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### TBC annual meeting

For Baptist and Reflector

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## Nov. 10-11 in Kingsport

# Solemn Assembly to open TBC annual meeting

For Baptist and Reflector

**BRENTWOOD** — The Relationship Focus Group (RFG) of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is issuing an urgent call for prayer.

"This is a call to every Tennessee Baptist to pray for the anointing of the Spirit of God in this convention meeting," said Herbert Higdon, last year's convention president who appointed the RFG to study relationships within the convention.

"This is a plea to every church across Tennessee to put our annual meeting on the forefront of your prayers," Higdon added.

"Please pray that God will be so evident in his presence that every word spoken and every decision made will be from his throne."

A call to Solemn Assembly will occupy the first hour of the annual meeting which begins Nov. 10 in the MeadowView Convention Center in Kingsport. Messengers are encouraged to be in the convention center at 8:40 a.m. The Solemn Assembly will begin at 9 a.m.

The TBC Committee on Arrangements added the Solemn Assembly to the program at their last meeting in

August at the request of the Relationship Focus Group.

Every messenger is urged to be a participant in the first hour of the convention, Higdon said.

During the Sept. 15 meeting of the Executive Board, Higdon relayed plans for the Solemn Assembly to board members.

"We want to take that first hour of the convention to praise the Lord, pray, and ask God to bring us together to produce fellowship, unity, and harmony," Higdon said.

"We believe with all our hearts that more than anything else, we need to bring the Holy Spirit of God to bear upon our Tennessee Baptist Convention," Higdon added.

He encouraged board members to go back to their associations and churches and ask them to pray for the upcoming annual meeting.

TBC Executive Director James Porch supports the call to Solemn Assembly.

"If Tennessee Baptists who come to the convention are willing to get on their knees in the first hour, we can stand taller throughout the convention for the glory of God," Porch said. *B&R*

1998 Annual Meeting  
of the Tennessee Baptist Convention

Our Love  
His Joy

Philippians 2:1-11

MeadowView Convention Center  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
November 10-11

## Baptist women minister in Memphis communities



**CLINIC WORKERS** Judy Luck, right, of Calvary Church, Lenoir City; Myrtice Owens, retired missionary to Africa of First Church, Paris; and Gladys Davis, First Church, Gadsden; serve people at a clinic held at Highland Heights Church, Memphis. — Photo by Connie Davis

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

**MEMPHIS** — About 175 Baptist women spread out across this metropolis Sept. 18-19 to conduct health clinics, block parties, Backyard Bible Clubs, cheer residents of nursing homes, help families in their homes, feed the homeless, hold prayerwalks around a school and correctional institution, paint churches, assemble gift packs, make snacks for ministries, visit people in an apartment complex, and make bedrolls for the homeless.

The women were participating in an event entitled "Being God's Hands" held by Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

As a result of their efforts, two single mothers attended Brinkley Heights Church here the following Sunday. They were helped when Baptist women visited them, bought food for their families, helped them prepare some of it, and did other household chores.

Another outcome was that a hungry, homeless man found shelter and other help at a church where women prepared and served food to the needy. And a homeless woman at another site was cheered when she received — See Baptist women, page 3

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# Tennessee Baptist colleges report fall enrollments

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Two of Tennessee Baptists' three institutions of higher education have reported gains in enrollment this year. The third reported a slight decrease in total overall enrollment from last year.

Belmont University's total enrollment of 2,963 includes students from 48 states and 37 countries. The total represents a drop of 23 students from last year.

The freshman class represents 47 states and boasts an average ACT score of 24.3.

For the 11th consecutive semester Carson-Newman College reported a record enrollment.

The college has 2,336 students from 43 states and more than 20 foreign countries this semester.

"This high-water mark serves as a testament to our faculty and a student-oriented staff that believes offering Christian higher education demonstrates our commitment

to God," said C-N President Cordell Maddox.

The college also has been recently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* in its "Best Colleges" issue for high quality of education offered at reasonable tuition costs. C-N was ranked seventh among Southern regional liberal arts colleges that offer the best value.

Union University kicked off the new year with more students that last year.

Union's total enrollment for the fall semester reached

2,323, up from last year's fall enrollment of 2,031.

"We are delighted with this exceptional surge in enrollment, which is a vote of confidence in the work Union is doing on behalf of students," said Union President David S. Dockery.

The freshman class of 473, the largest ever, is up from last year's 373-member freshman class. The average ACT composite score for the class of 24 is three points higher than the national average of 21. ■

## Of campus master plan

# Union trustees break ground for first building

For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — Union University's board of trustees broke ground Sept. 25 on a 20,000-square-foot facility for its bookstore, making Union the site of the only LifeWay Christian Store (formerly Baptist Book Store) on a college or university campus.

The bookstore is the first building to be constructed under the campus master plan and will sit between the Blasingame Academic Complex and the Highway 45 Bypass. Earlier this year Union and LifeWay Christian Stores formed an agreement in which LCS will assume operation of the existing campus store.

The groundbreaking cere-

mony followed the board's fall meeting on the Union campus.

During the meeting, trustees received reports of several university achievements, including:

- ▶ The university's largest freshman class of 473 students.

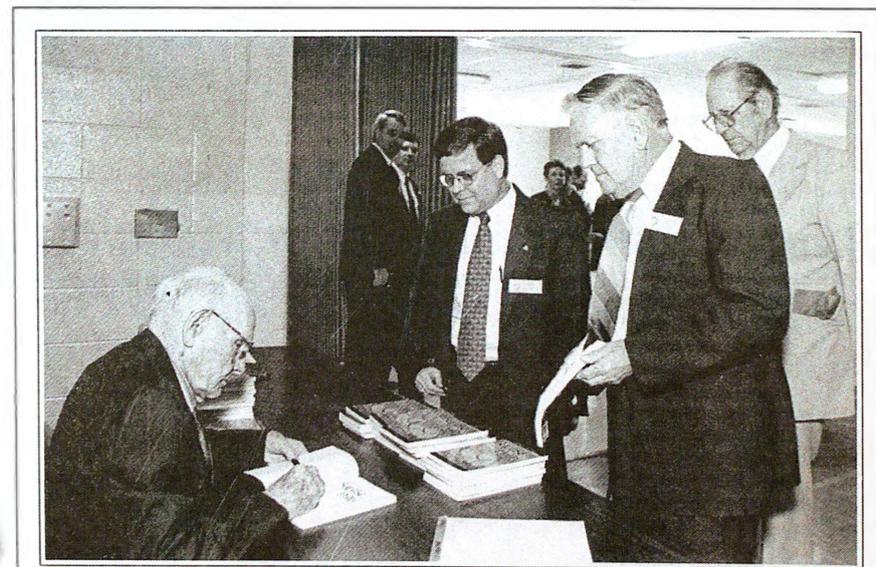
- ▶ Union's highest fall enrollment of 2,323, marking a 15 percent increase in one year.

- ▶ More than \$7.5 million in gifts during the 1997-98 fiscal year, making it the most successful year ever in giving to the university.

"Union's enrollment and development trends are signs of God's gracious blessings and should serve as a marvelous encouragement to friends of Union everywhere," said President David S. Dockery. ■



**BREAKING GROUND** for the new bookstore facility at Union University are, from left, John Drinnon, 1997-98 chairman of trustees; President David S. Dockery; Ken Brasfield, contractor; Dennis Henderson, architect; Gary Taylor, 1998-99 chairman of trustees; and Bruce Munns of LifeWay Christian Resources.



## Revised book on Baptist polity

James L. Sullivan autographs copies of his newly-revised book, *Baptist Polity As I See It*, for members of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board, from left, L. Joseph Rosas III of Memphis; James Harney of Huntland; and Norman Baker, Waynesboro. Sullivan served as CEO of the Baptist Sunday School Board (now LifeWay Christian Resources) for 22 years and is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The book is published by Broadman & Holman Publishers and is available in LifeWay Christian Stores.

## TBC Disaster Relief unit on call to Gulf Coast

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — At press time Monday the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief unit was on standby from the North American Mission Board to be prepared to go to the Gulf Coast.

Tennessee Baptists are expected to be asked to respond to needs caused by Hurricane Georges, according to Tim Bearden, state Disaster Relief director. The hurricane hit the coast over the weekend.

When needs have been verified by Mickey Caison, SBC Disaster Relief director, and the American Red Cross, the team will be asked to leave, according to Bearden.

People interested in volunteering should contact the Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief office at (615) 371-7926. ■

# Baptist women minister in Memphis communities



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a Bible from a Baptist woman because she was reminded of her faith in God.

A man enjoying a public school's park received a tract about God given to him by women prayerwalking around the school. He was seen reading the tract later. Another "prayerwalker" prayed with a woman she met outside the school.

Women at two churches decided to organize Women on Mission at their churches after seeing the efforts of the Baptist women.

Other results weren't so immediate, except those which occurred to the leaders themselves, the Baptist women reported.

## Baptist women also are changed

Shelby Lord of Grace Church, Lenoir City, said she was encouraged by the effort of two fellow participants despite their age. Lord worked with Dora Potts, 87, and Annie Lee Tidwell, 91, of New Hope Church, Bon Aqua. The team assembled gift packs for people attending the Mid-South Fair and organized Christmas in August gifts given to the Mississippi River Ministry by Girls in Action across the United States.

Lord said she also was blessed by the fact the group accomplished their assignment within the time allotted. Her team's work seemed to be directed by God, she explained.

Charlene Daugherty of First Church, Hickory Withe, reported she visited with a woman who had been homeless for about four months. The woman only had what she wore, she explained, because her few belongings had been taken recently. She was glad to be given a New Testament by Daugherty because she had faith in God, she explained.

Wilma Hundley of Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, said she felt drawn to talk to a woman at a public school while prayerwalking around the school. After visiting, the woman called Hundley back to ask her to pray for a family member who had cancer.

Faye Lewelling of Parkview Church, Jackson, explained she was changed because although she knew of the many needs of people, it was good to be reminded of those needs.

## Other responses

After hearing a report on a poor family helped by a team, the group collected \$300 for

the family's delinquent utility bills.

A participant who made bedrolls reported she would be returning home with the pattern and goal of starting a group to make bedrolls for the homeless there.

A leader of the Church Without Doors, a congregation which meets in a downtown park and draws many homeless people, said participating in the event had energized her to continue her ministry.

Women who led activities for children reported the children asked them if they would be returning tomorrow.

Members of a needy family seemed thrilled to be given Bibles and were seen reading them before the Baptist

women left.

Becky Sumrall of Tennessee WMU told the women, "Because of this meeting I hope you felt you were God's hands today and you can take those hands back home and be God's hands at home."

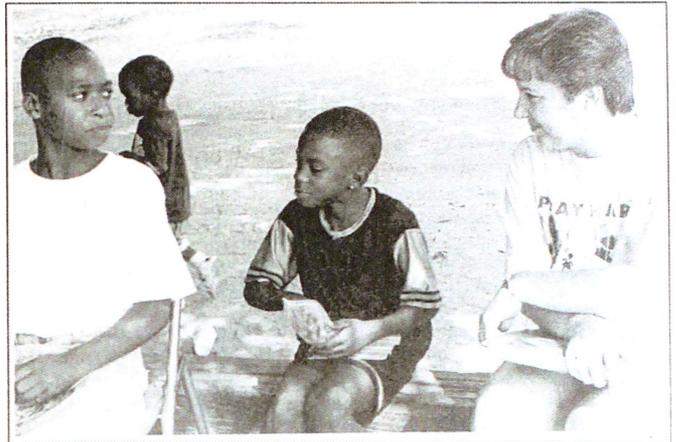
Sumrall said because the event allows women to minister over a weekend, a commitment many women can make despite family commitments, the event will be held again Sept. 17-18, 1999. Tennessee WMU is based at the Baptist Center in Brentwood. (See more photos on page 4). *B&R*



**HUGGING** A new friend at a Backyard Bible Club is Kimberly Shelton of Bellevue Church, Nashville. The club was held at the National Apartments.



**PAINTING** at Monument of Love Church is Candy Phillips of First Church, Nashville. Phillips also is Woman's Missionary Union director, Nashville Association.



**SHARON LUNSFORD** of Bellevue Church, Nashville, visits with some young men eating a snack during a Backyard Bible Club at National Apartments.



**JUDY JACKSON** of Faith Church, Bartlett, finishes giving a flu shot to a woman at the health clinic held at Highland Heights Church. Jackson also is president of the Tennessee Baptist Nursing Fellowship.



**CHECKING THE** blood pressure of a man at the health clinic held at Highland Heights Church is Linda Shull of Brunswick Church, Brunswick.



**TAKING A REFRESHMENT** break during a Backyard Bible Club at National Apartments are children from the apartments and area who participated and leaders who are Baptist women.



**CIRCLES THE CLOWN**, or Lou Goins of First Church, Woodbury, makes a new friend at a block party held at Highland Heights Church here.

# Role of Fishers of Men goes beyond fishing

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

**BRENTWOOD** — The basis for the national Fishers of Men organization and the Tennessee chapter of the organization is simple — it's biblical.

It goes hand in hand with Scripture. Jesus used fishermen as his first disciples. Fishers of Men use the sport of bass fishing as a means to introduce people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus went after fishermen for disciples. This is following his model," said Gene Williams, youth and adult missions specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board's Missions Awareness and Involvement Group.

Though the Tennessee Baptist Convention has no official ties with the Tennessee chapter of Fishers of Men, the concept has been endorsed by Baptist Men's ministries and Williams, along with MAI group leader Tim Bearden has helped to promote the organization and its fishing tournaments this year.

"It has been everything I thought it would be. The re-

sults prove to me the Lord wanted this done," he said.

Five tournaments have been held across the state this year. In addition to the fish caught, there have been 19 decisions for Jesus Christ, including two first-time professions of faith, according to Charles Thomas, director of the Tennessee chapter of Fishers of Men.

Thomas, a member of Clearview Church, Franklin, was introduced to Fishers of Men by fellow church member Pat Still. They attended a tournament last year in South Carolina and came away impressed that they should begin a chapter in Tennessee.

The purpose of the organization is to try to reach fishermen who do not go to church, said Still, who serves as the chapter's publicity director. "The church goes to them," Still observed, adding that Fishers of Men "lead to witnessing opportunities." Christian fishermen are encouraged to bring non-Christians as their team member.

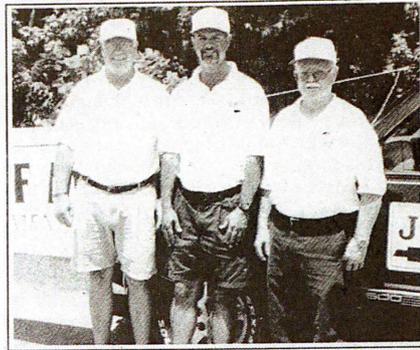
Still and Thomas visited with friends they knew who enjoyed bass fishing, including Ted Warren, chief operating officer of Life-Way Christian Resources, and

they agreed to form a chapter.

The first tournament drew 21 boats with two fishermen per boat in April. That has been about the average for each of the five tournaments this year, Thomas said. Entry fees are charged and prizes are awarded as is the case with other fishing tournaments.

The events were more than just fishing on Saturday. Friday night sessions are held, usually in conjunction with a local church, and the Gospel was presented in some form. "We try to do things on Friday night to draw people to the Gospel," Thomas shared.

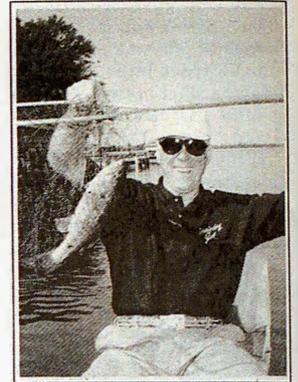
The tournaments allow the fishermen to earn points by attending the Friday night sessions and through fishing. If teams accumulate enough points they qualify for the national



**LEADERS OF FISHERS OF MEN** include, from left, Bobby Jackson, Men's Ministries director for the South Carolina Baptist Convention; Al Odom, national director of Fishers of Men; and Charles Thomas, a member of Clearview Church, Franklin, and director of the Tennessee chapter of the organization.

Fishers of Men tournament which will be held Oct. 9-11 at Goose Pond Colony Landing near Scottsboro, Ala. Fourteen teams from Tennessee qualified for the national event.

