volunteers are needed to conduct a week of summer camp.
 Contact: Jeffrey Haire, (901) 837-0151

Project #: T-35
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Sports Camps
 A total of 10-20 volunteers are needed to do youth outreach with sports evangelism.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

Project #: T-11
 Dates: Aug. 2-8, 1998
 Location: Elizabethton
 Description: Camp Supervision
 A total of 15-20 volunteers are needed to staff local children's Bible ministry camp for week reserved for association's Big A Club. Lead games, sports, Bible stories, trail hikes and devotionals. Work with Big A workers and assist with pool supervision.
 Contact: Becky Brummitt, (423) 547-0088

Project #: T-65
 Dates: June 21-28, 1998
 Location: Pikeville
 Description: Camp
 A total of 4-5 volunteers are needed to do a youth camp for 6th-12th graders.

Revival
 Project #: T-36

Dates: June 22 - July 31
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Youth revival
 A total of 10-30 volunteers are needed to do a youth revival.
 Contact: John Cowherd, (901) 521-6868

BYBC/VBS

Project #: T-8
 Dates: June 29-July 3, 1998
 Location: Elizabethton
 Description: BYBC/Community Improvement
 A team of 10-20 is needed to provide BYBC, VBS, or Big A Club at Hale Community Ministries building for children ages 5-12 from public housing.
 Contact: Rebecca Brummitt, (423) 547-0088

Project #: T-26
 Dates: June-Aug., 1998
 Location: Convington
 Description: BYBC
 A youth team is needed to lead in BYBC.
 Contact: Donna Ralph, (901) 478-8761

Project #: T-27
 Dates: July, 1998
 Location: Memphis
 Description: BYBC Revival
 A total of 14 volunteers are needed to do evangelism and BYBC.
 Contact: Ricky Ray, (901) 353-4532

Project #: T-24
 Dates: July 27-31, 1998
 Location: Memphis
 Description: VBS
 A total of 12-15 volunteers are needed to do VBS.
 Contact: Miriam Smith, (901) 795-8804

Summer Missionary

Project #: T-63
 Dates: June-August, 1998
 Location: Union City
 Description: Summer Missionary
 A total of 2 females are needed to lead VBS, attend youth camp and mission trip to Michigan.
 Contact: Melvin Poe, (901) 885-2961

Crown Ministry

Project #: T-20
 Dates: Open
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Crown Ministry
 A team is needed to help start a puppet ministry.
 Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, (901) 345-2162

Mission Service Corps

Project: Brinkley Heights Ministry Center
 Dates: Open for Long Term Missions > 4 Months
 Location: Memphis
 Description: Leadership Development
 A team is needed to work with all age groups for one year at the center. Persons would assist in leadership development and building relationships. Also needed are minister of recreation, minister of youth, and worship and choir leader.
 Contact: Sam Wilson, director, or Tim Cox, pastor, (901) 458-0617

Project: Woodcock Center
 Dates: Open for Long Term Missions > 4 Months
 Location: Nashville
 Description: Relationships Development
 A team is needed to assist Woodcock Center workers to build relationships of trust and serve in food and clothing distribution, meal preparation, tutoring, youth recreation, and vocational training.
 Contact: Tony Langton, pastor and director, (615) 254-9380

Project: Copper Basin Crisis Center
 Dates: Open for Long Term Missions > 4 Months
 Location: Ducktown
 Description: Distribution and Counseling
 A team is needed to assist Copper Basin Crisis Center work in food, clothing, and furniture distribution. They will also counsel and coordinate volunteer teams.
 Contact: Al Patterson, director of missions for Copper Basin Association, (423) 496-7577 (office) or (423) 496-2826 (home)

Project: Appalachian Outreach
 Dates: Open for Long Term Missions > 4 Months
 Location: Jefferson City
 Description: Volunteer Coordinator
 A team is needed to coordinate volunteer work of home remodeling in rural areas. Persons must be skilled in construction with ability to do home repair work.
 Contact: Shannon Washam, director, (423) 475-5611

Why, how TBC ministries are using Internet

By Denise Scott
For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — In a few short years, the number of people using the Internet has exploded. Three million people, mostly in the U.S., were online in 1994. That number has grown to 100 million people worldwide using the Internet today. According to a recent 1998 U.S. Commerce Department report, "The Emerging Digital Economy," experts predict one billion people could be connected to the Internet by the year 2005.

