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BRENTWOOD — Baptist and Reflector Day is set for Sunday, Aug. 16.

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Congregation gives to missions for first time

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

BEAN STATION — When Randy Morgan, 26, was called as pastor of Rock Haven Missionary Church here three years ago, he began serving as a pastor for the first time.

Since then he's learned a lot, he said. He's learned about challenges. The church's five members called him as pastor.

And he's learned about missions. For the first time in its history, as much as it is known, Rock Haven is giving to the Cooperative Program and Grainger Association.

Morgan also has learned about the support of fellow Baptists. Because of that support, the congregation is building additional space which will include its first classrooms and bathrooms with indoor plumbing.

One of the results of all of the changes at Rock Haven is a growing congregation, said Morgan, a bivocational pastor who farms and does full-time maintenance work for a nursing home. He reported on a recent Sunday morning the church drew 30 to Sunday School and about 50 to worship.

All of this is unusual when one considers the church was closed for five years before First Church, Bean Station, reintroduced activities in 1995. Rock Haven is located several miles outside of rural Bear Station.

The developments also are unusual when considering the

church's traditions. It was a member of the Mulberry Gap Association prior to its reopening. Neither its members nor Morgan knew about the assistance offered to churches by Baptist agencies.

They learned about such help from David Tydings, director of missions, Grainger Association. When he became aware of the church's need to build, he referred Morgan to Bill George of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries. George met with Morgan and several members.

George learned the church had raised \$4,500 to build an addition. Members had raised the money through efforts like benefit music programs and bake sales, but also by going to businesses and collecting donations.

Members were glad to learn about building grants available from the Golden State Mission Offering. And they were pleased to meet the requirements for a grant by giving to the Cooperative Program and associational missions.

The members understood they would be helping other congregations needing assistance, said George.

The congregation began giving 7 percent of its total offerings to the Cooperative Program. It already was giving to the association, said Morgan, and increased those gifts to 3 percent.

Several weeks after the meeting with George, Morgan



RANDY MORGAN stands in front of Rock Haven Missionary Church, Bean Station, which he serves as pastor. He is leading the church in its first building program in many years.

prepared to announce at an evening service the grant check for \$8,000 had arrived. He was so solemn many members thought he was going to report he had been called to another church. "After it was all over with, we all had a good laugh," he said.

Since then, the members "have really worked," said Morgan. When they discovered an area couldn't be dug mechanically, members dug it by hand. Men and women dug an area 12 feet by 24 feet and about three feet deep in a week, he said proudly. Even children have worked on the addition.

"When we do something, most of the time they (the members) come together," said Morgan, "giving it their very best, and that's what it takes."

The members did just that recently to hold a Vacation Bible School, reported Morgan, which he introduced to the congregation along with using educational literature.

An average of 35 children and youth attended, including many from "this poor valley community," said Morgan.

To respond to the poverty, the children are given gifts each year like WWJD bracelets. However, the youth give offerings too and they give sacrificially, said Morgan. "Here in the valley \$2 is like \$30 to some somewhere else."

All of the church's accomplishments are due to God's blessings, said Morgan. God has been directing fellow Baptists, including many local Baptists, to help them, he explained. **B&R**

Inglewood youth in Capitol building when shooting occurs

Nashville pastor opens House of Representatives in prayer

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Events unfolded last week which likely will never be forgotten by members of Inglewood Church here.

Pastor Kevin Shrum had "a once in a lifetime experience" July 21 when he opened the United States House of Representatives in prayer.

Three days later a youth group from Inglewood Church also had an "unforgettable experience" at the nation's Capitol. They were in the building when a gunman opened fire,

killing two police officers and injuring a tourist.

Shrum's opportunity came about through the efforts of Congressman Bob Clement. One of Clement's staff members, Dottie Moore, is a member of Inglewood Church where Shrum is pastor.

Getting the opportunity to lead prayer for the congressmen is rare, Shrum noted.

He learned there are be-

tween 5,000-6,000 requests each year. Approximately 150 people are selected to open the House of Representatives in prayer, he said.

Shrum said he was only the second person Clement has recommended who was chosen.

"It was a real honor and a humbling trip," Shrum noted. "In spite of all our warts as a country, we are still the greatest nation on earth. Our representative form of government is the envy of the world," he observed.

Not only was Shrum and his wife in Washington, but so was a group of youth from Ingle-

wood who were in the D. C. area on a mission trip.

The Inglewood team, after a week of inner-city mission work, was visiting the Capitol July 24 when the gunman opened fire. The 42-member group had divided up and about seven or eight along with minister to students Margaret Johnson were touring the Capitol when the shooting occurred, Shrum reported.

The Inglewood group reportedly had passed by the hallway where the gunman came in just minutes before he began shooting, Shrum said. — See Nashville, page 2

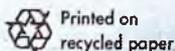


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Baptist Hospital announces leadership changes

For *Baptist and Reflector*

NASHVILLE — C. David Stringfield, president and CEO of Baptist Hospital has been named by the board of trustees as chairman of the board.

At their annual meeting July 21 the board also named Erie Chapman as president and CEO of Baptist and elected Virgil H. Moore Jr. of Columbia as chairman of the board's executive committee.

Stringfield, 59, replaces Guy E. Bates Sr., who has served on the board since 1980 and as chairman the past 10 years. Bates will remain on the board's executive committee.

Stringfield, a member of First Church, Nashville, has served in an administrative capacity at Baptist since first joining the hospital as administrative director in 1968. He was named president in 1982.

All changes are effective Oct. 1.



C. DAVID STRINGFIELD, right, new chairman of the board of trustees at Baptist Hospital, welcomes his successor, Erie Chapman, as president and CEO of the Nashville-based hospital.

A nationwide search was conducted to find Stringfield's successor.

"I am pleased that the board has accepted my recommendation and named Erie Chapman as my successor," Stringfield said. "I have devoted the last

30 years of my professional life to the growth and development of Baptist, and I look forward to working with Erie and the board to build upon our successes," he said.

Chapman, 54, has served as president and CEO of the 1,000-

bed Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and as president and CEO of U.S. Health Corporation (now Ohio Health), also in Columbus.

He most recently was president and chief executive officer of Chapman Health International, based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. In that role, he served as a national health care consultant.

"It is both a terrific honor and great opportunity to be selected by the Baptist Hospital board of trustees to be president and CEO of an organization as distinguished as Baptist Hospital," said Chapman, who is an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale.

Chapman has been described as "a committed Christian with strong faith and an active prayer life," according to Debby Koch, vice president of communications for Baptist Hospital. ■

Nashville pastor opens House of Representatives ...

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The youth said they heard some gunshots, Shrum reported, noting they were escorted out of the Capitol by armed guards.

"It was chaos for a moment," Shrum said. He noted the youth were detained for a couple of hours before they were reunited with the others in their party.

The youth were interviewed by CNN and other media, the pastor said.

After reuniting with the entire group they thanked God for keeping them safe, Shrum said.

Despite the trauma of the day, the Inglewood group went about with their tour on Saturday and even went to the White House, Shrum said. "They did not let fear drive them away. They are a great group of kids."

Nashville media talked to the youth upon their return. A local television station was at their services on July 26.

Text of Nashville pastor's prayer to house members

For *Baptist and Reflector*

NASHVILLE — Following is the text of the prayer delivered by Kevin Shrum, pastor of Inglewood Church, to members of the House of Representatives on July 21. The prayer will be printed in the congressional record.

"Gracious Father, I humbly approach you today in the name of the one and only true God, the unique Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. In his name and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, I earnestly ask for your bountiful blessings and Godly wisdom to anoint this law-making body in their daily tasks.

"For Lord, great is their task in leading this nation to honor its noble heritage and secure the possibilities of a future as 'One Nation Under God.' May we understand, as did President George Washington, that '... Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion, and morality are indispensable supports' (Washington's Farewell Address, delivered in 1796).

Shrum said he told the local media not to lose focus on why the youth were in Washington — and that was the missions

work they were doing.

Shrum said he told his congregation on Sunday morning, July 26 he did not know why

"Assist this esteemed assembly and our beloved nation as a whole to honor your justice, mercy, and righteousness in all that we do and say. If Godly righteousness exalts a nation, then let us be that nation that leads the nations in seeking your righteous standards.

"When we err, forgive us. If we succeed, let our successes honor you and humbly lead us to further successes. And may every action of this law-making body reflect the absolute character and gracious benevolence of your biblical law and love.

"Ultimately, may all that we do and say as a unified people bring honor and glory to you, O God, 'who is able to keep us from falling (and failing) and to present us before his glorious presence without fault and with a great joy — to the only God and Savior, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore.'

"In the name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen." ■

all the things that happened during the week transpired. "I know some how God will glorify himself in some way." B&R

Interfaith witness training offered in Nashville

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — There will be an interfaith witness associate training conference Aug. 27-28 at Forest Hills Church, Nashville.