The Tennessee state championship was held in mid-September. Points champions were Terry Mowell of Hendersonville and Barry Brown of Gallatin. The weight champions (pounds of fish caught) were George Mc

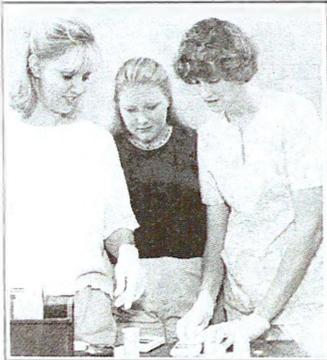


**PAT STILL** of Clearview Church, Franklin, holds up one of his prize catches.

Cormick and Bob Bilbro, both of Hendersonville.

For more information about Fishers of Men, contact Thomas at (615) 790-0265 or George Badon, a member of First Church, Franklin, who will serve as state director in 1999. He can be reached at (615) 794-0444. *B&R*

# Baptist women minister in Memphis communities ...



**MEASURING** cholesterol levels of clinic clients are, from left, Shannon Smith and Amber Lyles of the Baptist College of Health Sciences and Donna Clary of Faith Church, Bartlett.



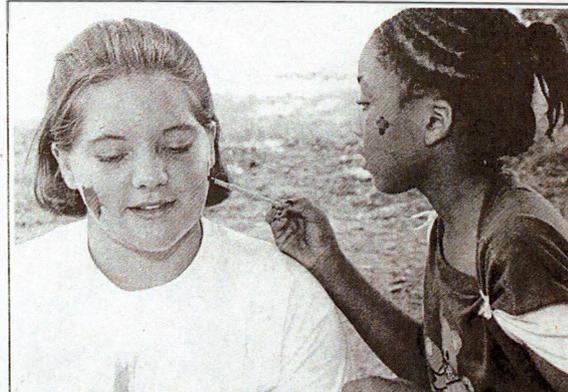
**TALKING WITH** a woman about the clothing needs of her family is Carmen Westerman, right, of Sylvia Church, Dickson.



**LOU CRISWELL**, left, Bethel Church, Yorkville, and Katherine McEwen, New Bethlehem Church, Dyer, care for some children during a block party.



**PAINTERS** at a church are, from left, Mary Alice McMains of First Church, Nashville; Sue Dowdy, First Church, Somerville; and Betsy Johnson, Faith Church, Bartlett.



**A GIRL PAINTS** a decoration on the face of Jennifer Winfield at a block party held at Highland Heights Church. Winfield is a member of Faith Church, Bartlett.



**TAKING A WOMAN'S** blood pressure at a health clinic is Myrtice Owens, a retired missionary to Africa and member of First Church, Paris.

# Pray for, be prepared for TBC annual meeting

## Reflections

by Lonnie Wilkey,  
editor



Tennessee Baptist Convention, to be held Nov. 10-11, at the MeadowView Convention Center in Kingsport.

Be sure to read carefully the article on page 1 about the Solemn Assembly which will convene the annual meeting.

Tennessee Baptists are asked to pray for this convention in a special way.

From things I have heard this special prayer time is needed. Apparently not all Tennessee Baptists are heeding the request of the Relationship Focus Group (RFG) which was printed in the Aug. 19 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*. Perhaps it is due to a lack of understanding of actions which have transpired recently.

The 17-member group, which repre-

sents a cross-section of Tennessee Baptists, acknowledged there is diversity among Tennessee Baptists and that there are "differences which could divide us and damage our witness for Christ."

The RFG went on to say, however, that "we believe the common goals and beliefs we cherish are stronger and more important than the issues that separate us."

There are some issues which will be dealt with at the annual meeting that not every Tennessee Baptist will agree on. That is normal and that is OK. I don't think God wants us to be clones. We need a variety of opinions and the annual meeting is a place to express those views. It should be done, however, in the appropriate manner and time.

What is not OK is when things are said or done in a spirit that does not honor the cause of Jesus Christ. Express your opinions in a Christ-like manner and vote your convictions.

When it is over we should not carry "grudges" if the vote does not go our way.

We also should not threaten to hold the Cooperative Program hostage. I have heard comments from people on both sides of an issue say they would designate their Cooperative Program money if a particular vote does not go the way they want. That reminds me of the kid who could not play quarterback. He took his football and went home. The Cooperative Program and God's work is bigger than any one person or issue.

The 1998 annual meeting will be interesting to say the least. While there will be one or two issues that are potentially divisive, remember there will be many things Tennessee Baptists can agree on and work together in harmony and accord.

Read through the special pullout section (pages 9-16) that previews the TBC annual meeting. If you are going as a messenger, use this material to help you be prepared to ask questions and to vote intelligently. God has blessed Tennessee Baptists. Pray for earnestly for the meeting. Let's focus on the positive and find ways we can work together. *B&R*



## just for today

by Fred Wood,  
pastor emeritus,  
Eudora Church,  
Memphis



## Start with a smile

Business Executive (to new wife who had been his former secretary): "Now, that we're married, I'll have to get someone to replace you at the office." New Bride: "I've been thinking of that. My cousin is just finishing school and is available." Business Executive: "Good. What's her name?" New Bride: "John Smith."

## Take this truth

People have a tendency to continue their lifestyle. That which has been is that which shall be. Learn how a person thinks, and you can usually predict how that person will act on future occasions. If possible, solve your potential problem before it starts.

## Memorize this Scripture

"Go to the ant ... consider her ways and be wise." Proverbs 6:6 ■ — Wood can be e-mailed at docfred1@Juno.com

# Go make disciples — seeing, serving the world

## guest analysis

by James Austin  
Executive Committee, SBC

Jerry Rankin, International Mission Board president, said, "I believe God has raised up Southern Baptists and blessed us, not to take pride in being a great denomination and to implement impressive programs, but to be his instrument to fulfill his mission and reach the nations as Christ commanded."

Cooperative Program Fall Focus is designed to celebrate our partnership in Christ's global ministry. It's local. It's worldwide. Southern Baptists have made a difference in addressing the lostness of the people groups of the world and will continue to impact their eternal destiny as they give through the Cooperative Program. Now is the time to focus on the past and envision the future of witnessing and ministering together. On the threshold of a new millennium, churches and their

members need to be refreshed by reconsidering his vision. By doing so, we will respond with fresh commitments to praying, going, and giving. Observing Cooperative Program Fall Focus will help accomplish this.

The theme "Go Make Disciples: Seeing the World, Serving the World," is based on Matthew 18:19-20. Highlighting this Scripture throughout the celebration will draw believers closer to more than 9,000 national and international missionaries serving in more than 125 countries and all 50 United States.

Cooperative Program Fall Focus presents practical ideas for specific activities to:

- ▶ See the world of need more clearly
- ▶ Seek the world for Christ more effectively
- ▶ Study our church's history of missions involvement more prayerfully
- ▶ Step up in missions commitment and participation more faithfully.

Someone has said that in the economy of change, the removing or planting of even one tree changes the configuration of the



forest: the ripple effect. Through the Cooperative Program, you and I touch the world and change its configuration forever.

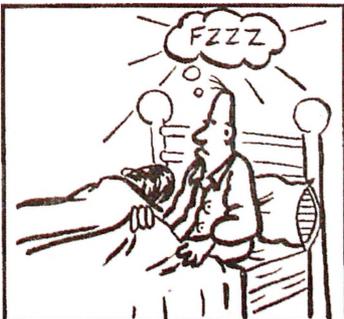
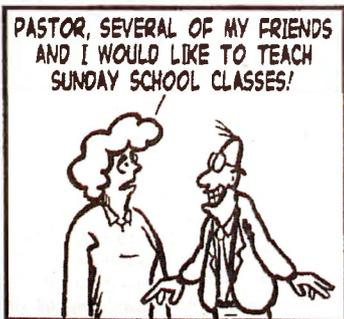
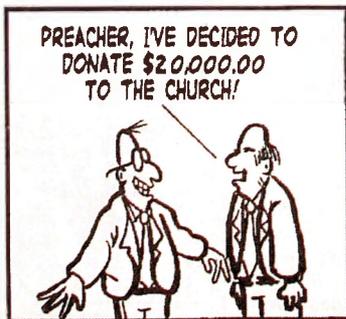
The history of our denomination tells us that our prayers and financial support did not always match our dream of reaching the world for Christ. Then, in 1925, a very important development unfolded that would revolutionize the missionary enterprise. It was the birth of the Cooperative Program method of supporting missions. It was like God holding up the world

and saying, "Southern Baptists, this is the world. Here is the way you can reach it." Through the Cooperative Program, we have been partners with church-starting missionaries to help begin more than 39,000 churches in more than 125 countries.

God is calling each of us to be on mission with him. One of the best ways to accomplish that privilege and responsibility is through the Cooperative Program. ■ — Austin is director of Cooperative Program Promotions for the SBC Executive Committee in Nashville.

## Church of the Covered Dish

By Thom Tapp, pastor, Oral Church, Lenoir City



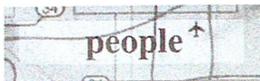
## Prayer Requests

September-October

- 30 — Pray for God to open doors for IMB missionary Brenda Hallock in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as she ministers to families in apartments.
- 1 — Pray for Ann and Benny Sprouse, IMB missionaries in Rio de Janeiro. She is in the United States undergoing medical treatments.
- 2 — Pray for the WMU Leadership Training Conference held Oct. 2-3 in Burton, Mich.
- 3 — Pray for Raymond Chan, a Canadian Baptist in British Columbia, Canada, who is recovering from cancer surgery.
- 4 — Pray for the 60 Tennessee volunteers who led simultaneous revivals Sept. 28-Oct. 4 in the Jacarepagua Association in Rio de Janeiro.
- 5 — Pray for Baptist Camp in Alajuela, Costa Rica, where Ruben Harrison is camp director and for Jose Cordero, a California pastor, who is leading revivals in Costa Rica Oct. 2-12.
- 6 — Praise God for the new pastor/staff and spouse orientation held Oct. 2 in the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.



■ **Fred E. Johnson**, founder and pastor of Page Heights Church, Goodlettsville, for 32 years, died recently after a brief illness. He also served as pastor of Madison Creek Church, Goodlettsville, and Fountain Head Church, Portland.



■ **Jack Price**, 91, a deacon of Henards Chapel Church, Rogersville, was honored Sept. 13 for his 77 years of Christian service during homecoming activities.

■ **Trace Creek Church**, New Johnsonville, ordained **Shawn Stookey** and **Robert Smith** as deacons Sept. 20. Leading the ordination were **Ted Finkbeiner** and **Gary McEwen**, pastor.

■ On Sept. 20 **Kenny Clevenger** and **Roger Hodges** were ordained as deacons of Sullivan Church, Kingsport.



■ **Bluegrass Church**, Hendersonville, called **Tim Powell** as music intern, effective Sept. 27. He is a graduate student at Belmont University.

■ **Calvary Church**, Kingsport, called **Mikel Caywood**

as minister of music and education, effective Oct. 4.

■ **Phillip Herring**, minister to students, First Church, Clarksville, has been called as minister to students, First Church, Norfolk, Va. Herring served the Clarksville church for nine years.

■ **Rocky Gilliam**, pastor, First Indian Church, Ripley, has resigned as pastor.

■ **Daniel R. Williams** of Elizabethton, has begun serving in Mexico City with the International Service Corp of the International Mission Board based in Richmond, Va. Williams will serve there for two years teaching missionary kids in the middle school grades. He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

■ **John Bedford**, director of missions, Shiloh Association, was named Outstanding Director of Missions by Union University, Jackson. He was honored at the West Tennessee Pastors and Wives Appreciation Banquet, held Sept. 10 at the school. Bedford, who has served the association for five years, received the award for his involvement in Christian education in churches in his association, along with his support of the school. He is the 18th recipient of the award.



BEDFORD

■ **Springfield Church**, Springfield, called **Jimmy Tidwell** as associate pastor/ youth minister, effective Sept. 14.

■ **Tom Mathis**, pastor, Red River Church, Adams, was called as pastor, First Church, Collinwood, effective Oct. 4.

■ **Leon Castle** of Charlottesville, Va., was named minister of education, First Church, Memphis, effective Sept. 13. He has been design editor of children's curriculum for LifeWay Christian Resources and Smyth and Helwys Publishing Company. Castle also has served on the staff of churches in Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee.

■ **Central Church**, Hixson, has called **Rodney Rector** as pastor to children.

■ **Bob Hull**, minister of music, First Church, Humboldt, was honored recently by the congregation for serving 10 years there.

■ **Louis Davis**, minister of youth/activities, West Jackson Church, Jackson, was honored recently for serving nine years at the church.



RECEIVING A PORTRAIT is Gerald Stow, right, president/treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, from Betty and J. Edward North, pastor, First Church, Humboldt, and chairman of the trustees of TBCH. The gift was presented to Stow recently to commemorate his 40th year of ministry.

■ **First Church**, Bluegrass, called **Donnie Cantwell** as pastor, effective Sept. 6. Formerly he was pastor, Friend-



ship Church, Lenoir City.

■ **Robertson County Association** will hold a Baptist Men's Meeting Oct. 13 at Grace Church, Springfield, on World Changers. And it's senior adults will hold a fall trip Oct. 6 to an outlet village and orchard and a Senior Adult Meeting Oct. 27 at Oakland Church, Springfield. For more information, contact the association at (615) 384-8197.

■ **Knox County Association** will hold a Vacation Bible School Rally Oct. 5 at Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville. For more information, contact the association at (423) 693-9097.

■ **The Polk County Association** Camp Agape will host its third annual Impact Weekend Oct. 16-18 for youth. William Ewing is founder/director of Christian Home Ministries and a former member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. For more information, call the camp at (423) 338-4153.

■ **First Church**, Clarksville, will hold a family enrichment conference Oct. 3. David and Elaine Atchison will speak. For more information, contact the church at (931) 645-2431.



■ **Indian Springs Church**, Kingsport, will hold revival Nov. 1-4. Neil McClendon of Houston, Texas, will speak. Also the church just completed remodeling its sanctuary.

■ **Raleigh Church**, Memphis, has voted to relocate. A groundbreaking service will be

held Oct. 11. For more information, contact the church at (901) 386-9763.

■ **East Rogersville Church**, Rogersville, began using its new worship center and educational building recently.

■ **Liberty Church**, Covington, will celebrate its 125th anniversary and homecoming Oct. 11.

■ **Sullivan Church**, Kingsport, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. Dennis Deese, pastor, First Church, Hunter, Elizabethton, will speak.

■ During September two teams from **Woodland Park Church**, Chattanooga, served in other countries. A group worked in the Bahamas and in Honduras. And recently a team ministered in South Africa.

■ **Valley Grove Church**, Knoxville, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. Dean Haun, pastor, Hermitage Hills Church, Hermitage, will speak. For more information, call the church at (423) 577-6620.

■ **Parrans Chapel Church**, Bolivar, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. It will begin with a fish fry Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. Speakers include Conrad Delainly, a radio personality of Jackson; Lloyd Watkins of Adamsville; Randy Isbell, pastor, Hopewell Church, Savannah; Bob Sorrell, associate pastor, Bellevue Church, Cordova; and Robert Connerly, pastor, Brownsville Church, Brownsville, will speak.

■ **Metro Christian Singles Kick Off** in Knoxville will be held Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the student center of **Calvary Church**, Knoxville. For more information, contact Brenda Moore at (423) 523-9419.

■ **Central Church**, Chattanooga, celebrated its 40th anniversary in the Woodmont Community Sept. 6. The church moved from downtown Chattanooga to the communi-

ty. Ansell T. Baker, former pastor, spoke and a Vision Team was commissioned to consider the church's future.

■ **Glenwood Church**, Nashville, will hold revival Oct. 18-21. Bill Sherman, retired pastor, Woodmont Church, Nashville, will speak. Sherman served at Woodmont for 36 years. For more information, contact the church at (615) 361-8051.

■ **Hillcrest Church**, Lebanon, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. Steve Hale, staff evangelist, First Church, Woodstock, will speak. He is a popular speaker to high school students and has served as president of the association for Baptist evangelists for two years. Darrell Holt of the Lebanon church will lead the music. For more information, contact the church at (615) 444-5923.

■ **Rogers Creek Church**, Athens, will hold revival Oct. 4-7. Gary King will speak.

## Cheatham named DOM

For Baptist and Reflector

BENTON — Charles Cheatham began serving as director of missions, Polk County Association Oct. 5.

W.L. Shipman, who was director of missions formerly, retired in March. Steve Linginfelter, pastor, First Church, Benton, served as interim director of missions.

Cheatham formerly was pastor, Smyrna Church, Coeoe, for eight years. He also was pastor of Turtle-town Church, Turtletown; Coletown Church, Copper Hill; and a church in Culburson, N.C.; and in Hiwasse Dam, N.C.

