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For camp conference centers

Simultaneous groundbreakings planned

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists will break ground simultaneously Feb. 27 at the sites of two new conference centers.

The program for Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport will begin at 11 a.m. (EST) while the Linden Baptist Conference Center program will begin at 10 a.m. (CST). Each ground-breaking will include a statement of vision for the facility and remarks from Baptist leadership and local officials.

The new centers represent a \$9.5 million investment in existing camp facilities that will bring a new dimension to the 50-year camping ministry of Tennessee Baptists.

James Porch, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will lead the program at Carson along with Larry Gilmore, TBC president and pastor of College Heights Church, Gallatin. William F. Maxwell, administrative director for the convention and Joseph Rosas, president of the TBC Executive Board, will preside at Linden.

The new facilities are a dream come true for many Tennessee Baptists. "We are very excited to see our vision of many years coming to fruition. The conference centers will provide an entire new dimen-

sion of response to the needs of many Tennessee Baptist churches," Porch said when asked about the new facilities. "We already have a large number of adults enjoying our camp facilities, and through the years, they have encouraged us to improve the quality of the facilities. I think the conference centers will exceed their expectations," he said.

The current camp facilities were each established by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1948. With the groundbreakings of these new facilities, a new era of ministry will begin as facilities will now be able to accommodate more senior adult groups, deacons-wives retreats, marriage enrichment weekends, and more.

The new construction at Carson Springs will include a 36-room hotel unit attached to a dining/conference facility. Both the dining room and conference facilities will accommodate 300 people. Construction is estimated to take 12 months.

Linden Baptist Conference Center will feature a 40-room hotel unit attached to a conference facility. It will accommodate up to 180 people. Construction is estimated to take 10 months.

Maxwell noted that "since we have been planning this project, it is amazing

the number of folks whom we have come across who made a life-changing decision at camp.

"The daughters of one of our architects and our construction manager both accepted Christ at one of the camps. Many ministers and missionaries also claim Carson or Linden as the place where God led them to full-time Christian vocation," said Maxwell, who has overall responsibility for conference center operations.

The cost of the facilities will be paid from income on operations and from a \$5 million "Building to Magnify" campaign which is seeking donations from individuals across the state. The campaign is being led by Sherman and Jane Hardaway of Germantown Church, Germantown.

"Families today have a lot of difficulty finding pleasant and affordable things to do in a Christian atmosphere that enriches lives and gives them rest and relaxation from a complex and difficult world," Sherman Hardaway said.

"Carson and Linden can be these places. We must do this ... and we must do it right," he stressed.

For more information on the groundbreakings or the "Building to Magnify" campaign, call 1-888-246-3576. ■

Big Hatchie WMU provides ministry through 'New Testaments for Newborns'

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

— a copy of God's Word.

COVINGTON — Newborns at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton are receiving the greatest present they could receive

The Woman's Misionary Union of Big Hatchie Association are providing "New Testaments for Newborns" to every infant delivered at the hospital.

Last year there were 435 newborns at the hospital which covers both Tipton and Lauderdale counties, according to Director of Missions Ray Jones.

Jones said the hospital, under the leadership of chaplain Doyal Long, asked the association if they would be willing to provide the ministry.

Jones took the proposal to associational WMU director Donna Ralph of Oak Grove Church, Covington, who shared it with the WMU Council. They agreed to begin the ministry. Members from the churches WMU groups will form teams to take the New Testaments to the newborns and their parents as well as raise funds to purchase the Bibles, Ralph said.

"We anticipate great things for God coming from this project," she said.

WMU Council member Gail Yarbrough of First Church, Covington, said it "is a privilege to be a part of delivering — See Big Hatchie, page 2

March 1 deadline for nominations

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists are reminded that March 1 is the deadline for making nominations to the Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards.

The two committees are charged with finding Tennessee Baptists to fill slots on TBC committees, the Executive Board, and boards of Tennessee Baptist institutions.

Forms were mailed to every Tennessee Baptist church. Additional forms were sent to local associations.

The form also can be accessed on the home page of the TBC Web site at: www.tnbaptist.org.

Completed forms should be mailed to Committee on Boards and/or Committee on Committees, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024. ■



INVOLVED in launching the Big Hatchie Association WMU's new program for newborns at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, were, from left, Harriet Cannon, Oak Grove Church, Covington; hospital administrator Glenn Baker; Gail Yarbrough, First Church, Covington; Donna Jones, First Church; Donna Ralph, Oak Grove; DOM Ray Jones; Linda Hughlett, OB services nurse manager; and chaplain Doyal Long.

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Tennessean provides leadership

Baptist evangelists review ethics proposals

By Debbie Moore
For Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — New leadership in the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists advanced initiatives in ethics and accountability and announced the creation of an emergency financial aid fund during their national congress Feb. 1-3 on the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The congress, first held in 1982, featured a number of speakers to provide inspiration and insight to the 75 attending evangelists. The event was co-sponsored by the evangelism offices of the North American Mission Board and NOBTS.

Issuing calls for both a code of ethics and a means of accountability during the busi-

ness session, COSBE President Jerry Drace of Humboldt, presented rough drafts for 10 "Affirmations of Accountability," for the establishment of a council on accountability, and for a set of guidelines for denominational endorsement.