The conference will provide 16 hours of intensive training in the area of Hinduism/New Age. It will equip an individual to more effectively share his or her faith with those from a Hindu background or with someone involved in New Age.

N. S. R. K. Ravi, interfaith witness associate with the North American Mission

Board in Alpharetta, Ga., will lead the workshop.

Those who attend all sessions and meet the certification requirement will be qualified to also teach the workshop on both the church and associational levels.

The first day's schedule is 2-9 p.m. and will include dinner. The second day's schedule will be 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and will include lunch. The cost of the conference is \$15 and the deadline for registration is Aug. 20.

For more information or to register, call Judy Hurst, TBC Executive Board at (615) 371-7916. ■

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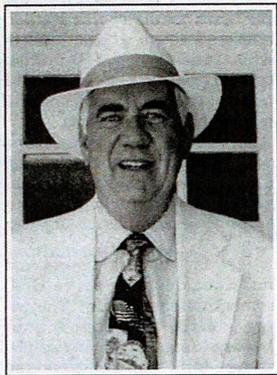
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New heart gives Calvin Metcalf new lease on life

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — Last December Calvin Metcalf was resigned to the fact he probably was going to spend his last Christmas with his family.

He was in a Knoxville hospital with serious heart problems. He had explored the possibilities of a heart transplant, but with no results.



CALVIN METCALF

"I had reached the point where I actually celebrated the gift of death," Metcalf recalled.

Yet, as was the case about five years before, God indicated he was not through with the retired pastor of Central Church, Fountain City, here.

In 1993 Metcalf was diagnosed with a serious heart problem where the left side of his heart was functioning at

only 15 percent, compared to 55-60 for a normal heart.

"Some people then thought I would never leave the hospital; others thought I would never preach again," Metcalf said.

Yet, he slowly began to recover and started preaching again. He would continue as pastor at Central, Fountain City, until July 1997 when he decided to retire at the age of 63.

"I was not able to do everything the church needed and I wanted more time with my wife," Metcalf said.

Shortly after retirement he and his wife were on a trip when he ended up in a Hershey, Pa., hospital with congestive heart failure.

He returned to Knoxville and again began to recover. He even began teaching a course at Carson-Newman College. By mid-October, however, he had gotten weaker and he had to give up the course.

During this time he heard what he had dreaded hearing. "I was told the only thing that would help would be a transplant."

Trips to two major medical centers failed to yield results. One would not accept him because of his age; the other wanted him to have a mechanical device inserted into his heart to keep him alive.

After returning to Knoxville in December, a friend of his son who is now a cardiologist in the city, convinced Metcalf to go to Cleveland (Ohio)

'Courage in Ministry' series

The series "Courage in Ministry" continues in this issue. These articles consider ministers and family members who continue ministry during extreme trials in their lives. *B&R*

Health Clinic.

In January Metcalf flew to Cleveland and was put in intensive care.

"The doctor there talked me into accepting the medical device. He explained it was the only way I could stay alive," Metcalf said.

"At that point my family wanted me to live so strongly that I decided to do everything I could for their sake.

"I was ready to die. I had said my goodbyes. I had a good life with a lot of opportunities," said Metcalf, a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

On Jan. 16 Metcalf agreed to have the mechanical device and surgery was scheduled on Monday.

The following day a miracle occurred. Nurses came and told him someone in Michigan had died and was a match. The person ahead of Metcalf on the transplant list was not able to have the surgery because he

had the mechanical device implanted the day before. When the implant is done it takes several weeks to heal before the transplant can occur, Metcalf explained.

Metcalf received his new heart on a Sunday. "It was a miracle," he affirmed.

The retired pastor is becoming active once more. He recently played 18 holes of golf for the first time after the transplant. He has served as a supply pastor in several churches and has done some work for Carson-Newman, where he is a trustee. "It's good to feel there's something out there I can still do," he said.

"It feels good to be alive. I give God the glory," he said.

Metcalf is very appreciative of the prayers he received from people all over Tennessee, some of whom have disagreed with Metcalf on various issues over the years. "We can pray for each other across our differences," he affirmed.

"The whole healing process has been a testimony of God's grace and goodness," he noted. "It was nothing I deserved."

Metcalf noted that before his transplant he had not signed an organ donor card. "I understand the importance of doing that now," he said.

The retired Knoxville pastor acknowledged God has given him a new lease on life.

"I want to find God's purpose for the rest of it and do it to the best of my ability," he said. *B&R*



Feeding unit leaves Lawrenceburg site

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The Disaster Relief feeding operation in Lawrenceburg was scheduled to end Tuesday, July 28.

At the close of operations, officials predicted more than 10,000 meals would be served to victims from flooding that occurred in Lawrence County two weeks ago.

Hardeman County Association volunteers set up their unit on July 16 at First Church, Lawrenceburg, to begin providing hot meals, according to Gene Williams, TBC Disaster Relief on-site coordinator. Additional volunteers from Shiloh Association, Carroll-Benton Association, and three churches — FBC, Lawrenceburg, FBC, Jasper, and Deerfield — have helped to provide food.

Volunteers from several churches and associations have come in to help with cleanup efforts as well. Williams reported.

Cleanup efforts are continuing throughout this week, including the TRAC staff and director Bob Davison, he noted. ■

Nashvillian receives Rhodes scholarship

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — A Tennessee Baptist is one of 32 recipients from across the nation of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship.

David Latimer, 22, will leave in late September for Ox-

ford University in England where he will study math. He hopes to eventually become a research professor.

Latimer, who accepted Christ as his Savior when he was 9 years old, was reared in Lincocya Hills Church, Nashville, and has been an active member through the years.

He participated in Royal Ambassadors, Bible Drills, and the youth program at Lincocya Hills. He has been involved in Vacation Bible School as a participant and teacher.

Latimer graduated in 1994 from McGavock High School. He attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville and earned a bachelor's degree in physics and math. While at Vanderbilt he ran cross-country and this past year was named the university's Student Athlete of the Year. He graduated from Vanderbilt with a 3.972 grade point average.

In a field (math and physics) where some question God and religion, Latimer noted he has "no problems reconciling God and science."

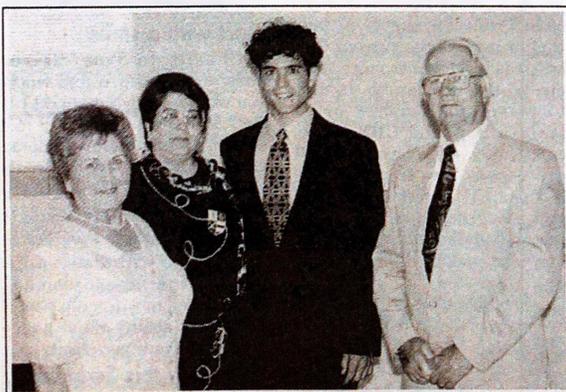
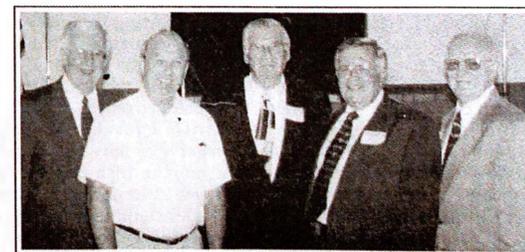
While at Vanderbilt he was able to share his faith with classmates without ridicule, Latimer said.

Lincocya Hills member Stanley Howell praised Latimer for living according to Christian principles. "His dedication has been an inspiration to the young people here," he said. *B&R*

Church celebrates sesquicentennial



New Lebanon Church, Greeneville, organized in 1848 with 25 charter members, celebrated its 150th anniversary July 19. In photo above, Gary Rickman, second from left, TBC Executive Board ministry coordinator presented a plaque to Pastor Don Peek, left, and members Naomi Woolsey, Eva Fau Starnes, Emma Ruth Woolsey, and J. B. Woolsey. Below, several former pastors joined the celebration. From left, are Dale Martin (1959-61), Albert South (1973-74), Don Peek (1994-present), Byron Gibson (1964), and T. Richard Harris (1978-93).



DAVID LATIMER, center, pauses during a reception in his honor held recently at Lincocya Hills Church, Nashville, with his mother, Andrea Latimer, left center, and his grandparents Jim and Charlene Smith.

Watch, pray: News key source for world prayer

By Erich Bridges
SBC International Mission Board writer

"If it bleeds, it leads."

That's the bottom-line credo of many a local TV news director looking for a "grabber" to open the newscast. Murder and mayhem. Robberies, shootouts, hostage situations. Killer crashes. Deadly fires or storms. Bodies.