Glenda Cheatham is serving as secretary for the association. BGR



THE CHEATHAMS

## MasterLife training set

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Training is being offered for adult and youth leaders of *MasterLife*, a discipleship program taught to small groups in about 13 weeks.

The training will be Oct. 10 and led by Joseph Northcutt and John Franklin, who will lead adult leaders, and David Bennett, who will teach youth leaders.

It will be held at First Church, Doneison, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person which provides resources and lunch. It is being provided by Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries.

For more information, contact Jerry Chapman of TBC Executive Board Ministries at 1-800-558-2090, (615) 371-7932 or www.tnbaptist.org. BGR

# Missions Awareness and Involvement Group

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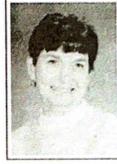
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## Tennessee Baptist Foundation

### September Is Foundation Month

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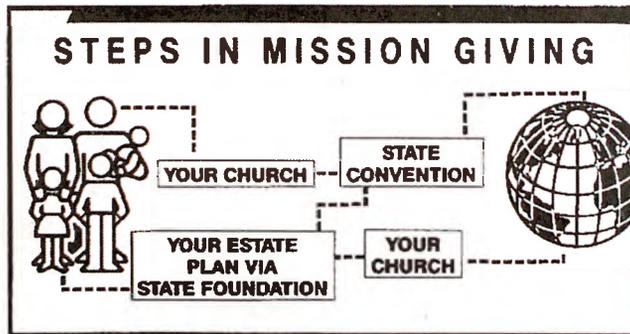
During September, through the Tennessee and Southern Baptist conventions, Baptist Foundations are being recognized as service and trust institutions.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation was established in 1938. The state convention felt a need for a channel through which Baptists could leave gifts to its institutions and causes. The gifts would not be spent, but invested with the income distributed to Baptist charities named by the donors.

Currently, the Tennessee Baptist Foundation is distributing more than three million dollars annually to Tennessee Baptist churches, institutions, and other Baptist causes.

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Since February of this year

# Murfreesboro church grows from 4 to 152

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

MURFREESBORO — Since February of this year, River Rock Church here has grown from four people attending Sunday morning activities to 152 people participating on Sept. 13.

"It's phenomenal; I mean it's almost unbelievable," described Harold Bergen, pastor.

The four women who made up the congregation in February, known as Salem Springs Church, were ready to place the church's facility, a house, and its 11 acres of property for

sale. But they were encouraged by Jim Powers, director of missions, Concord Association, to contact Bergen. They asked Bergen to consider leading the church.

Bergen of Franklin is retired from LifeWay Christian Resources based in Nashville (formerly the Baptist Sunday School Board). He agreed only after much prayer, he said.

Since then, members have worked hard to tell people about God and River Rock, said Bergen. And miracles have occurred, he added.

On Easter, members gave \$18,000 to pay off a second

mortgage on the church property. Because the church has a complicated history and debt, members first had to forgive some people, including some of the current members, explained Bergen.

Then members had to grasp a vision. River Rock Church is located near developing subdivisions.

Some of the growth may be in response to Bergen's emphasis on the second chances God provides for people.

"God isn't a god who puts people on the junk heap of life and says 'I can't use you anymore,'" he said. "He's the god of second chances who gives

people the keys of life."

The church has a staff, all of which, like Bergen, work for little or no pay. Lenny Farmer of Franklin is associate pastor/minister of music in addition to his work at a local funeral home. James "Buck" Arms is business administrator. Ben Curtis, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, does ministry and maintenance. And Wendell Price, retired from Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries, serves as assistant pastor.

In such a small congregation, the work of individual



members and their roles in God's miracles become clearer, explained Bergen. For example, one church member gave \$10,000 toward the mortgage offering. Another church member funds the salary of the business administrator, partly to help the worker because he has a health disability. And the pianist, one of the four women who wasn't deterred when the congregation was near death, also coordinates lunch provisions for out-of-town staff.

Another strength of the congregation is it works well together, added Bergen. It held a Vacation Bible School this summer which drew 55 and resulted in three children making professions of faith. The members were assisted by First Church, Tracy City.

Each month, members work with residents of a government-subsidized housing area. And seven attended a FAITH outreach training event.

Bergen admitted he had a lot of doubts about whether he could help River Rock Church, but today he's glad he accepted the challenge. *B&R*



LISA FLUTY teaches youth about God by moving outside to view nature on a recent Sunday morning.



MEMBERS AND GUESTS exit the church facility after Sunday morning worship recently. They include from right, Bob Norman, retired pastor, Clearview Church, Franklin; Jean Norman; Lenny Farmer, associate pastor/minister of music; and Harold Bergen, pastor. Bob Norman spoke at the church recently.

## Kevin Quinn joins TBAH

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Kevin Quinn of McKenzie has joined the staff of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes as director of development.

He has served churches in Missouri and Tennessee as pastor and interim music director. He has worked in public relations and fund development in higher education and retirement care for more than 15 years. Quinn also has worked in several other kinds of business.



QUINN

He is a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and has studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Quinn will assist the TBAH staff and board of directors in public relations and fundraising. He will lead association and church programs in Tennessee. And he will work with organizations to foster care and ministry to senior adults and developmentally disabled persons to expand the work of TBAH. *B&R*



### Tennessee Campers on Mission Fall Rally

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn. — Oct. 23-25

Academy Work Project — Oct. 19-23  
Carpentry, painting, plumbing.

Rally includes Bible study, fellowship, and testimonies from mission projects. Meals available from academy cafeteria; free hook-ups.

Register by Oct. 16. Call Dr. Joe Little at (423) 337-5301 or Beverly Smothers at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building 1-800-558-2090.

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# 124th convention to assemble in Kingsport — Messengers to consider a variety of motions

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — Messengers to the 124th annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will deal with several important matters that have long-lasting impact on their state convention.

The convention, with a theme of "Our Love — His Joy," will convene with a call to Solemn Assembly (see story on page 1).

Among proposals to be considered are plans to expand Tennessee Baptists' facilities at Camp Carson and Camp Linden, a new three-year partnership with Portugal, a process which would give Tennessee Baptist colleges more flexibility in the selection of trustees, and a record budget of \$31,307,034 for 1998-99.

The camp expansion would add a lodge and conference center at both camps

(see pages 12-13).

The new partnership with Portugal, if approved, would not officially begin until Jan. 1, 2000. The proposal, however, would allow for promotion of selected projects in 1999.

Messengers will consider the Protocol for College Trustee Selection. This would give the colleges more flexibility in choosing trustees, while giving the convention the right to approve or disapprove trustees (see page 15).

Tennessee Baptists also will elect new officers. This year's president is slated to come from the middle portion of the state.

Headlining the program will be noted Baptist educator, author, and speaker Tony Campolo of St. David's, Pa. Campolo will deliver the evening message on Nov. 10.

TBC President Doug Sager of First Church, Concord,

Knoxville, will deliver the annual president's address on Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, while TBC Executive Director James Porch will present his address on Tuesday afternoon.

The convention sermon will be delivered Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, by Richard Emmert, pastor of Manley Church, Morristown. The Wednesday afternoon speaker is Lawrence Hudson, pastor of

Monument of Love Church, Memphis. Hudson, and his wife, Lee, are coordinators for the Mississippi River Ministry.

The Tuesday evening sessions will feature a report from the educational institutions and recognize the bivocational and small church pastors of the year in Tennessee.

The Wednesday evening session will focus on the si-

multaneous revivals set for next year in Rio de Janeiro.

Business sessions are sprinkled throughout the convention. Among the items for consideration will be a recommendation from the Relationship Focus Group which would allow each of the convention officers (president, first vice president, and second vice president) to be a member of all TBC committees with voting privileges. The Relationship Focus Group was appointed at last year's annual meeting in Jackson by then-President Herbert Higdon to study relationships within the TBC. Their report and findings were printed in the Aug. 19 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector*.

Messengers also will vote on the reports from the Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards (see page 10) and consider various resolutions. *B&R*

## Toll-free number established

Tennessee Baptists are invited and encouraged to use the toll-free number listed below to obtain information or ask questions related to the 1998 annual meeting.

1-888-326-8849  
(effective Oct. 5, 1998)

## A message from TBC President Doug Sager

Dear Fellow Tennessee Baptists:

"Our Love — His Joy" is the theme for our 1998 Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting. All the many details seem to be coming together and we are expecting a fantastic convention.



SAGER

As we anticipate God's blessings in Kingsport, there are several things all of us can do:

- ▶ Take some time each day to pray for the sessions.
- ▶ If you will be attending as a messenger, please take the time to become informed about issues.
- ▶ On Tuesday morning, Nov. 10, join us for a time of Solemn Assembly. From 9 a.m. until 10 a.m., our convention will be in prayer for God's leadership and blessing. It would be wonderful if Tennessee Baptists all across our state would share this time.

- ▶ Come expecting God to share his glory with us.

There will be inspiring music, challenging messages, and wonderful fellowship.

See you in Kingsport.

Celebrating His Joy,

Doug Sager

President, Tennessee Baptist Convention

## Why attend a convention?

By Joe Stacker  
For Baptist and Reflector

I have been attending the TBC annual meeting for 35 years. Some have been great; some not so great. One thing I have learned is simply this — you get out of a convention what you put into it.

I attended several conventions and only got to half the sessions. Talking with friends can eat up convention time in a hurry. I realized that to know what needed talking about required I go to the sessions and learn what God was doing in Tennessee through Jesus Christ and the churches.

That is my concern as we gather in Kingsport in November — that we come with a determination to be informed, supportive, and concerned followers of God in Christ, seeking to be Great Commission people.

As chair of the Arrangements Committee, I ask each messenger and guest to be involved in the program for this convention. I believe we have

something to bless all Tennessee Baptists. Some of the highlights of the convention are:

- ▶ A call to Solemn Assembly on Tuesday morning led by the convention's Relationship Focus Group.
- ▶ Messages from Doug Sager, Richard Emmert, Lawrence Hudson, Tony Campolo, and James Porch.
- ▶ Convention Ministries and Budget
- ▶ Executive Board Report and Recommendations
- ▶ Praise and worship
- ▶ Miscellaneous business
- ▶ Election of officers
- ▶ Special group meetings

All of this and more should make the trip to East Tennessee a time of hope and promise in Christ. I pray we will all come to God's work in our state and world.

The Committee on Arrangements with the convention officers and staff have worked to present the ministry of Tennessee Baptists as "Our Love — His Joy." Join us in that spirit in Kingsport on Nov. 10-11. ■ — Stacker, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, is chairperson of the TBC Committee on Arrangements.



STACKER



# Convention Week Activities, Information

- **Agency/Institution Leadership Breakfast** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7:30 a.m., MeadowView Ballroom C (by invitation)
- **Annuitants Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, noon, MeadowView Ballroom A and B (by invitation)
- **Belmont University Alumni Dinner** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Inn, tickets (\$14) — university exhibit
- **1998 Book of Reports** — messengers receive at registration, non-messengers may purchase at Registration Desk
- **Carson-Newman College Alumni/Friends Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, noon, Ramada Inn, 2005 La Masa Drive, tickets (\$15) — college exhibit
- **Childcare** — Monday morning — Wednesday evening (30 minutes before and following sessions), Nov. 9-11, First Church, Kingsport, 200 West Church Circle, birth to five years of age (no charge)
- **Chorale Rehearsal** — Monday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m., Colonial Heights Church, 108 Colonial Heights Road
- **Church Secretaries Fellowship Luncheon** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, noon, MeadowView Conference Room C (advance reservations required)
- **Committee on Arrangements Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, 1 p.m., Bays Mountain Board Room
- **Committee on Boards Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m., Bays Mountain Board Room
- **Committee on Committees Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m., Bays Mountain Board Room
- **Committee on Credentials Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, noon, Blue Ridge Board Room (A committee member will be available in Boone — Cherokee Room throughout the annual meeting.)
- **Committee on Resolutions Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4:30 p.m., Blue Ridge Board Room
- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m., Bays Mountain Board Room
- **Convention Information Room** — in the Washington Room will be members of the Executive Board, Relationship Focus Group, Committee on Arrangements, and others to answer questions
- **Convention Office** — Grand Ballroom, Coat-Registration Room, (423) 578-6582
- **Directors of Missions Banquet** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m., Colonial Heights Church, 108 Colonial Heights Road (by invitation, advance reservation required)
- **Emergency Messages** — Displayed on projection screen during sessions, see Convention Office staff
- **Executive Board Meetings** — Monday, Nov. 9, 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 11, 4:30 p.m., Crockett Amphitheatre
- **Exhibits/Displays** — Grand Ballroom, Monday — 1-7 p.m.; Tuesday — 8-9 a.m., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Wednesday — 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- **First Aid** — Scott Room, registered nurse available, Nov. 9-11
- **Florida Baptist Theological College Alumni Meeting/Dinner** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4:30 p.m., Sullivan Church, 4152 Maplewood Street, tickets (\$7) at door
- **Joggers Jubilee** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:30 a.m., MeadowView Convention Center main entrance, sponsored by *Baptist and Reflector*
- **LifeWay Christian Resources Bookstore** — Grand Ballroom
- **Local Information Desk** — Representatives of Kingsport Convention and Visitors Bureau with information on restaurants, directions, and other needs, Convention Center Coat-Registration Room
- **Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Meeting/Luncheon** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, noon, Skoby's Restaurant, 1001 Konnaroc Road (ordering from menu)
- **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Meeting and Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 12:15 p.m., Skoby's Restaurant, 1001 Konnaroc Road, tickets — seminary exhibit
- **Newsroom** — media personnel to register and receive press credentials from representatives of TBC Communications Office, Hawkins Room, (423) 578-6581
- **Registration** — Boone - Cherokee Room, Monday — 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday — 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wednesday — 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- **Retired Directors of Missions Breakfast** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7 a.m., Sullivan Church, 4152 Maplewood Street, (by invitation, advance reservations required)
- **Ribbons for Name Badges** — members of following groups should pick up an identification ribbon at the following sites — association staff, Directors of Missions — Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group Exhibit; bivocational minister — Church Staff Leadership Group Exhibit; Committee on Arrangements — at your meeting; Committee on Credentials — at your meeting; Executive Board — at your meeting; messenger — registration; missions volunteer — Missions Awareness and Involvement Group Exhibit; visitor — Information Booth
- **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, noon, Sage Brush Restaurant, 1600 East Stone Drive
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, 12:15 p.m., Ramada Inn, tickets (\$12) — seminary exhibit
- **Tapes** — Order forms for audiocassette tapes of convention sessions and Pastors' Conference sessions may be picked up in the Convention Office.
- **Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference Banquet** — Monday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m., Colonial Heights Church, 108 Colonial Heights Road (advance reservations required)
- **Tennessee Baptist Convention President's Breakfast** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 a.m., Holston Room (by invitation)
- **Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., Applewood Restaurant, off Campbell Station Road, Knoxville
- **Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., First Church, 200 West Church Circle, tickets (\$15) — at TBREA exhibit or at door
- **Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Wives Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m., Tri-Cities Church, 171 Promise Land Drive, Gray, tickets (\$10) at door
- **Tennessee Baptist Encouraging Women in Ministry Fellowship Breakfast** — Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7:30 a.m., First Church, 200 West Church Circle, tickets (\$3) at door
- **Tennessee Youth Ministers Fellowship** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 8:45 p.m., MeadowView Ballroom C
- **Union University 175th Birthday Ice Cream Celebration** — Monday, Nov. 9, 8:45 p.m., Convention Center Lobby (everyone welcome)
- **Union University Alumni/Friends Dinner** — Tuesday, Nov. 10, 5 p.m., MeadowView Ballroom A and B, tickets (\$16) — at university exhibit or from school representative

## Resolutions

To submit resolutions during the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention:

- a. Resolutions, including those sent to the Committee on Resolutions prior to the convention, must be submitted during a business session only by registered messengers.
- b. Resolutions must be submitted no later than the last miscellaneous business session of the first day of the convention.
- c. Only titles of proposed resolutions shall be read into the record when presented, but the full resolution must be in writing and submitted to the presiding officer, recording secretary, and the Committee on Resolutions.

Individuals wishing to submit resolutions are encouraged to submit them prior to the TBC meeting by sending them to Committee on Resolutions, TBC Executive Board Ministries, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024. ■

## Rules of Order

- a. All motions and resolutions shall be submitted to the presiding officer and recording secretary in writing, legibly signed by the maker and shall include the name, address, and church of the person submitting the same.
- b. In order to obtain the floor, each messenger shall address the chair, give his or her name and church, and wait to be recognized.
- c. All messengers who participate in the business sessions of the Convention shall conduct themselves in keeping with the stated purposes in the Constitution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- d. Discussion, debate, and nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.
- e. No messenger shall speak more than once on the same question until all have spoken who wish to do so.
- f. The chair shall recognize messengers wishing to speak to each side of the question alternately.