Calling the 10 affirmations "our code of ethics," Drace said the proposed affirmations will affirm "before the Lord and each other" their accountability as vocational evangelists. Seeking integrity in all areas of an evangelist's life, Drace said he hopes the document can be finalized in June when COSBE meets in Atlanta during the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting.

Currently evangelists need just a letter of recommendation from their pastor to become a member of COSBE.

Under the new guidelines, evangelists who want to be members of the organization will need to sign the Affirmations of Accountability document.

The proposed council on accountability, meanwhile, would assist in conflict resolution in situations involving evangelists and churches.

COSBE members also reviewed a rough draft proposal on denominational endorsement for evangelists, something similar to the endorsement process of Southern Baptist chaplains.

Drace announced the creation of the Samaritan's Fund,

an endowment to assist vocational evangelists in times of financial crisis, such as a house fire, natural disaster, or medical emergency. "Our evangelists don't have the support system that pastors have when crisis hits them," Drace said, noting the North American Mission Board will oversee the fund.

Organization members also discussed terminology and such questions as time allotment needed to qualify for full-time status.

"We need to distinguish those men and women who have stepped out on faith to do the ministry of evangelism" from those who have full-time or part-time jobs and do evangelistic endeavors sporadically, Drace said. No definition was finalized during the session. ■



DRACE

Union celebrates heritage during Founders Day

By Nedra Kanavel
For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — Baptist colleges and seminaries have a "responsibility to perpetuate a legacy of Christian teaching in these critical, turning-point times," R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said during his address at Union University's inaugural Founders Day celebration Feb. 8.

Mohler encouraged a reclamation of the traditions established early in the life of Baptist higher education. As the oldest institution of higher education in the Southern Baptist Convention, Union's founding principles played a unique role in shaping the face of Baptist higher education today, Mohler asserted.

During his address, Mohler outlined five principles that have undergirded Union's tradition and can serve as guiding posts for the future. Mohler described those characteristics as: a commitment to the local church, a vision for Christian scholarship, a purpose of unifying Baptists, a model of sacrificial stewardship, and a dedication to truth.

"We have a responsibility to reclaim

this tradition and nourish it by reflection," Mohler asserted. Doing so, he explained, will help Baptist educators continue to prepare their students as "useful citizens and Christian scholars."

For Union, Mohler pointed out, the tradition of Christian scholarship began with the university's founders, R.B.C. Howell and Joseph Eaton. Howell's tenure as chairman of the board of trustees and Eaton's as the school's first president were driven by their vision to prepare educated ministers and laypeople to carry out the Great Commission. During Howell and Eaton's day, that often meant equipping students for ministry in the frontier land of the western United States.

Howell was followed by a steady flow of students, administrators, and faculty who greatly impacted not only Union but also the Southern Baptist Convention.

After James Boyce received an honorary doctorate from Union in 1859, Mohler recounted, he went on to found Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Former Union President Charles Manley shared his passion of Baptist higher education with his brother Basil Manley Jr., who became president of George-

town College in Kentucky.

After Union moved from Murfreesboro to Jackson, Charles Manley went on to become president of Furman University in Greenville, S.C. Southern Baptist missionary pioneer T.P. Crawford studied under J.R. Graves and J.M. Pendleton at Union. Crawford went on to serve as the supervisor of the famed missionary to China, Lotie Moon.

Union unveiled a historical painting detailing these figures and others during the Founders Day service.

The work includes trustees, faculty, alumni, and buildings that have played significant roles in the university's history. Artist Robert Nettles was commissioned for the painting.

Designed to become an annual event in university life, Founders Day was established so the Union community could continually celebrate its long and rich heritage of providing a liberal arts education in a Christian context.

In the case of Baptist higher education, the purposes of the past would do well to be the purposes of our future, Mohler said, noting, "May we reflect on our past as we head into our future." ■

Big Hatchie WMU provides ministry through ...

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God's Word. Never underestimate the power the Word will have in the homes we deliver the Bibles to," she said. "Hopefully, God will use his Word to help them understand who Jesus is."

Harriet Cannon, a Council member from Oak Grove Church noted the idea is a good concept and something the mother and child will both remember. The New Testament will be a treasure forever, she said.

Donna Jones, a Council member from First Church, agreed. "I have two sons, now 36 and 33, who both received New Testaments when they were babies. When they both left home to begin their own families, they took the New Testaments with them. It is important."

Long said the idea is patterned after a similar ministry at Baptist Memorial Hos-

pital East in Memphis where he served prior to joining the Tipton hospital. "We felt it was something we needed to start here," he said. It is the first regional hospital in the Memorial system, which covers three states, to begin the ministry, Jones said.

Ralph said the associational WMU is still in the process of getting volunteers from each of the association's 36 churches and missions. The volunteers, who will be coordinated by Karen Reynolds of Ashport Church, Ripley, are then trained by the hospital staff in regard to things such as disease control, patient confidentiality, and more.

Though not underway full scale, the first New Testament was delivered on Feb. 3. In less than a week, 10 New Testaments had been given to newborns and

their parents, Long said.

When a volunteer is unable to see a mother and baby before they leave the hospital, the nurses on duty give them the New Testament which has a message on the inside which says: "Woman's Missionary Union, Big Hatchie Baptist Association: Lo, children are an heritage from the Lord (Psalm 127:3)."

Jones said that though the volunteers cannot try to evangelize or promote a specific church or program they can respond to patient-initiated questions.

