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Highland Heights provides facilities

Brinkley Heights finds help from sister church

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — When the sanctuary of Brinkley Heights Church here was deemed unsafe last July, Tim Cox, pastor, started trying to solve the problem. He went to neighboring churches to seek temporary facilities.

But the congregation of Brinkley Heights didn't want to move. So they borrowed a tent from Shelby Association and met in it through the winter.

Cox tried to explain the unusual action of his congregation. Most of the members have no family, as most think of family, except the congregation, he said. Many have little of which to be proud except the church, he added.

In addition, they have a commitment to the community, said Cox. Maybe they thought they were getting too comfortable, he added with a chuckle.

Although he has served the church for eight years, Cox admitted he doesn't completely understand the inner city culture.

What he does understand is the experience of the congregation May 24 during its last gathering in the sanctuary. After the morning service under the tent, the members moved into the small room.

The sanctuary had lost its familiarity because everything of value had been removed. But the members entered solemnly, said Cox. As planned, they formed a circle, grasped hands, and prayed.

"It was a final celebration of what had occurred in that church. It became a celebration of God's power to heal. Maybe it was symbolic because God was doing a new thing," said Cox.

Then May 30 the congregation moved to the Recreation Center of Highland Heights Church while it prepares to rebuild.

"I can't say enough about Highland Heights," said Cox.

Highland Heights is giving Brinkley Heights space equal to its former space and allowing it to use other parts of the facility when they are available.

The Recreation Center is the base for all of the summer ministries of Brinkley Heights, which are numerous because — See Brinkley, page 3



COX



SAM WILSON, center, assistant pastor of Brinkley Heights, helps members Larry Lyles, left, and Cathy Lyles move items from the church to Highland Heights Church. — Photos by Connie Davis



A PICKUP TRUCK driven by some volunteers helping with the move leaves Brinkley Heights Church. The congregation has been meeting in the tent on the right since July.

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Summer missionaries serving in Tennessee

Fifty-three summer missionaries from 12 states gather at a park during orientation conducted last week at the Baptist Center in Brentwood. The missionaries are appointed or assigned to service in Tennessee through the North American Mission Board and state Baptist Student Union offices. For more information, see page 4. — Photo by Connie Davis

TBC CP giving stable in May

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Despite a five-Sunday month gifts from Tennessee Baptist churches to the Cooperative Program in May totaled \$2,266,841.

Fifth Sunday contributions generally are counted in the total gifts for the following month.

For the year-to-date, Tennessee Baptists have given \$17,779,217, \$127,815, or 0.72 percent, over the same period a year ago.

The year-to-date budget need is \$17,561,550.

TBC Executive Director James Porch expressed gratitude for the support and offered a reminder to Tennessee Baptists.

"Vacation Bible School is an excellent occasion to introduce children to the ministry of the Cooperative Program," he said. ■

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To prevent abuse at church

Screening volunteer workers necessary, attorney says

focus on ministry

By Chip Alford
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — A Southern Baptist youth pastor in Florida is convicted of sexually molesting 12 boys. Enraged parents sue the church and receive a \$4.2 million judgment, four times the church's insurance coverage.

An insurance company in Oklahoma receives 93 church-related child abuse claims in one year.

In a nationwide survey of Southern Baptist pastors, 14.1 percent confess to "sexual behavior inappropriate to a minister."

With stories like these making headlines in recent years, one might envision church leaders across the country scurrying to adopt policies and procedures aimed at reducing the risk of sexual abuse in their congregations. But, with a few exceptions, an expert in church litigation issues says it just isn't happening.

"There are way too many Southern Baptist churches that aren't doing anything to minimize the risk of a minor being sexually touched, abused, or otherwise physically injured while involved in child care, day care, or church-related activities. A minority of churches have studied the issues, approved policies, and procedures to minimize risk and have actually implemented and are following and enforcing protective policies, but, sadly, the majority are way short of that," stated Steven Lewis, an Oklahoma City attorney who has led seminars across the country on legal issues impacting churches.

Sunday School director and chairman-elect of deacons at Quail Springs Church in Oklahoma City, Lewis also serves as

executive director of Church Forward, Inc., a private religious service corporation established to help churches deal with such issues. He has helped numerous churches and pastors through situations where true and false allegations of sexual misconduct and child abuse have been raised against them.

"When it comes to a court case, few of our churches are prepared to defend themselves. What would your pastor say if he were asked, 'Have you adopted and implemented policies to make sure that no one who has been accused of abuse has access to minors at church?' or 'Does your church interview potential workers, have them complete applications and perform adequate background checks?'"

"The vast majority of churches cannot answer 'yes' to those questions. The risks and potential damages are much larger if a plaintiff can show a jury that the church did nothing to protect its children and minors."

Lewis said many pastors and church leaders rest on the false assumption that "if 'it hasn't happened before, it won't happen in the future.' I have never represented a church that ever believed such an allegation would be filed against them, but when it happens, every one of them wishes they had taken action earlier. It is much easier to avoid these risks than it is to correct and pay for a situation where a minor is injured or abused. This has to be dealt with."

One of the "hot-button" topics related to preventing sexual abuse at church is the use of "screening forms" for volunteer and paid workers who have contact with minors (those 18 and younger).

While controversial to some, Lewis said that many churches who don't practice some form of screening have been held li-

able by courts for "negligently failing to take reasonable steps to protect minors entrusted to their care."