With the extraordinary growth in Internet use, this technology is quickly changing the way our world communicates. As a result, the way governments, organizations, businesses, and individuals worldwide acquire and process information has changed.

This technology is also opening new doors for missions and ministry globally. It is no wonder. With a personal computer, a modem, and an Internet Service Provider, anyone can access the Internet and a wealth of information. Consequently, vast numbers of people are discovering each day the benefits of being online.

One of the most popular features of the Internet is e-mail (electronic mail). It offers convenience, speed, and direct access to anyone with the equipment at a low cost to the sender.

The graphically-rich portion of the Internet, the World Wide Web, combines text with images, sound, and even video. With the click of a computer mouse, a user can move around on the computer screen

to explore a variety of features. (Internet terms are defined in the glossary provided.)

Literally millions of home pages exist on the Web, and new Web sites are being added daily. With geographic and time limitations lifted, computer users now have new and creative ways to reach our world for Christ.

The TBC Executive Board ministries Web site will provide an opportunity to make Christ known in Tennessee and wherever there is an Internet user. It will be available June 1.

Content of the TBC Web site

The TBC Web site is designed to be an interactive communication tool, allowing quick access to timely information on the services, resources,

and ministries offered by its Executive Board ministries. Never before has such immediate access to this information been available.

The "Who We Are" section of the TBC Web site includes (1) the history of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, (2) Executive Board ministries, (3) TBC institutions, (4) Cooperative Program, and (5) Tennessee Baptist directors of missions (including their addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and e-mail links).

Staff of Executive Board ministries also can be easily e-mailed at several sections on the site.

A section of the site entitled "Eternal Life" explains how a person can become a Christian. The "Spiritual and Life Helps" section provides biblically-

based helps for people.

The "Annual Convention" portion of the site has the latest information on the upcoming annual meeting of the convention each fall.

"Services for Churches" features the wide range of events and services available. Each ministry group has pages that provide information on the ministries and programs offered.

Additionally, the *Baptist and Reflector* has its own section under "Services for Churches." Each week Internet users can access some articles from the latest issue.

Other features of the "Services for Churches" section include a topical listing of Executive Board ministries' services; a key-word search engine that can locate specific information



on any event or service; the latest missions opportunities of the convention's partnerships; and information on resources and publications.

In conjunction with the new TBC site, all Executive Board staff members have new e-mail addresses. Staff e-mail addresses are composed of the first initial plus last name-@tnbaptist.org. One can use this simple formula to construct any staff person's e-mail address. Example: Ken Weathersby's address is kweathersby@tnbaptist.org. ■

Commonly Used Internet Terms

For Baptist and Reflector

► **Domain name** — The portion of the Internet address (URL) that is associated with an organization. For example the convention domain name is tnbaptist.org. The last portion of the domain indicates what type of institution the address represents: .com (commercial), .edu (education), .gov (government), .org (organization), .net (network).

► **E-mail (electronic mail)** — E-mail is undoubtedly the most widely used service feature of the Internet. E-mail messages can be composed, sent, and received easily from one computer user to another.

► **FAQ (frequently asked questions)** — This acronym stands for commonly asked questions about a Web site, software, the Internet, or any other subject.

► **Home page** — The first page or

menu page of a Web site that usually contains the site's name or logo, introductory information, directory of its contents, and links to other pages within the site.

► **Internet** — A global web of computer networks linked by telephone lines or microwave links that enables computers in one part of the world to instantaneously access computers in another.

► **ISP (Internet Service Provider)** — A company that provides access to the Internet. ISPs may offer direct connection through a dedicated line or a dialup connection.

► **URL (Uniform Resource Locator)** — This term refers to the unique address of each page on the World Wide Web, such as www.tnbaptist.org. Your browser uses the URL address to find information located on another computer and to retrieve the corresponding Web pages available on that server.

► **Web browsers** — A point and click software program or application that allows exploration or navigation of the Web. By clicking on various hyperlinks (a system of coding text that links electronic documents), a person can seamlessly move from Web page to Web page. Popular browsers include Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer.

► **Web page** — A page of information on the World Wide Web.

► **Web site** — A collection of related Web pages.