Proximity helps, but a "local angle" is no longer required. Graphic pictures are. If bloody video is floating on the satellite, TV stations searching for sensation converge on it like sharks — regardless of its origin or relevance to viewers. If it's live, so much the better. It's almost irresistible. Many of us watch in morbid fascination, like rubbernecking drivers inching past a fatal wreck. Cut to commercial.

Violent crime has actually declined in the United States, but you wouldn't know it by watching your local news. National newscasts, "magazine" shows, and newspapers aren't much better. They're competing with blood-drenched TV dramas, movies and books for an audience, after all. Violence sells — along with sex, celebrity, and tear-jerking emotion.

There's nothing new about violence and death as spectator events. Gladiator duels and lions tearing Christians apart for the amusement of raucous crowds in Roman arenas come to mind. At least the Romans didn't have serious-faced "anchor persons"

pretending it was something other than sport.

God can use the things of this world for his purposes, however — even the media. Sensational world news coverage offers mission prayer warriors a strategic opportunity to change the world.

Many places plagued by violence and disaster are also places where people are dying without the Gospel. Algeria, where the killing of innocents by Muslim militants goes on daily. Afghanistan, where civil war drags on. East Asia, where famine has threatened the lives of many people.

"Think about it," urges Randy Sprinkle, director of the Southern Baptist International Mission Board's prayer strategy office. "We drive to work with the radio on and they cut in with disaster news. We watch CNN and see an earthquake. Those things are 'triggers' for kingdom praying when we're where we need to be spiritually."

"How might we pray? For mercy, for comfort, for God's purposes. If it's an earthquake in Azerbaijan, and we're the kind of Great Commission Christians God wants, we will have already followed him to Azerbaijan in prayer. Then when he alerts his people (through a news event), we act."

A former missionary to Lesotho, Sprin-

kle helped develop a prayer network for that African land — a network still operated by Southern Baptists in his home state of Missouri. Several years ago violence broke out in Lesotho and missionary families were endangered. A retired Missouri Baptist deacon — and self-described "CNN news junkie" — saw a brief news report about the unrest and ac-

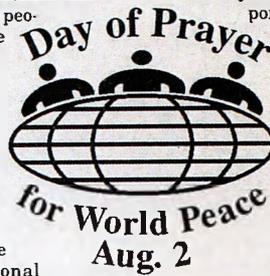
tivated the state prayer network. God answered prayers from Missouri in specific ways in Africa.

"One alert, ready-to-respond intercessor can change the whole outcome of a situation," Sprinkle observes.

"We have an on-call cadre of troops, ready at a moment to be thrust to some specific point of the battle," Sprinkle says. "When the church is mobilized and alert and ready, then the information the electronic media of our day provide suddenly becomes a tool in God's hands. So for everyone who complains about the media being the enemy's tool, it comes down to your point of view."

The next time you reach for the remote when CNN flashes depressing pictures of violence or suffering in some country you've never heard of, think about that.

And pray. ■



Priorities

By Lonnie Wilkey
Interim Editor

I shake my head in disgust every time I pick up a newspaper, turn to the sports section, and read about a "star" athlete who turns down a \$10 million contract because he wants \$14 million, or because someone else makes more than he does.

I think about school teachers, police officers, firefighters, and other "public servants" who are vastly underpaid when one considers the importance of what they do.

I think about ministers and missionaries who serve God, sometimes sacrificially. The paper and the TBC Church Staff Leadership group have received thanks from both ministers and laity for printing the recent Church Staff Compensation Study. The study was simply a tool to help churches in their budget planning. It was not the definitive on salaries.

There was a smattering of complaints, however, that we should not have done it because "our congregation thinks we are paid too much." A minister who is doing his or her job and helping lead people to Christ cannot be overpaid.

It won't matter in eternity if the star player did his job. It will matter if God's servants failed to do their tasks.

Society has placed more value on entertainment than on what really matters. I pray Christians can help society get its priorities in order. *B&R*



A spirit of love

Along with around 11,000 other women and teenage girls, a group of Acteens from Little West Fork Church, Clarksville, converged on the city of Louisville, Ky., July 1-4, for NAC '98.

I must say that it was four of the most exhausting, yet exhilarating days I have spent in a long time. My heart was richly blessed just by being there and seeing so many teenage girls in one place. Feeling the excitement that was generated throughout the arena was overwhelming.

As all the voices drifted upward toward heaven, we became one in the spirit of love. After the speakers finished and the time of invitation began you could tell the Holy Spirit had been working because girls started moving toward the center of the arena to talk to a counselor. I praise the Lord for all of those who gave their life to Jesus and I thank him for all of the rededications that were made. As for the ones who felt like they were being called to the mission field, may the Lord give them

the strength and courage to follow through with it.

During the week as I listened to the various missionaries speak, I was inspired by the stories they told of how God was blessing not only their lives but also the lives of the people they were ministering to on a daily basis.

I just praise the Lord and thank him for all of the seeds of love that were planted by the participants at NAC. And now in the weeks to come, may the harvest be a great one.

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Recollections

My father was born in 1901 and lived to be 94. He fought the call to minister for 10 years but surrendered to the call when he was 32 with a wife and two children. He owned a farm but times were hard due to the depression. Though farming was not profitable then it provided the means to feed his family.

His own father thought he was crazy to leave this security for the uncertainty of going to school to prepare for the ministry. Following seminary days he went to a small Tennessee River town to pastor a half-time church, two quarter-time churches across the river, and one little church that would have services only four times a year, on the fifth Sunday. All of these churches were struggling and could only afford the services of a minister due to the fact his salary was supple-

mented by the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). Not far from that fifth Sunday church was a small congregation that asked him to preach on Sunday afternoon. The entire offering would be given to him.

Years later my father spoke at a pastor's conference to promote participation in the church annuity plan. He told the following true story:

He returned one Sunday from the church that had services on the fifth Sunday afternoon. My brother asked him about the offering and my father pulled out a 50-cent coin which was the offering. My brother asked how much he had put in the offering plate. His answer was "50 cents."

My brother's reply: "If you had put in more, you would have had a bigger offering."

Not only was my father successful in getting many young ministers to start contributing to a plan for retirement, there is a sermon in that story.

Whenever I hear church members who are only partially committed and are constantly griping about something in the church that doesn't suit them, I can hear my father's voice saying, "If I had put more into it, I would have gotten more out of it."

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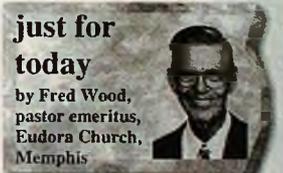
To better understand the recent action of Carson-Newman College trustees, Tennessee

Baptists need to know that of the current 33 trustees from Tennessee, at least 14 are from churches that financially support the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship either by budget or by allowing members to designate offerings to CBF. Both the chairman and vice chairman are among the 14. This information was gathered by telephone interview with the offices of these churches. Not all 33 churches were interviewed, so there may be more.

According to a CBF employee there are only about 70 churches in Tennessee that financially support CBF. This means that 14 or more trustees come from 70 churches, while 19 or less come from the other approximately 2,900 TBC churches. The fact is, about 2 percent of the churches in Tennessee supply 42 percent or more of the current C-N trustees. C-N wants more than one trustee per church. Is that to raise more money or to maintain strong CBF influence, since they have only 70 churches to draw from?

Does C-N want a self-perpetuating board so that C-N can be de-politicized, or so that their strong CBF influence can be perpetuated? Can a board of 42 percent CBF supporters ever be considered non-political? Given an already-stacked C-N board, can Tennessee Baptists agree to a compromise unless it guarantees to lessen CBF representation?

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First Church
Benton 37307



Start with a smile

Charlie to Tim: "If you knew exactly when and where you would die, what would you do?" Tim: "I'd spend my last dollar the day before I died." Charlie to Carl: "What would you do?" Carl: "That's easy. I wouldn't show up."

Take this truth

Well, we will die — all of us. Why not spend some of that money now to help people and enjoy seeing them happy because of your generosity.

Memorize this Scripture

"It is appointed unto men once to die." — Hebrews 9:27

Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me to realize shrouds do not have pockets." ■



The Macedonian Call

Partnership/Volunteer Missions Newsletter

Featuring news from Tennessee Baptists' four partnerships — Canada, Michigan, Rio de Janeiro, and Costa Rica

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From your missionary

The response to the Rio Simultaneous Revivals and the Citywide Crusade, scheduled for May 23-June 1, 1999, has been great. God is at work in Rio and Tennesseans are demonstrating that they want to be "on mission" where He is working.

If you have not already made a commitment to participate in the revivals, I hope that you will prayerfully consider being involved in this great evangelistic event.

Soon your church will receive a poster promoting this momentous opportunity for revivals. Please place the poster in a prominent location to remind you to pray for the revivals and please consider being a part of this exciting opportunity.

Thousands of volunteers are serving this summer in areas across Tennessee, our nation, and the world. Someone said, "Missions is perceived as a super special assignment for extraordinary people who believe in and serve an extraordinary God."