"We are anticipating there will be opportunities to share Christ," he said. "Even if there is not, they will carry away a New Testament that will tell them the Baptist women of Big Hatchie Association cared for them. Somewhere along the line there will be a need," Jones said. ■

To Corryton community

Church provides park, other development

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

CORRYTON — Corryton Church here is located in the northeast corner of Knox County, closer to Blaine in Grainger County and Maynardville in Union County than to Knoxville. The area is rural, home to people who want to enjoy the beauty of East Tennessee even if they must drive some distance to access amenities,' explained Rocky Ramsey, pastor.

Despite the rural setting, Corryton Church has grown. Thankfully, the congregation grasped the potential for growth in the Corryton area, added Ramsey, who has served Corryton Church for 14 years. So five years ago, when the church decided to build a new facility, it adopted an aggressive approach.

And in the process of developing a new campus, Corryton Church has adopted a civic approach which has helped the community and the congregation.

Growth offers opportunities

When Corryton Church decided to expand, it did it in a big way. Just four years ago, the church sanctuary seated 200 and was located on a five acre campus. Today its main facility seats 1,000 and is located on 51 acres.

The main church building isn't a

usual church facility. It was planned to be a facility which would be used seven days a week, explained Ramsey, and would draw unchurched people because of its non-traditional offerings.

The Family Life and Worship Center has two video screens which broadcast activities occurring on a huge stage. The broadcast also appears on five video monitors which are positioned in hallways of the center. And audiocasting is available throughout much of the facility.

In the same building is the church's family life center which features a basketball court with a "floating floor," racquetball courts, an indoor walking track, and a children's room equipped with playground equipment and a rubber floor.

Park for church, community

Other recreational offerings could be offered to community residents by the church because of the land bought by the church.

The church built a four acre park for \$200,000 which is open to members of the church, but also to area residents who are not members of the church free of charge, explained Ramsey.

The church staff also reserves the park's pavillion for groups. Because the park is the only such park in the area, it is used by about three groups a week, reported Ramsey.

Sewer service to residents

During the last year the church provided another amenity to the community.

The congregation laid a sewer line into the area. The cost was \$125,000 compared to \$80,000 which would have been spent to prepare the land for septic tanks.

The church not only paid the extra expense to help the community, but staff members of Corryton sought public input in public meetings when planning the line. Then the church changed the initial route of the line to an alternate one to disrupt the fewest residents.

Corryton residents can access the line without any cost except for usage costs.

Benefits of civic gifts

Today Corryton Church draws about 670 to Sunday morning worship, which



includes many visitors. And its facilities are used seven days a week, as planned, reported Ramsey.

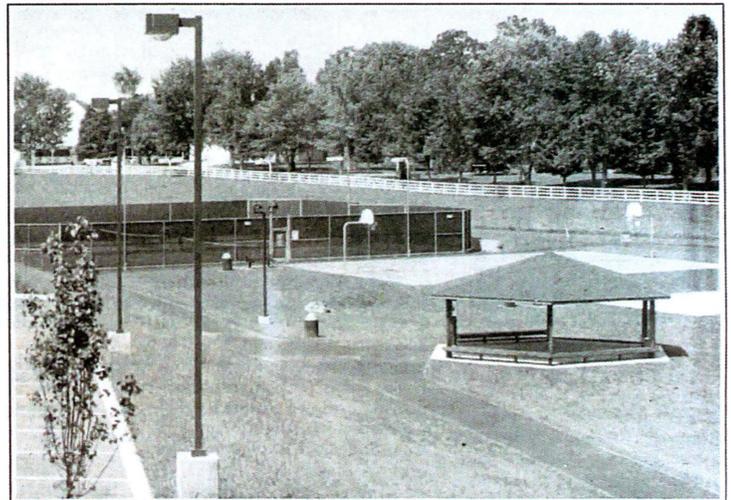
To continue the church's growth, the congregation capitalizes on its offering of the park by providing community events four times a year in the park.

The church has received a "high return," said Ramsey, on its investments in the community.

"So often churches now days are thought of as only after people's money. Churches are getting, not giving. We have served the community, not just been a church located in one," said Ramsey. **B&R**



STAFF of the church includes, from left, Kemp Wynn, pastor of care/community; Rocky Ramsey, pastor; and Alan Cottrell, worship pastor.



ONE VIEW of the four acre park built by Corryton Church for its congregation and the community, shows the pavillion, walking track, and courts for basketball, volleyball, and tennis.

Members of First Church, Linden, inmates minister to each other

For Baptist and Reflector

LINDEN — It's Friday, so members of First Church here are preparing a meal for inmates from the Wayne County Boot Camp, Crew #6. Since October 1998, eight to 10 inmates assigned to the camp have been renovating a building for the church.

Inmates are transforming the former city hall building of Linden into a Family Life Center as part of the boot camp's community development program.

The inmates work five days a week, but they look forward to Fridays when they get a home cooked meal. The meal is a way for the congregation to thank them for their labor.

Church members and inmates have discovered they are ministering to each other. The church is pleased to receive skilled, free labor. And the inmates report they are glad to be working instead of being idle, and to be sharpening their skills.

Because of the labor of the inmates, the Family Life Center is being used already for staff offices and youth functions. In the future, it will include a fellowship/recreation hall, youth classrooms, kitchen, and showers/bathrooms.

The church was chosen as the recipient of the project because it provides activities to community residents, and those activities can best be offered in the Family Life Cen-

ter. And the church will offer the facilities to people in emergency situations such as following disasters, said Gary Dozier, pastor.