► **World Wide Web** — A portion of the Internet that uses hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) to link documents or Web sites on computers all over the world to one another. Individuals with a personal computer and a modem can access information, graphics, and sound on the sites from organizations, companies, and individuals. ■



Women discuss evangelism at Baptist Center

A "Women's Evangelism Think Tank" was held May 8-9 at the Baptist Center in Brentwood. Approximately 22 women from across the state gathered to discuss ways to inspire, equip, and encourage women of Tennessee Baptist churches to freely share their faith in Jesus Christ. From left are, first row, Penny Tyler, Shelby Lord, Jaye Martin (North American Mission Board), Lydia Kinnard, Amy Stitts, Linda Patrick, Carrol Kelly, Ken Weathersby; second row, Kathy Neeley, Peggy Barkley, Linda Estey, Lillian Stitts, Carolyn Oulland, Ann Davenport, Joan Whitten, Christina Crawley, Polly Lucht; third row, Joyce Jones, Dale Tyler, Bettye Summers, Sherrye Wilson, Becky Sumrall, and Dawn Witherspoon.

Central Association churches reach out to Hispanics in Warren County

For Baptist and Reflector

McMINNVILLE — Central Association has begun a ministry to the large number of Hispanics living in Warren County.

Recently a Laser (community survey) was conducted on a weekend with assistance from the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Estriberto Britton, Hispanic church extension specialist for the Executive Board's Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group.

During the visitation with the Hispanics, one adult man accepted Christ as Savior.

On the Saturday night of the community survey, the association sponsored a Hispanic Family Festival which had been planned by the association's missions development council and the Hispanic ministry committee. Almost every church in the association participated in the festival by providing food or

setting up church booths with free gifts for the Hispanics.

Following the meal, those in attendance were entertained by Pastor Rafael from Columbia, South America.

The Hispanic Family Festival was a huge success, said Roger Stacy, director of missions.

The door has been opened for many ministries because of the Laser and the festival. Stacy said. There were about 100 members from the churches and about 45 Hispanics who attended. As a result of the festival, 13 people have requested a home Bible study.

Stacy has conducted an evangelistic home Bible study with one family who accepted Christ and is now conducting discipleship Bible studies with the family.

A Brazilian couple will serve this summer as missionaries to the Hispanics. "God has truly brought a mission field to Central Association," Stacy said. ■

Senate approves bill protecting tithes, giving

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate unanimously approved a bill May 13 that would shield tithes and other charitable gifts from bankruptcy actions.

The Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act would protect gifts donated by individuals who later declare bankruptcy. The U.S. House Judiciary Committee is expected to consider the bill in the next few days.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Rep. Ron Packard, R-Calif., would prohibit bankruptcy courts from seizing contributions to religious organizations and other charities to pay creditors.

The law would protect tithes and other contributions up to 15 percent of the debtor's annual

income. It would also permit debtors in Chapter 13 bankruptcy to tithe during their repayment period.

Grassley said that "a person can budget money for pizza and a movie but not for a charitable contribution to his or her church, even if that person believes his or her faith requires that." He

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Being family

By Mike Rogers

Focal Passage — Ruth 1-4

Several months ago my mother had a very serious and complicated heart operation. It was the first time all of her children were together since our father passed away in 1985. Obviously we are not a very close family. It took a near tragedy to put us in the same room. Yet, when the crisis hit us, we pulled together.

Our culture today seems to be hindering the development of strong loving families. The daily fragmentation of family time together has contributed greatly to the disintegration of the close family unit. The fact that both mom and dad are working outside the home in order to live at a certain standard of living or just to pay the bills, has created a hostile environment for healthy family development. Few families sit down around the kitchen table to eat supper together and communicate with one another. Television, computers, and CDs have become our closest companions. Discipline has become a dirty word. Parental authority is being attacked on every side — by the government, psychologists, educational systems, and television talk shows.

Of all the families in our nation, Christian families ought to really be different. We ought to truly and unselfishly love one another. We ought to be living examples of what it means to be a close family. Many people desperately need to experience the way God blesses a family that seeks to serve one another out of their love relationship with him. Why would the world be drawn to our God if we have not allowed him to change our lives and our families? God gives us an excellent example of how he works in the lives of one family when one member stands by her mother-in-law in the midst of difficult times.