"But this is about much more than the possibility of huge settlements," he said. "This is about the damage sexual abuse can do to our children."

Lewis cited three reasons, in priority, why a church should have sexual abuse prevention policies and procedures in place:

- (1) To protect minors from abuse.
- (2) To protect paid and volunteer church workers from false allegations.
- (3) To protect the church from lawsuits.

While estimating only a "scattering" of churches across the Southern Baptist Convention are screening workers, Cindy Lumpkin of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Bible teaching-reaching division believes it will become a more common practice in the next few years.

"I think insurance companies are going to require it," Lumpkin, a preschool consultant, said.

That opinion is supported by a publication that monitors litigation issues for churches and the insurance industry. According to *Church Law and Tax Report*, the largest insurance companies that specialize in church coverage are now requiring that churches do criminal background checks, screenings, and sexual-abuse training for all employees and volunteers. If a church refuses, its liability coverage for sexual abuse may be dropped.

"Churches should really follow through with this because it is the right thing to do for children, workers, and the church as a whole," Lumpkin said.

"In an ideal world, this wouldn't be necessary. But we live and minister in the real world. This is in everyone's best interest," she added. ■

Co-written and arranged by Tennessee Baptist

Song on reconciliation to debut in state

By Carl M. White
Special to *Baptist and Reflector*

BALDWYN, Miss. — Written out of a lifetime of commitment to ministry, a love for Gospel music, and because of the request of a long-time friend, the song "Reconciled" by Mona Faith Fant and Dan Goeller was premiered at a Celebration of Reconciliation with Mt. Zion Community Church here on May 25.

Goeller, who co-wrote and arranged the music, is a member of Brentwood Church, Brentwood. He said the song can be used in different kinds of churches, whether they have contemporary or traditional styles of worship. "It appeals to people in a broad way," he said.

Fant said the idea for the song started when Richard Brogan asked her and her husband, Dan, to help in a reconciliation conference. Brogan is the consultant with the mission extension and associational administration department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board who focuses on relationships with African American churches.

"He also asked me if I would write a song about racial reconciliation. I told him that when I did a song on a specific theme I needed everything I could get about the subject," she said.

So Brogan sent her the material, along with

a book he had written about his 30 years in the ministry of racial reconciliation, and Fant wrote the words to "Reconciled."

Fant said the first part of the song deals with reconciliation between God and man. "This is the foundation for all reconciliation," she said. It ends focusing on reconciliation between Christians.

Fant, who sings under the name Mona Faith, is a recording artist. Her husband is pastor of a Baptist church in Canton, Miss.

Fant said she hopes the song helps promote reconciliation among the races. In the dedication, she wrote: "The choral arrangement is dedicated in particular to racial reconciliation and to all the faithful, godly leaders and followers of racial reconciliation, both present and those who walked before us."

The song "Reconciled" will have its Tennessee premier at the Mona Faith Gospel Jubilee June 19 at the Texas Troubadour Theater in Nashville. For ticket information, call (615) 885-0028. Tickets also are available at the Baptist Book Store in Nashville (615) 251-2500. ■



FANT

Preschool training slated for Aug. 8

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — A "WEI Pocket of Ideas" conference will be held Aug. 8 at First Church, Powell.

The conference is designed for all workers with preschoolers, and will grant license workers six hours of training as required by the state.

The keynote address will be given by Beth Cole of Chattanooga. Her topic is "Seven Kinds of Smart." Cole retired earlier this year as a preschool curriculum specialist for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Special interest conference will be led by Beth Chaney Chattanooga; Tina Collins Jacksboro; Jayne Simpson Huntington; Cindy Lumpkin Nashville; and Brenda Morri Knoxville. In addition, Cindy Martin, Waynesboro, will lead a session for teachers of infants and toddlers. Cost is \$2.

For more information, call Sue Raley, TBC Executive Board, at (615) 371-2082. ■

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Web site off to good start

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists are beginning to discover and use the new Tennessee Baptist Convention Web site.

The TBC Web site officially opened June 1.

"People are finding us on the Web and they are starting to contact us for more information. It's very exciting," said Denise Scott, ministry specialist for the TBC Executive Board's Communication Services Group who worked closely with the company which designed the Web site.

"We are getting a lot of good feedback from our constituents across the state," Scott added. "That's very encouraging."

One feature of the Web site is links to Tennessee Baptist churches that have

their own sites, Scott said.

Currently there are approximately 41 churches linked to the TBC Web site.

"We encourage churches not on our list who have Web sites to let us know and we can include them," Scott said.

In addition, churches with a Web site are welcome to put the TBC as a link on their page to give easy access, she said.

The TBC Web site includes information on the many services offered by the TBC Executive Board ministries, including event information, missions opportunities, camp schedules, CP information, and much more.

The site also includes links to TBC and SBC institutions, churches, and the *Baptist and Reflector*.

Tennessee Baptists also can e-mail Executive Board staff members from the site. *B&R*

Former Tennessee Baptists involved in first MAMFC degree program at NOBTS

Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — A husband and wife team, both native Tennesseans, were involved in the first master of arts in marriage and family counseling (MAMFC) degree offered at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"We live in a day when our world is searching for Christian therapists who have a strong foundation in sound Christian theology, biblical studies, and who are trained in distinctively Christian psychology," said Philip Coyle, associate professor of psychology and counseling at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Coyle is the son of Bruce and Joan Coyle of Jefferson City and former staff member at Manley Church, Morris-town.