## Exhibitors

- Annuity Board
- Baptist Health System of East Tennessee
- Belmont University
- Carson-Newman College
- Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission
- Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy
- International Mission Board
- LifeWay Christian Resources
- Mississippi River Ministry
- New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary
- North American Mission Board
- Tennessee Baptist Convention Partnership/Volunteer Missions
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Sullivan Baptist Association
- Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association
- Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes
- Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- Tennessee Baptist Foundation
- Tennessee Baptist Church Music Conference
- Union University



# Convention Annual Meeting Schedule

## Convention Officers

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### Tuesday Morning

**8:30 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Combined Choirs —  
FBC Concord, Knoxville, Sevier  
Heights, Knoxville, Tulip Grove, Old  
Hickory  
Call to Order — Doug Sager  
Scripture and Prayer  
Welcome — Tommy Holtzclaw  
**8:55 — The Convention Organizes**  
Committee on Credentials —  
Chuck Kitchens  
Committee on Arrangements —  
Joe Stacker  
**9:00 — The Convention Gathers to Pray**  
Solemn Assembly  
**10:00 — The Convention Ministers**  
General Programs Items  
• Announcements  
• Review Rules of Order  
Reports:  
• Woman's Missionary Union —  
Carrol Kelly  
• Tennessee Baptist Foundation —  
W. L. Childs, Jr.  
• TBC Financial Report —  
James M. Porch, Charles Groves III  
• Golden State Missions Offering —  
Michelle McCluskey  
• Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy —  
Walter Grubb  
• Executive Board Report (Budget/  
Board Actions) — Michael Smith  
**11:15 — The Convention Celebrates**  
Congregational Singing  
Special Music — Combined Choirs  
President's Message — Doug Sager  
Miscellaneous Business — Doug Sager  
**12:30 — Benediction**

### Tuesday Afternoon

**1:30 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Tennessee Baptist  
Chorale, Julian Suggs, director  
**1:45 — The Convention Worships**  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer  
**1:55 — The Convention Ministers**  
Special Music — Tennessee Baptist  
Chorale  
Executive Director's Message —

James M. Porch  
Presentation: "Making Christ Known by  
Serving Churches"  
Historical Committee — William Fallis  
**3:10 — The Convention Elects**  
Election of President — Doug Sager  
**3:25 — The Convention Affirms**  
New Church Staff Recognition —  
James M. Porch  
**3:40 — The Convention Acts**  
Election of President (second ballot if  
needed) — Doug Sager  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee —  
Robert Tyson  
Miscellaneous Business — Doug Sager  
**4:30 — Benediction**

### Tuesday Evening

**6:45 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Combined Musical Choir,  
Carson-Newman College  
**6:55 — The Convention Worships**  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer  
**7:05 — The Convention Celebrates**  
Special Recognition — James M. Porch  
• Bivocational Pastor  
• Small Church Pastor  
Educational Report — Cordell Maddox  
Congregational Singing  
Special Music — Combined Musical Choir  
**8:05 — Message** — Tony Campolo  
**8:30 — Benediction**

### Wednesday Morning

**8:40 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Directors of Missions  
Chorus  
**8:55 — The Convention Worships**  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture and Prayer  
**9:05 — The Convention Ministers**  
Benevolent Institutions:  
• Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes,  
Inc. — Kenny Cooper  
• Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes,  
Inc. — Gerald Stow  
• Tennessee Baptist Health Care Sys-  
tems, Inc. — Dale Collins  
**9:35 — The Convention Acts**  
Election of First Vice President —

Doug Sager  
Adoption of Budget  
Executive Board Report — Michael Smith  
Special Recognitions: Retiring Directors of  
Missions — James M. Porch  
Election of Second Vice President and oth-  
er officers — Doug Sager  
Miscellaneous Business  
**11:00 — The Convention Celebrates**  
Congregational Singing  
Special Music — The Celebration Choir  
Convention Sermon — Richard Emmert  
**11:45 — Benediction**

### Wednesday Afternoon

**1:30 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Christ and Company  
Youth Choir  
Scripture and Prayer  
**1:50 — The Convention Worships**  
Congregational Singing  
Special Music — Christ and Company  
Youth Choir  
Message — Lawrence Hudson  
**2:35 — The Convention Ministers**  
Baptist and Reflector Report —  
Lonnie Wilkey  
**2:45 — The Convention Acts**  
Committee on Arrangements —  
Joe Stacker  
Committee on Boards — Clay Austin  
Committee on Committees —  
Glenn Sullivan  
Constitution and Bylaws Committee —  
Robert Tyson  
Miscellaneous Business — Doug Sager  
Committee on Resolutions —  
Jerry Winfield  
**4:25 — Benediction**

### Wednesday Evening

**6:45 — The Convention Gathers**  
Praise Music — Colonial Heights Church  
Adult Choir and Orchestra  
Scripture and Prayer  
**7:05 — The Convention Worships**  
Congregational Singing  
**7:10 — The Convention Affirms**  
Convention Leadership — James M. Porch  
• 1998 Officers  
• 1999 Officers

**7:20 — The Convention Ministers**  
Partnership Missions — Terry Sharp  
Congregational Singing  
Rio de Janeiro Simultaneous Revivals —  
Terry Sharp  
Message — Fausto Aguiar de Vasconcelos  
**8:30 — Benediction**

### Program Personalities

Doug Sager — pastor, First Church, Concord,  
Knoxville  
Tommy Holtzclaw — director of missions, Sulli-  
van Association  
Chuck Kitchens — pastor, First Church, Loretto  
Joe Stacker — pastor, Belmont Heights Church,  
Nashville  
Carrol Kelly — executive director-treasurer, Ten-  
nessee Woman's Missionary Union  
W. L. Childs, Jr. — president, Tennessee Baptist  
Foundation  
James M. Porch — executive director/treasurer,  
Tennessee Baptist Convention  
Charles Groves III, CPA — First Church, Chat-  
tanooga  
Michelle McCluskey — director of church and  
community ministries, Bradley Association  
Walter Grubb — president, Harrison-Chilhowee  
Baptist Academy  
Michael Smith — pastor, Second Church, Memphis  
Julian Suggs — Tennessee Baptist Convention  
church music/worship specialist  
William Fallis — member, Immanuel Church,  
Nashville  
Robert Tyson — pastor, First Church, Middleton  
Cordell Maddox — president, Carson-Newman  
College  
Tony Campolo — professor of sociology, Eastern  
College, St. Davids, Penn  
Kenny Cooper — president, Tennessee Baptist  
Adult Homes  
Gerald Stow — president, Tennessee Baptist Chil-  
dren's Homes  
Dale Collins — president, Baptist Health Care  
System of East Tennessee  
Richard Emmert — pastor, Manley Church, Mor-  
ristown  
Lawrence Hudson — pastor, Monument of Love  
Church, Memphis  
Lonnie Wilkey — editor, Baptist and Reflector  
Clay Austin — pastor, First Church, Blountville  
Glenn Sullivan — pastor, Smithwood Church,  
Knoxville  
Jerry Winfield — pastor, Forest Hills Church,  
Nashville  
Terry Sharp — Tennessee Baptist Convention  
Partnership Missions specialist  
Fausto Aguiar de Vasconcelos — pastor, Igreja  
Batista Rio and president Carioca  
Baptist Convention

## Missions Extravaganza offers contact with SBC missionaries

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — Make plans to attend the Missions Extravaganza to be held Monday, Nov. 9, at the MeadowView Convention Center from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Visit with International and North American missionaries and parents of missionaries. The event offers something for people of all ages. There

will be activities such as games, face painting, and clowns. Acteens, Youth on Mission, Girls in Action, Children in Action, and Royal Ambassadors have a special invitation to be present. Through visiting with missionaries and being involved in missions activities, youth and children may meet requirements on individual achievement plans. ■

## Ministers' Wives Luncheon planned

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — The annual Ministers' Wives Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at noon at Tri-Cities Church in Gray. The church is located at 171 Promise Land Drive in Gray. The luncheon begins at noon, following the morning session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention annual meeting. Featured speaker/singer at this year's luncheon will be Debra Talley of the Talleys

singing group.

She has sung at a Billy Graham crusade, Radio City Music Hall, and the Brooklyn Tabernacle, among other places. Officers for the Ministers' Wives group also will be elected during the luncheon event. To register and purchase tickets, contact Bonnie Rogers at 760 W. Campground Road, Fall Branch, TN 37656. Tickets ordered by mail prior to the convention are \$7.50. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. ■

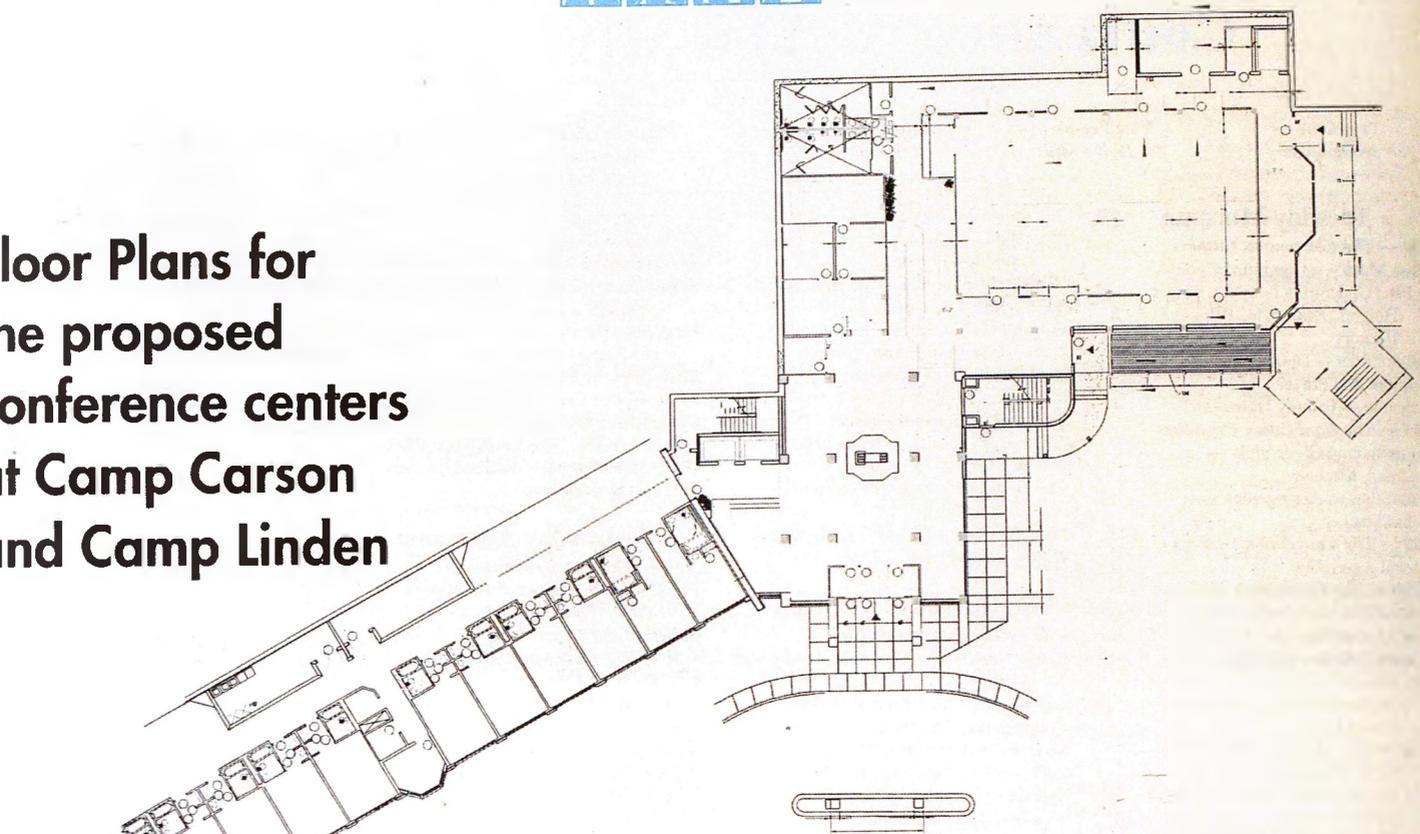
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For Baptist and Reflector

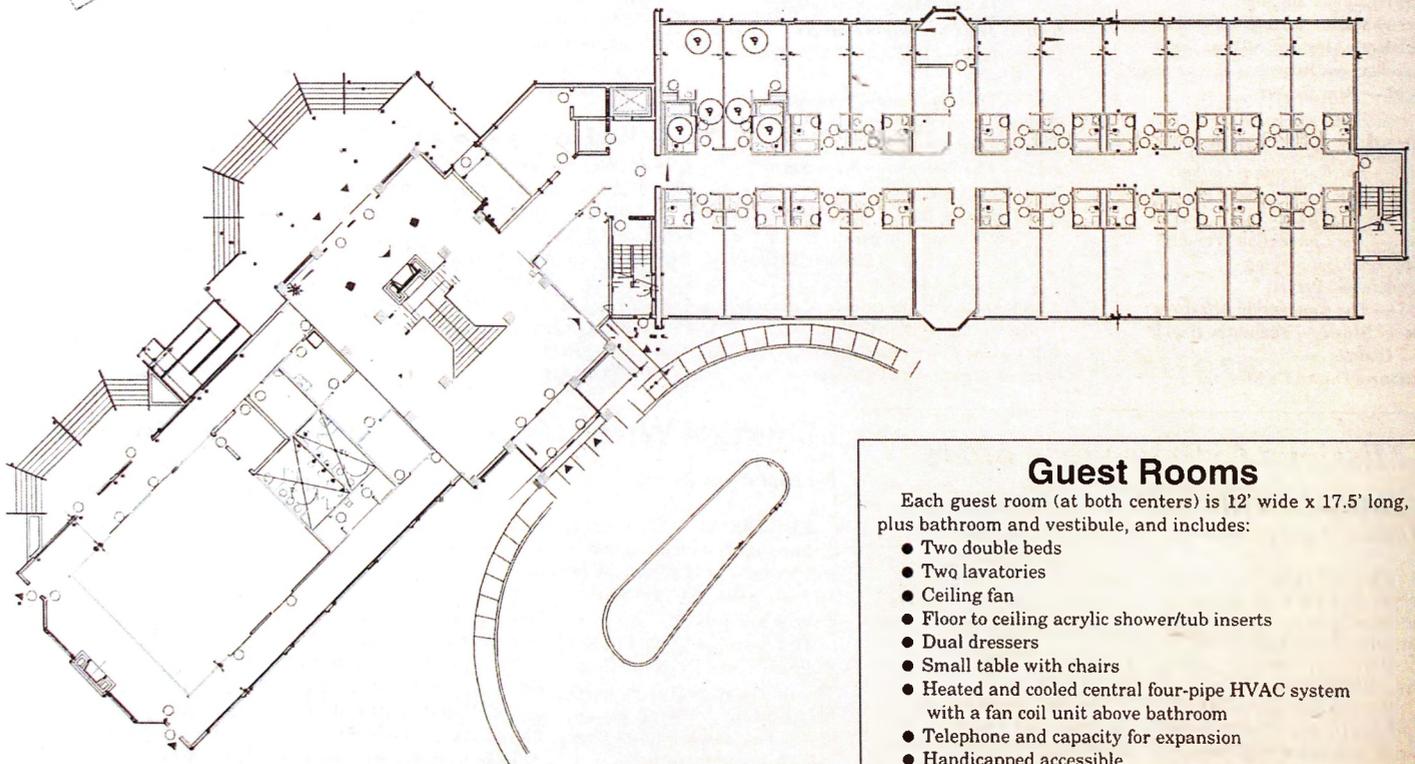
KINGSPORT — The Tennessee Baptist Convention is grateful to Carl Cates of Cates Music Center, Johnson City, for providing the keyboard instruments used during the last four conventions held in upper East Tennessee. Cates and his staff have provided an Allen Renaissance Organ and a Yamaha Digital Piano for this year's annual meeting. ■



# Floor Plans for the proposed conference centers at Camp Carson and Camp Linden



Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center



### Guest Rooms

Each guest room (at both centers) is 12' wide x 17.5' long, plus bathroom and vestibule, and includes:

- Two double beds
- Two lavatories
- Ceiling fan
- Floor to ceiling acrylic shower/tub inserts
- Dual dressers
- Small table with chairs
- Heated and cooled central four-pipe HVAC system with a fan coil unit above bathroom
- Telephone and capacity for expansion
- Handicapped accessible
- Screened porches on each floor
- Small lounges on each floor for informal gatherings

Linden Baptist Conference Center



# Camps proposal called 'milestone' in life of TBC

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Messengers at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Kingsport will have the opportunity to act on a matter that will have lasting impact on the life of the convention.