Naomi lost her husband while they were living in a foreign country. Shortly after her husband died, both of her sons passed away also. The only family members left were her two daughters-in-law and herself. Naomi heard that the famine in her homeland was over and so she decided to return to her extended family in Bethlehem. She encouraged her daughters-in-law to return to their immediate families and she would make the journey alone. Ruth would not let her go by herself. She went with Naomi and worked in the fields harvesting left-over grain so that she and Naomi could eat. People in Bethlehem were touched by the way Ruth sacrificed to help her mother-in-law. The landowner, Boaz, was equally touched by Ruth's love for Naomi. Boaz, according to the custom of his day, purchased the land that had belonged to Naomi's husband and took Ruth to be his wife. Together, Boaz and Ruth had a son named Obed who later became the father of Jesse, who later became the father of David (the King). God blessed Ruth and Naomi because of their love for one another. God also touched the community because Ruth, a foreigner, loved her mother-in-law with the love of God.

When people in your community look at your family, what do they see? Do they see the love of God lived out in the relationships of each member, one to another? What hindrances stand in the way of others seeing Christ in you? What should you do or be to cooperate with God as he seeks to restore your family to the way he intended it to be?

On that day, when my family came together to listen to the doctors report about our mother, we held hands and prayed together for the first time in our adult life. This was a divine moment in a family where some had refused to believe in the existence of God. — 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.

True greatness

By Billy Murphy

Focal Passage — Mark 9:33-37; 10:35-45

Nothing shows how far the disciples were from realizing the real meaning of Jesus' Messianic concept as the incident in this passage. Repeatedly, he told them of what awaited him in Jerusalem yet they were still thinking of his Kingdom in terms of an earthly kingdom. Each disciple visualized the position of "chief minister of state" as being his personal responsibility. There is something heart-breaking in the thought of Jesus moving towards a cross while his disciples argue about whom would be greatest among them. When he asked them "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?" they had nothing to say. If we were to take everything that is said or done by each of us and consider the presence of Jesus, it would make all the difference in the world in our lives. There is no "if" about it, all deeds are done in his presence. Today, many followers of Jesus have a tendency to forget that he is present while we participate in conversations and actions unbecoming to the believer.

Family Bible Lesson

Jesus dealt with this incident very seriously. He took the position of a Rabbi teaching his pupils before he spoke. He sat with them and said, "If any man desires to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." When Jesus spoke of the supreme greatness and value of the man whose ambition was to be a servant, he laid down one of the greatest practical truths of all time.

In verses 36-37, Jesus is still dealing with the worthy and unworthy ambition. If a man welcomes the poor, ordinary ones who have no influence, no wealth, and no power, the people who need things done for them, he is welcoming Jesus. More than that, he is welcoming God. In effect Jesus is saying here that we should not seek out those who can do things for

us, but those for whom we can provide direction in their lives. "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brother ye have done it unto me."

James and John make their ambitions known in the next focal passage. Their request refers back to the incident of position in chapter 9. The incident tells us that they had completely failed to understand Jesus. Words were powerless to rid them of the idea of a Messiah of earthly power and glory. Only the cross would be able to do that. This story tells us something about James and John. No matter how bewildered they might be, they still believed in Jesus. It is amazing that these two could connect any glory at all with a Galilean carpenter who had incurred the enmity and the bitter opposition of the orthodox religious leaders of his day and who was apparently heading inevitably for a cross. There seems to be an amazing confidence and loyalty demonstrated here.

Jesus' response to James and John was to say that without a willingness on the part of a disciple to endure any hardship, there can never be a crown. One standard of greatness in the Kingdom is that of the cross toward which Jesus was headed. The final assignment of destiny is always the prerogative of God. Jesus demonstrated through his life that in the end the will of God was supreme.

When the other 10 disciples learned of the selfish request of James and John they were outraged. The previous controversy of greatness began again. Now, this could have wrecked the fellowship of the apostolic band had Jesus not taken immediate action. In the Kingdom of Jesus, he had indicated that greatness would be realized only through service to mankind.

The world needs people whose ideal is service. This is a principle that is so applicable to every facet of life. Discover the needs of people and assist them in satisfying those needs and you become a most successful servant of society. This is the principle Jesus taught his disciples and the legacy he has left for us today. — Murphy is Computer Consultant for West Carroll Special School District and a bivocational pastor, Howse Church, Atwood.

Trials and temptations

By James Growden

Focal Passage — James 1:2-4, 9-15, 26-27

Jesus' brother, James wrote this short book. It is one of the earliest epistles (before AD 50). He begins his epistle outlining some general characteristics of the Christian life in the first chapter.

In verses 2-4 (Living Bible), James says, "Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy." In the New International version it is "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds." I'm not very good at that. I'm human. James identified with his audience.