Coyle said the MAMFC de-

gree will meet the highest national standards for licensure both in marriage and family therapy and in professional counseling.

The MAMFC is not only unique, but also practical, said Coyle. It was designed to meet state requirements for licensure as a professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, National Board Certified Counselor, and clinical membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, which in part establishes licensure laws for family therapists in all 50 states, Coyle added.

By completing the MAMFC degree at NOBTS, as opposed to a university or college, graduates will be prepared and fully qualified for numerous positions, including family life and enrichment ministries, church staff

counselor, social service and counseling ministries, and more.

Coyle's wife, Judi, of Memphis, was among the first graduates to receive the degree.

The Coyles, certified leaders through the Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment, have led conferences and counseled couples in crisis.

Mrs. Coyle initially supported her husband's ministry "by raising our sons, Chris and Andrew, when they were young. Most recently with God's grace and timing, I have had an opportunity to gain a broader understanding of counseling and theological principles by completing my own education, which has enhanced my work with people who struggle with life's demands," she said. ■



Brinkley Heights Church finds help from sister church ...

— Continued from page 1

it is a part of Southern Baptists' Mississippi River Ministry (MRM).

About 700 volunteers from about 35 churches across the United States will converge at the church's new site this summer. To direct the activities, the church staff of three has swollen to 12 because of the infusion of summer missionaries, reported Cox.

Youth and adult volunteers will work at nine different inner city locations. They will lead activities for children and do community revitalization, he explained.

Summer activities will involve Highland Heights Church because of the new relationship between the two churches, reported Durwood Howard, interim minister of education/administration of Highland Heights.

Children from Brinkley Heights will participate in the Vacation Bible School of Highland Heights and MRM volunteers will help lead it. The youth of Highland Heights will participate in the MRM ministries and the two church youth groups may join together at times, added Howard. And finally, Highland Heights may incorporate its clothing ministry with that of Brinkley Heights.

The relationship also "speaks volumes to our community," said Howard. It reflects a recent action of Highland Heights. The congregation voted to relocate east but rescinded its vote so it could

minister in the inner city.

In addition to summer activities, the Ministry Center of Brinkley Heights will continue to offer food, clothing, health care, and tutoring at the new site. It is directed by Sam Wilson, assistant pastor.

Wilson and Cox serve the church along with Audette Jenkins although the congregation cannot afford to pay them. Wilson and Cox develop their own financial support and Jenkins, a semester missionary, receives funds from the North American Mission Board.

Funds from NAMB and Tennessee Baptist Executive Board ministries also help support the church's Ministry Center. And funds from the Golden State Missions Offering have funded church projects.

Wilson said he had never worked in the inner city before serving Brinkley Heights. The former mechanical engineer and recent graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, described "a different kind of normal in the city."

After serving here three years he has learned that everyone in this community has been affected by drugs, crime, divorce, and abuse. "There are lots of broken, hurting families."

Jenkins of Montgomery, Ala., is a recent graduate of Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. She said God shifted her commitment from a career as a United Nations ambassador or in diplomatic work to Brinkley Heights.

Jenkins learned about the ministry while serving with World Changers, a program which involved youth in short-term missions projects in the U.S., which at that time was directed by the Baptist Brotherhood Commission based in Memphis.

Since August, Jenkins has served the church and worked part-time at a company which manages benefits programs.

She quit recently so she could direct the summer ministries full-time.

Jenkins said she had resisted missions work to avoid working in a poor country. Her work in Memphis is just as tough,

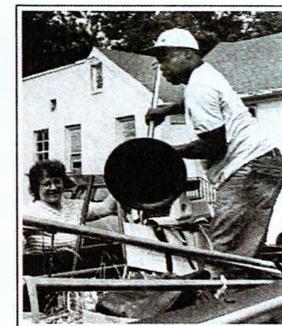
she guessed, but she's happy.

"I see God's hands all over this place, so I want to be involved," she said.

Cox asked for prayer that Brinkley Heights Church can raise the money to rebuild. *B&R*



HELPING MOVE are Karen Mathis, left, of Colonial Church and Rebecca Wilson of Brinkley Heights, as Mac Mathis watches.



PACKING A PICKUP truck are Ethel Doty of Leewood Church, Memphis, and Harold Wiggins of Brinkley Heights Church.



MOVING CLOTHES from the clothing ministry are volunteers Ethel Doty, left, and Connie Doyle of Leewood Church, Memphis.



PAUSING DURING MOVING day outside of the Highland Heights Recreation Center are leaders, from left, Durwood Howard of Highland Heights; Audette Jenkins of Brinkley Heights; and members of Brinkley Heights, Willie Harris, Cathy Lyles, Larry Lyles, Leslie Lyles, Christy Erwin, and James Erwin.



Fifty-three serving in Tennessee

Summer missionaries prepared for service

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Fifty-three summer missionaries from 12 states who have begun serving in Tennessee received orientation June 1-3 at the Baptist Center here. The orientation was led by Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board ministries staff. Below the missionaries are pictured

during their visit to a city park here.

Summer missionaries seek the roles through Baptist Student Unions, student events, or local recruitment, reported Rodney Wilson of the Executive Board ministries staff. He was assisted in the orientation by Beverly Smothers and Bruce Edwards of Executive Board ministries.