Inmates told *The Buffalo River Review*, a Linden newspaper which reported on the project, they were glad to help the church, especially because of the Friday's meal. One inmate said he was glad to do the work as a way to repay society and to thank God.

Mary Ferguson, a member of the church who helps prepare the Friday meal, said, "They are my friends. I enjoy talking to them."

"They minister to us as much as we minister to them," added Dorothy Anderson, another member who serves as a Friday volunteer. ■

200,000 youth to attend YouthLike 2000 in U.S.

Baptist and Reflector

On Dec. 29, Bellevue Church, Cordova, will load up 180 of its 7th and 8th graders bound for St. Louis. And on Dec. 26, about 320 students grades 9-12 will go to Gatlinburg for their annual retreat and then on to Atlanta, where they will be joined by 50 Bellevue college students.

They will be part of a massive migration across the country next December as a projected 200,000 students (aged 13-22) congregate in seven cities to participate in YouthLink 2000.

The students will meet in Anaheim, Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Tampa. For two days and three nights — Dec. 29-31 — this unprecedented student gathering will celebrate this historic New Year's Eve "together," as the seven venues are tied by satellite.

Right now, YouthLink 2000 is securing top speakers (as Buster Soaries, Josh McDowell, and Louie Giglio); musicians (including Rebecca St. James, the Supertones, Jaci Velasquez, Smalltown Poets, Audio Adrenaline, Third Day, and Out of Eden); and Christian sports figures/dramatists/humorists for each city. They will lead in worship and celebration with emphases on relationships, missions, evangelism, and personal commitment. The youth also will do missions work and evangelism during YouthLink 2000.

It is being sponsored by several Southern Baptist agencies. ■

America desperately needs spiritual awakening

By Lonnie Wilkey, editor

The lead paragraph of the main story in Saturday's *The Tennessean* read: "Closing a sad and sordid chapter of American history, the United States Senate yesterday acquitted President William Jefferson Clinton on both impeachment charges against him and left him with his office intact, but his honor and reputation tarnished."

It's finally over. The president has been tried and acquitted.

It's time for America to go on with business as usual. Right?

Let's hope not.

We need to pray that God will use this as a wakeup call to America.

Bill Clinton is not the cause of America's problems; he's more of a result of what is wrong with America.

If we took the situation we have faced with the Clinton impeachment hearings and transported it back in time 30 years with the same media coverage, there is no way the president would have been ac-

quitted. It probably never would have gotten to that stage.

In my lifetime we have witnessed America lower its moral standards year by year. We watch and accept things on "prime time" television today that never would have been aired 20 years ago. Talk show hosts openly discuss topics that would make most married couples blush if discussed in the privacy of their homes.

"Shock jocks" fill the radio airways with "gutter talk." While many Americans seem to be concerned about validating the homosexual lifestyle, fewer seem to be worried about protecting unborn babies or taking care of poor and needy children.

It is hard to imagine Sodom and Gomorrah being more wicked than America is today.

In last week's *Baptist and Reflector*, a story on page one discussed the need for a new level of prayer needed for America.

Memphis pastor Greg Frizzell has studied spiritual awakening. He said before every great spiritual awakening of the past, conditions deteriorated to the point

that churches turned to God in serious, concerted prayer. Frizzell observed America is in that condition today "whether we know it or not."

America must wake up and Christians must take the lead. Christians are encouraged to bury our heads in the sand and keep thinking things will get better. But things will not improve until Christians do our part to turn this nation back to God.

It begins with prayer. It must continue with strong Christians taking active roles in government. It will take Christians who will vote for leaders with strong moral convictions. This won't happen overnight, but the tide can be turned, and it must be turned.

We need to continue to pray that our current president has indeed repented. After the acquittal, he apologized once again and urged the start of "reconciliation and renewal for America."

The next few years are critical for the future of America. Don't forget what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. **B&R**



just for today

by Fred Wood, pastor emeritus, Eudora Church, Memphis



Start with a smile

Boss to secretary on Friday as she leaves work: "Madge, what are you doing Sunday night?" Madge (with enthusiastic smile): "Nothing, nothing at all." Boss: "Good, Then you surely can be on time for work Monday morning."

Take this truth

Don't jump to a conclusion too quickly. Someone may be "setting a trap for you." It's a cold world out there! Don't commit too quickly. You could find yourself in trouble.

Memorize this Scripture

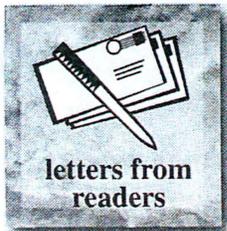
"He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin." — Proverbs 3:13, NIV

Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me to be sure I understand the question before I answer it." ■

Partnership Prayer Requests February

- 17 — Pray for a cell group Bible study at Shalom Church in Costa Rica that it will become a self-sustaining congregation.
- 18 — Pray for a new church plant in Tapada das Mercês, Portugal, and for IMB missionary Steve Ford as he works with the new work.
- 19 — Pray for the new Baptist Student Ministries at Sheridan College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 20 — Pray for a five-member medical team led by Bryan Chastain of McMinnville which is in Costa Rica through Feb. 28.
- 21 — Pray for Sammy Tippet, Texas evangelist who will be the speaker for the May citywide crusade in the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 22 — Pray for the people who received 4,000 New Testaments and invitations to Bible study that were distributed during Christmas in Mem Martins, Portugal.
- 23 — Pray for Ray Cocke, a Michigan Baptist pastor and his family in the recent death of their son.



