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Orientation canceled

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Due to renovation of the Baptist Center here, the New Church Staff Orientation scheduled for Oct. 5-6 has been rescheduled for May 3-4, 1999. *B&R*

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By TBC Executive Board

'Protocol' for colleges, camps project approved

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board approved without opposition a "Protocol for College Trustee Selection" and a plan that will enhance Tennessee Baptists' two camps during their Sept. 15 meeting at Brentwood Church here.

Board members also elected Lonnie Wilkey as editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* (see story below) and Bill Northcott as leader of the Executive Board's Church Staff Leadership Group (see story on page 3).

In other major actions, the board affirmed a consensus agreement from the Relationship Focus Group, approved a new convention logo (page 3), established a partnership with Portugal (page 3), created a new Convention Communications Committee (page 3), and adopted a \$31,307,034 Cooperative Program budget for 1998-99.

The "Protocol for College Trustee Selection" was developed after months of intense

negotiation, according to a letter mailed to Executive Board members by Ray Newcomb and L. Joseph Rosas III. Newcomb is pastor of First Church, Millington, and chairman of the Education Committee, while Rosas is pastor of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, and chairman of the subcommittee which developed the protocol. (Editor's Note: The entire "Protocol for College Trustee Selection" will be printed in its entirety in the Sept. 30 convention preview issue, along with an explanation of each point from a member of the Education Committee.)

In April representatives of Belmont University, Nashville, opened dialogue with the committee about how they could broaden their trustee base. Union University in Jackson and Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, also expressed interest in dialogue about the process, the letter stated.

On April 17, however, trustees of Carson-Newman College voted to change their charter to elect their own trustees.



NEW OFFICERS of the TBC Executive Board are, from left, L. Joseph Rosas III, pastor, Union Avenue Church, Memphis, president; Reed Dixon, layman, First Church, Sweetwater, vice president; and Jeff Lane, pastor, South Pittsburg Church, South Pittsburg, recording secretary.

The letter noted Carson-Newman's action "changed the dynamics of our conversation."

Noting his first reactions were to either quit or hold feelings of bitterness, Newcomb said he turned to God on his knees and asked for wisdom.

Newcomb, a former TBC president, said he came away from his time with God determined to work with the Education Committee to "try to bring

about the family relationship we need to continue in the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

In developing the trustee selection protocol the Education Committee "tried to be peace-makers," Newcomb said.

He acknowledged he does not agree with everything in the protocol, but noted the college presidents also would like to see some things different. — See 'Protocol,' page 6

Lonnie Wilkey elected *Baptist and Reflector* editor

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Lonnie H. Wilkey, associate editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* since 1988, was unanimously elected the newsjournal's next editor by members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board at their Sept. 15 meeting at Brentwood Church here.

Wilkey was appointed interim editor April 1 following the March 31 retirement of Wm. Fletcher Allen.

Herbert Higdon, chairman of the search committee for the editor, said "As interim, Lonnie Wilkey demonstrated his ability to be the editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* and in that capacity he did an outstanding job."

Higdon, of Jackson, who is a retired director of missions and past president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, said the committee "looked at a number of resumes and

unanimously agreed on Lonnie Wilkey as the new editor.

"Lonnie Wilkey's dedication is to Tennessee Baptists and his concern is to convey the news that is important to our constituency across the state."

Prior to his work on the

Baptist and Reflector, Wilkey was director of communications of the former Southern Baptist Education Commission, based in Nashville, for about six years. In that role he was editor of *The Southern Baptist Educator* and other publications of the commission, which was

later disbanded as part of SBC restructuring.

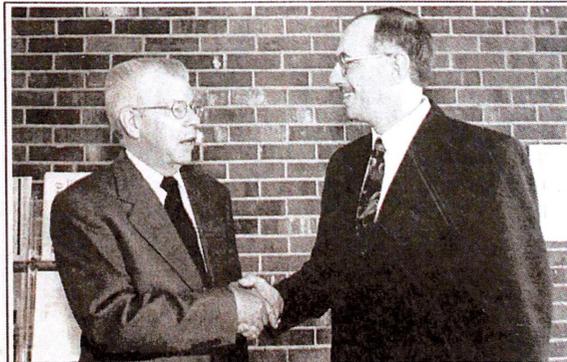
Wilkey has been on the staff of two Baptist schools. He was assistant director of public relations for Baptist College at Charleston in South Carolina (now Charleston Southern University) and was director of public information at North Greenville College, Tigerville, S.C.

He also was news editor of the *Northwest Sentinel*, a weekly community newspaper published in Travelers Rest, S.C.

A graduate of North Greenville College and the University of South Carolina, Columbia, Wilkey also has done graduate study at Tennessee State University, Nashville.

He is a member of the Association of State Baptist Papers and was treasurer for Baptist Communication Association.

He is married to the former Joyce Day of Greenville and they have two children, Joanna, 12, and Daniel, 9. *B&R*



HERBERT HIGDON, right, of Jackson, and chairman of the search committee of the *Baptist and Reflector*, congratulates Lonnie Wilkey after his election as editor of Tennessee Baptists' newsjournal.

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Polk County couple, churches help cancer victims

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BENTON — Eddie and Cindy Sloan of Polk County Association, nine association churches, and the community helped children who have cancer recently by holding a second annual Picnic and Fun Day at the association's Camp Agape here.

The event drew about 375 people including ill children, their families, and volunteers.

The volunteers came from the association's churches who supported the event, churches of other denominations, and from the community.

The Sloans initiated the project because their daughter Amanda, has cancer and to help the Candlelighters, a local support group for families who have children with cancer. Eddie Sloan also is Disaster Relief director for the association.

The association's churches

which were involved were First Church, Benton; Fairview in Reliance; Hiwassee Union, Reliance; Delano, Delano; Oak Grove; Benton; Ocoee, Old Fort; Smyrna, Ocoee; Wetmore, Delano; and Zion, Benton. Church members not only served as volunteers, but they gave money to provide for the activities.

Other Baptist volunteers were members of Campers on Mission and short-term mis-

sionaries based at Camp Agape who stayed an extra week to assist. And a clown troupe, Jest for Jesus, from Fellowship Church, Knoxville, traveled here to entertain the children.

The two-day event included a petting zoo provided by a Chattanooga zoo, water activities led by a canoeing/kayaking club, horseback riding, fishing, camping out, and games. It was free for participants. ■



MEMBERS OF THE CLOWN troupe Jest for Jesus of Fellowship Church, Knoxville, entertain children with cancer at Camp Agape. Some children also ride horses during the activities.



CHILDREN enjoy canoeing on the lake at Camp Agape during the Picnic and Fun Day.

See You at the Pole held across state

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Before school started on Sept. 16 students gathered at their school's flag poles for the annual See You at the Pole event.

The students often gathered in a circle and clasped hands while they prayed for a few minutes for students and teachers. The students were from many different churches. The annual event is supported by many youth of Baptist churches, reported Kent Shingleton of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries.

Several related activities were held across the state by Baptists, Singleton reported. About 300 youth in Robertson County Association attended a See You at the Pole Rally in Springfield. Shingleton, who spoke, said several youth made professions of faith during the rally.

About 50 teens attending the gathering also accepted a challenge by Shingleton to take See You at the Pole a step further. They agreed to develop prayer ministries at their churches or schools.

He encourages youth across the state to do that too. *B&R*



EMPLOYEES AT THE BAPTIST CENTER gather at the center's flag poles on Sept. 16 for a See You at the Pole prayer service similar to those held that morning at schools across the United States. — Photo by Connie Davis

Northcott to lead Church Staff Leadership Group

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Bill Northcott, pastor, First Church, Covington, was unanimously elected one of seven group leaders of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries by the TBC Executive Board meeting here Sept. 15.

Northcott will lead the Church Staff Leadership Group. Gary Rickman had the role before being named ministry coordinator of TBC Executive Board Ministries.

Northcott was recommended to the board by John Holland, chairman of the Church Programs Committee. Holland, pastor, Salem Church, Knoxville, said the committee had



BILL NORTHCOTT, center, is welcomed to the staff of the TBC Executive Board by Gary Rickman, left, ministry coordinator, and John Holland, pastor, Salem Church, Knoxville, and chairman of the Church Programs Committee.

moved through the procedure of considering candidates for the job "prayerfully and care-

fully," and come to the conclusion "Dr. Northcott was prepared of God for this position.