The students are appointed or assigned to service through the North American Mission Board and state Baptist Student Union offices, Smothers explained.

They include college-age and high school age students, the latter of which is termed a Sojourner. Additionally, some of the missionaries are Innovators who work in secular jobs

as well as ministry-related service.

The summer missionaries are serving 10 weeks in a variety of ministries ranging from leading Vacation Bible Schools, resort ministry, camps, creative worship experiences, and working at missions centers, Smothers said.

The orientation provided training in ministry and rela-

tionship building. Insurance for most was provided by NAMB. Orientation was made possible by the Collegiate Missions Fund and the Golden State Missions Offering. *B&R*



OCOEE OUTREACH missionaries include, from left, back row, Steve Roper, supervisor; Greg Jones; John Rush; first row, Amanda Myers; Michelle McCluskey, supervisor; and Brittnee Slaughter.



eXalt CREATIVE MINISTRIES TEAM missionaries are, from left, back row, Kent Shingleton, supervisor; Nathan Travis; Holly Schrimsher; Bruce Edwards, supervisor; front row, Jaime Shirley; Garin Hill; and Cindy Bright.



PROCLAIM TRAVELING MISSIONS TEAM missionaries are, from left, back row, Kent Shingleton, supervisor; Kelly Ayers; Kim Thomas; Bruce Edwards, supervisor; front row, Sean Connable; Cory Cook; and Justin Randolph. — Photos by Connie Davis



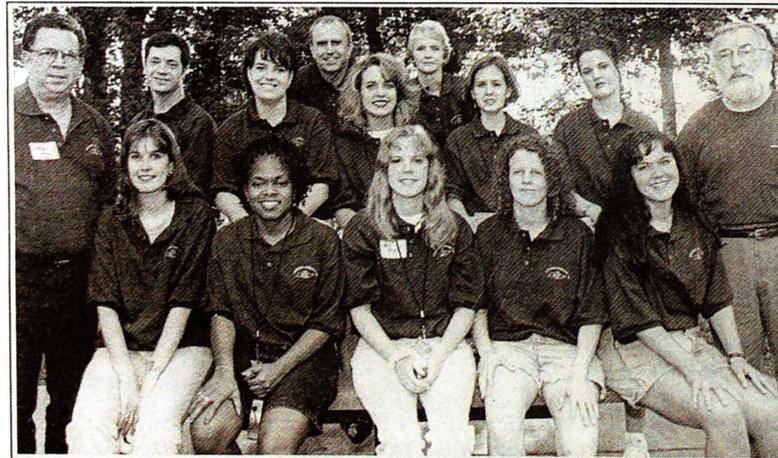
APPALACHIAN OUTREACH missionaries are from left, back row, Beverly Smothers, state office; Taylor Entrekin; front row, Amanda McKenzie; Kate Lewis; and Jean-Ann Washam.



CAMP AGAPE missionaries are, from left, back row, Bob Weaver, supervisor; Matt Deibler; Mark Duggin; Patrick Wimberly; Chris Nichols; front row, Stephanie Bass; Emily Akins; and Heather Williams.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN RESORT MINISTRIES missionaries are, from left, back row, Bill Black, supervisor; Paige Sylvester; Amy Salerno; Brittnee Slaughter; Josh Walker; front row, Lee Donovan; and Tim Payne.



OTHER MISSIONARIES are, from left, back row, Richard Lewelling and Carol Vaughan, supervisors; middle row, Jason Clark; Keri Storey; Carrie Cagle; Hope Weaver; Jennifer Allan; Tom Everett, supervisor; front row, Duncan Carver, supervisor; Heather Shimek; Linda Hayes; Misti Atwell; Stacy Wildes; and Janie Longworth.



MISSISSIPPI RIVER MINISTRY missionaries are, from left, back row, Andrea Boyer; Tim Cox, supervisor; Trish Blanton; middle row, Denise Owen; Dawn Peek; Kathryn Blair; Jason Cox; front row, Audette Jenkins; Jessica Black; Danny Morris; and Janna Lofton.

Vacation Bible School — a program for eternity

By Lonnie Wilkey
Interim Editor

Church programs have come and gone over the years. Among the ones that have endured the test of time has been Vacation Bible School.

Though it has been many years since I attended Vacation Bible School, I have vivid memories about various elements of VBS. I grew up in a small country church in South Carolina. We would kick off a two-week VBS with a parade through the community. And at the end of the two weeks we would have grilled hamburgers on Friday night. That was long before there was a fast food place on every corner. I also remember the Bible stories, activities, and crafts. I remember how proud I was when I was chosen to carry the flag during the procession.



Approaches and methods have changed, but the goal of VBS has been constant — to introduce children to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hundreds of Tennessee Baptist churches will be conducting Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Children, many of whom do not attend church normally, will be invited to Vacation Bible Schools across the state. Opportunities will abound to impact the lives of children with the saving message of Jesus Christ and to teach them various aspects of Southern Baptist life, particularly the Cooperative Program. Many churches use the offering children collect during VBS to send to the Cooperative Program.

Literally thousands of children have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior through VBS participation. And, if churches follow up on decisions, scores of parents and other siblings who do not attend church also can be reached. In addition, scores of adult

leaders in churches today participated in VBS when they were children.

Admittedly VBS is different today than when I attended. The Baptist Sunday School Board has done a good job of modernizing the look of VBS without taking away from the Gospel message.