But God's purpose is to be accomplished by ordinary people who believe in and serve an extraordinary God. Just look at how God is using Tennesseans!



SHARP

Located in Michigan

Church notes Tennessee teams on website

By Marcia Knox
For *The Macedonian Call*

When a Michigan church honors Tennessee partnership/volunteer missions construction teams on its website, it's a new way of saying "Thank You."

If "the media is still the message," then Faith Church in Durand, Michigan, is telling the Tennessee partnership/volunteer missions story on its website. The Durand church recently honored a construction team made up of members from First Church, Tullahoma, Central Church, Hendersonville, and a member of First Church, Woodbury.

The TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions office assembled the 16-member team. The team worked June 21-27 on the new church facility for Faith Church in Durand.

"The information on the Tennessee team went up on the website June 23 while we were still up there," said Mel Homan, team leader from First Church, Tullahoma. "It's updated weekly and the photos of the church and team members change."

"The building was constructed with wood framing and trusses," Homan added. "The team started from a slab on Monday morning and by Friday had the entire external walls and some internal walls erected. The trusses were in place and some of the roof decked."

Meals for the team members were provided by Faith Church members and also by the women from Hendersonville.

Also included in the First Church, Tullahoma, team were: Winfred Johnson, Mark LeMay, Billy Thompson, Drew Parson, Craig Russell, Larry and Seth Campbell. Central Church, Hendersonville, team members were: Lee Campbell, Harry, Debbie and Jason Conley, Don and Carol Kemper and Dono Moore. A member of First Church, Woodbury, Bob Jones, tagged up with the group by calling the Partnership/Volunteer Missions team.

Jones, a CPA and the son of retired IMB missionaries Dan and Helen Jones, said he saw the project in the *Macedonian Call*. He knew he would be close to the area on business during the project week so he decided to join the team.

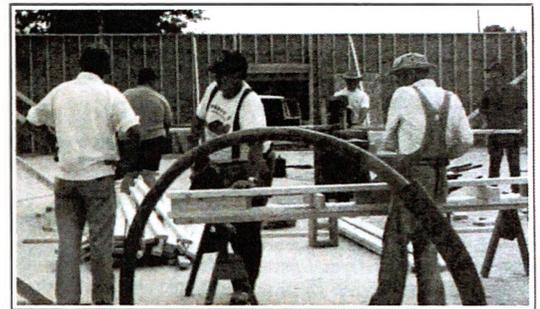
Currently running on the Faith Church website are "thank you" and photos of 70 Tennessee volunteers from Cumberland Plateau and Sequatchie Valley Associations, and Dixie Lee Church of Lenoir City. These teams worked July 12-18 and

July 11-17 respectively at the Michigan church.

To visit the Faith Church website and see the photos of the construction progress and most recent volunteer teams go to: <http://www.shianet.org/~billbram> under Challenge To Build.

More Tennessee volunteers are needed to finish the Faith Church project.

If your group is able to help, please contact the Partnership/Volunteer Missions office at 1-800-588-2090 or (615) 371-2021. Or e-mail the office at tsharp@tnbaptist.org. ■



WORKING in Michigan are, from left, foreground, Lyle Maudlin, Faith Church; Mel Homan and Billy Thompson, First Church, Tullahoma; background, Lee Campbell, Central Church, Hendersonville; and Mark LeMay and Winfred Johnson, the Tullahoma church.

Foundation sends team to build church in Rio de Janeiro

For *The Macedonian Call*

Volunteers' families, friends, and churches had been gathering materials for Brazil and praying for the travelers for months since the Tennessee Baptist Foundation announced their intention in 1997 to be the TBC institution to build the first church.

The 26 excited Tennessee volunteers, who had come to build a Rio church, met at the Atlanta airport from Knoxville, Nashville, and Chattanooga

for the flight to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Foundation had supplied the money for the building materials and sponsored the trip to Rio.

"We had planned the trip for months," Foundation president-treasurer W.L. "Bo" Childs said. "Supplies and tools had been packed."

"Several of the churches had held a commissioning service as they sent out part of the spiritual body to do mission work. Everything had been done to make this trip a success."

The flight to Rio left Atlanta on Sunday, June 21 and after a brief stop in San Paulo, Brazil, the team arrived in Rio on Monday, June 22. During the stop in San Paulo, a representative of the Brazilian tour company boarded the flight to take the group through the customs procedures.

"We gathered our luggage, which was a variety of suitcases, footlockers, Rubbermaid containers, and cardboard boxes. We must have been a strange site as we lined up for the inspection," Childs said.

Passing the Brazilian Federal Police Inspection of documents, the team moved on to customs. Inspections are random. When the traveler

presses a button on a post and either a red or green light comes on to dictate the inspection.

"Most of our group got the green light, but I got the red light. The inspector who was very polite had me open all my luggage including my Rubbermaid trunk."

Passing customs the team found Elizabeth Oates, an IMB missionary in Brazil for 40 years and serves as the Tennessee/Rio volunteer partnership coordinator.

"Our project was to build a mission church for a small congregation of the Rio das Pedras church of Jacarepagua, a 'suburb' of Rio. This turned out to be a challenge since the lot was surrounded on three sides with buildings whose walls were on the property line. Our church walls were to be built touching the other buildings," Childs added.

Some team members laid blocks and others built forms for pouring concrete support columns for the roof. The team — See Foundation, page 6



FOUNDATION team members prepare mortar to lay blocks for the walls of the church building they began in Rio de Janeiro.

Lorry

Workers needed for revivals in Rio

Tennessee Baptists have the opportunity to participate in the simultaneous revivals in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sept. 27 - Oct. 26. More volunteers are needed to lead the revivals. Especially needed are soloists, other musicians, and laypeople.

Contact TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions at 1-800-558-2090. ■

Millions in Rio de Janeiro miss 'goal,' says DOM

For The Macedonian Call

The city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil practically shuts down during the World Cup Tournament when the Brazilian team plays its soccer matches, but the lost millions in Rio are still missing the goal, according to a Tennessee Baptist director of missions who recently returned from a partnership trip to Rio.

"Now that I'm back home in Cookeville, the Brazilian World Cup sportscaster's scream still rings in my ear—Go-o-o-o-l," said Mike Prowse, who serves in Stone Association. He also serves as a volunteer hospital chaplain.

"When the World Cup match between Brazil and Morocco was televised locally in Brazil, hospital patients were allowed to have TV sets brought from home for the game.

"I'm sad thinking about the millions in Rio who are missing the main goal for living which is being saved from sin. Yet, I'm glad that Tennessee Baptists are currently working to impact the masses in Rio at least

one soul at a time."

Prowse served June 12-22 in Rio as a hospital chaplain's trainer and also led a seminar with Carioca Convention chaplains, coordinators, volunteers, and other denominational chaplains and volunteers.

Upon his arrival in Rio, Prowse learned from IMB missionary Elizabeth Oates, who serves as the Tennessee/Rio partnership coordinator that the Carioca Convention chaplains' staff had been cut from five to two. In addition to the hospitals' economic problems, the doctors, nurses, and other workers in the state-owned hospitals were on strike.

One of the two chaplains remaining who worked with Prowse was a young lady, named Liege da Silva Lopes, who was assigned to a hospital. The other chaplain whom Prowse visited was Miguel Jacob Mendes. He was acquainted with the work in four or five hospitals. Both of these Carioca chaplains were graduates of IBER, the Institute of Baptist Religious Education.

Mendes is also the product of Southern Baptist presence in Brazil. Mendes, the interpreter MK David Fairchild,

and Prowse visited several hospitals and met with many volunteers. Fairchild, is the son of IMB missionaries Ray and Sharon Fairchild, and is a student at Houston Baptist University.

The Carioca chaplains acted as coordinators/encouragers for the volunteers. Most of the volunteers who came to be trained were women. At least 38 volunteers, chaplains, and chaplain coordinators attended Prowse's Saturday seminar, which dealt with visitation and ministry in the hospital setting.

"We were on the go all the time visiting the hospitals," Prowse said. "We brought construction paper, crayons, and trinkets for hospitalized children which were given by friends in Cookeville.

"Since the hospitals we visited had fewer patients than usual due to the strike, there were others in Rio who were recipients of some 'souvenirs' from America. Other goodwill gestures brought from Tennessee were brochures from Cookeville Regional Medical Center and given to two hospitals with administrators.

"Hospital officials and personnel

whom we met were very receptive to the Baptists from America who were there not only as visitors, but as colleagues.

"The Carioca chaplains were very patient with me and were very hungry to learn about Tennessee Baptists' approach to ministry in the hospitals. From our week's work together, Mendes decided to meet twice a month with his volunteers and coworkers as a group.