"He is well qualified to serve in this position," added Holland, noting Northcott's varied experience in the denomination. Northcott will begin around Nov. 1, Holland reported.

After the election Northcott also was affirmed by Pat Landrum of Brighton to the board.

Northcott has served the Covington church for nearly six years.

He was associate pastor/administrator of West Jackson Church, Jackson, for about seven years. He also has served as pastor, First Church, Bradford; pastoral intern, Deer Park Church, Louisville, Ky.; chaplain intern at two Louisville hospitals; pastor, Pleasant Hill Church, Jackson; and pastor, Huron Church, Huron.



He is a member of the TBC Executive Board, a role he has held since 1994 and from 1984-90. He is currently chairman of the board's Executive Committee and has been vice president of the board.

Northcott also has held numerous other denominational positions.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson; and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned his doctor of ministry degree. *B&R*

TBC Executive Board adopts new logo

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board unanimously adopted a new logo for the convention during their Sept. 15 meeting at Brentwood Church here.

The logo, which utilizes two universally recognized symbols of the Christian faith (a church and a cross) was designed by Daniel Brown of the TBC Communication Services Group.



YARBOROUGH

Services Group.

In determining the new logo the question "What determines an effective logo?"

had to be answered, said Eleanor Yarborough, leader of the Executive Board's Communication Services Group.

"We think a person should be able to look at the logo and get a clear idea of what an organization is about," she told board members. "Simply put, an organization's logo is its signature," she added.

Yarborough noted the new logo visually communicates the Executive Board's mission statement — "Making Christ Known by Serving

ing Churches."



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continuous attention to our mission."

The new logo or mark, is both "professional and functional because it incorporates the following rules of good design as well," Yarborough added.

The mark must be able to communicate the organization's trade or product fo-

cus using only symbols.

The mark design is clean and its lines are well defined so that it can be printed or photocopied, even on a small scale.

The mark reproduces well in one color and still retains its meaning and impact.

It can be reversed without distortion.

It can be used in many ways and sizes — on letterhead, in an ad or product, printed small on a brochure, or printed large on a directory, etc.

The mark can stand alone, or words can be added to it.

The mark captures the essence of an organization.

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Will relate to Baptist and Reflector, Communication Services

Board creates Convention Communications Committee

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Members of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention voted to establish a Convention Communications Committee during their Sept. 15 meeting.

The new committee will serve as the advisory committee for the *Baptist and Reflector* and also will work with the Communication Services Group of the Executive Board. The Convention Communications Committee becomes the eighth standing committee of the Executive Board, joining the Executive Committee, Budget and Program Committee, Central Administrative Committee, Christian Services Committee, Church Programs Committee, Convention Ministries Committee, and Education Committee.

The request for the Convention Communications Committee came from the *Baptist and Reflector* Search Committee which felt more attention needed to be given to the ministry of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

For many years the Executive Committee has done double duty by serving as the paper's board of directors.

According to the recommendation from the Executive Committee, the action "will strengthen the total communications effort of the convention and the Executive Board.

"It will allow a committee to give greater attention to the work of the *Baptist and Reflector* and coordinate the overall convention communications effort."

Duties of the committee include:

(1) Serves as advisors to the *Baptist and Reflector*, develops policies for the editor in the management of the *Baptist and Reflector*, safeguarding the editorial freedom of the editor.

(2) Receives nominations from the executive director-treasurer of the Executive Board when a vacancy occurs in the position of *Baptist and Reflector* editor

(3) Reviews Cooperative Program item budget requests of the *Baptist and Reflector* and Communication Services Group for recommendation to the Budget

and Program Committee.

(4) Receives nominations from the executive director-treasurer for group leader of the Communication Services Group (CSG) ...

(5) Receives nominations from the executive director-treasurer and employs ministry specialists within CSG and *B&R* ...

(6) Establishes policies which govern the work of CSG.

(7) Keeps informed of the work of CSG and *B&R* and evaluates the performance of CSG and *B&R*. Receives reports from the CSG leader and *B&R* editor.

(8) Periodically reviews program statements assigned to CSG and recommends any amendments or new programs to the Budget and Program Committee.

(9) Executes special assignments made by the Executive Board or the Executive Committee regarding CSG ...

(10) Works with the Executive Leadership Group to promote and communicate the Cooperative Program as the method of funding TBC work. *B&R*

Board approves partnership with Portugal Baptists

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — If approved by messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Kingsport in November, the Tennessee Baptist Convention will enter into a three-year partnership with The Baptist Mission of Portugal and the International Mission Board.

The agreement will begin Jan. 1, 2000 and continue through Dec. 31, 2002.

Tennessee Baptists' current partnership in Costa Rica will end Dec. 31, 1999.

The recommendation, adopted by the TBC Executive Board on Sept. 15, will allow the convention to enter into a project relationship that would allow promotion of selected projects for 1999.

"Once again the Macedonian Call has come (to Tennessee Baptists) from one of the oldest nations in Europe — Portugal," said Terry Sharp, partnership missions specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board's Missions Awareness and Involvement Group.

Sharp was part of a survey team which went to Portugal in April to investigate the possibility for forming a partnership with Portuguese Baptists. Other members of the survey team included James Porch, TBC executive director; Tim Bearden, leader, MIA Group; Doug Sager, TBC President; and Michael Smith, president of the TBC Executive Board.

Sharp said the partnership in Portugal will enable Tennessee Baptists to use their skills and expertise in a number of missions endeavors and ministries.

"They are excited about us coming and working alongside them," Sharp told Executive Board members. *B&R*



about letters

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Pen pals sought

"I doubt that American students have any concept of the excitement that such a letter generates among our Chinese students."

This was the comment of a Southern Baptist teacher in a Chinese university. He was referring to letters that students in his English classes had received from American Christian students who were participating in a Christian Corresponders project sponsored by the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators, in cooperation with the International Mission Board.

We invited mission-minded groups of young people or individual students in grades seven through college to take part in this program. For some, it is an opportunity to be the only Christian influence in the life of a student in a Communist country, where missionaries are not permitted. It is an excellent missions projects for groups such as Acteens, Challengers, World Changers, Sunday School classes, and others.

For more information about this program, including guidelines for corresponding with students in China, call me at (205) 822-4106 or write me at the address below.

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Legislative alert

Time is running out for the most important religious liberty legislation of the 105th Congress. The Religious Liberty Protection Act (S.2148) is languishing in the Senate Judiciary Committee for lack of co-sponsors. Of particular concern is the fact that Senator Fred Thompson of Tennessee has not yet signed on.

The bill, which is supported by both the SBC Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee, is a scaled-down, constitutionally permissible version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. The law would restore the requirement that government demonstrate a "compelling" interest before burdening religious exercise.

You may contact Sen. Thompson at (202) 224-4944, (615) 736-5129, or (901) 544-4224, or (423) 545-4253.

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Character matters

The constitution of the United States states: "Section 4. The President, Vice President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or high crimes and misdemeanor."

President Bill Clinton carried on an adulterous relationship with a White House intern in the oval office of the White House for 18 months. Then he stated under oath that he never had sex with the intern and for seven months he repeatedly denied the relationship. When the evidence of this relationship became so overwhelming he then finally admitted to the affair and that he had deceived us.

As commander and chief, Mr. Clinton should exemplify the high morality and integrity

demand of the officers he commands. Instead by his own admission he has violated the high standard of the uniform code of the military justice.

Mr. Clinton's action of self gratification and physical satisfaction at the expense of an intern is conduct certainly not becoming to a president.

I urge every citizen of the U.S. to write their congressmen and senators and demand that Mr. Clinton be impeached, tried, and removed from office for conduct not becoming to the president of the United States of America. Character does matter. What we do or fail to do will define our character. If we condone this behavior by inaction, we are no better than the perpetrator.

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Misplaced priorities

In working with an interdenominational ministry this summer, the Lord, among showing me several awesome truths, convicted me of a crucial tenet of the Christian life — evangelism. It is a clear revelation to me that our rapture and Christ's judgment is coming sooner than we all think, even in my lifetime. Yet, therein is my recent burden. I continually ask the Lord why there are so many masses of people who have not heard the Gospel clearly and lovingly presented to them, much less challenged to accept it. The recurring answer in my mind is that we've been grossly unfaithful as a church in our commitment to Christ.

Sadly, it's true. The evidence? First, our priorities are misplaced. When huge hunks of precious funds are wasted on office buildings or otherwise useless administrative consumptions instead of every spare dime given to effective ministries of outreach and discipleship, we are deceiving ourselves. Programs? All fine and good as long as they are

truly being used as tools for reaching others for Christ instead of facades under the "name" of evangelism that we hide behind.