Messengers will vote on whether to approve a proposal that will add a lodge and conference center at both Camp Carson in Newport and Camp Linden in Linden.

The proposal coincides with the 50th anniversary of the two Baptist camps which were opened in 1948 for the training and nurture of boys and girls.

Over the years the camps have expanded to include a large number of adults.

Over the last few years, great strides have been made in both camps to upgrade facilities to include air conditioning and semi-private rooms.

Now, Tennessee Baptists are ready to move to the next level of retreat services which would provide private room accommodations.

In 1996, a master site development plan was approved for both camps which included lodge or hotel type units to meet the needs of adults.

During the Sept. 15 meeting of the TBC Executive Board, Jewell Jennings, 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, 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."

### Plans

The project, which is Phase 1 of the mast development plan for Camp Carson and Camp Linden, is defined to include a major housing and conference facility at both locations.

The new building at Camp Carson will include a three-story hotel unit consisting of 36 rooms, each accommodating two full-size beds, a private bath, and two lavatories. The conference center will be a cluster of eight 20' x 25' rooms, separated by rigid operable wall panels. When all wall panels are removed, the combined area will be 80' x 50', accommodating approximately

300 people. The facility also will have a kitchen and dining facility that can feed 300 at one time.

The Linden facility will be composed of a two-story, 40-room hotel and conference center that will take full advantage of the aesthetic view of the Buffalo River. The conference center will have four 20' x 25' rooms that can be opened up to a single room of 40' x 50', accommodating approximately 180 people. The lodge and conference center will be situated in easy access of the present dining facility and Tabernacle.

### Construction Costs

The Executive Board has approved the construction of auxiliary buildings at both camps. Preparation of the site, foundation work on the auxiliary buildings, and purchase of materials will be paid from funds on hand. Volunteers will actually construct the auxiliary buildings. Also, the entire cost of the architectural services will be paid from current funds.

Wastewater treatment facilities at both locations will need to be improved even if the conference centers and lodges are not constructed. The total estimate to improve wastewater treatment at both locations is \$567,500.

The cost of construction of the lodges and conference centers is set at \$9,520,201. This amount includes the contractors' guaranteed maximum price of \$8,591,765; owner-provided furnishings of \$475,093, and a 5 percent contingency amount of \$453,343.

### Paying for the Project

Over the last several years more than \$1.5 million has been saved and set aside for this project. Funds have come from the Golden State Missions Offering, Cooperative Program overage allocated to the Executive Board, interest income, and other sources. A major source was the donation of Peytonsville Road property near Franklin by the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union and the income resulting from the sale of that property.

Funding for the construction of the lodges and conference centers will come from three sources:

● **Involvement Campaign.** This is a strategy targeting primarily individuals, organizations, and foundations that will seek to raise \$5 million in cash and \$1.5 million in volunteer labor and donated materials and equipment.

● **Budget Income.** This strategy is continued budget-



CARSON SPRINGS BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER

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### Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center



LINDEN BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER

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### Linden Baptist Conference Center

ing from the Golden State Missions Offering. An allocation from the Cooperative Program is not anticipated. Only a worst case scenario would require such an allocation.

● **Debt Financing.** The nature of this project is well suited to debt financing. It is feasible that such a project could be constructed strictly on debt. The conference center Business Plan documents how the debt can be repaid within 15 years with an occupancy rate as low

as 35 percent. (A complete copy of the Business Plan will be available on the web Oct. 12.) The amount available for debt service is based on the amount of revenue remaining, once the cost of operations has been expended.

The costs of operations, based on a conservative 35 percent occupancy rate, is \$471,088 each year.

The camps are expected to provide a significant revenue based upon the number of

rooms rented times the rate charged for the rooms. Research has shown that the lodges can expect a minimum average annual occupancy rate of 35 percent. The proposed rate structure for the rooms will average \$45. These conservative estimates reveal that both facilities together will produce at least \$735,795 annually.

The expected amount to be applied to the debt service each year is \$267,707. ■



## Report of Committee on Boards

### Message from Committee on Boards

The Committee on Boards presents the following recommendations of persons to serve Tennessee Baptists. The committee has spent many hours of prayers, discussion, and phone calls to prepare this report.

We have followed convention guidelines and tried to apply them fairly to each position. We appreciate the time that fellow Tennessee Baptists gave to send in nomination forms. ■

Numbers prior to names are position numbers. Names are followed by church membership, city, and association of each church.

\* Indicates that individual has been nominated to a second full term.

\*\* Indicates that individual has completed an unexpired term and has been nominated to his or her first full term.

### Executive Board

Terms Expiring 2000

- 20 Laurann Whetham, Coryton, Coryton, Knox County

*East*

- 18 Dean Haun, Hermitage Hills, Hermitage, Nashville

*Middle*

Terms Expiring 2001

- 35\* Howard Olive, Monte Vista, Maryville, Chilhowee

*East*

- 37\*\* Bill Morris, Dayton First, Dayton, Tennessee Valley

*West*

- 41\* Brian Courtney, Lake City First, Lake City, Clinton

*West*

- 42\* J Reed Dixon, Sweetwater First, Sweetwater, Sweetwater

*West*

- 47\* James Robertson, Sharon, Knoxville, Knox County

*West*

- 49\* Ruth Ann Forrest, Pleasant View, Talbot, Nolachucky

*West*

- 54 Glenda Roach, Blue Springs, Rutledge, Grainger County

*West*

- 56 Peggy Brasfield, Dandridge First, Dandridge, Jefferson County

*West*

- 57 Steve Holt, Sargonsville, First, Sargonsville, Holston Valley

*West*

- 58 Ed Talley, Lutz Manor, Kingsport, Sullivan

*West*

- 62 William Owens, Ridgedale, Chattanooga, Hamilton County

*West*

- 66\*\* Kenneth Still, Brainerd, Chattanooga, Hamilton County

*West*

- 34\* Kay Quintero, Smithville, First, Smithville, Salem

*West*

- 36\* Larry Gilmore, College Heights, Gallatin, Bledsoe

*West*

- 39\* Judson Hays, Old Hickory First, Old Hickory, Nashville

*West*

### Com. on Arrangements

Term Expiring 1999

- 390 Clifford Horne, Lights Chapel, Greenbrier, Robertson Co.

*West*

Terms Expiring 2001

- 382 Mark Caldwell, Union, Wartburg, Big Emory

*East*

- 385 Jim O'Dillon, Ooltewah, Ooltewah, Hamilton County

*West*

- 383 William Wilson, Brentwood, Brentwood, Nashville

*West*

- 384 Stanley Scott, Sylvia, Dickson, Truett

*West*

- 386 Billy Murphy, Howse, Atwood, Carroll-Benton

*West*

### Committee on Audits

Terms Expiring 2001

- 398 Phillip Roy, Sweetwater First, Sweetwater, Sweetwater

*East*

- 400 Dan Franklin, Beech Grove, Louisville, Chilhowee

*West*

- 43\* Paul Durham, Radnor, Nashville, Nashville

- 44\* Jewell Jennings, Lebanon First, Lebanon, Wilson County

- 50\* Jerry Spurlin, Tullahoma First, Tullahoma, Duck River

- 51\*\* Gary McEwen, Trace Creek, New Johnsonville, Truett

- 61 Jack Robinson, Forest Hills, Nashville, Nashville

- 64\*\* Vern Powers, Nashville First, Nashville, Nashville

- 65\*\* Verlon Moore, Hilldale, Clarksville, Cumberland

- 38\* J. Howard Ragsdale, Union City, First, Union City, Beulah

- 40\* Jane Hardaway, Germantown, Germantown, Shelby

- 45\* Lawrence Hudson, Monument of Love, Memphis, Shelby

- 46 M. B. Howard, Oak Grove, Covington, Big Hatchie

- 48\* Michael Smith, Memphis Second, Memphis, Shelby

- 52\* Dennis Trull, McKenzie First, McKenzie, Carroll-Benton

- 53

- 55\*\* Wayne Foropoulos, West Jackson, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 59 Polly Cole, Union City, Second, Union City, Beulah

- 60 Charles Manley, Trinity, Bolivar, Hardeman County

- 63 Raymond Boston, Dyersburg First, Dyersburg, Dyer

### Tennessee Baptist Foundation

Term Expiring 1999

- 116 Miles Shackleford, First Hendersonville, Nashville

Term Expiring 2000

- 104 Dan McBeth, Dyer First, Dyer, Gibson County

Term Expiring 2001

- 107\* Jim Stanley, Judson, Nashville, Nashville

- 108\* Lynda Ryan, Bluegrass, Hendersonville, Nashville

- 110\* John Garner, Clearview, Franklin, Nashville

- 109\* James Humphreys, Eastview, Huntingdon, Carroll-Benton

- 111 William Cockroft, Germantown, Germantown, Shelby

### Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.

Term Expiring 1999

- 138 Christina Crawley, Simeon, Nashville, Nashville

Term Expiring 2001

- 126 Tom Suiter, Indian Springs, Kingsport, Sullivan

- 128\* Richard Holden, Alcoa First, Alcoa,

- Chilhowee

- 131 DeWayne Morrow, North Cleveland, Cleveland, Bradley County

- 134\* C.E. Harris, Central, Bearden, Knoxville, Knox County

- 130 John Segree, Estill Springs First, Estill Springs, Duck River

- 133 David Massey, Peyton Creek, Carthage, New Salem

- 127\* Howard Houston, New Mitchell Grove, Ripley, Dyer

- 129\* Billy Hammonds, Trenton, First, Trenton, Gibson County

- 132 Jean Sorrell, Brownsville, Brownsville, Haywood

### Belmont University

Terms Expiring 2001

- 158\* Joseph Huts, Forest Hills, Nashville, Nashville

- 160\* Harold Felix, Priest Lake Com., Nashville, Nashville

- 161\* Mack Hannah, Harpeth Heights, Nashville, Nashville

- 162\* Charles Hellmann, Mount Carmel, Cross Plains, Robertson County

- 163\* Jimmie White, Brentwood, Brentwood, Nashville

- 164\* Robert Welch, Clarksville First, Clarksville, Cumberland

- 165\* Larry Thraikill, Brentwood, Brentwood, Nashville

- 166\* Gregory Richard, Clearview, Franklin, Nashville

- 167 William Trout, Gallatin First, Gallatin, Bledsoe

- 168 Paul Walker, Pulaski First, Pulaski, Giles County

- 170 Frank Lewis, Nashville First, Nashville, Nashville

- 171 Antha Key, Fairfield Glade, Fairfield Glade, Cumberland Plateau

- 159\* Danny Fouch, Glasgow First, Glasgow, Ky.

### Carson-Newman College

The following have been nominated by the trustees of Carson-Newman College and submitted to the Committee on Boards.

#### Nominations for Election

Betty Gay Blanc, First Church, Jefferson City; Carolyn Jensen, Wallace Memorial Church, Knoxville; Paul M. Miles, Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville; Roger Purkey, Manley Church, Morristown; Steve Williams, First Church, Jacksboro

#### Nominations for Re-election

Jeanette Blazier, First Church, Kingsport; Marvin Cameron, West Hills Church, Knoxville; M. J. "Sonny" Griffin, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga; John R. Shults, First Church, Greenville, S.C.; Fred Steelman, Red Bank Church, Chattanooga; Lonas H. Tarr, First Church, Jefferson City; Patsy Wallace, First Church, Sevierville

### Union University

Terms Expiring 2000

- 233 Charles Ennis, Poplar Heights, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 235 Jerry Tidwell, West Jackson, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 238 Richard White, Franklin First, Franklin, Nashville

- 253 Trent Butler, Brentwood, Brentwood, Nashville

- 240\* James McAfee, Ponce de Leon, Second, Atlanta, Ga.

- 239\* Gary Taylor, Englewood, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 241\* Shelby Massey, Germantown, Germantown, Shelby

- 242\* Polk Glover, Obion First, Obion, Beulah

- 243\* Mack Forrester, Ridgely First, Ridgely, Beulah

- 244\* Roy White, Cordova, Cordova, Shelby

- 245 Sammy Arnold, Malesus, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 246 Sam Shaw, Germantown, Germantown, Shelby

- 247 Jane Alderson, West Jackson, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 250 Sara Emison, Alamo First, Alamo, Crockett County

- 252 Phillip Lovelace, Somerville First, Somerville, Fayette

- 254 Elzie Danley, Malesus, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 255 John Green, Northbrook, Humboldt, Madison-Chester

- 249 John Jenkins, Englewood, Jackson, Madison-Chester

- 251 Rod Parker, Englewood, Jackson, Madison-Chester

### Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy

Terms Expiring 2001

- 281\* Ingil Cho, Cumberland, Knoxville, Knox County

- 283\* Herb Fuller, Madison Avenue, Maryville, Chilhowee

- 284\* Loren Miller, Manley, Morristown, Nolachucky

- 285\*\* Michael Chesney, Broadway, Maryville, Chilhowee

- 280\* Roy Gilleland, Belmont Heights, Nashville, Nashville

- 286 William Horner, Pleasant Hill, Orinda, Robertson County

- 282\* Don Dills, Dyersburg First, Dyersburg, Dyer

### Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc.

Terms Expiring 2001

- 457 Norma Hancock, Smithville, First, Smithville, Salem

- 459 Marvin Nail, Saulsbery, Lebanon, Wilson County

- 460 M. Taylor Harris, Nashville, First, Nashville, Nashville

- 461\*\* Robert Tyson Sr., Middleton First, Middleton, Hardeman Co.

- 458 Joe McIntire, Poplar Heights, Jackson, Madison-Chester

### Historical Committee

Term Expiring 1999

- 480 Paul Clark, Sr., Calvary, Jackson, Madison-Chester

Terms Expiring 2001

- 474 John Burleson, Dixie Lee, Lenoir City, Loudon County

- 476 Juel Emery, Glenwood, Powell, Knox County

- 301 Jimmy Terry, Tabernacle Missionary, Clarksville, Cumberland

- 299\* Warren Nunn, Halls First, Halls, Dyer

- 300 Kenny Yau, First Chinese, Memphis, Shelby

### Baptist Health System of East Tenn., Inc.

Term Expiring 1999

- 357 John Wallace, Morristown First, Morristown, Nolachucky

- 341\* Dudley Cockrum, Inskip, Knoxville, Knox County

- 342\* James Hudson, Madisonville, First, Madisonville, Sweetwater

- 343\* Robert Calloway, Jefferson City, First Jefferson City, Jefferson County

- 344\* Paul Walker, Central, Bearden, Knoxville, Knox County

- 345\* Warren Gooch, Oak Ridge First, Oak Ridge, Clinton

- 346 Greg Coleman, Seymour First, Seymour, Sevier County

- 347 John Waters, Sevierville First, Sevierville, Sevier County

- 348 Charles Daniel, Cumberland, Knoxville, Knox County

- 349 Charles Parker, Jacksboro First, Jacksboro, Campbell County

### Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc.

Terms Expiring 2001

- 369 Terry Baker, Clinton First, Clinton, Clinton

- 365 Donald Owens, Immanuel, Lebanon, Wilson County

- 367 Robert McGowan, Ashland City First, Ashland City, Nashville

- 368 Jim Highland, Murfreesboro First, Murfreesboro, Concord

- 366\* Stan Smith, Henderson First, Henderson, Madison-Chester

### Committee on Committees

Term Expiring 1999

- 433

Terms Expiring 2001

- 427 Becky Tucker, Sweetwater First, Sweetwater, Sweetwater

- 428 W.D. Thomson, West End, Columbia, Maury

- 431 Neal Westerman, Sylvia, Dickson, Truett

- 429 Lynn King, Maplewood, Paris, Western District

- 430 Danny Sinquefield, Faith, Bartlett, Shelby

## Report of Committee on Committees

### Com. on Arrangements

Term Expiring 1999

- 390 Clifford Horne, Lights Chapel, Greenbrier, Robertson Co.