He is teaching that trials should be faced with an attitude of joy. Trials should not be seen as a punishment, a curse, or a calamity, but something that must prompt rejoicing. James addressed Christians warmly as "my brother" fifteen times in this book. He is a very concerned church leader.

The word "temptation" as used here refers to trials or testing. It does not mean an enticement to do evil or sin. While God tests us, he never provokes us to commit sin.

James doesn't say "if" the way is rough, but "when" it is rough. He assumes we will have trials and that it is possible to profit from them. He tells us to turn our hardships into times of learning. Rough times can teach us patience.

Explore the Bible Lesson

We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. It is easy to be kind when everything is going well, but can we still be kind when others are treating us unfairly? These trials should be opportunities for growth. Thank God for promising to be with us during the rough times. God will stay close by and help us grow. Verse 9 refers to a person of humble circumstances, without status or wealth. Such people are often overlooked, even in our churches today, but God does not overlook them.

If wealth, power, and status mean nothing to God, why do we attribute so much importance to them and honor those who possess them? What you have in your heart, not your bank account, matters to God and endures for eternity. The world's idea of happiness cannot provide lasting eternal benefits.

Temptation comes from evil desire within, not from God. It begins with an evil thought. It becomes sin when we dwell on the thought and allow it to become an action. Like a snowball rolling downhill, sin's destruction grows when we let sin have its way. The best time to stop a snowball is be-

fore it is too big or moving too fast to control.

It is easy to blame others and make excuses for evil thoughts and wrong actions. Excuses include (1) it's the other person's fault; (2) I couldn't help it; (3) everybody's doing it; (4) nobody's perfect; (5) I was pressured into it; (6) I didn't know it was wrong. A person who makes excuses is trying to shift the blame. A Christian should accept responsibility for his/her wrongs, confess them, and ask God for forgiveness.

James moves from the general to the more specific "not mere worship but doing..." Verse 26 describes some of the outcomes of yielding to temptations related to the use of the tongue, self-deception, and empty religion. The tongue is controlled by the mind. A person who claims to be religious, yet fails to control his/her tongue has a worthless religion.

The true religion mentioned in verse 27 indicates some of the outcomes of enduring trials and temptations. Thus, true religion expresses itself in loving service and in holy living. True religion includes both social ethics and personal ethics. The phrase "unstained by the world" refers to moral purity. This verse indicates that we are to be in the world rendering service to others, yet we are not to yield to the evil of the world. — Growden is a teacher and a bivocational pastor, Hillcrest Church, Nashville.



■ **Monty Fritts** was ordained as a deacon May 3 by Daysville Missionary Church, Rockwood.

■ Washington Pike Church, Knoxville, ordained **Clarence Thress** as a deacon April 26.



■ **Doug Westmoreland**, pastor, Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville, celebrated his 23rd anniversary recently.

■ **John Whisenant** has been called as associate pastor, outreach and discipleship, Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage. He has been vice president of tourism for Williamson County Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Amanda McGrady**, minister of youth and children, First Church, Erwin, has resigned.

■ **J. Andrew "Andy"**

Blackwell, was licensed as a minister by Pleasant Hill Church, Martin, on April 5. He is minister of youth and children at the church and is a public school teacher.



BLACKWELL

■ First Church, Fisherville, has called **Mason Reigger** of Jacksonville, Fla., as youth/activities minister, effective May 24. He has just graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

■ **Bob L. Spears**, associate pastor, minister of music/fellowship, First Church, Crossville, has been called as minister of music and counseling, Immanuel Church, Lebanon, effective May 27.



BREAKING GROUND recently for an addition to Pine Grove Church, Lexington, are leaders, from left, Don Penix, Paul Flowers, Diane Powers, Anita Hancock, Larry McPeake, Bobby Roberts, Guy Roberts, Dennis Britt, Johnny Moore, and Jimmy Burroughs, pastor. The new facility will include a 250-seat sanctuary, two classrooms and a nursery. The present sanctuary will be remodeled into classrooms.

■ **Paul Bowman**, minister of activities and education, Brownsville Church, Brownsville, has been called as minister of family life, Valley Grove Church, Knoxville.

■ **Gary Hardin** of Elizabethton has been called as pastor, First Church, Cold Springs.

■ Indian Hills Church, Galatin, and Bledsoe Creek Church, Bethpage, ordained **Joe Burnett** to the ministry May 3. Burnett is serving as pastor of Bledsoe Creek.