Second, if our priorities (or lack thereof) are not discernable enough to convince some, then consider the most blatant indicator of our shortcomings — results. If the body of Christ were truly committed to spreading the message would our nation be in the inexcusable wreck it is in?

I point the finger at myself, also. I am not the witness I want to be. Jesus' mission was evangelism. Let's set our minds on things that are from above (Colossians 3:1).

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Drop the rocks

Recent articles I have read are examples of Christians hurling rocks at, instead of praying for, President Bill Clinton.

President Clinton, by his own admission, and by all the testimony against him, is guilty. And it is about sex. And it is about lying. And it is about abuse of trust, no matter what the spin doctors want you to believe.

It is not about prying prosecutors, no matter what the spin doctors want you to believe. It is about sin. It is not primarily against Monica. It is not primarily against Hillary or Chelsea. It is not primarily against Bill Clinton and almighty God.

The evidence is being gathered and perhaps it will warrant a trial. But every Christian sitting in judgment must look at the rock in their own hands, and remember Jesus said, "How can you examine a brother's eye when you can barely see out of your own?" Thus, we should drop our rocks, pray for President Clinton, and pray for ourselves.

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Y2K prevention

I had a recent lunch conversation with friends concerning the articles in the *Baptist and Reflector* about the Y2K problem. A thought kept going through my mind — yes, we need to be prepared to minister to those in need at all times. This would include a need that might be brought on by the Y2K bug. However, should we as Christians not also be working to prevent disasters if there is a way to do so. So, my question is: What can Christians be doing now to help prevent a major crisis in the year 2000.

I don't personally believe that just stockpiling supplies and waiting for the crisis to take place and then proceeding to minister is all we can be doing. Could we as Christians not be actively checking with banks, electrical companies, department stores, and so on to see what they are doing to prepare for the year 2000 and encouraging them to make it their priority to do all in their power to take care of the problem now?

Could Christians who have the know-how now also volunteer to help in making the needed corrections? Wouldn't that be an eye-opener for many people if someone volunteered to come in and help a company fix a problem? Would they not wonder why? Would that not open a door for sharing Christ?

I am not going to just stockpile supplies and wait for disaster to strike. I am going to become actively involved now to look for ways to encourage companies to do all that is in their power to prevent it from happening. I can make the choice to panic and that was how I felt after first reading the articles, or I can make the choice to do something to try and prevent the disaster. I am right now making the choice to work toward prevention.

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Church of the Covered Dish

By Thom Tapp, pastor, Oral Church, Lenoir City



What does the future hold for your paper?

By Lonnie Wilkey, Editor

On Sept. 15, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention bestowed on me the highest honor a journalist who has tried to follow God's path for his life could hope to attain — the editorship of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

There are 39 Baptist state papers in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. To hold an editorship with some of the best journalists in our denomination is both humbling and exciting.

As I look back over my life, I can see without a shadow of a doubt that God has directed me to this point in my life. I can look back and see doors and windows of opportunities that were closed or opened at just the right moment for me.

I have been fortunate to have mentors like retired editor Wm. Fletcher Allen and many others who have helped me along my path as a Christian journalist.

Being editor of a state paper also brings tremendous responsibilities and challenges. What does the future hold for Baptist state papers?

It's hard to say for sure. Most every state paper has experienced circulation declines over the past 20 years. People do not read like they once did. We have more avenues for news such as television and the Internet.

Rising costs also plague papers. Postage rates continue to rise as do printing costs.

With all that said, why did I even want the job? That's a question my wife asked early in the process.

It all goes back to God's will. Eighteen years ago God led me into the field of Christian journalism. I have responded to his will each time he has led me to something new and different.

Old habits are hard to break. When God opened this door of opportunity, I felt compelled to walk through it. I do so with the confidence he is with me each step of the way.

There are challenges the paper must face. We have to work harder to increase circulation so we can deal with postage and printing increases.

I am confident we can do that because the *Baptist and Reflector* has something to offer Baptists in Tennessee. We are the newsjournal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I pledge to build upon the paper's storied tradition and work even harder to make the *Baptist and Reflector* unashamedly Tennessee Baptist.

Our primary concern will be stories that feature the work of our churches. Additional stories and articles will feature concerns of interest to Tennessee Baptists, such as family matters, how to make your church more effective in reaching people for Christ, and much more. We will con-

tinue to share national Southern Baptist news of interest. The *Baptist and Reflector* is blessed to have a quality, competent staff that will strive to make the paper a periodical that active Tennessee Baptists will want on an ongoing basis.

The *Baptist and Reflector* is for all Tennessee Baptists. I was reminded of that fact by one of my mentors — Ben Bagwell who now lives in Virginia. Ben is the individual who introduced me to the world of weekly newspapers. He gave me my first job in the newspaper field after I graduated from college in 1980.

I received an e-mail from Ben last week congratulating me on being named editor. He reminded me what one of his bosses told him many years ago: "Fairness is the most important thing in journalism. That is really what the people expect of their newspaper."

That's a good reminder for me as I begin this awesome responsibility. I know the months and years ahead will not always be easy. I know I will not always write articles or editorials that will please everyone all the time.

Be assured, however, that I pledge to always do my best and to be as fair as humanly possible while seeking God's will for my life and the paper.

Pray for your paper and its staff. I believe the future is bright not only for the *Baptist and Reflector*, but for the Tennessee Baptist Convention as well as we all work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ. *B&R*



WILKEY



just for today

by Fred Wood,
pastor emeritus,
Eudora Church,
Memphis



Start with a smile

Single Mother (arriving home after a rough day at the office): "Hi, kids, it's great to be home after a day in the office with that inconsiderate boss of mine." Oldest Child: "Bad news mom. The lights went out, the sink is stopped up, and the toilet overflowed." Mom: "It's still nicer to be home."

Take this truth

Life is a series of swap offs. If all the people brought their problems and laid them down in groups, you'd probably be glad to pick yours up and go home happy.

Memorize this Scripture

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." — Philippians 4:11 — Wood can be e-mailed at docfred1@juno.com

Parents are responsible for actions of their children

Law & Christian life

by Ivy Scarborough
attorney, Jackson



"Our son was expelled for fighting at school. The other boy had some damage to his teeth and his parents are bringing our son before the juvenile court. What are our legal rights and responsibilities as his parents?"

The legal responsibilities of parents whose children do harm

to others are typically founded on the notion that the parent has been negligent in failing to properly train, control, or restrain their child.

Thus, parents are susceptible to lawsuits and legal claims for injuries caused by their children, either through violence, negligent driving, or some other form of behavior that causes injury. Though sometimes the law places financial caps on the parents' liability, it is almost certain in your case that you will be liable for your son's conduct.

I would advise promptly offering to pay restitution for the dental work rather than leaving

this for a court to decide. Set an example for your son by showing a willingness to accept responsibility — and expect him to do likewise.

Be understanding too of the school officials' predicament. With so much dangerous violence in our schools they feel compelled to act firmly when any youngster displays violent tendencies. If, as was suggested, your son started this fight and was very aggressive in perpetrating it, the worst thing you can do is to defend him. Do not use rationalizations and excuses and do not permit him to do so. Everyone should take

their responsibility and their punishment humbly and contritely.

The Bible teaches "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24).

It also says: "... do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

You and your husband should engage in some deep soul searching and prayer to learn what you should do differently where your son is concerned. Then act upon it, before it is too late. ■

Movie reviewer helps families find appropriate videos

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Movie: "Titanic"
U.S. Rating: PG-13
Time: 192 minutes
Overall: C-
Violence: C
Sexual Content: D
Language: C-

James Cameron, the creator of "Titanic" turned the biggest ship and sea tragedy into the biggest money making film of all time and didn't even have a

moment in his three-hour epic to dedicate his windfall to the memory of those who perished. Just a minor oversight.

I acknowledge "Titanic" as one of the most technically advanced and visually awe inspiring films produced to date. Cameron's task in directing this film is in a league with the skills and organization required to run a small country. After all, its earnings would make a Third World nation envious. But why would he choose to take a story chock full of amazing feats of heroism and tragedy, and instead create two fictional characters that are the main focus of the film?