"I suggested that the 390 Baptist churches in the city could work 'in community' with the 350 hospitals in Rio. Perhaps each church could be assigned to contact a hospital and send its volunteers. A relationship could evolve providing a base for ministry in these institutions. The chaplains were encouraged to set that as a goal so that their current efforts can be multiplied as other churches produce more volunteers in the future.

"I am so hopeful that the trickle of volunteers now engaged in the Tennessee/Rio partnership will soon broaden into a stream of workers celebrating real life throughout a modern-day Nineveh." ■

Healthcare workers treat Costa Ricans, help local workers

For The Macedonian Call

A Tennessee Medical Team recently returned from Costa Rica where they did work in a local public hospital, shared with healthcare workers, and did professional lifestyle witnessing.

This was the second trip May 1-10 for Nashville gastroenterologist Dewey Dunn and his wife Bobbie as they led another medical team to the South Zone near the Panama border. The trip was easier this year because the hospital was well known to the team and the hospital staff had familiar faces. Missionary Sue Smith had also acquired total official approval for the team to "practice medicine" at the hospital.

Included in the medical team were: Penny Walden, physician and nursing assistant from Nashville; Dickie Mobley, urologist from Paris; Steve Vaughan, physician assistant from Goodlettsville; Shirley Silver, nurse from Nashville; Anglea James,

nurse; and Corey James, salesman, both from Puryear.

Mobley went to Costa Rica to fulfill a special request for a urologist. While at the Costa Rica hospital, Mobley and Anglea James did specialized surgery and saw many patients. Mobley also developed a relationship with physician Edgar Escobar who coordinates the healthcare projects in the hospital and the regional satellite clinics.

Dunn and Vaughan performed a large volume of gastroenterology work.

There were 72 patients treated who were examined in almost five days. The GI team took stomach biopsies and performed tests for bacteria in the stomach.

Medications were brought with the team and given to patients to eradicate the bacteria.

"The endoscopy this year was much more satisfactory than those procedures performed in 1997," Dewey Dunn said. "Twice as many patients were examined and the proce-

dures were done more efficiently." The results could be attributed to two gastroscopes from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Nashville that the team took with them.

The Costa Rica hospital staff came into the examination room frequently to get a glimpse of a stomach procedure. Hospital staff learned from their participation in surgery and the techniques for cleaning and handling instruments.

The four other volunteers went to the mountains with missionaries Bill and Linda Egbert to serve in the second healthcare project among the Guayami Indian people. Led by partnership assistant Walter Rodriguez to the area, the team examined children and did eye examinations. Silver examined the children while Bobbie Dunn and Walden did adult eye exams and Corey James helped find the eyeglasses.

Children were given vitamins, worm pills, and health packets with tooth brushes,



PAUSING during work at a rural clinic are, from left, a local worker, Bobbie Dunn, IMB missionary Bill Egbert, Corey James, and Shirley Silver.

tooth pastes, soaps, skin lotions, and witnessing tracks.

The Egberts and Costa Rican home missionaries worked with the medical team in the mountains to show God's love and establish relationships with this "unreached" people group.

On the last Sunday morning in Costa Rica, the team had a worship service and summary of the project. They

sang in Spanish and recalled the blessings of eating in Costa Rica homes, fellowshipped with each other and the missionaries, attended a mission church, and visited with other missionaries.

For the team, the effort was a spiritual experience that was saturated with prayer — at the hospital for patients, prayer for the mountain Indians, and prayer for themselves. ■

Foundation sends team to build church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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hauled sand, cement and blocks, and mixed mortar on the ground.

"None of us were accustomed to this much hard work in such an intense time frame. We had planned to finish this building in a week. We had expected to build a one-floor concrete block church. We found out that the lot was not suited for one story, and that the mission church's plans were to eventually have three floors.

"The first floor now had to be built much stronger to hold two more floors.

"Since American building materials are different, we were unaccustomed to Brazilian blocks that are longer and thinner. We had to lay more blocks due to their size."

The team worked Tuesday through Saturday, completed the walls to 14 feet, and poured all of the support columns, which was done one bucket of concrete at a time. Members also had

the pre-fabricated roof beams, windows, and doors delivered to the site.

"Several of our group worked at the sponsoring mother church, Rio das Pedras, where we built the furniture for the new church. They built 16 pews, a pulpit, and the Lord's Supper table. When the new church is complete, the furniture is ready.

Members from the mother church worked along side the team daily in the construction. The mother church also

fed the group lunches and break food.

"We witnessed and shared biblical materials in the streets near the new church. The members of the Rio das Pedras Church will complete the building. When it is finished it will be the most attractive building in the area.

"Of the 14 churches represented team members all agreed that the trip was satisfying, frustrating, eye opening, and exhausting. It was a good experience." ■

Memphis congregation serves in Costa Rica

For The Macedonian Call

A construction team from Broadmoor Church, Memphis, recently returned from Costa Rica with a new perspective on the work and lives of IMB missionaries, according to its team leader.

"Our team came away with a new appreciation for the work and lives of our international missionaries and their families," said Keith Bates, Broadmoor Church team leader.

"We all now know how to better pray for our missionaries and how important our support of the missionaries is for their ministries."

The Broadmoor Church team served May 30-June 6 at the greater San Jose area home of missionaries Gary and Sis Tufts by beginning the addition to their house. The addition will eventually house another bedroom, bath, double-wide garage, and laundry

room. Other volunteer teams will finish the addition later in the summer.

"We did the layout of the job, the digging of the footings, the assembling of the reinforcing steel for the footings, and the mixing and pouring of the concrete footings and slab," Bates added. "A Costa Rican architect worked at the site with them."

Most of the nine team members had previous mission trip experience except for the teenagers. Included in the



TENNESSEANS and COSTA RICANS who worked together are, from left, Tom Strickland; Sis Tufts, IMB missionary; Clay Staggs, a Costa Rican architect; Josh Reese; Lucas Hines; Charlie Hines; Walter Rodriguez of Costa Rica; Keith Bates; Mike Reese; Darin Wray; and Steve Edwards.

team were: Tom Strickland, Clay Staggs, Josh Reese, Lucas Hines, Charlie Hines, Mike Reese, Darin Wray, and Steve Edwards.

"We were all truly blessed by this partnership mission trip experience and are ready for our next trip," Bates said. ■

Manley Church youth choir ministers in Michigan

For The Macedonian Call

A total of 17 youth from the Praise Singers Choir of Manley Church, Morristown, and three sponsors worked July 4-10 in Cadillac, Michigan, where they led VBS and performed five concerts.

The trip was a Partnership/Volunteer Missions effort planned by the TBC, Michigan Convention, and Ever-

green Church, Cadillac.

The trip began with a fun day at King's Island in Cincinnati, Ohio, and continued for five more days of VBS leadership, three planned concerts, two impromptu concerts, and a rainy day of neighborhood outreach.

The Manley Church Praise Singers began their preparation for the trip in January. They also worked as assistants during Manley Church VBS and learned how to be leaders for VBS in Michigan.

Each student was assigned specific areas of leadership as preschool and children's teachers in recreation, crafts, music, and refreshments.

The week

in Michigan was not only filled with three hours of VBS each morning, but the choir also witnessed through music to two retirement centers in Cadillac. The other impromptu concerts took place in the lobby of the hotel and in the parking lot of a local restaurant.

Many friendships were developed as the Manley youth reached out to the youth of Evergreen Church. Youth groups from both churches traveled to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park on Lake Michigan for a hamburger cookout and an afternoon of hiking and swimming.

"The Praise Singers from Manley Church proved to be an outstanding Christian influence of love and maturity on our children and youth," said Evergreen pastor, David Cummings.

"The fruit of the spirit was so evident in the lives of every member of Manley Church," he added.

"Taking 'Starquest, A Galactic Good News Adventure' to its ultimate end, our group experienced and were blessed by exploring our mission with Jesus," said Manley Church minister of music, Rick Marshall. ■



THE PRAISE SINGERS of Manley Church perform at Evergreen Church in Cadillac, Mich.

Partnership/Volunteer Missions hires worker

For The Macedonian Call

The Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team has added another player to its All Star team of Terry Sharp, Kim Huff, and Marcia Knox. The new employee is Heather Wilson of Franklin.

The response in the Partnership/Volunteer Missions area has been overwhelming. Partnership/Volunteer Missions teams are leaving weekly

to four partnership areas.

Wilson, a ministry assistant, is working in the data processing area for the team. She maintains the databases on who's going where, at what time, and in what countries. She also assists the team in better communicating partnership opportunities to potential volunteers.

She recently moved to Franklin from Cleveland where she was a member of

North Cleveland Church. She is a 1993 graduate of Bradley County High School and a 1996 graduate of Cleveland State Community College with an associate degree of applied

science in office systems administration.



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Partnership Prayer Requests

July - August

29 — Pray for follow-up on those who made professions of faith during the Inner City Evangelism efforts of the Michigan convention.