*West*

Terms Expiring 2001

- 382 Mark Caldwell, Union, Wartburg, Big Emory

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- 385 Jim O'Dillon, Ooltewah, Ooltewah, Hamilton County

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### Committee on Audits



# Protocol for College Trustee Selection Process

## Protocol

## Explanation of Protocol

Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, and Union University are committed to being distinctively Christian liberal arts higher education institutions in a servant partnership with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In order to help position our institutions for the challenges of the 21st century we propose the following revisions and clarifications regarding the Trustee selection process.

1. Recommendations for the trustee boards of Belmont, Carson-Newman, Union may come from any Tennessee Baptist. These shall be received by the Committee on Boards and shared with the institutional boards in a timely manner. The boards of trustees, in consultation with their institutional president, will present one nomination for each trustee vacancy to the TBC Committee on Boards. The Committee on Boards, in consultation with the appropriate institutional president, shall receive and review nominees for their commitment to Christ, involvement in the local church, disciples as a Christian steward, commitment to Christian higher education, appreciation of Baptist distinctives, and willingness to attend an appropriate orientation for new trustees.

2. After consultation with the institution president, the Committee on Boards will present a mutually agreed upon report of names to the Tennessee Baptist Convention for consideration and election.

a. There may be multiple trustees from a Tennessee Baptist church.

b. Trustee nominations may be received and considered from all portions of the state without geographical restrictions. A majority of each institution's board shall come from its grand division of the state.

c. Trustees may serve up to three terms (of three years each) before rotating off board.

d. Members of other convention committees may serve simultaneously on college boards of trust.

e. Persons who have served as trustees of other TBC entities shall be eligible to serve as college trustees immediately after they have completed terms at said entities.

3. The Committee on Boards is requested to develop a process that would allow any Tennessee Baptist to receive information or submit any comments about any nominee prior to the Committee on Boards report to the Convention.

4. A report of nominees for the three institutions will be presented to the TBC for election. In the event an individual nominee is not elected by the Convention, the vacancy is referred back to the institution board and Committee on Boards. The incumbents will continue to serve until their successors are elected and assume office.

5. At least 80 percent of the board must be comprised of members in good standing of churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The remainder may be comprised of members in good standing of Baptist churches outside the state.

6. This Protocol must be approved by the respective boards (or their Executive Committee), the TBC Executive Board, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention before implementation.

a. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing all TBC policies and shall review this Protocol and bring a report and/or appropriate recommendations regarding necessary Bylaw changes to the Convention. (per Bylaw 2, (9) E, a)

b. The Trustees of the institutions are charged with the "periodic review" of institutional charters with regard to TBC policies and will examine said documents in light of this Protocol. (per Bylaw, 4, (6) D)

7. If approved, Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, Union University, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention are requested to honor the spirit of the adopted Protocol during the Convention year 1998-99. ■

L. Joseph Rosas III, chairman of the Education Committee subcommittee which developed the Protocol for College Trustee Selection, was asked to provide an explanation of the Protocol (printed to the left).

Earlier this year, Belmont University requested that the Education Committee open dialogue with their trustees regarding ways they could, with the blessings of Tennessee Baptists, broaden their trustee base. Union and Carson-Newman indicated an interest in discussion of other limitations in the current trustee selection process. The subsequent charter change by Carson-Newman trustees shifted the dynamics of this conversation. The Relationship Focus Group, after hearing from all three college presidents, recommended that the Education Committee meet with all three in an effort to address common concerns and, if possible, to restore a positive basis for relationship with Carson-Newman College.

Out of months of intense negotiation, the proposed Protocol for College Trustee Selection has been approved by the Education Committee. The Relationship Focus Group has affirmed the Protocol. Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, and Union University boards have given unanimous approval to the Protocol. Convention approval is the next step before formal implementation of these principles of cooperation in the trustee selection process.

1. Any Tennessee Baptist may recommend someone to serve as a trustee. Currently, school presidents submit three names for each trustee vacancy on their board. Under the Protocol, the trustee boards will work with the presidents in submitting one name for each vacancy. The Committee on Boards will continue to review prospective trustees.

2. Numerous formal and informal restrictions have been removed from the trustee selection process. The goal is to give the schools the greatest latitude in having the very best persons available to serve as trustees. Distribution in representation will continue to be maintained for the Executive Board of the TBC.

3. Every Tennessee Baptist has the right to share information, ask questions, and learn more about prospective trustees. This should be done through an orderly process that protects the rights of both the individual who has agreed to serve on a board and the need for timely information on the part of Tennessee Baptists.

4. Ultimately, the TBC must approve all prospective trustees. If a trustee is rejected by the convention, the nomination process goes back to the first step.

5. Currently, each school has three out-of-state Baptist trustees who are alumni. This provision expands and broadens that number slightly — still 80 percent of the board must be Tennessee Baptists.

6. The implementation process will take at least another year for the TBC Constitution and Bylaws revisions to be prepared and the various institutional legal documents to be reviewed. HOWEVER ...

7. All parties are agreeable to honoring the spirit of this document if it is adopted by the convention. In fact, Carson-Newman has already voluntarily submitted five nominees for their board to the Committee on Boards for approval by the TBC.

The essence of this document is that the schools take the lead role in the nomination process while the convention takes the lead role in the trustee election process. No one shall serve as a trustee without the blessing of both the institution and Tennessee Baptists. ■

## Tennessee Baptist college presidents affirm Protocol selection process

Following are statements from presidents of the three Tennessee Baptist colleges regarding the Protocol on College Trustee Selection:

"Chairing the National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education last year brought home to me, in a new way, the real concern about rising college prices. I understand the anxiety and fear involved when families face the prospect of paying for a college education.

"Keeping Christian higher education affordable for Tennessee Baptist families is our greatest challenge. The proposed trustee selection Protocol recognizes the critical role trustees must play in keeping

Tennessee Baptist higher education financially accessible. Belmont's trustees unanimously adopted this proposed Protocol and consider it an important step forward toward broadening and strengthening our trustee base."

*William E. Troutt, President Belmont University*

"Our trustees voted unanimously to approve the spirit of this Protocol that is so important to Carson-Newman and the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In light of the college's historic partnership with the Baptists of Tennessee, we are



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grateful for the cooperative spirit shown by the Education Committee and the Executive Board in redefining the process through which Tennessee Baptists participate in the selection of our trustees.

"Carson-Newman's new slate of trustees will be offered immediately for consideration and approval according to the process outlined in this Protocol. We are pleased to know

that we approach the future secure in the knowledge that Carson-Newman's close relationship with Tennessee Baptists remains one of our most distinguishing attributes. Carson-Newman is committed to continue serving our Baptist churches, our Baptist students, and the cause of Christ."

*Cordell Maddox, President Carson-Newman College*

"The Education Committee Protocol is a carefully-drafted statement intended to enhance strong relationships between Tennessee Baptists and their

institutions of higher learning. I applaud the hard work of Ray Newcomb, Joey Rosas, and the Education Committee members in developing this document.

"While not every part of the document will please everyone, it can still be helpful to our Baptist work and institutions. At Union University, we are pleased the Protocol will ensure that all university trustees will be elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This will enable the university, both now and in the future, to carry out its distinctive, Christ-centered mission, and to preserve our vital partnership with Tennessee Baptists."

*David S. Dockery, President Union University*



# Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference to focus on 'Magnify the Word'

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — "Magnify the Word" is the theme for the annual Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The pastors will gather Nov. 9 at the MeadowView Convention Center here.

Leading the day's activities are the three officers of the Pastors' Conference — Jimmy Terry, pastor, Tabernacle Church, Clarksville, president; Edgar Pierce, pastor, Cedar Grove Church, Kingsport, vice president; and John Rushing, pastor, Northside Church, Columbia, secretary/treasurer.

The morning session begins at 8:45 with the His Praise quartet from Kingsport. The

theme of the morning session is "Know the Word." Speakers during this session include Bobby Kail, pastor, Crossland Avenue Church, Crossville; Pierce; and Stephen Thurston, pastor, New Covenant Church, Chicago, Ill.

The afternoon session begins at 1 p.m. with His Praise, followed by speakers Eugene Schmid, pastor, Bear Creek Church, Cookeville; James Baumgardner, bivocational pastor and professor at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and Franklin Paschall, retired pastor, First Church, Nashville. The afternoon session theme is "Preach the Word."

His Praise will present mu-

sic for the evening session beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Evening session speakers addressing the theme "Teach the Word" include Ronnie Owens, evangelist (Tazewell); Jerry Sutton, pastor, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; and Virgil Caldwell, pastor, New

Monumental Church, Chattanooga.

Officers for the Pastors' Conference will be elected during the afternoon session.

In addition to His Praise, special music will be provided by Lawrence Thomison, worship leader, Temple Church,

Nashville; Floyd Lammersfeld, evangelist, McKenzie;

Brandon Long, soloist, Welcome Valley Church, Ethridge; Karen Rushing, soloist, Northside Church, Columbia; and the choir from Higher Ground Church, Kingsport. ■

## Baptist and Reflector to sponsor annual Joggers' Jubilee at TBC

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — The annual Joggers' Jubilee, sponsored by the Baptist and Reflector, will be held on Tuesday morning at 6:30.

Participants should meet at the MeadowView Convention Center's main entrance.

The event is not a race, but is a time of fellowship for all who like to walk, jog, or run. Prizes will be given to participants. ■

### Recommended Constitution, Bylaws Change

Recommendations from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to the Tennessee Baptist Convention follow. This is the second reading of this change.

Article VII, Section 2, by adding the following sentence: **No person shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board as a director if such would result in more than one member of the same church serving as directors.** ■

## Tennessee colleges hold events

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — Tennessee Baptists' three colleges and several of the SBC seminaries will sponsor events for their alumni during the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Scheduled events include: **Belmont University Alumni Dinner:** Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m., Ramada Inn, 2005 La Masa Drive, Kingsport, tickets

may be purchased at the Belmont exhibit, cost: \$14

**Carson-Newman College Alumni and Friends Luncheon:** Nov. 10, noon, Ramada Inn, tickets may be purchased at the Carson-Newman exhibit, cost: \$15

**Union University Alumni and Friends Dinner:** Nov. 10, 5 p.m., MeadowView Ballroom A and B, tickets may be purchased at Union exhibit, cost: \$16 ■

## Childcare provided at FBC, Kingsport

For Baptist and Reflector

KINGSPORT — Childcare will be provided for the annual meeting at First Church, Kingsport, located at 200 West Church Circle.

The childcare will be provided

ed for children, ages birth through 5 years old.

Hours of care are Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 9-11, beginning 30 minutes before and continuing through 30 minutes after each session. ■

### Tennessee Baptist Convention 1998 - 99 Cooperative Program Proposed Budget

The proposed Tennessee Baptist Convention budget for 1998-99 reflects the Executive Board and Executive Board Committee's diligent effort to honor the budget preparation process. Also, this proposed budget is a response to the requests for financial assistance by the institutions, the Executive Board, and the Southern Baptist Convention. An overall concern has prevailed to provide a financial plan that focuses on the priorities of evangelism, missions, Christian growth and education, and Christian benevolent needs.

| Area                               | 1997 - 98 Approved | Executive Board Recommends | Dollar Increase  | % Inc.      | % of Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Executive Board Ministries</b>  | 8,170,572          | 8,851,871                  | 681,299          | 8.3%        | 28.9%      |
| <b>Convention Operations</b>       |                    |                            |                  |             |            |
| Baptist & Reflector                | 397,725            | 398,807                    | 1,082            | 0.3%        | 1.3%       |
| Church Annuity Plan (50%)*         | 635,125            | 635,125                    | -0-              | 0.0%        | 2.1%       |
| TBC Meeting & Comm.                | 303,336            | 304,272                    | 936              | 0.3%        | 1.0%       |
| TBC Audits                         | 81,500             | 81,500                     | -0-              | 0.0%        | 0.3%       |
| TBC History Committee              | 13,000             | 40,133                     | 27,133           | 208.7%      | 0.1%       |
| Sub-total                          | 1,430,686          | 1,459,837                  | 29,151           | 2.0%        | 4.8%       |
| <b>Christian Education</b>         |                    |                            |                  |             |            |
| Belmont University                 | 2,219,381          | 2,229,381                  | 10,000           | 0.5%        | 7.3%       |
| Carson-Newman College              | 2,219,381          | 2,229,381                  | 10,000           | 0.5%        | 7.3%       |
| Union University                   | 2,219,381          | 2,229,381                  | 10,000           | 0.5%        | 7.3%       |
| Endowment Campaign                 | 20,500             | -0-                        | (20,500)         | -100.0%     | 0.0%       |
| Harrison-Chilhowee                 | 335,820            | 345,820                    | 10,000           | 3.0%        | 1.1%       |
| Assoc. SB Colleges & Schools       | 10,000             | 1,000                      | (9,000)          | -90.0%      | 0.0%       |
| Historical Archives                | 15,000             | 15,000                     | -0-              | 0.0%        | 0.0%       |
| CRV Scholarships                   | 75,000             | 75,000                     | -0-              | 0.0%        | 0.2%       |
| Sub-total                          | 7,114,463          | 7,124,963                  | 10,500           | 0.1%        | 23.2%      |
| <b>Christian Services</b>          |                    |                            |                  |             |            |
| Tenn. Baptist Adult Homes          | 236,745            | 246,745                    | 10,000           | 4.2%        | 0.8%       |
| Tenn. Baptist Children's Homes     | 1,142,960          | 1,152,960                  | 10,000           | 0.9%        | 3.8%       |
| Tenn. Baptist Foundation           | 323,567            | 333,567                    | 10,000           | 3.1%        | 1.1%       |
| Sub-total                          | 1,703,272          | 1,733,272                  | 30,000           | 1.8%        | 5.7%       |
| <b>Southern Baptist Convention</b> | 11,051,396         | 11,501,966                 | 450,570          | 4.1%        | 37.5%      |
| Sub-total                          | 29,470,389         | 30,671,909                 | 1,201,520        | 4.1%        | 100.0%     |
| <b>Preferred Item</b>              |                    |                            |                  |             |            |
| Church Annuity Plan (50%)*         | 635,125            | 635,125                    | -0-              | 0.0%        |            |
| <b>Cooperative Program Total</b>   | <u>30,105,514</u>  | <u>31,307,034</u>          | <u>1,201,520</u> | <u>4.0%</u> |            |

\* These items reflect the change of 50% of the Church Annuity Plan being transferred from the Preferred Item to the Convention Operations portion of the Budget over the last two years. This change has caused a corresponding increase in the SBC portion of the budget which is calculated on a percentage basis.

### Executive Board Ministries Budget Summary

| Function                                    | Total Budget      | Received from  |                |                  |                  |                  | Cooperative Program |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|   |                   | LCR            | NAMB           | GSMO             | Conf./Camp Fees  | Other**          |                     |
| <b>Priority Functions</b>                   |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Evangelism                                  | 236,426           |                | 22,360         |                  | 40,000           |                  | 174,066             |
| Help for Hurting Families                   | 78,989            |                |                |                  | 10,375           |                  | 68,614              |
| Leadership Development                      | 287,101           |                | 1,704          |                  | 26,400           | 11,100           | 247,897             |
| Cooperative Program                         | 81,567            |                |                |                  |                  |                  | 81,567              |
| Total Priorities Budget                     | 684,083           |                | 24,064         |                  | 76,775           | 11,100           | 572,144             |
| <b>Evangelism/Missions Strategies</b>       |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 3,208,747         |                | 390,183        | 721,000          | 10,610           | 80,413           | 2,054,554           |
| <b>Christian Growth Development</b>         |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 2,115,710         | 106,845        |                | 29,000           | 137,080          | 4,000            | 1,838,785           |
| <b>Church Staff Leadership</b>              |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 1,103,787         |                | 18,660         | 70,000           | 101,220          | 34,700           | 879,207             |
| <b>Missions Awareness &amp; Involvement</b> |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 1,722,756         |                | 4,800          | 190,000          | 250,060          | 34,500           | 1,243,396           |
| <b>Communication Services</b>               |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 1,017,624         |                |                |                  |                  | 382,880          | 634,744             |
| <b>Administrative Services</b>              |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 2,228,342         |                |                | 250,000          | 486,710          | 359,376          | 1,132,256           |
| <b>Executive Leadership</b>                 |                   |                |                |                  |                  |                  |                     |
| Total Group Budget                          | 608,785           |                |                |                  |                  | 112,000          | 496,785             |
| <b>Total Executive Board Ministries</b>     | <u>12,689,834</u> | <u>106,845</u> | <u>437,707</u> | <u>1,260,000</u> | <u>1,062,455</u> | <u>1,018,969</u> | <u>8,851,871</u>    |

\*\* Other Income includes: \$44,300 meals/materials reimbursement.; \$428,593 Interdepartmental Income; \$237,000 Designated CP; \$200,000 Interest Income; \$34,000 Annuity Board; \$75,076 miscellaneous

# “We look forward to the day when we can say that our daughter is an alumnus of Carson-Newman College.”

August 19, 1998

Office of the President  
Carson-Newman College  
Jefferson City, TN 37760

Dear Dr. Maddox,

It was this time last year we anxiously awaited sending our daughter off to college. The feelings we experienced were universal; the anxiety was typical for any family in this situation. When we drove away that Sunday afternoon leaving her at Carson-Newman, I was so proud that I did not cry. She was anxious, exhilarated and ready to conquer the world.