Cameron and the two stu-

dios supporting this project probably reasoned that facts are for documentaries. Using fiction and a heartthrob like Leonardo Di Caprio playing the lead, they could bank on a swooning teen audience coming to see one of the steamiest PG-13 films to date. Many even left convinced that Jack and Rose (Kate Winslet) were as real as the frigid waters of that fateful night.

For the few who haven't seen the film, it contains unnecessary frontal female nudity, sexual intercourse complete with orgasmic comments, language that would even offend the steerage class, and glamorization of gambling, drinking, and smoking.

"Titanic" has become the god of teendom, and young girls especially returned to worship it time and time again. Now on video they can bring it home. But this is a god that teaches you to have sex now because your ship may sink and you'll never get another chance. In an opening scene

Rose, now 101, accuses an exploration crew of not understanding the Titanic experience, but Cameron missed the boat too. Just like the crew he portrays in the film that are after Titanic's riches, this movie has mined disaster for profit, and has thrown the sanctity of life and moral responsibility aside. ■ — © 1998, One Voice Communications

Prayer Requests

September

23 — Pray for First Southern Church in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada, as members seek a new pastor.

24 — Pray for a 60-member team that will hold simultaneous revivals Sept. 27-Oct. 6 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Ask God to bless team leader Terry Sharp and team members.

25 — Pray for a spiritual awakening among the youth of Costa Rica and for salvation for those who have not made decisions for Christ.

26 — Pray for Leonard and Betty Quick, new ISC volunteers at International Church in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and an 11-member team from Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville, that will do a prayerwalk in Rio Sept. 27-Oct. 6.

27 — Pray that Michigan Baptists can help repeal a proposal that allows casino gambling in their state.

28 — Pray for the work of San Pedro Church in the Valley of the Saints in Costa Rica. Ask God to bless the church and its young people.

29 — Pray for Michael Collins, executive director of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, as he leads Michigan Southern Baptists.

'Protocol' for colleges, camps projects ...

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The protocol agreement, however, has been approved by trustees of all three Tennessee Baptist colleges.

In the information sent to board members the two men noted that under the protocol "the institutions will take the lead in trustee nomination while the convention retains the right to approve trustees. If the convention fails to elect a prospective trustee, the nomination process starts over with the board of trustees and the Committee on Boards."

In essence the protocol, if adopted by messengers to the TBC annual meeting in Kingsport in November, will allow the colleges to present one nomination for each board vacancy to the TBC Committee on Boards.

Other provisions of the protocol include allowing multiple trustees from a Tennessee Baptist church, allowing trustees to serve up to three terms of three years each before rotating off, enabling individuals serving on convention committees to serve simultaneously on boards of trustees, and allowing people who rotate off other TBC boards to become eligible immediately to serve as college trustees.

Also, at least 80 percent of a college's board of trustees must be comprised of members of Tennessee Baptist churches. Other members must be members of Baptist churches outside the state.

The letter from Newcomb and Rosas noted the protocol document "represents a compromise that seeks to accommodate the needs of our schools with the responsibility we have to the convention."

Rosas told the board too that "our schools need as much flexibility as we can afford



RECOGNIZED FOR years of service with the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board are, from left, Joy Clay-Corby, Church Staff Leadership, 10 years; William Maxwell, administrative director, five years; Jane Garvin, Executive Leadership, 25 years; Ron Hawkins, collegiate ministries, University of Tennessee at Memphis, The Health Science Center, 20 years; Phyllis Bates, Executive Leadership, 25 years; Steve Roper, collegiate ministries, Cleveland State Community College, 10 years; Dan Ferrell, Communication Services, 15 years; Julian Suggs, Church Staff Leadership, 20 years; and Ken Weathersby, Evangelism/Missions Strategies, five years. Not pictured are Andy Gunn, Administrative Services, 20 years; and Steve Hixson, collegiate ministries, Pellissippi State Technological Community College, Knoxville, 15 years.

them in the trustee selection process."

Camp Development Project

Executive Board members approved a Camp Development Project that will build conference centers at both Camp Carson in Newport and Camp Linden in Linden. **(Editor's Note: Detailed plans of the camp project will be printed in the Sept. 30 convention preview issue.)**

The construction cost will not exceed \$9,520,201. The amount includes the contractors guaranteed maximum price of \$8,591,765, owner provided furnishings (\$475,093), and a 5 percent contingency fund of \$453,343. The proposal was later amended to eliminate an \$85,543 expenditure for a performance bond which

was deemed unneeded because of the past performances of Hardaway Construction, the chosen contractor.

Initial approval for the design of a lodge and conference center at both camps was approved by the board last year. Previous approval also has been granted to begin a campaign to raise \$5 million in cash and \$1.5 million in volunteer labor.

Jewell Jennings, a member of First Church, Lebanon, and chairman of the Central Administrative Committee, called the camps proposal a "milestone in the life of the convention."

"It gives us the opportunity to continue the witness and ministry of our convention. We're building on a vision that can be enlarged and extended," she said.

Otis Hinton, pastor of Temple Church, Paris, and chairman of the planning subcommittee, agreed.

"We're about to embark on one of the most important ventures our convention has done in a long time."

In answer to how the convention would fund the project, board members were reminded of the Camp Development Involvement Campaign that is now underway.

Included in the approval of the project is the authorization to secure both construction and permanent financing. The Conference Center Business Plan documented how the debt could be repaid within 15 years with an occupancy rate as low as 35 percent.

The campaign, which will not target churches for contributions, is headed by Sherman and Jane Hardaway (no relation to the contractor) of Germantown Church, Germantown. Mrs. Hardaway is a member of the Executive Board.

They noted that more than \$100,000 already has been pledged by members of the Executive Board and the Executive Board staff in Brentwood.

Hardaway noted money is not the problem. "God knows where the money is. We've been charged with the responsibility of finding it," he said.

In actions related to the camps, board members approved a plan for Camp Carson to enter into an agreement with the Newport Utilities Board to provide waste-water treatment and to construct a wastewater treatment plant at Linden. The wastewater matters must be dealt with regardless of the addition of conference centers at each location, board members were told.

Board members also voted that upon the opening of the new lodges and conference centers, the official names of the facilities would become Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center (formerly Camp Carson) and Linden Baptist Conference Center (formerly Camp Linden).

Budget

Executive Board members approved the adoption of a Cooperative Program budget of \$31,307,034 for 1998-99. The



proposed budget is a 4 percent increase over the current budget of \$30,105,514. The recommendation approved by the Executive Board also calls for any overage in 1998-99 receipts to be shared according to the existing budget allocations.

Relationship Focus Group

Executive Board members dealt with three matters related to the Relationship Focus Group, appointed last year by then-TBC President Herbert Higdon of Jackson to study relationships in the convention.

The group reached a consensus agreement that acknowledged diversity, yet called for unity. The report was printed in its entirety in the Aug. 19 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

Board members affirmed the agreement with no visible opposition.

A related matter, however, drew considerable debate.

The RFG asked the board to approve a recommendation to let each of the convention officers (president, first vice president, and second vice president) become a member of all TBC committees with voting privileges.

Arguments against the recommendation ranged from it would cause further divisiveness to the fact the three officers would not have enough background on each committee to vote intelligently on matters.

The recommendation passed by a 36-34 margin and will be considered by convention messengers.

Also related to the RFG, board members approved the expenditure of \$10,000 to continue the RFG through 1999.

Other Business

In other matters, Executive Board:

- ▶ elected new officers for the coming year. Joey Rosas of Memphis was elected president over David Daughtery of McMinnville. Reed Dixon, a layman from First Church, Sweetwater, was elected vice president with no opposition. Jeff Lane, pastor of South Pittsburg Church, South Pittsburg, was elected recording secretary.

- ▶ approved raising the debt ceiling of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes to \$750,000 for possible purchase of 15 acres of land adjacent to the Baptist Health Care center in Lenoir City. **B&R**



JEWELL JENNINGS, right, chairman of the Central Administrative Committee and a member of First Church, Lebanon, introduces Sherman and Jane Hardaway of Germantown Church, Germantown to members of the Executive Board. The Hardaways are heading the Involvement Campaign to raise funds to build conference centers at both Camp Carson and Camp Linden.

State seniors enjoy 'retreat' at Pigeon Forge

By Wm. Fletcher Allen
For Baptist and Reflector

PIGEON FORGE — Baptist senior adults from all across Tennessee turned out last week for an educational, recreational, and inspirational conference here in the conference center.

Some 760 Tennessee Baptist seniors enjoyed almost perfect fall-like weather for the two-and-a-half day event.