30 — Pray for the Vision 2000 committee at Royal Heights Church, Delta, British Columbia, Canada

31 — Pray for the volunteers assisting ministries of Madison-Chester and Crockett associations to support the Mississippi River Ministry.

1 — Praise God for Terry Sharp, TBC, and Doug Sager, pastor, Concord Church, Knoxville, and TBC president, who attended the Carioca Convention Annual Meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

2 — Pray for the Michigan convention's Executive Board meeting Aug. 14-15.

3 — Pray for Shanliwood Church, Prescott, Ontario, Canada, which recently dedicated a new building.

4 — Pray for Hispanic, Korean, and other ethnic groups in the Jackson area and for ministry to them through the Mississippi River Ministry.

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." 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.

There is no cost for this event, but one is asked to register by calling the Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at (615) 371-2021 or 1-800-558-2090. Deadline to register is Sept. 7. ■



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Rio de Janeiro Projects

Church Planting

Project ID: PM41998933
Date: 11/01/98 - 11/09/98
Location: Rio
Description: Church Plant
Prayer walk in preparation for new church start.

Project ID: PM41998924
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Church Plant
The starting of a new work in an area of the Jacarepagua Association which is called Pantanal.

Project ID: PM41998947
Date: 11/01/98 - 11/09/98
Location: Rio
Description: Church Plant
Prayer walk in preparation for the new church start

Project ID: PM41998941
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Church Plant
New church start on Governor's Island.

Drama Teams

Project ID: PM41998905
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Drama Teams
The groups will perform in schools, churches, plazas, etc. to help to evangelize.

Evangelism

Project ID: PM41998919
Date: 09/27/98 - 10/06/98
Location: Rio
Description: Evangelism
There will be 20 teams of 2 holding revivals in churches located in the Jacarepagua Association. The services will begin on Tuesday and go through the following Sunday night. There will be visitation and personal witnessing each day.

Project ID: PM41998939
Date: 10/13/98 - 10/20/98
Location: Rio
Description: Evangelism
New Church start in Rocinha, the largest slum in Latin America.

Medical

Project ID: PM41999912
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Vidigal community.

Project ID: PM41999920
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical team to work in Rocinha the largest slum in South America. Many opportunities for evangelism.

Project ID: PM41999911
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Senador Camara community.

Project ID: PM41999910
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Nova Sias community.

Project ID: PM41999909
Date: Open

Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Flamengo Bateta Church Community.

Project ID: PM41999908
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Morro Final Felij community.

Project ID: PM41999907
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Jardim Bounica church community.

Project ID: PM41999906
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Cosmo Vilho Baptist Church community.

Project ID: PM41999905
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Parque Rafael de Oliveira community.

Project ID: PM41999914
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Cidade de Deus Community.

Project ID: PM41999913
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Sao Carlos community.

Project ID: PM41999916
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Morros Sereno and Caiza da Agus community.

Project ID: PM41999917
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Morro de Dende community.

Project ID: PM41999918
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Urubuzinho community.

Project ID: PM41999922
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Dona Marta community.

Project ID: PM41999915
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Medical
Medical clinic to help in the Parque Acari community.

Revival

Project ID: PM41999904
Date: 05/23/99 - 06/01/99
Location: Rio
Description: Revival
150 teams needed for city-wide crusade. Teams will need preacher, musician, layperson to share their testimony. Teams may have up to 4 persons.

Special Services

Project ID: PM41998931
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Special Services
Upgrade training of children's hospital chaplain.

Project ID: PM41998948
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Special Services
Produce video showing the needs and opportunities for evangelism and church planting in Rio.

Student Ministries

Project ID: PM41999900
Date: 01/03/99 - 01/11/99
Location: Rio
Description: Student Ministries
To work with children and their parents in a Baptist Friendship House.

Project ID: PM42000900
Date: 01/03/00 - 01/12/00
Location: Rio
Description: Student Ministries
To work with children in a Baptist Friendship House.

Project ID: PM41998904
Date: Open
Location: Rio
Description: Student Ministries
The groups will perform in schools, churches, plazas, etc. to help to evangelize.

VBS/BYBC

Project ID: B5
Date: 01/12/00 - 01/20/00
Location: Rio
Description: VBS/BYBC
Work with children preschool and grades 1-8.

Canada Projects

Construction

Project ID: 98NOR032
Date: 07/17/99 - 07/24/99
Location: Love, Saskatchewan
Description: Construction
Give assistance to constructing a wheelchair ramp along with a number of other minor renovations to the building. Volunteers can be older teens to adults.

Evangelism

Project ID: 98NOR030
Date: 07/01/99 - 07/31/99
Location: Allan, Saskatchewan
Description: Evangelism
The assignment would be children and youth evangelism using various methods. Vision is a street style ministry where several teams will take the Gospel to the young people in an impromptu manner in several communities.

Project ID: 97NOR016
Date: 11/07/98 - 11/11/98
Location: Prince Albert
Description: Evangelism
Hold nightly revival services including music and drama.

Special Services

Project ID: 98NOR027
Date: Open
Location: Prince Albert
Description: Special Services
Provide Christian Library for a Lithuanian Student returning to Lithuania.

VBS/BYBC

Project ID: 98MID033
Date: 07/15/99 - 08/15/99
Location: Edmonton, Alberta
Description: VBS/BYBC
Provide activities for children grades 1-6 throughout the afternoon and evening. Help with VBS, lead drama team,

Wednesday night missions studies, children's outreach.

Project ID: 98NOR031
Date: 07/03/99 - 07/10/99
Location: Love, Saskatchewan
Description: VBS/BYBC
VBS and BYBC program using current materials for preschool to older children.

Project ID: 98MID032
Date: 07/04/99 - 07/11/99
Location: Alberta
Description: VBS/BYBC
To help lead a VBS/Music Camp at First Church.

Costa Rica Projects

Construction

Project ID: PM71998819
Date: Open
Location: San Jose
Description: Construction
Construction team needed for various construction projects throughout Costa Rica.

Medical

Project ID: PM71998832
Date: Open
Location: South Zone
Description: Medical
Two dental teams are needed to work in rural, indigenous areas of Costa Rica.

Michigan Projects

Construction

Project ID: GD-4
Date: Open
Location: Detroit
Description: Construction
Need to build new restrooms.

Project ID: GD-3
Date: Open
Location: Detroit
Description: Construction
Repair work on existing building.

Project ID: N-6B
Date: Open
Location: Oscoda
Description: Construction
Replace roof of 60,000 sq. ft. single story building, materials, and labor.

Project ID: SC-3
Date: Open
Location: Battle Creek
Description: Construction
Repair block siding of church and chimney.

Evangelism

Project ID: H-4
Date: Open
Location: Pinckney
Description: Evangelism
Telephone Survey of mission area to locate prospects for new work.

Project ID: H-1
Date: Open
Location: Ann Arbor
Description: Evangelism
Telephone Survey of mission area to locate prospects for new work.

Project ID: H-3
Date: Open
Location: Dexter
Description: Evangelism
Telephone Survey of mission area to locate prospects for new work.

Project ID: H-2
Date: Open
Location: Chelsea
Description: Evangelism

Telephone Survey of mission area to locate prospects for new work.

Music

Project ID: N-7
Date: Open
Location: Vanderbilt
Description: Music
Develop Sunday School program and music program.

Project ID: N-5
Date: Open
Location: Prudenville
Description: Music
Congregation song leader and pianist.

Revival

Project ID: M-3
Date: Open
Location: Hazel Park
Description: Revival
Revival teams, evangelism, and church planting activities are requested to help mission church.

VBS/BYBC

Project ID: GD-5
Date: Open
Location: Detroit
Description: VBS/BYBC
VBS for H.O.P.E. Baptist Center.

Tennessee Projects

Camp

Project ID: T-17
Date: 01/00/98 - 12/00/98
Location: Johnson City
Description: Camp
1-2 youth workers needed to work 3 months block with Johnson City Baptist Center.

Clowns

Project ID: T-20
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Clowns
A team to give guidance/advice and/or instructions to organize a puppet ministry.

Construction

Project ID: T-31
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Plumbing and electrical work on church.

Project ID: T-41
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Electrical and plumbing for new ministry center.

Project ID: T99-5
Date: 07/18/99 - 07/24/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Project ID: T99-6
Date: 07/25/99 - 07/31/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Project ID: T-19
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Interior work/finishing of pre-engineered metal building.

Project ID: T-32
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction

Group needed to pave parking lot.

Project ID: T-34
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Replace roof of building.

Project ID: T-37
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Finish work on church building.

Project ID: T-42
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Metal building construction for new ministry center.

Project ID: T-43
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Framers and roofers for new ministry center.

Project ID: T-44
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Masonry work for new ministry center.

Project ID: T-45
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Drywall for new ministry building.

Project ID: T-46
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Construction
Paving for parking lot and driveway of new ministry center.