Top notch

Two events which I recently attended were "top notch" as far as I'm concerned. Our expressions of thanks and a "well done" go to all those that worked so hard to make both the first bivocational ministers' evangelism conference and the state evangelism conference great successes.

Both Ray Gilder and Ken Weathersby and staff are due our appreciation and support.

Jim Growden, pastor
Hillcrest Church
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Commends literature

I would like to commend Dr. Jimmy Draper of LifeWay Christian Resources and his workers for the excellent Sunday School lessons we had in January. Some of the topics were controversial and I believe those topics need to be faced and

examined openly. The lessons were faithful to the spiritual truths found in the Bible and we were reminded in each lesson that we are to be loving and reaching out to people even though they may be involved in activities that are sinful.

The national press attention that the lesson on homosexuality received was biased and we were once again condemned for heeding the teachings of the Bible. I was particularly disappointed with the comments that I have read in the newspapers from Southern Baptist pastors and members who want to smooth over sin instead of facing it for the destructive force it is.

I would like to encourage you to write Dr. Draper if you have similar views. It is important to encourage those who take the fire for doing right. His address is: Dr. James Draper, LifeWay Christian Resources, 127 9th Ave. North, Nashville, TN 37234-0156.

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'Idea' wounded

I was a messenger at the Kingsport convention when the majority voted to escrow funds for Carson-Newman College.

This action reduced the college's operating budget by \$2.2 million.

A majority is not always correct. This majority vote definitely "wounded" the "great Tennessee Baptist idea," as related by Dr. James Porch in the Jan. 20 issue.

This wound caused my church to reconsider our stewardship responsibilities to our tithes and offerings. We strongly support the TBC and the Cooperative Program, sending 13 percent of our undesignated offerings. But we also strongly support Christian higher education, including C-N.

We disagreed with the messengers' majority vote and decided to temporarily designate our TBC gifts to accomplish three goals.

(1) Protect C-N's operating program so students will receive adequate scholarship funds.

(2) Continue supporting the SBC at the 37.5 percent level of our CP gifts.

(3) We will continue sending 13 percent of our undesignated offerings to the TBC, but with a designated formula to accomplish the first two goals.

We will re-address this temporary designation after the 1999 TBC annual meeting.

I encourage others to support

Christian education and C-N. Let's keep C-N "strong and vibrant and poised for a fabulous future," as recently stated by Dr. Cordell Maddox.

What churches do about reuniting the "great Tennessee Baptist idea" and the "fabulous future" for Carson-Newman could well be a measuring stick for the future of the TBC.

Let's obey our Lord about working in unity. Together, let's heal the "wound."

Jerry Steiner, deacon
chairman, Red Bank Church
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Won't face truth

The Apostle Paul warned us about these days we are living in, "days of deception" (I Timothy 4:1-2, II Timothy 3:1-5).

It is a day when lies would be favored rather than truth. Isaiah called it a day when "truth is fallen in the street" (Isaiah 59:14).

The truth was trampled upon during the O.J. Simpson trial. His trial was a disgrace of the American judicial system.

But what's worse is the trial of Bill Clinton, a member of a Southern Baptist church. He has used his office to cover up his own deeds.

The sad thing I am seeing is that the majority of Christians won't face the truth about him.

Senator Harold Ford Jr. wrote to me and said that what he (Clinton) has done is deplorable but not enough to remove him from office. This is the attitude of many.

America is like the Titanic that sank in the North Atlantic. She has a rip in her side and she's sinking and most Americans are standing on the deck saying it's ok. It's really not that bad.

Vaughn W. Denton, pastor
Kirby Parkway Church
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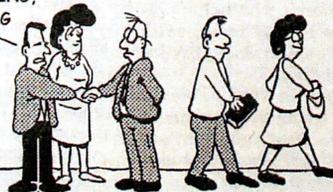
Church of the Covered Dish

By Thom Tapp, pastor, Oral Church, Lenoir City

I WAS GOING TO PREACH A WONDERFUL 45 MINUTE SERMON ON SELF SACRIFICE, BUT MY DOG CHEWED UP MY SERMON NOTES



I'M JUST VISITING, BUT IF YOUR DOG EVER HAS PUPS I'D LIKE ONE TO GIVE MY PASTOR!



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From your missionary

We are just a few months away from what could very well be the largest evangelistic event in 1999 and anywhere in the world! This realization came as leaders of the Carioca Convention, the TBC, International Crusades, and Sammy Tripit Crusades gathered to pray and plan for Rio '99.



SHARP

It was also noted that what takes place in Rio in May could impact all of South America. During the week of May 23 — June 1, we will have the opportunity to personally visit 500,000 people. To do this we will visit morning, afternoon, and even at night during the worship service.

In addition to the home visits, some will have the opportunity to participate in special services such as: an open air meeting downtown with a 1,000 voice men's choir, and school and prison services. On Saturday we will attend the crusade that will be held in Maracana, a soccer stadium that seats 200,000 people.

The deadline is April 1, and we would like to hear from you. We need your registration materials and deposits immediately. This month leaders from every Rio church will participate in a retreat, designed for inspiration and training. I would like to send your name to Rio so that at this meeting they can pray for you.