The conference was under the direction of Don Mauldin, family ministry specialist for senior and single adults, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Kenny Cooper, president of Tennessee Baptist Adult

Homes, led three Bible studies on the conference theme, "Re-deem the Time."

Breakdown conferences were directed by Cooper and W. L. Childs, president, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, on Wills, Trusts, and Housing; Chris Adams, LifeWay Christian Resources specialist, on Women Reaching Women; Tim Holcomb, Tennessee Baptist Convention ministry specialist, on Having All the Time You Ever Thought You Needed;

Janice Holcomb, speaker and writer of Franklin, on Plan How to Survive the Stress of the Holidays; Karl Babb, family ministry director, South Carolina Baptist Convention,

Bill Highsmith, staff member of Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville, on Volunteer Leaders; and Tanya Magness of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, on Staying Healthy.

Fes Robertson, music consultant, Nashville, led the music and gave several solos.

The entrance foyer was lively throughout the conference, housing book sales by LifeWay Christian Resources, and crafts produced by Tennessee Baptist craftsmen.

Participants had an opportunity to learn firsthand some helpful exercises on Monday evening during a presentation by Dorothy Chrisman called "Body Recall." Chrisman directs clinics on special exercises for seniors in Berea, Ky.

Stu Phillips, member of the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville, gave a concert Wednesday night — and recalled a personal testimony on recovering from cancer of the throat. Phillips sang several of his original songs and signed autographs for conference participants.

Each of the mini-conferences provided helpful information and hints on subjects of common interest to seniors. All were well-attended.

Conference participants were saddened Thursday when they were advised of the death of Don Norris, well-known musician from Middle Tennessee. Norris sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus" on Wednesday morning. ■



Don Norris dies

For Baptist and Reflector

PIGEON FORGE — Don Norris, 66, of Brentwood died in his sleep during the state Senior Adult Conference.

He had served numerous churches as a bivocational music leader. He was retired minister of music, Grassland Heights Church, Franklin. Norris also was a certified financial planner. His wife, Martha, is retired from Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries. ■



GLENWOOD CHURCH, Nashville, had 18 seniors at the conference. These three were early for a session. From left, Richard and Elizabeth Dutton, and Margaret Cayce.



LILLIAN RAMSEY and Nell Moon are two of several participants from Tusculum Hills Church, Nashville.



ABOVE. Floyd and Lillian Kyte, of Central Church, Oak Ridge, talk with Kenny Cooper, right, about housing for seniors during his conference.



STU PHILLIPS, right, signs autographs after his concert.



PHOTO AT LEFT. Betty Allen, Clearview Church, Franklin, and Mary Ford, Woodmont Church, Nashville, meet friends J. C. and Ann Lewis, Gallatin. He works with Bledsoe Association seniors.



CONFERENCE LEADER Chris Adams, left, with three from a group from Cumberland Drive Church, Clarksville, Minerva Young, Rebecca Simmons, and Ruby Johnson.



THIS GROUP IS FROM Parks City Church, Fayetteville. From left, back row: Rovena Wade, Maureen Crabtree, Bill Crabtree, Sybil Reavis, Hattie Tucker, Pauline Chapman, Reva Hancock, Jean Pittinger, Bob Pittinger; front row: Lyndon Stone, Corine Stone, Jane Yeargin, Eldora Blackburn, Muscedas Smith, Jessie McDow, and Gene Wade.

To be 'unapologetically Christian, and unashamedly Baptist'

Tennessee Baptist educator offers tips for institutions

For Baptist and Reflector

JEFFERSON CITY — In remarks made last week to faculty members at Carson-Newman College, Bob Agee, executive director of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS), addressed the "identity crisis" that plagues many of the country's church-related colleges and universities.

"Difficult as it may be, it is possible to be seriously Christian and still be a world-class academic institution offering degree programs in all the disciplines," said Agee, a former Union University administrator and retired president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee. Agee now lives in Jackson, where the ASBCS is based.

Agee said that doing so takes more investment than the educational philosophy of either a secular institution or traditional Bible college. "It just requires more thought and more conscious effort on the part of

trustees, administrators, faculty, and student membership," he asserted. His address to the faculty was part of C-N's annual Carlyle Marney Lecture Series.

Championing the role Southern Baptists have played in education through their Cooperative Program gifts, Agee said Southern Baptists have "provided a higher level of financial support for their colleges and universities than most denominations."

But even so, Agee noted, institutions have seen a shrinkage of state convention monies while costs and inflation continually push budgets higher and higher.

Other "inescapable demands and pressures," as Agee calls them, come in the form of governmental mandates and the expectations of accrediting groups that sometimes seek to wrest control from institutions.

During his address Agee cited standards by which to measure a Christian college or university. "An institution that is serious about remaining true to its heritage as a Christian institution of higher education has made a strong commitment to offer education in a manner that does not sacrifice academic integrity and at the same time affirms and

challenges a student's faith perspective, he noted.

The call for such institutions is matched by a need for balancing "spiritual and professional accountability."

Agee offered eight principles for operating an "unapologetically Christian, and unashamedly Baptist" institution.

(1) Determine the institution will be built around a strong, positive, visionary Kingdom agenda.

(2) Think through and have a clear understanding of the core values that form the philosophical underpinnings of truly being a distinctive Christian institution.

(3) Understand that any definition of academic freedom without appropriate accountability to the mission and purpose of the institution is not appropriate for a Christian college or university.

(4) Determine to offer the best

education available in this part of the world.

(5) Call upon and plan for administrators, faculty, and students to engage in a never-ending, ongoing dialogue about the implications and application of the essence of the Christian faith

(6) Exercise diligence in the quest for leaders committed to Christ.

(7) Aggressively search for ways the institution can show its desire to form a working partnership with local churches within the denomination through associations and state conventions.

(8) Find ways to involve students and faculty in global missions starting with service at home and reaching around the world. ■



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Oct. 16-17 meet set for SS directors

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — On Oct. 16-17 Sunday School directors across the state will gather at Forest Hills Church, Nashville.

Harry Piland, retired Sunday School worker with Life-Way Christian Resources, Nashville, will speak.

The second annual Sunday School Directors Association meeting will open with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Registration will be offered at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call Tim Holcomb of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries, (615) 371-2055. ■

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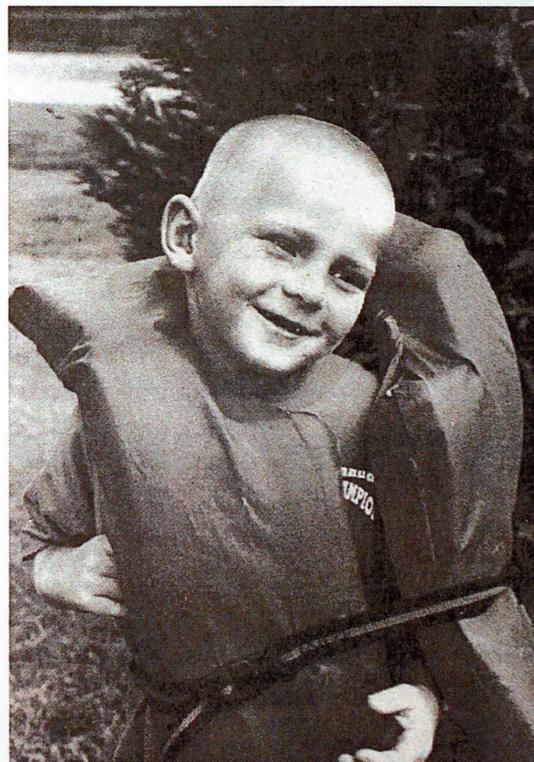
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BSU director, family, to serve in Thailand

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

JOHNSON CITY — A university worker from Tennessee and his family will leave in a few weeks to begin service as career missionaries in Thailand.

Scott Payne has served since 1992 as collegiate ministry specialist at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City. He also served in that role at Motlow State Community College (MSCC), Tullahoma, from 1987-90; and on the staff of the BSU at ETSU from 1986-87.

The family is looking forward to its new work and life because "it is the culmination of so many years of anticipating this kind of service," explained Scott Payne.

It all began for Payne when as a student at MSCC he served as a BSU summer missionary to Nashville in 1979.

He taught English to internationals that summer and experienced something he had never known before.

"I felt such a joy in my heart to be serving in that way," said Payne.

He realized he was to serve in missions, but he wasn't sure what role he would take. He did decide, though, to attend seminary to further his search.