Project ID: T-47
Date: Open
Location: Dresden
Description: Construction
Construction of new sanctuary for an African-American church.

Project ID: T99-4
Date: 07/11/99 - 07/17/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Project ID: T99-3
Date: 06/27/99 - 07/03/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Project ID: T99-2
Date: 06/20/99 - 06/26/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Project ID: T99-1
Date: 06/13/99 - 06/19/99
Location: Cleveland
Description: Construction
Construction for low income homeowners.

Revival

Project ID: T-36
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Revival
Youth Revival team needed.

Sports

Project ID: T-35
Date: Open
Location: Memphis
Description: Sports
Outreach to youth through sports evangelism.

churches

■ **Eastwood Church, Cookeville**, reported an excellent Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 93 and an average attendance of 72. There were five professions of faith. Also, Eastwood will have a homecoming service on Aug. 23 with the Brown Family Singers performing during the morning worship service. A potluck meal will follow.

■ **First Church, Norris**, will have a homecoming celebration Aug. 30.

■ **Members of First Church, Union City**, recently participated in a mission trip to Carter Lake, Iowa.

■ **Bethlehem Church, Waynesboro**, had revival services July 19-24 with Paul Hicks of First Church, Clifton, as guest evangelist.

■ **Leatherwood Church, Waynesboro**, will be in revival Aug. 3-7 with Cal Hampton, pastor of Green River Church.

■ **New Middleton Church, New Middleton**, will be in revival Aug. 2-7 with Lester Flatt as guest evangelist and Tim Smith as music leader.

■ **Rome Church, Lebanon**, will be in revival Aug. 3-7 with Terry Green as evangelist and Brian Barnes leading music.

■ **Antioch Church, Brown-**

sville, held homecoming and dedicated its new building on July 14.

■ **Harmony Church**, celebrated homecoming July 14 with former pastor Thomas Robinson.

■ **New Allen Road Church** in Shelby Association is now Rivercrest Church.

■ **Lucy Church, Millington**, reported 20 professions of faith during a recent DiscipleNow Weekend led by Donnie Guy.

■ **Ridgeview Church, Knoxville**, is hosting a clown workshop Aug. 7-8. For more information, call Margaret Cox at (423) 689-3694.

■ **Smithwood Church, Knoxville**, will host a leadership training conference for children's choir music directors and workers on Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The conference is sponsored by Knox County Association. For more information, call Chris Alford at (423) 689-5448.

■ The Laotian congregation of **Criveewood Church, Nashville**, held revival July 25-26 with Joshua Vang as revival preacher.

■ The bus ministry of **First Church, Old Hickory**, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

■ Fourteen members of **Calvary Church, Knoxville**, is in Romania with another

group leading in children's ministry, evening worship services, and medical ministry. They will return Aug. 7.

■ Twelve members of **Forest Hills Church, Nashville**, will leave July 31 for mission trip to Warsaw, Poland, to provide a day camp for underprivileged children at the Polish Baptist Seminary. Also, the church will have revival Aug. 2-5 with Dan Crawford as guest evangelist and Ken and Lois Holland as guest musicians.

■ **Belmont Heights Church, Nashville**, will host an organ and piano concert with Kay Bond and Kennette Dixon on Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

■ **Members of Sharon Church, Knoxville**, are hosting a World Tour mission team this week through Aug. 1.

■ **First Church, Crossville**, will have revival Aug. 2-5 with Jim Pritchard as guest evangelist.

■ **Inglewood Church, Nashville**, recently broke ground for a new building/renovation program called "Fulfilling God's Vision for IBC."

■ **Pine Grove Church, Duck River**, recently added new siding to the church and held homecoming on July 12.

■ Fourteen youth and adults from **First Church, Pinewood**, went to Pine Bluff, Ark., recently for a World Changers mission project. The church also will celebrate its 10th anniversary Aug. 2.

and his wife on June 28.

■ **Rob Gregg** of Belmont University will serve as interim minister of music at Criveewood Church, Nashville, beginning Aug. 5.

■ **Gibbs Hammond** recently celebrated his 20th anniversary as pastor of Timothy Street Church, Knoxville.

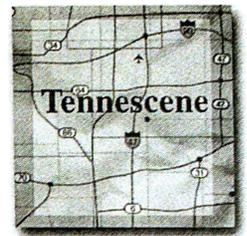
■ Four churches in New Salem Association have new pastors — **Rob Amason** at Brush Creek, **Scott Bennett** at Hickman, **Jim Carr** at First Church, Gordonsville, and **Robert Barton**, interim, at Riddleton.

■ **Ray's Chapel Church, Waynesboro**, held a Pastor Appreciation Day recently for **Ed and Jo Lopp**.

■ The Centurymen are taking the Gospel to Brazil through a series of concerts. Participating from Tennessee are **Dan and Alice Arterburn**, Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage; **Michael and Joy Bundon**, Beaver Dam Church, Knoxville; **Eugene and Beth Hattaway**, First Church, Knoxville; **Doug and Sharon Jewett**, First Church, Clinton; **Mark Maslin** of Knoxville; **David Richardson** of Chattanooga; **George and Margie Wadlington** of Kingston; and **Tommy Webster** of Ellendale Church, Bartlett. They will leave Aug. 3 and return Aug. 20. In addition to concerts they will give testimonies. Wives will lead music training clinics in the seminaries in Recife and Rio.

■ **First Church, Sunbright**, has called **Charles "Sonny" Works** as full-time pastor. He previously served as interim pastor and is a recent graduate of Clear Creek Baptist College, Pineville, Ky.

■ **Jo Ann Smith** has re-



tired after 24 years of service as financial secretary at New Salem Church, Soddy Daisy.

■ **Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville**, welcomed **Sam Galoway** as minister of education. He and his wife, Barbara, come from Owensboro, Ky. Also, **Mark Caruth**, minister of student music/activities, and his wife, Dena, will celebrate their third anniversary with the church Aug. 1.

■ **Mary Lazenby Barker** was recognized June 3 on her 45th anniversary as organist at Glenwood Church, Kingsport. Last week's *Baptist and Reflector* reported she retired, but that is not the case. She continues as church organist. The paper regrets the mistake.

■ **Pastor Dana Fachman** and family were honored recently for nine years of ministry at Meridian Church, Knoxville.

■ **Rugby Hills Church, Memphis**, has called **Bill Pearce** as pastor, effective Aug. 2.

■ **Jimmy Dunn** recently celebrated 20 years as minister of education/administration at First Church, Nashville.



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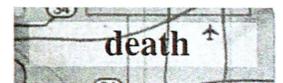
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■ **Louis Wilson**, director of missions in Riverside Association from 1977-79, died in late June.



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Eleanor Terry dies

Baptist Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Eleanor Foster Terry, 55, wife of *The Alabama Baptist* editor Bob Terry, died July 20 at University Hospital here after returning July 19 via medical transport from Durban, South Africa.

The Terrys sustained severe injuries in a car accident July 11 in Durban while attending a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance General Council. An oncoming car ran a red light and slammed into the Terrys' taxi just three blocks from their hotel.

Terry, 55, is listed in satisfactory condition after suffering severe facial injuries, including fractures to his nose and face, a shift in his jaw, and injuries to his mouth and teeth. ■

Annuity Board tops record for first six months income

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Net income of \$626 million in the first six months of 1998 topped any previous record for the first half of a year for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

The income was \$163.1 million greater than the previous high for the January-June pe-

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riod in 1997. Earnings on investment funds, coupled with \$146.8 million in new contributions by participants, swelled total assets of the board to \$6.969 billion on June 30. ■

WJC has no plans to endorse gays

Baptist Press

LIBERTY, Mo. — William Jewell College here has no plans to grant recognition to any gay or lesbian support group, said Christian Sizemore, president of the Missouri Baptist institution.

"I would emphasize that our policies clearly state that the college will not provide recognition, endorsement, or funds for a gay or lesbian support group. To do so would be contrary to our mission and purposes, which are deeply rooted in Baptist traditions.

"Some students and professors have been quoted in various media accounts as advocating the establishment of a gay and lesbian support group," Sizemore said. "Those individuals are free to express personal opinions, but they do not speak for the college."

The Kansas City Star reported recently a professor at the school planned to help students request formal recognition of a gay-lesbian group this fall.

Thus far, no formal request for recognition has been made on behalf of any gay or lesbian group," Sizemore said. ■

NOBTS, WCC form partnership

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College of Hattiesburg, Miss., have announced an agreement for the William Carey school of nursing to utilize classroom and office space on the seminary campus.

Through this agreement, NOBTS students and their spouses who are interested in the many types of medical missions service or in preparing professionally for a bivocational ministry would be able to study for an accredited nursing degree on the New Orleans seminary campus and complete the 20 hours of seminary education required by the SBC International Mission Board before appointment.