We may be able to get lower priced airline tickets and save you money if we hear from you now. As you can see this is an opportunity of a lifetime. We need you! Can we count on you?

In Christ,

Terry

February
"Macedonian Call"
Celebrates Volunteers
In Missions Day —
Feb. 28

For volunteers

First recognition, commissioning service set

By Marcia Knox
For The Macedonian Call

Tennessee volunteers are still making a difference at home and around the world whether it is serving overseas, in the United States, or in Tennessee. The IMB, NAMB, and the TBC will recognize these volunteers in three important events during 1999 with joint recognition and commissioning services.

If you have served as a volunteer in Disaster Relief, World Changers, Partnership Missions, Collegiate Summer Missions, Acteens Activators, or in any service outside your church which was considered missions, you are cordially invited to participate.

The first Volunteer Recognition and Commissioning Service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Una Church, Nashville, from 7-8:30 p.m. Dr. Jerry Rankin, president of the International Mission Board, will help us recognize those who have served as volunteers anywhere and commission those who will serve as vol-

unteers in 1999 and 2000.

These special services for the Middle Tennessee region will include choir and orchestra, and volunteer testimonies. IMB and NAMB Mission Displays will be featured from 6-7 p.m. and from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

"Volunteer Missions continues to be used by God in a tremendous way," said Terry Sharp, TBC Partnership/Volunteer Mission specialist. "Both our International and National Mission Boards see Volunteer Missions as an important and strategic way to effectively reach people for Christ."



RANKIN

Other recognition and commissioning services will be held: Thursday, April 29 at First Church of Concord, Knoxville; and Tuesday, Sept. 21 at Union University, Jackson.

Rankin will also speak at the services on Sept. 21. Dr. Donald Kammerdiener, IMB executive vice president, will speak

at the services on April 29. Dr. James Porch, TBC executive director, will commission the volunteers.

Each church is being counted on to spread the word by placing the Tennessee Volunteers Recognition and Commissioning Service poster in a strategic location in the church. Please clear your calendars now for these dates in 1999 and plan to attend.

"It could be one of the most exciting and life changing events to happen in 1999," Sharp added. "Perhaps each church will consider bringing a bus or van to encourage attendance to this historic meeting."

"For Tennessee Baptists, these recognition and commissioning services are a wonderful opportunity to see where we have been since the TBC partnership/volunteer missions program first started, and to look into the millennium to see where we are going."

For more information on the services, call the TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2021. *B&R*

First health care projects in Rio reap rewards

By Marcia Knox
For The Macedonian Call

Seeing over 2,500 patients in four days in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during a recent partnership medical trip to two slum areas, has reaped heavenly rewards, according to Bobby Dunn, co-leader of the medical team and wife of physician Dewey Dunn of Nashville.

How many were saved are evident by the missionaries' reports, but the teams' impact may have had far reaching effects that cannot be measured, Bobbie Dunn said.

A total of 30 volunteers from five states recently returned from the first Ten-

nessee partnership medical trip to Rio de Janeiro, which was led by the Dunns and physician David Wilson of Lynchburg, Virginia.

The Health Care volunteers divided into two teams and saw over 2,500 people in four days in two separate slum areas during their trip Jan. 7-16. Team I, led by Wilson who is a member of Rivermont Avenue Church, Lynchburg, Va., held clinics in a dance hall for two days. Later Team I moved up into First Church of Dona Marta, a mission church and another building in the Dona Marta "favela" or slum area.

"The invasion of the drug infested hillside slum, called

Dona Marta, was not by the police this time," said Eddy Hallock, IMB missionary to Brazil. "But missionaries, volunteer doctors, nurses, dentists, other medical personnel, helpers, the director of the Social Work Board of the Carioca Convention, and 40 layman from various churches invaded the slum."

Team II, led by the Dunns who are members of Woodmont Church, Nashville, held clinics in a large church, First Church of Impanema, near the steps of the Canta Galo slum. The Botafogo Church also had a mission church in the slum where young people went out and invited the residents to the medical clinics.

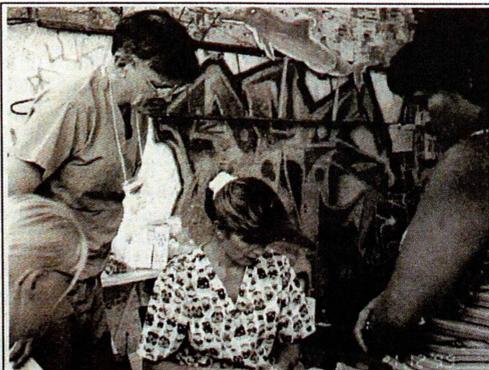
"While the medical team met physical needs, the Brazilian young people went door to door, passing out tracts, sharing the Gospel with the community, counseling those who had seen a doctor at the clinic, and won a good number to the Lord," Hallock said. "Close to 80 people accepted Christ."

The missionary reported that the young people even went up into the homes of the elderly, who could not walk, and literally carried them down, or up the many steps in the slum to the clinic, and then back to their homes. A Brazilian doctor also saw 96 children, who will receive continued help with their eye problems.

The medical project, which actually fulfilled two health care projects, began with a tour of the local Souza Marques Medical School, which sponsored the team and was hosted by the medical school director Dona Stella. The team also visited the various Social Ministries of the Carioca Convention.