During his work at MSCC after seminary, Scott met Valerie Odle of Wartrace. The two were attending a state student conference in Nashville. Odle was a recent graduate of Middle Tennessee State University.

The couple married and soon after served as journey-men in Thailand for two years through the International Mission Board.

While in Thailand, Payne experienced the kind of joy he had known while a summer missionary. He shared this with Valerie, who agreed the joy she was feeling was unique and associated with her previous missions efforts. Valerie had served as a short-term missions worker through BSU activities.

The couple had such a good

time in Thailand they had difficulty adjusting to American culture when they returned, he added.

Payne returned to student work but struggled the first couple of years at ETSU. He didn't know whether it was the new challenges or he was discontented because he should be serving overseas.

Valerie felt he was dealing with the struggles of a new job and, at that time as they began their family, she didn't feel a call to foreign missions.

In the last several years, Payne said he felt more contented with his work, but Valerie felt a strong call to foreign missions.

Payne said he has enjoyed working with students. And he and Valerie have found many ways to do foreign missions work in Tennessee.

Valerie directed a ministry for international wives as part of the international ministry directed by Scott at ETSU. And the couple assisted a student from China through an "adoption" pro-



THE PAYNES

gram of the ministry.

The couple's biggest struggle will be separation from family for as much as four years, said Payne. Today the couple has two children, Oliver, 5 and Charlotte, 2.

They feel, though, that they have been prepared for service through the opportunities provided by Baptists, said Scott Payne.

The couple was assisted in their decision by members of Central Church, Johnson City, and Baptists across the state. Payne said he was helped in making his decision by keep-



ing a spiritual journal.

And the couple's decision was affirmed as they worked with IMB officials. They never felt pressured, Payne explained.

They will work with students and start congregations in the northeastern part of Thailand. The people in that area are mostly farmers and less than one percent are Christian, reported Payne. Helping them will be missionaries Mark and Helen Caldwell of Signal Mountain.

They are not to be considered special because they are going overseas, he explained.

"We feel we have some gifts and they can be used overseas and that's where we should be," said Payne.

Putting it simply, they have learned about the world "and God's heart for it and our place in it," he explained. **B&R**

Thirteen people with Tennessee ties appointed as missionaries

For Baptist and Reflector

RICHMOND, Va. — Thirteen people with Tennessee ties were among 67 people appointed as foreign missionaries Sept. 15 in Louisville, Ky.

The Engles

Edgar E. (Ed) Engle and Pamela F. (Pam) Higgins Engle of Bowling Green, Mo., will live in Venezuela. He will start and develop churches and she will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Pam Engle was born in Erwin and grew up in Knoxville. She is the daughter of Grace Higgins of Knoxville. She considers Loveland Church there her home church.

Pam Engle graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Ed Engle has been pastor of Second Church, Bowling Green, Mo., since 1995. Pam has worked for the Missouri Department of Corrections there. They have three children.

The Goldens

Carroll A. Golden and Mitzi Leonard Golden of LaFollette will serve in Mexico. He will start and develop churches and she will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Since 1996, Carroll Golden has been pastor of First Church, LaFollette. He is the son of Marguerite McDonald of LaFollette. He considers the LaFollette church his home church.

Golden also has served as pastor of First Church, Seymour.

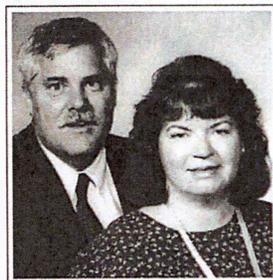
Mitzi Golden also considers the LaFollette church her home church.

The couple has three grown children.

Levdahl

Lisa C. Lev Dahl of New Orleans, La., will serve in Argentina where she will be involved in children's ministry.

Lev Dahl has been the lead teacher of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Preschool Education Center.



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She considers Calvary Church, Knoxville, and Tusculum Church, Greeneville, influential in her Christian growth.

Lev Dahl is a graduate of Tusculum College, Greeneville, the University of Tennessee - Knoxville; and New Orleans seminary.

She also worked as a graduate assistant at the University of Tennessee.

The Lyons

Phillip E. Lyons and Teresa H. Bass Lyons of Hernando, Miss., will serve in West Africa as missionary associates. They will start and develop churches and be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Teresa Lyons is a native of Rogersville and the daughter of William and Betty Bass Jr., of Bristol. She considers Sevier Heights Church, Knoxville, her home church.

Phillip E. Lyons has been pastor of a church in Hernando, Miss., since 1993. He is a graduate of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. He also attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

The couple has five children.

The Perkinses

Jeffrey L. (Jeff) Perkins and Deana Whitaker Perkins will live in Germany where he will start and develop church-



THE GOLDENS

es and she will be involved in a variety of outreach ministries.

Deana Perkins is a native of Knoxville and is the daughter of Charles H. and Sandra M. Whitaker there. West Haven Church in Knoxville was influential in her Christian growth.

The couple has three children.

The Turners

D. Christopher (Chris) Turner and Michelle D. Crockett Turner of Richmond, Va., will serve in Panama. He will work as an overseas correspondent and she will work as office manager.

Since 1997 they have been on the staff of the International Mission Board in Richmond.

A native of Millington, Chris Turner is the son of Cleve and Carol Turner of that city. He considers First Church, Millington, his home church.



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He was sports editor for the *The Millington Star* and IMB media intern in Argentina.

Michelle grew up in Argentina, where her parents still serve. She also considers the Millington church her home church.

The Paynes

In addition, L. Scott Payne and Valerie H. Odle Payne of Johnson City have been appointed as missionaries. (See story above.)

All of these new missionaries will receive seven weeks of training at the IMB training center in Rockville, Va., beginning in October. ■



Build LifeWay identity, Draper tells trustees

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention is not just the former Sunday School Board with a new name, President James T. Draper Jr., told LifeWay trustees during their semi-annual meeting Sept. 14-16 here.

And in a meeting filled with positive ministry and business reports, trustees approved a record \$354 million budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

"One of our biggest immediate challenges, now that we have a new name, is to build its identity," Draper continued. "Certainly we must transfer the meaning or equity of our old name to LifeWay. At the same time, we must communicate that it is more than a



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name change. LifeWay symbolizes what we are becoming as we follow God's leadership into more effective ministry into the 21st century. We have the message the world desperately needs to hear, that of God's eternal, unchanging truth. And we are using methods that are constantly changing to meet the needs of people in today's world," Draper said.

In an operational overview, Ted Warren, executive vice president and chief operating officer, said the 1997-98 budget year is projected to set a record for revenue and Funds Provided from Operations (FPO), revenue remaining after all product costs, operating expenses, and contributions for convention support have been deducted. Final figures will not be known until after Sept. 30 when the fiscal year ends.

Though expectations are for revenues to fall short of the \$326 million budget, revenues of \$315 million are projected to exceed last year by 11 percent. The FPO total of \$17.7 million is expected to surpass budget by \$1.4 million or 8.6 percent, due in part to unspent strategic budgets. ■

Minister of Music

First Baptist Church, Carthage, Mo., seeking full-time Minister of Music. Seminary or equivalent degree/experience directing church music ministry. Send resume w/VCR tape and references to Personnel Committee, 631 S. Garrison, Carthage, MO 64836.

Seeking DOM

Salem Baptist Association in Middle Tennessee is searching for a Director of Missions. If you have an interest and would like to submit a resume before Sept. 30, please send it to Salem Baptist Association, DOM Search Committee, P.O. Box 186, Liberty, TN 37095.

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Oct. 15-16, 1998

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Theme: Crisis Intervention in a Crisis-Filled World

Speakers — Dr. Paul Barkley, psychologist from Memphis; Chaplain Robert Vickers, chaplaincy team manager, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Ga.; and Lt. Col. Larry Kirk of the TBC

Time Frame — Begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday and adjourns with lunch on Friday

Pre-registration is required; Deadline is Oct. 2.

For more information, contact Beverly Smothers or Melanie Allen, TBC -- 1-800-558-2090.

Retreat is for NAMB-endorsed Chaplains

Sponsored by the Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group, TBC; Funded by Cooperative Program and Golden State Mission Offering

Missionaries bring hope to quake victims in Bolivia

Baptist Press

AIQUILE, Bolivia — One of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded in Bolivia devastated the Quechua Indian cities of Aiquile, Mizque, and Totora four months ago.

For a few days, world attention focused on the area and many relief agencies flocked to the scene.