This letter is a thank you note to you and all of those who are part of the Carson-Newman family. Our daughter had a freshman year that was every parents' hope and prayer. She loves Carson-Newman, its faculty and staff. She deeply believes that God paved the path for her to be a student at Carson-Newman to prepare her for her goals in the future and the life that is before her.

We want to thank all of you for making this not only a wonderful experience for Heather, but a wonderful experience for all of her family. Wherever we go and whenever we have a chance, we tell others about Carson-Newman. We feel it is not only an institution of higher learning but also a place parents can send their children to experience the best college life has to offer.

We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of the up-and-coming Sophomore year. We know that God has truly blessed her life through Carson-Newman and when she graduates she will be a woman ready to go into the world prepared to accomplish all she can. We thank you for the role Carson-Newman has played and will continue to play in our daughter's life. You have a college and faculty to be proud of. We look forward to the day when we can say that our daughter is an alumnus of Carson-Newman College.

Sincerely,  
Mike and Sharon Hogan  
Parents of:  
Heather L. Hogan, Class of 2001



## CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE

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# Wallace Memorial team to 'prayerwalk' in Rio

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The 10 members of Wallace Memorial

Church, Knoxville, who attended a prayerwalking conference Sept. 12 at the Baptist Center here had a serious reason for attending.

In a couple of weeks they would be prayerwalking in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. And none of the team members had ever participated in prayerwalking,

including the church's pastor, Mike Boyd, who was a team member.

The team is currently in the South American metropolis for a 10-day effort to support the Tennessee/Rio Baptist Partnership.

Team members are working in the Copa Cabana area of Rio, which is home to many wealthy residents who are largely unreached by Baptists, explained Boyd. The plan to reach this class of people is a strategy of the International Mission Board, he added.

The Tennesseans will prayerwalk, which is walking while praying for people in a certain area. The team also will try to attract and engage residents through street ministries. Member Larry Bohanan, a Christian magician, will perform. Finally, they will lead services in churches.

Neither Boyd nor his team was daunted by their lack of experience.

"We want to be on board with Tennessee Baptists and their partnerships," said Boyd. He learned from Terry Sharp of Tennessee Baptist Conven-



tion Executive Board Ministries about the need in Rio and the church decided to accept the challenge.

The team members are willing because they have "bathed this thing in prayer," added Boyd.

The effort also reflects the purpose of Wallace Memorial Church, said Boyd.

"It's important that all churches have a presence globally, locally, and regionally," he explained. Thus, the church plans to send teams to a foreign country every other year, while church members serve in the United States and locally during intervening periods, said Boyd.

To support missions workers from the church, Wallace Memorial helps pay some of the expenses of each participant.

"We'll take off and see what the Lord does," said Boyd. *B&R*



ATTENDING TRAINING for prayerwalking at the Baptist Center, Brentwood, are team members, from left, front row, Sandy Boyd; Edna Mellon; Anna Rector; Larry Bohanan; Patsy Bohanan; and Jane McPherson; back row, Mike Boyd, pastor; Randy Macon, minister of education; Elder Mellon; and Don Disney. — Photo by Connie Davis

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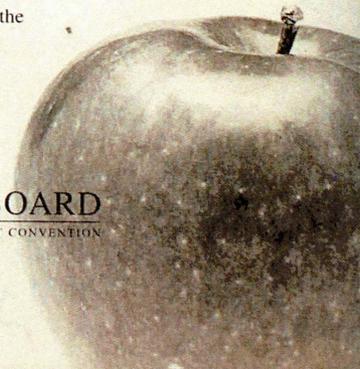
It is easy to say you are going to "focus" on well-being, but taking the first step is essential. A good start is to evaluate your overall health. Another important step is to assess your life and health coverage.

For assistance, stop by the Annuity Board's exhibit during the state convention to look over the valuable resources we offer.

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# Union University has 175 reasons to thank Tennessee Baptists

*Union University is celebrating its 175th birthday, and you're invited to the party!*

Come join Union's celebration at this year's Tennessee Baptist Convention in Kingsport. Monday evening at the conclusion of the Pastor's conference, Union will be serving ice cream for all conference attendees in the main foyer of the Meadowview Conference Center (site of the TBC).

Tuesday evening, join us for our annual Union Alumni & Friends dinner at 5:00pm in the Meadowview Ballroom (Tickets are \$16 and available at the Union exhibit.)

And throughout the convention, come visit us at the Union booth in the exhibit hall where there will be fun, gifts, and a chance to visit with Union faculty, staff and students.

*It may be Union's 175th birthday, but you are the guest of honor.*



Pastor's Ice Cream Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 9, 1998

Main Foyer- Meadowview Conference Center  
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Alumni & Friends Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998 - 5 pm

Meadowview Ballroom

Meadowview Conference Center

Tickets \$16- available at the Union booth



## 150 teams needed in Rio

For Baptist and Reflector

**BRENTWOOD** — One hundred and fifty evangelism teams from Tennessee are needed to conduct simultaneous revivals in a city-wide crusade in Rio de Janeiro in 1999.

The dates for the crusade are May 23-June 1.

Each team will be comprised of a preacher, musician, and a layperson to share testimony. The Tennesseans will join other volunteers in the effort.

Goals of the crusade include praying for 500,000 lost people daily, 500,000 evangelistic visits during the week, 300,000 decisions for Christ, 10,000 Baptists mobilized for revivals, and 50,000 baptisms between May 1999 and May 2000.

The approximate cost of the trip is \$1,940 which includes airfare, visa, housing and meals, translator, insurance, in-country travel, water, Bible/tracts, and tourism.

For more information, call Terry Sharp, TBC Partnership Missions specialist at (615) 371-7927. ■

# TBC churches accept global challenge

By Mark Kelly  
For Baptist Press

**RICHMOND** — In May the International Mission Board launched its "Global Priority Church" challenge which equips churches with resources to become more effective in their mission efforts.

As of Sept. 21, congregations in 25 states had taken the Global Priority Church challenge. Texas led the list with 23 churches, followed by Tennessee with 17. Twelve Florida churches had signed on.

"We're delighted to see the number of Global Priority churches pass 100," said Bill Morgan, director of the International Mission Board's Creative Access Networks program. "We want to identify churches with a passion for missions that begins where they are and goes to the ends of the earth. We want to affirm them and provide them with resources that will help them be more effective in their overseas mission efforts. And we want to encourage others to join them and become churches with a global priority."

Congregations accepting the Global Priority Church challenge join a specialized communications network and partici-



**DICK SISK**, right, IMB trustee and pastor of Broadmoor Church, Memphis, receives a Global Priority Church plaque from IMB President Jerry Rankin.



**IMB PRESIDENT Jerry Rankin**, left, presents a Global Priority Church plaque to Billy Patterson, minister of missions at First Church, Franklin.

pate in regional meetings where they can share ideas and be briefed on mission developments and opportunities.

"We have a closely tied electronic network with these churches so we can constantly be in touch with them, sharing vital mission information with them," Morgan said. "When we learn of a special need, development, or opportunity we e-mail a notice to them immediately so they hear about it before they ordinarily would through normal channels."

Membership in the Global Priority Church network is not

limited to large congregations. One Global Priority church, Grace Baptist Church of Cumming, Ga., meets in mobile facilities and owns no land, yet gives 15 percent of its resources to missions.

"We've tried to design this so churches of any size can be involved," Morgan said. "We want to challenge all Southern Baptist congregations to become churches with a global priority. Some of them already are very serious about global missions; we want to partner with them to maximize missions involvement. Oth-

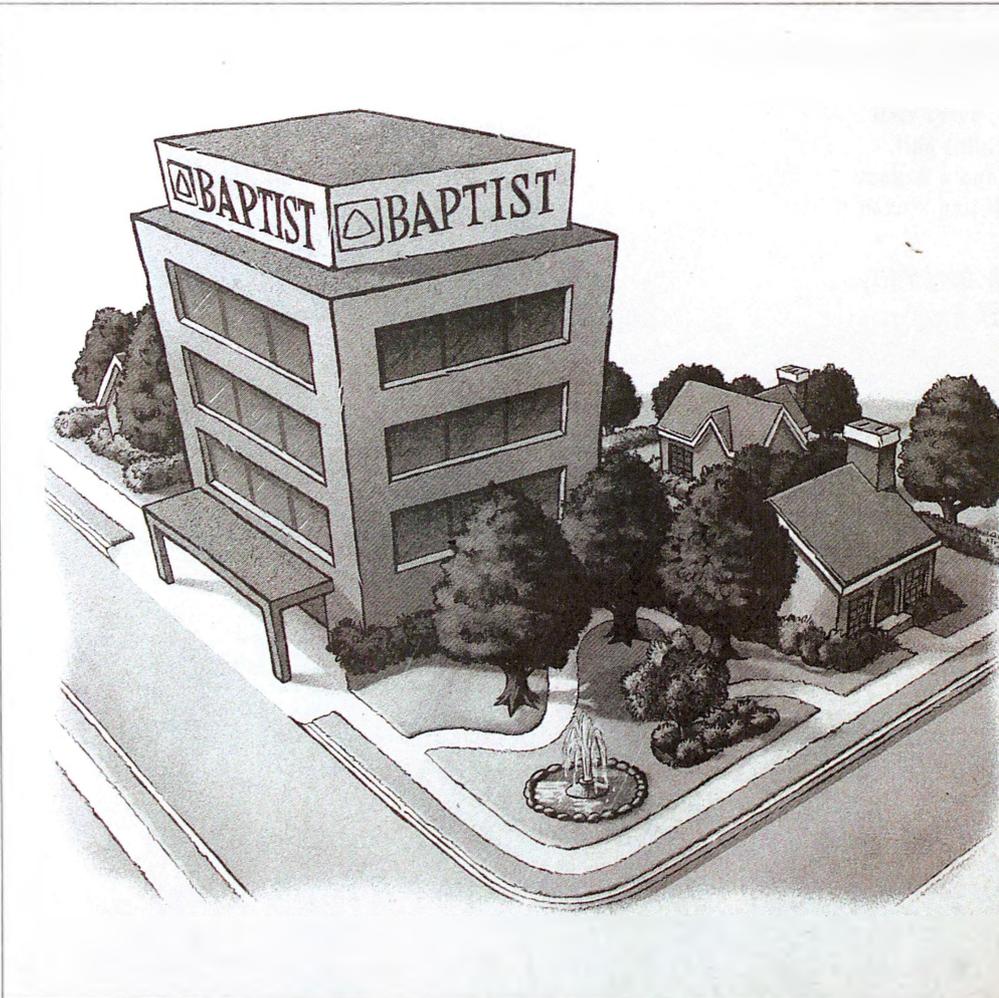


ers have a heart for it but haven't found a handle on it yet; we want to help them do that.

"Our ultimate aim is to see the largest possible number of churches have God's heart for the whole world."

For more information on the IMB's Global Priority Church challenge, contact globalpriority@imb.org or call toll-free 1-877-462-4721.

Tennessee's Global Priority Churches are Broadmoor Church, Memphis; Briarwood Church, Cordova; First Church, Morris-town; Calvary Church, Erwin; Kirby Woods Church, Memphis; Long Hollow Church, Hendersonville; Westside Church, Halls; Bluegrass Church, Hendersonville; Broadway Church, Maryville; First Church, Franklin; Leawood Church, Memphis; Calvary Church, Knoxville; Union Avenue Church, Memphis; First Church, Collierville; Two Rivers Church, Nashville; Faith Church, Bartlett; and First Church, Powell. ■



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"As I look over the past year, I am amazed at the changes God has brought me through and I am so thankful that He has used Belmont University as an agent of that change. Last semester, through the BSU, God provided me with the opportunity to head up a team of volunteers to work with an after-school

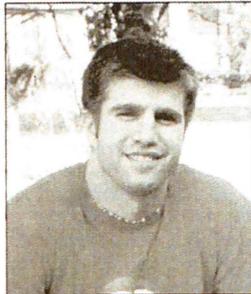


program at Woodcock Baptist Center. My experiences there have helped me to recognize a burden for children that God has placed upon my heart."

**Michele Lee Bennett**  
Sophomore Class Secretary  
and Resident Assistant  
First Baptist Church of Milan

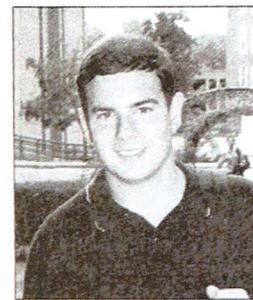
"Since I have been at Belmont, I have grown tremendously not only as a person, but spiritually in my faith in God.

In every class my instructors have taken a personal interest in me. I look back and am amazed at how far I have progressed at Belmont."



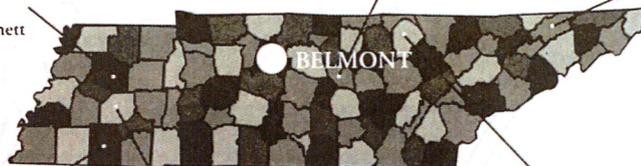
**Aaron Elmore**  
First Baptist Church of Alexandria

"I found at Belmont a small community atmosphere in a large city setting. I found opportunities being in Nashville that I wouldn't have had anywhere else. Belmont's reputation in Nashville opened doors for me to be involved almost everywhere I went. The education I am receiving at Belmont

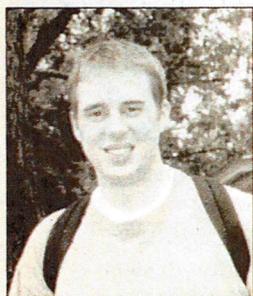


is equipping me to better serve my God and my fellow man."

**Brian Wright**  
SGA President  
Belmont Baptist Church of Mt. Carmel



"About three and a half years ago, my parents and I truly felt God leading me in the direction of pursuing a degree at Belmont. Not only has Belmont given me great opportunities to participate within the music industry, it has given me opportunities to serve in ministry as well. In addition to currently serving as the Baptist Student Union president, I have also had the chance to participate in several mission trips. Serving in this leadership position helps me to recognize that we should be challenged to reach out and love those who do not have a personal relationship with our Creator, through Christ."

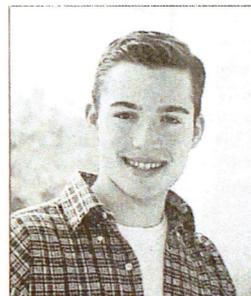


**Chad Crawford**  
BSU President  
First Baptist Church of Bolivar



**Natasha Lindley**  
Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson

"Four years ago when I began to explore various colleges, all I knew was that I wanted to go to a small, academically challenging, Baptist school. I have been strengthened as a student, a person, and a believer because of the supportive and challenging environment that I've found here at Belmont, and I thank God for the blessing of my time at this school."



**Fred Allred IV**  
Sophomore Class President  
Faith Baptist Tabernacle of Jamestown

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't thank God for this wonderful place he has sent me. There is nothing more satisfying than being in the will of God.

Belmont has given me the opportunity to meet friends who think and worship as I do in an environment of high moral standards. To me, there is no other Christian institution as prestigious as Belmont University, and I am proud to be a part of it."

*consistently-caring Christian environment*

## Missions and Evangelism

Over the last three years, Belmont has sponsored numerous mission and evangelism trips for students and faculty-staff. These include outreach ministries to Costa Rica, Poland, Chile, Gaza, Rio, rural Kentucky, Charleston, S.C., Chicago, etc. Belmont people touch thousands of lives annually in Christ's name through this growing ministry.

## Baptist Students

Baptist students make up the largest denominational percentage of Belmont's student population and receive over \$4 million in institutional financial aid and educational subsidies.

## Bible Studies and Christian Activities

Belmont students participate in eight official Christian student organizations including the Baptist Student Union and Campus Crusade for Christ. Another 20 informal Christian groups and Bible studies offer additional opportunities for involvement and ministry.