Some people don't like what they perceive as "gimmicks." Last year VBS had a western theme; this year it has a space theme.

We must realize kids have more options today than 30 years ago. I didn't have anything else to do, Vacation Bible School was a "big deal" for me.

Today, kids are involved in so many activities, that VBS is "just something else to do." If it takes special packaging to create interest, so be it as long as the message does not change.

Whether children are "rounded up" or "blasted off" really does not matter. What does matter is that there are and there will be people in heaven who are there because of Vacation Bible School. It is truly a program that achieves eternal results. **B&R**



just for today

by Fred Wood,
pastor emeritus,
Eudora Church,
Memphis



Start with a smile

Prospective employer: "If you take this job, your salary will be \$200 per week." Prospective employee: "That's not enough. I want \$400 per week." Employer: "But you have no experience. You've never done this kind of work before." Employee: "I know. The work is much harder when you don't know how to do it."

Take this truth

Not everyone who seeks a job is looking for work. Not everyone who wants a promotion is looking for more responsibility. Rest and play are the desserts of life. Work is the meal. Only an immature person dreams of a "dessert diet" only.

Memorize this Scripture

"Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." — Matthew 20:4

Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me to realize the true reward of work is the joy of doing the work well." ■

Don't forget God during vacations, pastor reminds

from the church

by Russ Stephens
pastor
Silver Springs Church
Mount Juliet

With school coming to a close, many have great vacation plans for the summer. If you are going on vacation, I hope you will have fun, get some rest, and return safely. I know you will want to honor the Lord this summer, even on vacation. I want to share some suggestions I came across this past week that will help accomplish that.

(1) Take God with you on your vacation. Be a missionary. You may have a grand opportunity to share your faith in Jesus. One of the things I look forward to on vacation is Sunday and worshipping with the Lord in a church other than my normal worship atmosphere. I would encourage you to do the same. Be sure to take your Bible and continue your daily times of being alone with God.

(2) Don't rob God financially because of your vacation. Remember, the church's ministries need to be supported in the summer, ministries must be conducted, and financial obligations are just as great in the summer as the rest of the year. Let me en-

courage you to do one of three things when you plan to leave on vacation — give your tithe the Sunday before you leave for the next Sunday, leave it with someone or mail your tithe; or give your tithe for the Sunday(s) you missed when you return home.

Sometimes we are tempted to spend God's tithe for vacation expenditures and bills. I trust Satan will not manipulate you in this area.

(3) Get someone to take your place of service while you are gone. Please do not leave your place of service unfilled. Consult with your organizational director or the pastor for assistance in providing for the work at church.

(4) Honor God in vacation activities. Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." You may also want to visit some of our work where you are going or on your way to your destination. You can contact the North American Mission Board for places of interest.

(5) Be faithful to church as soon as you return. Sometimes people come home after vacationing and then wait weeks to become active in the Lord's work again. I would encourage you to be present the Wednesday or Sunday after you return. ■

Excuses plentiful for those running from God's call

guest analysis

by Erich Bridges
International Mission Board
Richmond, Va.

Missions isn't just for missionaries. Never has been. But more than ever before, evangelical leaders now agree that biblical missions involves mobilizing every Christian in every church for the unfinished task.

Your assignment — should you choose to accept it — may be career missionary, or short-term, or volunteer. It may be as a local "mobilizer," entrusted by God with the challenge of teaching and training others to go.

Your job description definitely includes becoming a prayer warrior. That means staying well informed about specific mission fields, ministries, and unreached peoples, so you can storm the gates of Gospel resistance on your knees.

Air travel, e-mail, and other modern technologies make missions awareness, communication and direct participation easier and faster than anyone dreamed possible a generation ago.

But just because God's people are finally realizing that his world mission is everyone's task, you don't have to get personally involved — or, heaven forbid, watch your children and grandchildren move away to some foreign field!

Here, passed on by Teen Mania Ministries, is a tongue-in-cheek list of practical ways to "avoid the draft" into the Lord's army:

(1) Ignore Jesus' command in John 4:35 to look at the fields white unto harvest. This could lead to genuine missionary concern.

(2) Have a good, socially acceptable target ahead of you, such as promotion, bigger home, better car, etc.

(3) Note to youth: Get married as soon as possible so you can devote your life to settling down, raising a family, and sav-

ing up for old age. That way you won't have time to give the Lord a year or two of your life overseas as a young adult.

(4) Stick to generalities. Never allow the stark needs of specific mission fields to make an impact on you.

(5) Never have personal contact with missionaries. The situations they describe are disturbing and contrast with Western materialistic living.

(6) Insist that your theology rules out specific, personal direction from God. Alternate strategy: Claim you don't have "the missionary calling." Apply this even to local outreach or short-term volunteer mission participation.

(7) Stay busy! Always bow to the tyranny of the urgent and avoid the strategic.

(8) Rationalize. If 250,000 missionaries around the world now can't finish the job, what difference would you make?

(9) Develop a closed-door mentality. Remember, Albania, Pakistan, Tibet, and North Korea all deny visas

from time to time.

(10) Develop a "national church can do it" attitude. Never investigate the tiny percentage of the population Christians in many countries constitute, or the severe limitations of their resources.

(11) Focus all your attention on the evils of your own society. Fair-minded Christians will applaud your concern for the "unsaved right here at home." Missions begins at home; make sure it ends there, too.