Ninety days later, people still were in dire need, but most of the foreign aid had ceased. Many people had a tent and some blankets to shelter them from the Andean cold, but little else.

That's when Southern Baptist missionaries and their Bolivian coworkers brought food, veterinary assistance, and spiritual hope to an isolated area where many had never heard the good news of God's love.

International Mission Board missionaries Malcom Massey, Toby and Cindy Hoover, and Thomas High teamed with Bible Society and Bolivian Baptist volunteers to visit the quake victims recently. They distributed food bags, along with packets of Christian literature that included New Testaments, Bible story books, and school notebooks with Bible verses.

Massey said the group "plowed a lot of ground and sowed many seeds." ■

Training events net 1,000-plus professions of faith

Baptist Press

SAN DIEGO — The Reach '98 School of Evangelism and Church Planting moved from conference center meeting rooms to the streets of San Diego Sept. 10.

More than 177 professions of faith were recorded during

seven "experiential events" that provided immediate application for the North American Mission Board-sponsored conference. Another 726 individuals accepted Christ during an Inner-City Evangelism (ICE) Conference held in conjunction with Reach '98.

The events included a "prayer journey," a door-to-door evangelistic survey, two block parties, a "servanthood evangelism" project, food distribution, an evangelistic dinner for women, and inner-city evangelism. They were among about 75 workshops offered during the Sept. 8-11 conference on various aspects of church planting and evangelism. ■

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SEEKING: Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, is seeking a full- or part-time Minister of Education. The position is temporary, pending call of pastor. Contact Arliss Roaden, Chair, Personnel Committee, 2100 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37215. (615) 373-8914.

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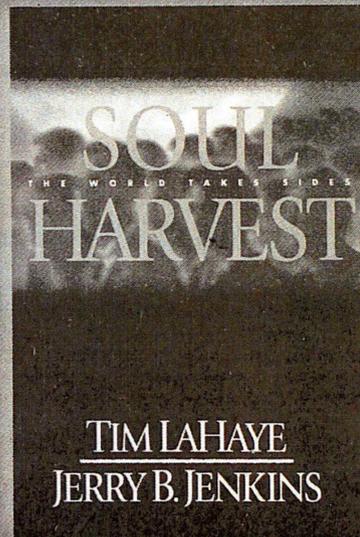
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Power to overcome evil

By Dale Denning

Focal Passage — Ephesians 6:10-20

Perhaps you recall the scene from the movie "Patton." General Patton was pacing back and forth on the balcony of an English mansion. General Eisenhower had him set up as commander of a fictitious army. The Germans are fooled and do not rush to the defense of the beaches of Normandy, thinking the real invasion will be at Calais, headed by Patton. Of course Patton is extremely upset. He can't believe that he is being kept out of the most glorious war of the century. He says to a subordinate that he feels God has some great calling for him, some great army to move, but General Bradley is in charge of the only army going anywhere.

General Patton was a man who hungered to fight. "Battle," he said, was "the most magnificent competition in which a human being can indulge." From the beginning of his military career, Patton yearned to be on the battlefield.

As our text points out, there is a spiritual battle that is being waged for the loyalty of God's people. When one trusts Christ as Savior, he/she also enlists in the army of God. Those redeemed may not have a full awareness and understanding of their enlistment, but Satan is fully aware of every inductee, and his goal is to discourage each soldier from joining the battle. The lesson this week is good to point out our responsibility to be an active participant in God's army. There needs to be soldiers in the Lord's army that have the same zeal for spiritual battle that Patton had for military battle.

There are far too many members of God's army doing nothing. The war rages around them and they sit idly by and refuse to join the battle. During the Gulf War, some of the National Guard soldiers were interviewed by CNN. One of the young ladies that was interviewed shared that she had joined the National Guard to help pay her way through college and to receive the good government benefits, such as insurance, retirement, etc. She said that if she had known she was going to have to actually fight in a war, she would have never joined. Many believers want the "perks" that go with salvation. They want the eternal life, the peace that passeth all understanding, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit in their lives. However, it seems that too few Christians today are willing to don their armor and take up the battle. Jesus states our position in his army very plainly when he said in Matthew 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me."

At age 14 he ran away from home and fought in the French and Indian War. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, he joined the American army as a colonel and in 1775 shared a command with Ethan Allen in the capture of Ticonderoga. Later he led 1,000 men into Canada where he fought in the battle of Quebec. His courage in battle won him a promotion to brigadier general. But something went wrong. Thoughts of compromise ate away at his patriotic zeal. Soon the unthinkable happened. He offered his services to the British, and in 1780 devised a plan to surrender West Point to British control. Today, instead of being remembered as a national hero, Benedict Arnold is synonymous with "traitor."

If you are born again, do not commit spiritual treason and become compromising with the world. The apostle Paul points out to us in Ephesians 6 that God has given us all of the spiritual weapons that we need to be a victorious soldier in the army of God. — Denning is pastor, Chapel Hill Church, Milan.



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What God has done

By Darrell Nimmo

Focal Passage — Joshua 4:1-3, 8, 10-11, 20-24

It was a new era for the children of Israel. Moses had died and a new leader had been established by God in Joshua. The people had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years until all who had refused to enter the promised land previously when God wanted them to had died. It was a new generation with a new leader. God was ready to move again. It was the same plan, but different participants.

Crossing the Jordan River (ch. 3:7-4:18)

As the people approached the land of promise, a similar obstacle faced this new generation as was encountered by their fathers. Just as they faced the Red Sea, this people faced a swollen Jordan River. It was the spring time and the rainy season had left the river peaking at flood stage. Joshua reassured the people that God would provide them a sign of his presence and help. As we move through our lives sometimes the cares of everyday living may mount to a level that we feel somewhat over-

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whelmed. And as we look across the waves of time to our hopes and dreams, we might become disheartened by the turbulent waves between us and them. It would have been easy for the people to become discouraged and lose heart. God gave them a sign, a sign from the past and an encouragement for the future. God commanded the priests who carried the ark of the covenant to enter the water. The moment their feet touched the water, the river split and the people crossed over on dry land. The people followed the leadership of the Lord by following the spiritual leaders of the Lord, the priests. They also followed the example of those who followed before them by obeying as their fathers had done at the Red Sea. We likewise

God gives instructions for deliverance

By Calvin Metcalf

Focal Passage — Exodus 12:1-3, 5-8, 10-14

In this lesson, we get the clear picture that God had a program for Israel that was both symbolic and practical. The extent to which the people followed God's wishes gave evidence of their faith in his power to deliver them. However strange these stipulations may seem to modern thought, they had significance in the ancient world.

"This month" referred to in verse two was "Abib," later called "Nisan." It compared to our months of March or April. The Passover was associated with the beginning of the year. It was also symbolic of a new beginning for Israel. God was doing a new thing with his people. For centuries Israel looked back upon this event as a pivotal point in their national and spiritual birth. It marked the beginning of these slave people as an entity of folk with whom the rest of the world would have to deal. It punctuated their freedom and launched their journey toward the Promised Land.

The best lamb in the flock was to be chosen for sacrifice and consumption. An unblemished, year-old male suggested one in the prime of life. Yahweh was a holy God, demanding a sacrifice offering which would honor his perfection. It would also represent a faith commitment on the part of the people. An inferior lamb would lessen

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the sacredness of the moment.

The blood from the lamb was to be sprinkled on the two doorposts and lintel of each Israeli house. The blood represented life, even the life of the worshiper, and would symbolize the saving work of God on behalf of his people. In ancient times, the threshold was uniquely holy, being the place for residence of either good or evil spirits. The visible blood on the doorposts provided protection for Israel as God observed it when passing through the night. The blood did not appear on the Egyptian thresholds, and thus they were vulnerable to the last plague of death.

The eating of the Passover meal had its own practicality as well as symbolism. The lamb was to be roasted and became the central item of a meal which was to give them nourishment for the upcoming journey. The unleavened bread indicated that they would eat in haste, not waiting for the bread to rise. The bitter herbs were most likely lettuce, chicory, pepper-



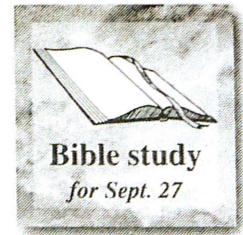
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need to follow the Lord like the giants of the faith have done before us.