## Convocation

The Convocation Series will offer more than 40 religious programs this year. Each opportunity counts toward the student's fulfillment of required academic credit for faith development.

## School of Religion

The School of Religion provides required religion classes to all students in all majors. In addition, it prepares those called into the ministry for seminary and immediate vocational Christian service.

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*Belmont is the largest Christian university in Tennessee.*

## Budget process, name change debated by EC

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — The possibility of changing the name of the Southern Baptist Convention and the approval of a new two-year budgeting process for the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget were the focus of the Sept. 21-22 meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

Seeking to act on two motions from the Salt Lake City annual meeting of the SBC this summer, the Executive Committee finally decided to postpone any action until the staff could assemble a strategy for examining the possibility of a convention name change. One referred motion from the SBC asked the Executive Committee to conduct a feasibility study while another sought to change the name to Baptist Convention of North America.

And a revised report of the Budget Process Study Committee was adopted by the Executive Committee, which means beginning with the recommendation to next year's annual meeting in Atlanta, the CP Allocation Budget would be for "a fixed percentage for each entity for a two-year period."

Executive Committee members were told the new budget process will be "more personalized and purposeful" and that SBC entities "can do more long-range planning by being assured of a fixed budget percentage for 24 months."

EC members declined to act on an SBC referral to change the CP name. ■

To mark 75th anniversary of CP

## \$750 million state-national goal set

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — To mark the 75th anniversary of the Cooperative Program — Southern Baptists' key channel of financial support for cooperative ministry — a \$750 million goal is envisioned in state and national CP receipts and in gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions, and all state missions offerings for the year 2000-2001.

Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, noted, "To date, representatives from every state convention and every Southern Baptist entity have indicated initial interest in participating in the project."

In his report during the initial session of the Executive

Committee's Sept. 21-22 meeting here, Chapman said, "We are praying for this celebration and promotion to inspire confidence in cooperation among Southern Baptist churches, state conventions, and SBC entities while receiving gifts that will help build the mightiest missionary army ever known to mankind."

"We are praying it will be a year of sacrificial giving as well as thanksgiving to God for the great things he has done," Chapman said, calling the \$750-million mark "a reachable goal."

Concerning the current year's CP giving, Chapman reported, "God's people have done it again. For the fifth consecutive year Southern Baptists have given more through the Cooperative Program than any time in history. SBC Cooperative Program receipts to date have reached \$155,571,000. Already we have exceeded last

year's gifts of approximately \$155 million. Our office projects that Cooperative Program receipts will reach no less than \$159 million by the end of this month, which is \$11 million above this year's CP Allocation Budget of \$148 million."

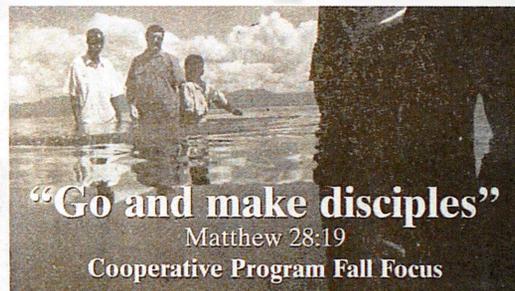
The SBC's CP supports the work of 10 SBC agencies: the International and North American mission boards, encompassing more than 10,000 missionaries; the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission; and six seminaries.

Concerning upcoming SBC budget decisions, Chapman said, "Once again in February we shall make hard decisions with regard to CP budget allo-



cations. Now, not then, is the time to begin praying. Each entity needs more. As critical as each request is, unless God sends a mighty spiritual awakening, we will be unable to meet every need through the Cooperative Program. But what we can do is seek the mind and heart of God, undergird with prayer each of our entities, commend the heads of the entities and their staffs for the vision they have cast and the work they have accomplished." ■

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## God's promises

By Dale Denning

**Focal Passage — Numbers 13:30; 14:6-9, 24; Joshua 14:7-14**

In our text this week, one can see that many of the Israelites (inspired by 10 of the spies that returned from examining the Promise Land) must have thought that God would attempt to not keep his end of the bargain. The Lord told them the land was theirs, and all they had to do was claim it. Yet, regretfully, the children of Israel listened to the fear soaked words of the spies and not only missed their chance to enter Canaan, but were forced to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. This scenario demonstrates the serious consequences that follow those who do not take God at his word.

In January 1985, *Our Daily Bread* published an article that pointed out its list of the 12 greatest promises of the Bible. They are as follows: **God's presence**, "I will never leave thee" (Hebrews 13:5); **God's protection**, "I am thy shield" (Genesis 15:1); **God's power**, "I will strengthen thee" (Isaiah 41:10); **God's provision**, "I will help thee" (Isaiah 41:10); **God's leading**, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them" (John 10:4); **God's purposes**, "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil" (Jeremiah 20:11); **God's rest**, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28); **God's cleansing**, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); **God's goodness**, "No good thing will he withhold from them that work uprightly" (Psalm 84:11); **God's faithfulness**, "The Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake" (1 Samuel 12:22); **God's guidance**, "The meek will he guide" (Psalm 25:9); **God's wise plan**, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28).

Notice that these statements are emphatic in nature and not merely suggestive. When we live and act in a manner that reflects a lack of confidence in the promises of God, we basically call into question the integrity of God. A few years ago, there was a popular bumper sticker that read, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." Someone, in response to that bumper sticker, came up with this one: "God said it, and it's settled whether you believe it or not."

Booker T. Washington describes meeting an ex-slave from Virginia in his book *Up From Slavery*: "I found that this man had made a contract with his master, two or three years previous to the Emancipation Proclamation, to the effect that the slave was to be permitted to buy himself, by paying so much per year for his body, and while he was paying for himself, he was to be permitted to labor where and for whom he pleased.

"Finding that he could secure better wages in Ohio, he went there. When freedom came, he was still in debt to his master some \$300. Notwithstanding that the Emancipation Proclamation freed him from any obligation to his master, this black man walked the greater portion of the distance back to where his old master lived in Virginia and placed the last dollar, with interest, in his hands.

"In talking to me about this, the man told me that he knew that he did not have to pay his debt, but that he had given his word to his master, and his word he had never broken. He felt that he could not enjoy his freedom till he had fulfilled his promise." Here was a man who went to extremes to keep his word. You can rest assured that God will go to extremes to keep the promises in his Word.

— Denning is pastor, Chapel Hill Church, Milan.

## Cycle of sin and judgment

By Darrell Nimmo

**Focal Passage — Judges 2:11-20**

One of the most frightening things a backpacker wants to see is surroundings they have seen before just a short time earlier. This signifies that they have been going around in circles making no progress toward their destination. The experienced backpacker uses instruments, like a compass, maps, and relies on previous experiences and sound advice from an expert to help them be successful and reach their desired location in the wilderness.

The children of Israel had entered one of the darkest times in their history. The period of Judges was characterized as a people lost and going in circles. The pattern was predictable; sin, punishment, deliverance, and then they started the cycle all over again. We know people today who follow this pattern. Something happens in their life which causes them to repent and turn back to God. Then, when the crisis passes, they begin to slip back into what caused them to experience God's judgment in the first place, sin. The cycle repeats itself time and time again.

### Family Bible Lesson

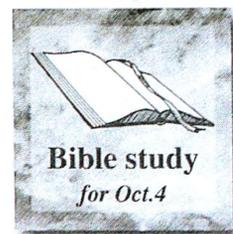
I breed and train Labrador Retrievers. After several attempts at training my new pup to heel, I realized something, the pup just didn't get it. Although I was giving all the right instructions and provided guidance, the dog just wasn't getting it. During this period, the people were just not getting it.

For any trip to be successful, whether in the wilder-

ness or in life, preparation is an absolute necessity. God told them that if they did not drive out all the people and the gods they served from the land, it would be a snare to them in the future. Today, it is essential for Christians to rid themselves of all things which may tempt them to return to the path of sin. Paul as much as said the same thing in Ephesians 4:27-30. The children of Israel had conquered the land, but they allow some of the inhabitants to remain seeing them as no real threat. However, the converse was true. We must be careful that we don't see that little lie, or that dirty joke, as no real threat to our Christian life and testimony.

One of the most important things we can learn from what the people experienced during this period was that when it got so bad that they cried out to God for relief, God was right there waiting. It would be justice if he allowed them to suffer until they paid their debt of sin in full. But he showed mercy instead. The same is true for us. We may think sometimes that we have backslidden so far, that God is not listening anymore. But in fact, he is right there waiting for us. And instead of justice, he offers mercy and forgiveness when we ask.

If we make good preparations for our journey in life by following and obeying God's Word, we will not have to suffer his punishment. By purging from our lives bad habits, behaviors, impure thoughts, we will not be tempted to compromise escaping the snare of sin. However, when we fall or backslide, we need to remember God is waiting and ready to deliver us when we repent and ask his forgiveness. If we do not, we will be like the children of Israel doomed to a cycle of self destruction — Nimmo is a member of First Church, Hendersonville.



## Forsaking the familiar

By Calvin Metcalf

**Focal Passage — Exodus 12:29-34, 37-42a**

The 10th plague was a unique expression of God's power to deliver. In last week's lesson we saw specific instructions as to how Israel was to prepare for and respond to that Egyptian tragedy. Apparently, Israel was to be ready when Pharaoh announced permission for their departure.

Today's lesson focuses upon the occurrence of the 10th plague, which promoted the beginning of the exodus. Things were happening fast and furious. We can only imagine what it must have been like to wait in readiness for such an adventure. Even though freedom was their goal, it must have taken a lot of faith for Israel to step out.

The writer of our text does not define the kind of ailment which took the firstborn of every Egyptian household. The only explanation is that it was something the Lord did at midnight.

The death of the firstborn had a special meaning since the firstborn represented the entire offspring. This person, especially if male, was most likely the one to inherit family leadership. In Pharaoh's family, it could have been the legitimate heir to the kingdom of Egypt. It was a traumatic event for Egypt and one which clearly accented God's deter-

### Explore the Bible Lesson

mination to rescue his people.

The text tells us that a "great cry" was heard in all Egypt. It must have been a night of horror as people all over the land mourned the loss of a relative.

The nighttime darkness added a fearful dimension to their grief. Egyptian mythology saw the darkness as hostile and depended on Pharaoh as a god to protect the Egyptian people from it. This particular plague struck a devastating blow to Egyptian theology. Pharaoh had no power even to save his own firstborn.

The desired effect was achieved as Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, even at night, and encouraged them to be on their way to worship their God. This was the original request which Moses made when he first confronted Pharaoh. Pharaoh insisted that the people of Israel take their flocks and their herds, which would enable them to survive their journey.

Pharaoh's final request of Moses was that he bless him. While this does not mean that Pharaoh embraced the Hebrew religion, it does mean he recognized through their god their ability to

bless. Even the Egyptian people joined Pharaoh in urging the Israelites to go lest more calamity befall them.

The Scripture narrative indicates that Israel left at night in haste with their unleavened bread. The first leg of their journey was from Rameses to Succoth. The writer attempts to give a number of 600,000 men. Conservative calculation would set the total number at 2 million or more.

The Hebrew word "eleph" can be translated "thousand" or "clan." With this latter interpretation, we see 600 clans. In no way does this interpretation diminish God's miracle of deliverance.

It is interesting that a mixed multitude accompanied Israel on their journey. Perhaps these were other ethnic groups or political prisoners who took advantage of freedom when Pharaoh was weak. In saving Israel, God saved others, which has always been his plan for his people.

The night of deliverance marked the end of Israel's 430-year sojourn in Egypt. It was the beginning of Israel as a nation. Therefore, the night was to be remembered by an annual observance in the years ahead. God had fulfilled his promise to his people, which his people must not forget. — Metcalf is pastor emeritus, Central Church, Fountain City, Knoxville.



## IMB trustees send resolution to EC

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In business taken during the September meeting of the International Mission Board, trustees sent a strongly worded resolution to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The resolution urged the Executive Committee "to fulfill the original intent of the 'Covenant for a New Century' and include the IMB among those SBC entities which will share in an increased percentage allocation of Cooperative Program funds which have been made available through greater efficiencies in the work of the convention." Though the resolution itself drew no debate, at a previous board meeting trustees criticized the Executive Committee for failing to increase the percentage of funds allocated to the IMB after cutting overhead costs by restructuring the convention.

Trustees also appropriated \$1.5 million from operating reserves for capital expenditures to improve computer technology and \$1.7 million from operating reserves for renovations at the Richmond office building. ■

## Evangelize major cities: Patterson

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists need to have "broken hearts" over the nation's great cities, where "people wander about needing the Lord and so often have no opportunity to know him at all," said Paige Patterson, president of the Southern Baptist Convention during the opening of the Sept. 21-22 Executive Committee meeting here. "We've got to change our attitudes" toward major cities, Patterson said, citing Southern Baptists' roots in the nation's countryside.

Patterson said he will ask the SBC's Committee on Order of Business, responsible for much of the planning of each year's SBC annual meeting, to choose a theme for the 1999 sessions in Atlanta "on the responsibility that we have" for key U.S. urban areas.

Patterson also reiterated his call for Southern Baptists to record one million baptisms during the year 2000 — 500,000 in the U.S. and 500,000 in overseas work. ■

## Keith Parks sets retirement date

Associated Baptist Press

ATLANTA — After five years as coordinator of the Co-



PATTERSON

## Former drug addict walks across America

Baptist Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — By his own admission, Ted Stone does everything nearly to the point of obsession. But his obsession to help free America from drugs is no light matter.

At the age of 64, he is walking across America for a second time to draw attention to the nation's drug problem. His own plunge into a drug-addicted spiral once landed Stone, a former pastor, into prison.

Moving beyond that tragic time in his life, Stone now declares, "We make a mistake

when we use the term 'recovering alcoholic' or a 'recovering drug addict.' I am recovered forever by the grace of God."

Carrying the American flag and battling temperatures in the 100s, Stone walked into Arkansas in late August. **His travels brought him into Tennessee in September.**

Stone's personal odyssey has already taken him across the United States once, walking 3,600 miles. His current pilgrimage began April 20 in San Francisco and will end in mid-October in Virginia Beach. He walked to Utah

during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, where his motion to create an SBC drug task force was approved.

The motion calls for the task force, headed by Richard Land, president of the SBC Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, to formulate a plan of action for the denomination's more direct involvement in the solution of serious drug problems.

The task force is scheduled to present a plan of action to the messengers attending next year's annual meeting in Atlanta. ■

operative Baptist Fellowship's global missions program, Keith Parks plans to retire, move to Texas, and turn his attention to writing.

Parks, who will be 71 in October, announced his retirement Sept. 18. It will be effective Feb. 28, 1999.

Parks served a dozen years as president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board). ■

## Georgia Baptists take stand against homosexuality

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Baptist Convention executive committee members, during their Sept. 15 meeting here, voted overwhelmingly to send a pro-

posed constitutional amendment to the state convention meeting Nov. 16-17 concerning both charismatic worship and homosexuality.

In presenting the report, Gerald Harris, a Marietta pastor who chaired the membership committee, admitted to "a certain amount of fear and trepidation." He said the committee was "not here to throw stones, but to lift up a standard of righteousness."

Currently membership and messenger representation for congregations in the convention are tied simply to voluntary contributions to missions causes and being "in harmony and cooperation with the work and purpose of this convention."

The proposed amendment, however, specifies that "a cooperating church does not include (one) which knowingly

takes, or has taken, any action to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior." The proposal also calls for the exclusion of any congregation that "separates itself from historic Baptist tenets through non-biblical worship practices and theology which encourage members to speak in tongues, or participate in the practice of 'being slain in the spirit,' or engage in worship practices that are divisive and disruptive and which exclude themselves from the scriptural expressions of faith."

J. Robert White, executive director of the GBC, said the proposed amendment "is the convention trying to help associations" in dealing with difficult and divisive issues. He stated the concerns being addressed had nothing to do with diverse worship styles and local church autonomy. ■

## New process developed for classified advertising

A new process has been established for churches wishing to purchase a classified advertisement in the *Baptist and Reflector*. Classified ads will now be charged on a per word basis. The cost is 75 cents per word. There is a \$7.50 minimum charge. Churches that have items to sell or seek to fill staff positions can use this form or call the *Baptist and Reflector* office at (615) 371-2003 and we will fax or mail a form to you. Payment is required with the ad. If churches want the ad to run more than one week, simply multiply the total amount of the ad by the number of weeks and remit payment. Send ad with payment to: *Baptist and Reflector*, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024.



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