(12) Always remember your failures. Expect you will never improve. Besides, you're not ready to go — maybe you never will be. Ignore the examples of Peter, Moses, etc.

(13) Always look at mission workers as super-spiritual people, saintly characters with extraordinary gifts. This will heighten your sense of inadequacy and remove any guilt about failing to be like them.

(14) Avoid all books that emphasize the ability of the Holy Spirit to change lives and provide power for service. ■

Partnership Prayer Requests

June

10 — Pray for GA/Acteens camps in Michigan later this month and in July.

11 — Pray for members of Living Word Chinese Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, who have bought the building where they meet for \$1.3 million.

12 — Pray for a four-member Tennessee volunteer team led by Bradley County Association DOM Mike Rogers. They will do leadership training June 13-21 in Costa Rica.

13 — Pray for a 26-member team led by Tennessee Baptist Foundation President Bo Childs who will construct a chapel in Rio June 21-30.

14 — Pray for a Michigan missions pastors' retreat to be held July 10-11.

15 — Pray for the Canadian Baptist Seminary in Cochrane, Alberta, Canada, during its summer renovations.

16 — Pray for Madison-Chester and Crockett Associations, a part of Mississippi River Ministry. Volunteers are needed for various ministries.

SBC CP gifts down for year

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts were down in May and for the year, according to Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

In May, the SBC received \$12,835,511 in gifts compared to \$14,014,953 last May, a drop of 8.42 percent.

For the fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1997, through May 31, CP gifts total \$104,076,805, a .72 percent decrease over the \$104,834,013 given at the same time last year.

Designated gifts in May of \$18,294,230 were down. For the year-to-date, however, designated gifts total \$122,773,822, an increase of 2.52 percent over last year at the same time. ■

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Other schools join stance against Sunday competition

Baptist Press

BUIES CREEK, N.C. — A North Carolina Baptist college's stance against competing on Sundays has drawn the required support of 30 other colleges to force the National Collegiate Athletic Association to take another look at a rule change adopted by the Division 1 board of directors.

In April, the Division 1 board eliminated the requirement that championship schedules be adjusted to accommodate a school's policy against Sunday competition.

As of May 26, 32 other requests for an override vote of the Division 1 change had been received by the NCAA, according

to a news release from Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C. Among those were two other Baptist-related schools — Baylor in Waco, Texas, and Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

The requests for an override will require, initially, that the Division 1 board of directors review its adoption of Proposal 98-32. Ten board members voted for the change on April 23, one abstained, and four were absent.

If the board does not rescind Proposal 98-32, a vote of Division 1's active members will be taken at the NCAA's January 1999 annual meeting, with a five-eighths majority needed for an override.

Campbell University has had a policy against Sunday competi-

tion since its founding in 1887. The university joined the NCAA Division 1 ranks in the 1977-78 academic year. In the 1990s, various Fighting Camel teams have advanced to NCAA post-season competition in several sports. Campbell University left the Big South Conference several years ago over the issue of Sunday competition.

The recent NCAA rule change also is opposed by Brigham Young University in Utah, which 35 years ago was instrumental in the NCAA's adoption

of Bylaw 31.1.4.1, often referred to as the "BYU" rule, which called for accommodation of colleges' policies against Sunday competition. If 100 requests for an override are received by the NCAA by July 6, Proposal 98-32 will be suspended until the override vote.

"We are gratified to know that there is a national concern about this unfortunate change in a time-honored policy of the NCAA ...," Campbell University President Norman A. Wiggins said. ■

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Unforgiving

By Paul Medley

Focal Passage — Luke 15:25-30; 17:3-4; Ephesians 4:32-5:2

When is forgiveness really forgiveness? In the account of the prodigal son's return home the elder brother never says whether or not he is happy to see his younger brother. Instead he is too busy brooding over what he did not get. Dealing with an unforgiving spirit is the subject of this lesson.

Over 20 years had passed since the church had divided over the issue of a pastor. Now, their pastor, one of 13 in the last 20 years, asked if I would come and preach a revival at his new church. Services went well, there were several decisions, but a heaviness hung in the air throughout the series of services. On the last evening I decided to ask one of the deacons about the history of the church.

He told me that his brother sat in the right hand back corner of the sanctuary and he sat in the left hand front corner of the sanctuary. They had not spoken to one another in over 20 years. Their dispute lingered for one brother was unwilling to forgive the other brother for being the pastor's "favorite."

This incident so echoed the problems of the prodigal son and his older brother. One could not let go of his jealousy. We do not know the outcome of the older brother's attitude. But we do know that jealousy, sin, separates us from our right relationship to God in Christ. In this case it also separated family and church members. That is what an unforgiving spirit will do.

If we are Christians then we do not have an option when it comes to forgiving others, we are commanded to forgive. Unfortunately few Christians want to forgive as the Bible teaches. That is, to forgive unconditionally, without any strings attached. Too often our forgiveness hinges on the word "if." "I will forgive you if you promise never to do it again." "I will forgive you if..." This type forgiveness is not biblical.

Biblical forgiveness is not dependent upon "ifs." Biblical forgiveness is unconditionally offered to all who will receive this forgiveness through Christ Jesus. We repent, turn from sin, and turn to Christ, in order to fully receive all that God in Christ offers. We confess, tell God we are aware of our sin and our need for forgiveness, in order for God and man to know the desires of our heart. We believe, an act of faith, that we may receive his forgiveness.