Establishing a memorial (ch. 4:19-24)

In a recent movie called "With Honors", one of the main characters was a homeless man who was befriended by three Harvard students. Something that impressed me about this character was the little bag of rocks he carried around. Each rock varied in size and color. The value of the rocks was financially worthless. However, to him they were priceless. Each represented a significant person or event in his life. They served as a visual reminder of something he never wanted to forget.

This was exactly the same imagery God wanted to establish here. He wanted not only the people there to remember what he did for them on that day, but he wanted all generations to come to remember it as well. As we journey through life we need to remember all that God has done for us as well. We need to share those moments God has moved in our lives in a special way every opportunity we have. One of the most comforting things to hear is how God has delivered someone from a similar problem which we may be facing ourselves. You might think crossing the Jordan River was the toughest thing this new generation had to overcome, but Jericho was just beyond the other bank. When we remember what God has done for us in the past, we find strength to face the difficulties which we may face ahead. And when we testify to what the Lord has done in our lives, we can help unbelievers see their need for God as well. When foreigners would pass this memorial, they would be reminded of what is possible when a people acknowledges God and obeys him. What is true for a nation is also true for an individual. When others see the power of God in our lives, they discover the need of God's presence in theirs. — Nimmo is a member of First Church, Hendersonville.



mint, snakeroot, and dandelion. They were eaten as a symbolic reminder of Israel's bitter experience in Egypt. The Passover meal was so sacred, leftovers were to be burned. They ate the meal in readiness. Loins girded, sandals on their feet, and staff in their hands was not the normal way to eat a meal unless there was anticipation of some traumatic event. In other words, Israel was ready for travel. God commanded that the Passover event was to be remembered. Israel would observe the day annually as a reminder of the time when death passed over their households and visited Egypt. It focused upon Pharaoh's willingness to let them go and marked the beginning of their exodus to the Promised Land. There is a sense in which the observance of the Passover symbolized the people's need of God in every generation. They were not to be self-reliant, but a God-trusting people. The blood sacrifice was provided as a substitute for Israel's firstborn, which were spared that night of horror. It likewise symbolized the substitutionary atonement which is at the heart of the Bible doctrine of redemption. It becomes a picture of our Lord's voluntary and sacrificial gift of himself for the sins of the world. When we observe the Lord's supper today, we are keeping the Passover as it is fulfilled in our Savior's death. — Metcalf is pastor emeritus, Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville.



■ **Tenna Eades**, financial secretary, Holston Association, will retire Sept. 25 after serving the association for 30 years.



■ **Orlinda Church**, Orlinda, ordained **Mike Early**, **Dugan Moore**, and **Grover Stroud** as deacons Sept. 13.



■ **Frank Lethcoe**, pastor, Oak Dale Church, Afton, was honored recently for serving 40 years in the ministry.

■ **First Church**, Pinewood, will ordain **Detlef LaCasse** of Lyles to the ministry Sept. 27.

■ **Powell's Chapel Church**, Murfreesboro, has called **Jon Hawkins** as minister of music. He previously served on the staff of Living Springs Church, LaVergne.

■ **Eudora Church**, Memphis, is celebrating the tenth anniversary of service of **R. Mark Branson** as minister of music and youth during September. He and his family will be honored Sept. 27 with a luncheon. For more information, call the church at (901) 888-7800.



■ **Wales Church**, Pulaski, will hold homecoming activities Oct. 4. Ken Brawner will speak during the morning worship service. Other activities include a luncheon and afternoon music program. The Pine View Singers will perform.

■ **Silver Springs Church**, Mount Juliet, will hold homecoming activities and celebrate

its 48th anniversary Sept. 27. Joe C. Estes, pastor who served from 1979-84, will speak during an afternoon service. David and Treva Thompson and Daniel Williams will present music. Also a luncheon will be held. For more information, call the church at (615) 758-7853.

■ On Sept. 27 at 10:15 a.m. Tim Peary will speak at **College Heights Church, Gallatin**, about how the church he serves ministered following the school shootings in Paducah, Ky., and how he survived being shot in the face during an attempted robbery. For more information, call the church at (615) 452-4952.

■ **Woodbine Church**, Nashville, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. Mike Pennington, director of missions, Bledsoe Association, will speak and Gary Buck will lead the music. For more information, call the church at (615) 833-5870.

■ **Cloverport Church**, Toone, is celebrating its 50th anniversary during September.

Homecoming and anniversary activities will be Sept. 27. H.K. Sorrell, founding pastor and current pastor, First Church, Whiteville, will speak during the morning worship service. Former pastors and charter members will be honored. Also a church history will be available. Following a luncheon, a music program will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact George Clark, pastor, at (901) 424-9683.

■ **Broadmoor Church**, Memphis, will hold homecoming activities Oct. 4. The Heritage Quartet will perform during the morning worship service. The church's annual World Missions Offering will be collected. A luncheon will follow.

■ **First Church**, Troy, will hold revival Sept. 27-30. Bob Pitman, pastor, Kirby



TEAM MEMBERS from Sullivan Association based in Kingsport and some local helpers stand in front of the church building they built in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to support the Tennessee/Rio Baptist Partnership. The 13-member team from seven churches completed the building in six days recently. They worked with missionaries Elizabeth Oates and Tom Herron. Frank Crawford, pastor, Calvary Church, Kingsport, led the group.

Woods Church, Memphis, will speak and Steve Douglas, minister of music, Gateway Church, Atoka, will lead the music.

■ **Highland Park Church**, Jackson, dedicated a new Family Life Center Aug. 30. This also was an historic day because the church completed 12 consecutive years of growth in Sunday School average attendance. The church had been without growth for over a decade.

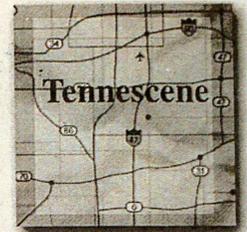
■ **First Church**, Memphis, will host Lectures in the Interpretation of the Christian Faith for Church and World Oct. 8-11. Nancy T. Ammerman, professor of sociology of religion at Hartford Seminary will speak. For more information contact the church at (901) 454-1131 or at www.magnaworld.com/fbcmemphis.

■ **Pine Eden Church**, Crossville, will hold Life Quest '98 Youth Conference Nov. 14 at Cumberland County High School from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kie Bowman will speak and Joel Goddard and Erin O'Donnell will present music. For more information, call the church at (931) 456-0142.

■ **Radnor Baptist Academy** of **Radnor Church**, Nashville, will hold its Fall Festival and Craft Fair Oct. 10. Games, food, and crafts will be offered. Booth space is still available. For more information, contact the academy at (615) 832-2004.

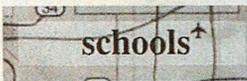


■ **Lawrence County Association** acted Sept. 15 to form a Disaster Preparedness team in response to the many disasters which have struck churches in the county. The team will assess needs for disaster preparedness of churches, individuals, and organizations, decide how those needs can best be met, and help meet



those needs. The team also may hold training events. Nathan Holloway was named coordinator of the team. For more information, Holloway can be reached at (931) 556-2040 or Larry Smart, director of missions, can be reached at (931) 852-4700.

■ **Nashville Association** and the **Baptist Student Unions of Belmont and Vanderbilt universities** with assistance from First Church, Nashville, are hosting a weekly worship event for students. Recently 180 students attended. For more information, contact Bill Choate at the Vanderbilt BSU at (615) 343-4459 or at choatewj@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu.



■ The Leu Art Gallery of **Belmont University**, Nashville, has a ceramic art exhibit entitled "Put a Lid On It," which will be offered until Oct. 3. It includes more than 90 works from 55 artists.

■ The first of a series of **Carson-Newman College** alumni programs will be presented Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. on campus of the college. Pianist Sharon Barry and vocalist Darrell Alspj will perform. The program is part of the Louis Ball Alumni Recital Series.



RECEIVING a plaque for the 150th anniversary of Beech Springs Church, Gleason, is Bob Copeland, right, pastor, from Richard Skidmore, director of missions, Weakley County Association based in Dresden. The anniversary was observed Sept. 6.



SHOWING SOME of the 400 welcome to school baskets given recently for University of Memphis students by Woman's Missionary Union members of First Church, Memphis, are Margaret Martin Baptist women coordinator; Kerry Smith, collegiate ministries specialist, University of Memphis; and Eleanor Griffin, WMU director. The gifts for freshman students, included a New Testament and an invitation to the church and to the Baptist Student Union.



YOUTH OF FIRST CHURCH, Watertown, pause before starting their missions work on Labor Day weekend. They built an addition to a home for a needy person and cut firewood for a church member.