The Sunday worship services at Impanema Church for Team II and the Botafogo Church for Team I included preaching by volunteers, testimonies and singing. Sunday afternoon was spent in street and beach evangelism, and part of the team worked at preparing the Eye Clinic.

The Eye Teams were made up of Myrna Deere, member of Woodmont Church, and Ann Wilson, wife of David Wilson of Lynchburg, Va, for Team I: — See First, page 6



WORKING IN the pharmacy of a clinic held in Rio de Janeiro are Tennesseans Joe Little, left of center, pharmacist and member, First Church, Sweetwater, and Dianna Morris, center, medical technician and member, Long Hollow Church, Hendersonville.

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Brentwood Church holds Travel, 'On Mission' event

By Marcia Knox
For *The Macedonian Call*

It's an interesting concept — hold a Partnership/Volunteer Missions program with a reception prior to Sunday night activities, which is what Brentwood Church, Brentwood, did on Jan. 17.

Around 100 people showed up to see Travel, "On Mission," a unique idea which explored what it means to go on a Partnership/Volunteer Missions trip. Bill and Creely Wilson, co-ministers of missions at Brentwood Church, hosted the event along with Tom Jansing, Rio de Janeiro evangelism crusade missions team leader.

People, who were curious about Partnership/Volunteer Mission trips, were introduced to the video "Answering the Macedonian Call," and heard testimonies from mission volunteers

who had gone on partnership mission trips.

David Ford, a recent volunteer to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who helped build a church, said he went to help the people in Rio, but they ended up helping him. "It made me realize how blessed we are in America, since they have so little in Rio," Ford said. "That trip has done more for me, than I could have ever imagined."

Suzie Abernathy, a member of Brentwood Church and a Martial Arts expert told of her missions trip to Scotland where she taught taekwondo with her Bible, her Black belt, and breaking boards. This experience led to teaching karate at Lakeview Elementary School, Nashville, where a meditation time with prayer is allowed.

Karla Worley, contemporary Christian artist and wife of the minister of

music at Brentwood, sang a WMU mission song, which she wrote. She also told of a recent trip to Scotland where she taught gang members how to bake brownies.

Clara Huff, a retired IMB missionary from Chile, said that volunteers are able to open doors for missionaries with various projects. She symbolized the projects by holding up volunteer tools such as a hammer for construction teams, toothpaste for medical/dental teams, and praying hands for volunteers' testimonies.

The highlight of the evening was a partnership volunteer missions skit, performed by Betty Wiseman, Eric Preston, Vicki Dvoracek, Charley Coffey and Jansing. The skit emphasized how to do and not do partnership missions.

Next the audience divided into small groups to discuss nine partnership proj-

ects sponsored by Brentwood Church. They include Evangelistic Crusade in Brazil, May 23 - June 1; Church Construction in Brazil July 24 - Aug. 3; Youth Team in Brazil July 22-30; Medical/Dental Team in Brazil Aug. 6-14; Deaf Evangelistic Crusade in Brazil Aug. 8-16; New Church Start in Canada Aug. 2-10; Leadership Development in Scotland March 26 - April 5; Habitat for Humanity in Franklin March 28 - April 4; and Sports Evangelism in Memphis, July 8-11.

Brentwood Church also is serving as one of 40 Tennessee Baptist churches that have pledged to build a church in Rio de Janeiro. Brentwood Church is completing a three-year partnership with churches in Dundee, Scotland.

For information on these Brentwood Church projects, contact Bill or Creely Wilson at (615) 371-0704. ■

Team holds wellness conference in Costa Rica

By Marcia Knox
For *The Macedonian Call*

A team of 12 Tennessee volunteers recently hosted a Wellness Conference for the missionary families of the Costa Rica Mission.

The Wellness Conference, which was held this summer at the Hotel Del Sur in San Isidro del General, Costa Rica, was customized to meet the needs of the missionaries, their youth, and their children. The conference was sponsored by Family Systems Ministries International (FSMI), ArkWings, and TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions.

FSMI was founded in 1987 to enable Christian missionary families maintain a well-being to reach their full potential as a family and as individuals in a transcultural setting with particular attention given to the MKs. ArkWings founded in 1997 is a renewal and recreational vacation approach to

body, mind, and soul.

Tennessee leaders were member of Trinity Church, Cordova, Travis Lunceford, physician; and members of First Church, Memphis, John McCall III of the University of Tennessee, Memphis; his wife, Sharon McCall, teacher; and John McCall IV, a student at UT-Knoxville.

Other leaders were Tom Anderson, psychiatrist, and his wife, Mary Liz Anderson; David Edens, family therapist, and his wife, Virginia Edens, marriage and family therapist, all of Columbia, Mo.; and Dan Bagby, pastoral counseling chairman at Richmond Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Also working with the conference were Doug and Tricia McCall Bagby, ICS missionaries in Costa Rica, and the son-in-law and daughter of John and Sharon McCall III.

Leading Children's Day Camp were Virginia Edens, Mary Liz Anderson, and

Sharon McCall. The theme of the camp was "A Star Quest Adventure." A total of 10 children attended the MK Camp which included music and craft projects.

Leading the MK Youth Camp were: the McCall family, and Doug and Tricia Bagby. The camp theme was "Roots and Wings as Oaks and Eagles." The Youth Camp incorporated the ArkWings program format. At total of 15 youth participated in the MK camp, which included recreation and breakout sessions.