We are forgiven in order to forgive others. I have three children, all teenagers. There is no way to logically estimate the number of times I have forgiven them for things they have done or left undone. Nor could they count the number of times they have forgiven me. Yet, we still forgive one another. Why? Because we love one another. Are we not brothers and sisters in Christ? And, are we not commanded to love one another? Indeed, the Scripture says, "By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Over 500 years ago Thomas a Kempis wrote his great devotional book, *The Imitation of Christ*. In it he sought to give practical advice on how to be an effective Christian and how to overcome the world. One chapter is entitled, "Deny Self and Imitate Christ." The essence of this passage is caught in the words "Imitate Christ."

Imitation is a child-like characteristic. I love to watch families with small children. Children will stand, walk, use hand gestures, and even have the posture of a parent. Children learn much of what they know of life and relationships by imitating those around them. As children of the Heavenly Father should we not imitate him? And, is not the highest imitation love? — Medley is pastor, First Church, Jasper.

Job's questions

By Richard Skidmore

Focal Passage — Job 1:1-4, 8-11; 2:3-6; 3:1-3

It is of note that this story begins with Job as an adult. We are not told of his childhood family, his upbringing, the successes and failures that brought him to this station of life. We begin with a man described by God as upright, one who fears God, who shuns evil. He is a man of character, with God at the center of his life.

The book opens with angelic beings coming to report to God. It is evident from the record that they all are accountable to the Lord, limited by him. Satan was among them. When questioned about his activity, he reported his travels in the earth (ch. 1:7), and it would seem from the question put to him (v. 8), that he had come as the adversary and accuser of humanity.

Family Bible Lesson

When the Lord presented to this enemy of mankind the faithfulness of Job, Satan quickly accused Job of materialism instead of having a pure heart committed to God. Without "his house ... all that he hath," he would turn upon God. Satan was granted permission to try the faithfulness of Job. A similar accusation was made against Job in the second conversation between God and Satan. Satan was sure that Job was so self-centered that he had not complained at the loss of possessions and even his children. He said that Job was really only interested in his own "skin" and if his health failed, he would surely curse God. Again, Satan was permitted to vex Job by attacking his health. One's attention is drawn to the true nature of our adversary. He went immediately to the limit in his attacks. He destroyed all Job's possessions, all his children,

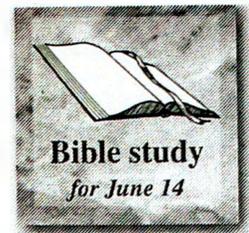
his body from "the sole of his foot unto his crown." He set out at once to kill, to destroy.

Job's reactions are monuments to the faith and reverence ascribed to him by the Lord. In the face of the initial tragedies, he responded by his faith in the total ownership of all by the Lord, and by recognizing God's right to recall any and all at his choosing.

Even at the failing of his health, Job did not exhibit the behavior Satan had predicted. His remarks were not of himself, but of the sovereignty of God (ch. 2:10). His faith in God's ultimate control of all was not shaken. His commitment to the wisdom of God and the love of God causing him to act in the best possible way in his relationship to us is worthy of our emulation by all. When we realize the amount of revelation Job had compared to those of us who live this side of the Incarnation, the faith of Job seems incredible.

We should bear in mind that the activities that had taken place in heaven were unknown to Job. He was unaware of why these tragedies had befallen him. After a cycle of seven days, in the presence of friends whom he probably thought would be sympathetic to his pain and sorrow, with no light given to help him see why, how long, where he was going, Job openly expressed his travail. Job saw his birth as disastrous. He desired the peace that death would bring. He seemed puzzled that what light he had only compounded the apparent misery of his condition. Any hope for the future was exceedingly dim.

His questions and the ensuing remarks from his friends would center upon the causes of human suffering, the possible benefit of adversity, of the need for some word from God when man is in trouble. We would do well to remember Job's continuing faith in God's omnipotence, his benevolence, his ability to intervene, his wisdom. — Skidmore is director of missions, Weakley Association, Dresden.



The holiness God expects

By Jim Powers

Focal Passage — 1 Peter 1:13-25

Because we have received the redeeming blood of Christ, God expects us to live holy lives as Christians. When we belong to Jesus it is appropriate for us to abandon the sinful lifestyle we had prior to salvation. Living holy lives should be the primary thrust of the Christian life. The living of a holy life is not easily accomplished.

Becoming like God is the production of salvation in our lives. The long robes people wore in biblical times were often gathered up and tied at their waists so they could move freely. In the same manner Peter is encouraging us to focus our minds on things that allow us to serve God sacrificially.

The patterns of our former being should be obedient to the revelation of Jesus. Christian holiness is found in God, himself. Children of God are set apart. Holiness does not mean Christians can be perfect while in this life but certainly they are meant to be unique in their living.

The remainder of verse 17 is that God is not only the father but also the judge. There is certainly a reverential fear element in our faith. This fear is awe rather than fright.

Peter includes a gentle reference

Explore the Bible Lesson

about the cost of Christian redemption. Corruptible things like silver and gold could not redeem lost humanity. It took the life blood of God's perfect son, Jesus Christ. The Old Testament sacrificial system required a lamb without spot or blemish so also did the New Testament sacrifice require a perfect lamb, Jesus Christ.

Before finite time began God had already developed the plan for man's redemption. God knows and has always known everything. God saw the end from the beginning. Without the resurrection of Jesus from the dead the plan for redemption of lost humanity would have failed.