■ **Truman Brown** of Hendersonville, has been called as interim pastor, First Southern Church, Pikeville.

■ **Charles Braden**, pastor, New Faith Church, Nashville, recently celebrated his 17th anniversary of service there.

■ **Corey and Angie James**, youth directors, Birds Creek Church, Paris, served in Costa Rica recently.

■ **Dan Mallette**, pastor, Mount Zion Church, Alexandria, has resigned.

■ **Tim Bryant** has been called minister of students and education, North Cleveland Church, Cleveland.

■ Buchanan Church, Paris, recently called **Albert Clardy** of Benton, Ky., as pastor.

■ **W. Wilson Henderson**, minister of music/senior adults, Dalewood Church, Nashville, recently celebrated his 10th anniversary of service there.

■ **David Bennett** has been called as youth minister, Brook Hollow Church, Nashville.

■ **Sharon Felton**, minister of singles, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, has been called to be a campus minister at Georgetown (Ky.) College.

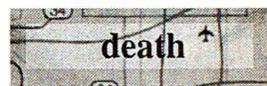
■ **John Parker**, minister of music and senior adults, Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville, has resigned, effective May 24. He will join an invest-



PARTICIPATING in an Experiencing God Weekend April 17-19. at First Church, Dover, are children, who had their own activities along with other age groups. The event was led by Clinton Baptist Association. It drew about 200 people. The association team traveled safely through areas being hit by tornados because the Dover church prayed for 24 hours just prior to the weekend. A Friday night assembly was held in a high school. One result was that one person made a profession of faith and several others made other spiritual decisions. — Photo by Charlotte Benson

ment counseling firm in Knoxville.

■ First Church, Pinewood, in Nunnely has called **Lee Ann Leeper** as minister of youth, effective June 1.



■ **Daniel R. Harrison**, 81, of Clarksville, died recently. He was a professor at Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark., 1967-91. Harrison also was a pastor in Maryland, Virginia, and Arkansas. The native of Obion County was a member of First Church, Clarksville.



■ **First Church, Grand Junction**, will serve in Townsend July 13-17.

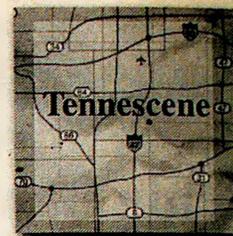
■ **Shandy Church, Bolivar**, will hold homecoming June 7.

■ The Friendship and Stewardship Bible classes of **Springfield Church, Springfield**, collected and sent 65 cases of food for the hungry people of North Korea. In addition, 100 coats and sweaters for children were sent.

■ **Churches in Clarksville** are holding a March for Jesus May 30 at 9 a.m. For more information, call (931) 906-5005.

■ **Pleasant Hill Church, Jackson**, will hold homecoming events June 7. Norman Culpepper will speak, the Watchman Quartet will perform, and a luncheon will be held.

■ On May 17, **First Church, Maryville**, held a groundbreaking for a Family Life/Christian Activity Center.



Miller May 24. He will speak at the two morning services and from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (615) 859-1346 or contact the church at fbc@nashville.com.

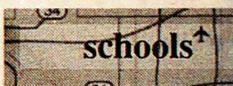
■ **Clear Creek Church, Crossville**, will hold revival beginning May 24. Danny Jenkins will speak.

■ **Haywood Hills Church, Nashville**, will celebrate its 40th anniversary May 31. Speakers include former staff members Thomas E. Irvin, Roger Shelton, Lloyd Elder, and Michael Day. The afternoon program will feature former members Mike Shelton and Kenneth Bush, who are now serving on the staffs of churches. For more information, contact the church at (615) 832-6909.



■ **New River Association** will hold an open house at its recently renovated office building on June 7 from 2-4 p.m.

■ The executive board of **Knox County Association** adopted a resolution May 11 asking Carson-Newman College trustees to return the nomination and election of their successors back to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The resolution passed by a 16-8 vote.



■ **Union University, Jackson**, has dedicated a Missionary Wall to honor the alumni who have served as career missionaries with the International Mission Board. It includes the names of more than 180 missionaries. The wall was inspired by Ramona Mercer, an alumna and former missionary.

■ **Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City**, gave Ed Freels, dean of natural sciences and mathematics, the college's highest honor, the distinguished faculty award. The presentation was made at the faculty honors banquet April 24. Several other faculty members also were honored.

■ **First Church, Goodlettsville**, will host a one-day prayer conference with Don