"Partnership for missions and education has always been the Baptist way," said Chuck Kelley, NOBTS president. "... We believe it (the school of nursing) will enhance our ability to deliver training for medical missions as effectively and inexpensively as possible." ■

Senate passes bills to protect children from Internet porn

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate approved July 21 two measures designed to protect children from pornography on the Internet.

Senators agreed to a proposal by Sen. Dan Coats, R.-Ind.,

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restricting commercial World Wide Web sites from distributing pornography to children under 17. They also passed a bill by Sen. John McCain, R.-Ariz., requiring schools and libraries that receive federal Internet subsidies to have software filters on their computers to block out sexually explicit material.

The U. S. House of Representatives has yet to act on the legislation. ■

Savings accounts for private school education vetoed

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton vetoed educational reform legislation allowing tax-free savings accounts to be used for private schooling at the elementary and secondary levels.

Congress does not have the votes to override the July 21 veto, which had been expected since the Senate and House of

Representatives passed the legislation in June. Each chamber fell short of the two-thirds majority needed for an override. ■

BWA youth world conference held

Baptist Press

HOUSTON — The outside heat here was nothing compared to that generated by the more than 7,000 jubilant young people from 81 countries who packed the Georgia R. Brown Convention Center here for the opening of the 13th Baptist Youth World Conference.

The July 22-26 meeting, held every five years, is sponsored by the youth department of Baptist World Alliance.

Among the highlights were Dove Award-winning singer Wayne Watson, who sang the theme song he wrote, "For Such A Time As This," and featured speaker Stephen Gaukrøger, an English pastor and Bible teacher. ■



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Security

By Paul Medley

Focal Passage — Jeremiah 1:1-3, 17-19; 2:12-13, 27-28; 5:30-31

When you became a Christian who did you make your commitment to? Did you go before the church and through the act of baptism commit to being a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus Christ? Did you silently promise God that you would trust in him and allow him to be your Savior? Was there an individual or a group that you wanted to especially share your joy? And what about now? Can the world tell of your commitment to Jesus Christ by your lifestyle?

In Jeremiah's day the followers of God boasted about their piety and religious favor. They were quick to point out the superiority of their prophets and priests. And the prophets and priests, the professional clergy, were eager to please their benefactors. The sights and sounds of religion were everywhere but trust in God was lacking. It seemed as if each person wanted every other person to know just how pious they were.

Faith had been regulated to ritual in Jeremiah's day. Trust had been transformed to tradition. While the professional clergy were crying "all is well," Jeremiah was speaking God's warning, "Look out." Turbulent clouds of war and persecution hung over Judah. In the midst of this Jeremiah was to find strength and security to preach the Word of God.

What brought security and stability to Jeremiah's life? I think the same two things that can bring security and stability to our lives.

Jeremiah had a personal relationship with God. He knew God and was known by God. Today that relationship is found in Jesus Christ. To know Jesus means more than just knowing his name. It means more than knowing his teachings. It means more than knowing about him or being affiliated with a church. Our security comes when we have personally met Christ, through faith, and have developed an intimate relationship with him through daily communication. Faith in anyone, or anything, other than our relationship with Jesus is futile.



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Once we have established that personal relationship then we can seek God's will in our lives and live in the security of being in God's will. Jeremiah knew he had been called of God to speak to the people. He knew the message he was to speak came from God. His security and strength came in listening to and doing God's will.

The temptation before the Christian today is to find security in things that will not last. Our culture promotes financial security, marital security, educational security, job security, and on and on. Each of these in and of themselves are not sinful, evil, or wrong. Collectively they pose no threat to the Christian, unless one or all of these become our wardrobe of security. Or the quest for all of these become our motivation. False security is based on the things of this world. The transitory things. How can we be secure when that which we cling to is fading away? True security comes only in Jesus. — Medley is pastor, First Church, Jasper.

Choose life-giving wisdom

By Richard Skidmore

Focal Passage — Proverbs 8:1-11, 33-36

When *Relationships Suffer* is the central theme of the last five lessons of this quarter. We do not always act, think, respond, relate without flaw or failure. Add to this our lack of understanding and/or appreciation of the actions and intentions of others and it appears certain that our relationships will be tried. What are we to do? When? How?

The Scriptures before us this week call out to us, "Choose life-giving wisdom." Wisdom is available. Notice the implications of wisdom crying out, putting forth her voice. From "... high places, by the way ... at the gates, at the entry of the city ..." and other indications in the text point to the truth that God does not want us to be in the darkness. He does not will us to be in confusion as the course we should follow. He comes seeking and rescuing us where we are. His wisdom is available.

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Wisdom is available to all men. The plea to choose life-giving wisdom is made to "... men ... the sons of man ... simple. ..." Even "fools" are offered wisdom. These are not necessarily those of lesser intellectual capacity. This word is used also to refer to people who disregard divine wisdom. Wisdom is available to those even who have rejected, who have willfully chosen the wrong course. The grace of God is evident throughout the ages.

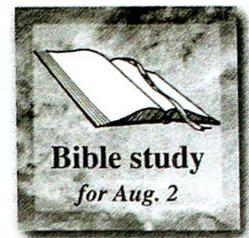
Though wisdom is available to all as a provision from

God, we have responsibility to choose life-giving wisdom. The plea is for us to "... hear ... receive instruction ... Hear instruction and be wise, and refuse it not."

There is a cartoon rooster who spends most of his time trying to convince a very young chicken hawk that he, the rooster, is not a chicken. In this attempt, his usual phrase is "Pay attention, boy!" Pay attention. Have you thought about those words together. If we are to receive wisdom, if instruction is to get through to us, we must pay attention. There is a cost involved.

Perhaps we need to hear again the instruction of our Lord Jesus. He told us to ask and we would receive, seek and we would find, knock and it would be opened. Notice the answers; a way, wisdom which we need is available. We must avail ourselves of the opportunities before us.

How stern the warning that closes our study. One who consciously decides to reject or neglect wisdom is choosing death. Again, the biblical principle comes clearly to the fore. To reject God's way; to neglect the gift; to consciously disobey; the wages of sin is death. As surely as Moses set before the people of Israel the ways of life and death (Deuteronomy 30:15), as surely as the plea made in our text in Proverbs 8:36, so must we realize the responsibility that always comes equally with privilege. The call to us as we order our steps is clear, "Choose Life-Giving Wisdom." — Skidmore is director of missions, Weakley Association, Dresden.



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Being a Christian in the church

By Jim Powers

Focal Passage — 1 Peter 5

In the concluding chapter of this epistle Peter gives exhortation on how to minister to each other in the church. With an act of humility Peter identifies himself as one of them. This is the way it ought to be — all believers are equal.

Peter acknowledges that he was present when Jesus suffered. He is also participating in the glory that belongs to the resurrected Savior. We will share a heavenly glory with Christ that is eternal.

After making these qualifying statements Peter begins instructions. As leaders the elders are told to shepherd the flock. As the ancient Israelite shepherd, church leaders are to go before the flock, feeding, protecting, and guiding them. Shepherds of the flock of God need to remember they are tending a flock that belongs to God, not to them.

As overseers elders are to help their sheep live according to the will of God. Fulfilling this responsibility should be done with joy not motivated by money but as a passion of the soul.

While Christian leaders are to lead they must remember they are servants not masters. The best method of leading is by example. Jesus, himself, led by example.

Jesus, the chief shepherd, re-

Explore the Bible Lesson

wards with an unfading crown of glory faithful ministers who serve as instructed in verses 2-3.

In recent SBC history ridicule has come because of our stand on biblical submission of the wife but Peter emphasizes the need for godly submission to servant elders by the church family.

The spirit of humility always produces glorious Christian service. God will take pleasure in exalting those who humbly serve. The faithful follower has learned it is best to

leave your problems with God because he is able to carry them. He also wants us to give him our cares.

When the Spirit is moving it is important to be self-disciplined and watchful because Satan, our adversary, is our avowed enemy. Satan is hostile and is accusatory if we are faithful humble servants.

Like the sly cunning lion Satan is ready to attack when we least expect it. His single desire, like the lion, is to totally destroy those he attacks.

Peter encourages us to stand fast, don't run but fight. The only way to stand firm is to remain committed to God. We must remember our strength comes from Christ in us.

After our period of suffering for a little while the God of all grace will confirm us. His perfecting and establishing will be eternal. The eternal glory of Jesus Christ gives us strength to endure and overcome.

All glory and dominion are to be given to Christ Jesus and God, the Father, forever and ever. Silvanus unashamedly witnessed to the truth of God's Word and experienced God's deep grace.

Greetings are sent from the church in Rome and from John Mark, Peter's spiritual son. The "kiss of love" was practiced by early Christians. The encouragement here is to treat fellow believers as part of God's larger spiritual family. — Powers is director of missions, Concord Association, Murfreesboro.

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