As verse 21 ends two words essential in our relationship with God are mentioned. Faith brings us into a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Hope is divine assurance there is an eternal inheritance waiting for the Christian.

The purifying of the soul comes as a result of obedience to God's truth. The obedience reference is

most easily applied to the conversion experience.

Energetic love for fellow believers, "one another" seems to be a telltale sign of the Christians relationship of love for father, God.

To be "born again" of imperishable seed indicates the eternal nature of the salvation experience. The physical seed will perish as dust returns to dust but the spiritual seed will not perish but remains viable through out eternity.

Scripture, the holy Word of God is alive and will endure the test of time. Drawing from Isaiah, Peter emphasizes the powerful force of God's Word, Scripture. Everything in nature, "withers and dies" but not so with the living Word of God, it will survive and thrive until the end of eternity.

The final emphasis is that Christian redemption is just as long lasting as is the holy Word of God, forever. — Powers is director of missions, Concord Association, Murfreesboro.



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." Colossians 3:12

TBC events

■ A Conversational English Workshop for people who would like to teach English as a Second Language to those who speak no or little English will be held July 10-13 at the Hardeman County Association office in Bolivar. Nina Clark, literacy missions specialist, will lead the workshop. Registration fee is \$20 and the deadline is June 26. For more information, including times of the sessions, call Judy Hurst, TBC Executive Board ministries, at (615) 371-7916.

associations

■ Salem Association held an "appreciation reception" May 31 at Auburn Church, Auburntown, for Thurman and Laura Seber. Seber recently resigned after 13 years as director of missions in the association to become pastor of Upper Helton Church, Alexandria. Mrs. Seber also served as the association's secretary.

■ The executive board of Shelby Association, at its May 18 meeting, authorized moderator Danny Sinquefield

to write a letter to the trustees of Carson-Newman College requesting them to reverse their decision to appoint their own board of trustees. A letter also was sent to the trustees of Union University affirming them on their recent resolution which reaffirmed the historic relationship between Union and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

■ McMinn-Meigs Association is sponsoring a summer missions trip Aug. 2-7 related to Mississippi River Ministry. The association will assist Ardmore Church, Memphis, with their Vacation Bible School.

■ Churches in Weakley County Association observed Pastor Appreciation Day June 7.

■ New River Association held an open house June 7 to highlight the renovation of its office building.

leaders

■ David Luster began duties May 3 as pastor of Greenville Church, Church Hill.

■ Gary Stamper has been called as music director of Orebank Church, Kingsport.

■ Gordon Enger has been elected minister of missions for



CONCORD ASSOCIATION sponsored its annual country ham breakfast May 24, hosted by Southeast Church, Murfreesboro. Employees of the Baptist Center in Brentwood were the association's guests. Among the participants were, from left, TBC Executive Director James Porch, host pastor Don Edwards, Concord Association Director of Missions James H. Powers, Tim Fisher, Christian education director for Concord and pastor of Eagleville Church; and Charles Nored, BSU director, Middle Tennessee State University.

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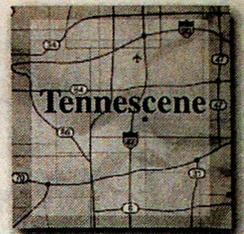
■ A special celebration May 17 at First Church, Bean Station, marked two milestones in the life of Pastor Raymond Long. May 18 marked both his 65th birthday and his 40th year in the ministry. A large number of friends and members of former pastorates shared the memorable day with Long who has been at First Church since 1994.

■ First Church, Adamsville, has called Bobby McCord as full-time minister to children and youth. He formerly was bivocational.

churches

■ Laneview Church, Kenton, conducted revival recently with Ronnie Coleman. There were 23 people saved and several rededications.

■ First Church, Somerville, held a one-day revival June 7 which featured Lynn Prather, a student at Mid-America Seminary who recently completed a two-week mission trip to Moldova, formerly a part of the Soviet Union.



SEVIER COUNTY Association Director of Missions Richard Everet, right, recently presented a check from churches in the association to Pastor Richard Stout of First Church, Roan Mountain. The church's building was condemned because of flood waters earlier this year.

■ Members of New Home Church, Baxter, will participate in decoration activities at the church cemetery on June 14.

Students with Tennessee ties graduate from Southern Baptist seminaries

For Baptist and Reflector

Students with Tennessee ties graduated in May from New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS), Wake Forest, N.C., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (SBTS), Louisville, Ky.

Southwestern and Midwestern seminary graduates were printed in the May 27 issue of the Baptist and Reflector.

Photos and information on graduating students were provided to the Baptist and Reflector by the seminaries. Information is listed in this order — name, name of home church and location (home town used when church not provided), school, degree.

Abbreviations of degrees are as follows: bachelor of arts in biblical studies (B.A.); bachelor of general studies (B.G.S.); doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.); master of divinity (M.D.); master of arts in Christian education (M.A.C.E.); master of divinity in Christian education (M.D.C.E.); master of divinity in Christian education (M.D.C.E.); master of divinity with biblical languages (M.D.B.L.); master of divinity in pastoral counseling (M.D.P.C.); master of divinity in missions, evangelism, and church growth



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Photos were not available for Brian Fields, SBTS, Maryville, M.D., and Kenneth Eudy, Eva Church, Eva, M.D. ■



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