The Adult Missionary Program theme was "Wings as Eagles," and included breakout sessions on many topics. The Adult program was based on the FSMI format, which emphasizes the family system approach to health.

Some of the sessions included topics such as "Biblical Basis of Family Systems in Medicine," "Beating Depression and Burnout," and "Caring for



MISSIONARY KIDS participate in an activity of the Wellness Conference led by John McCall IV, a member of First Church, Memphis.

Yourself While You Care for Others." At total of 35 adults attended this part of the conference.

In addition to the workshops, the team also gave goody bags and "tee" shirts to the missionary families.

According to FSMI president John McCall III, the Tennessee conference for the Cos-

ta Rican Baptist Mission, is one of several Wellness Conferences that have been presented for IMB missions and funded through donations through the non-profit corporation.

"We consider ourselves the Good Samaritans serving the Good Samaritans," said McCall. ■

First health care projects in Rio reap rewards ...

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and Bobbie Dunn, Ann Barkley, and Sandra Martin, both members of Parkway Church, Goodlettsville for Team II. The eye teams were always very busy.

According to Dewey Dunn, the dentist spent full days extracting teeth; and the medical team treated ailments while distributing soap and toothbrushes. The teams' pharmacy was well stocked, and medications were left in storage for the next medical teams.

Hallock reported some of the more notable conversions. "One young man, who had left the church years ago, came Sunday night to the local Baptist church and helped in the clinics everyday," Hallock said.

"Back in the slums, services were held every night at the Botafoga Church, but a special service was held

for the drug traffickers where five raised their hands to make decisions.

"My mother is an alcoholic, I will see that she goes to your Recuperation Center for women," said one drug trafficker. "If she is healed, I will not only thank God, but I will stop taking drugs, and will leave the drug trafficking life."

"A lady, 94-years-old, saw the doctor, was won to Christ, and that night she was murdered. Hundreds of children, mothers, fathers, gangsters, old men, young men of all ages were helped."

Of these 30 volunteers, 24 were from Tennessee churches. The largest number of volunteers on the trip attended Parkway Church, Goodlettsville; the second largest group came from Woodmont Church, Nashville.

"The most significant aspect of these Health Care/Evangelism Projects is

changed lives," Dewey Dunn noted. "The volunteers were blessed to serve and many hope to return to Rio. We will only know the results of these ministries when we get to heaven."

"Over 60 decisions for Christ were reported by Team I," said Bobbie Dunn.

"The opportunity to witness one-on-one seems to be open for future mission projects. Health Care Evangelism can be practiced to its full potential. This will require help from many Brazilian church members, trained in witnessing. These projects will give missions, church staffs, and Brazilian Baptists long lists of people needing a spiritual ministry after they have received a healing touch."

"People had come to the slums and talked about the love of Jesus," Dunn said. "But when the Heath Care teams came to the slums, the residents could

see God's love in action. Apparently, previous groups had made promises to the drug traffickers, but the Baptist team fulfilled their commitments and future projects are welcomed."

Dunn added that the needs are great in Rio de Janeiro. "We now know that these 30 Health Care Projects can be accomplished. Already scheduled is a team in April from First Church, Nashville, and two teams in August from Brentwood Church, Brentwood. A tentative plan is also made for four Health Care teams to go in October."

If you are a physician/health care worker interested in participating in any of the 30 Rio de Janeiro medical/dental projects, contact Kim Huff, TBC Partnership/Volunteer Ministry assistant, at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2021. ■

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Dear Terry Sharp,

I was invited to go to Rio de Janeiro to preach and witness during the 1998 simultaneous revivals. Our church, First Church, Sevierville, sent evangelist Mark Martin and me to go with more than 60 Tennessee Baptists.

I was sent out to Parque Curicicia where the Carioca Convention wanted to start a mission church. IMB missionary Elizabeth Oates said, "See what the Lord will do in a week out there." God moved and we saw at least 45 people surrender their lives to Jesus Christ! I believe these people will form a great church in Rio soon.

It was God's grace as to the number of people saved. About one-fourth saved were children and youth. There were a few older people saved, but the majority was in the 20-40 age groups.

One afternoon a young lady took us to her parent's small sewing factory. They allowed me to share with the employees, and it was determined that three people did not know Christ. Two ladies soon decided to give their hearts to Jesus, but one young lady held back from the invitation. While I looked around the room and the Christians were praying and the lady said, "Yes."

I led them in a prayer. In the middle of the prayer, one of the young women giggled. After the prayer I asked her what had happened and she said she felt a "hit" to her. I told her it was the greatest "hit" of her life for the Holy Spirit had come to dwell in her.

The next day the lady who responded last at the invitation went with us on our visits. Her whole countenance was changed. Over 1,200 people were saved during our combined group.

I want you to go with me to Rio May 23 - June 1. I am going again with evangelist Sammy Tippitt. I do not know how many spaces remain, but there is a need for 150 teams to go with Tennessee Baptists.

We will be preaching in Rio area churches, witnessing in homes and on the streets, and then participating in a crusade at the world's largest soccer stadium, the Maracana, which seats 200,000 people. Can you stand to see 50,000 people saved in one moment? It will be the event of a lifetime. If am alive, I will be there God willing. Come and help us. Nothing is impossible with God.

David Cobb, evangelist, Gatlinburg



DAVID COBB, back center, of Gatlinburg and his new Brazilian friends witnessed to these workers at a sewing factory in the Rio area.

Dear Terry Sharp,

A 27-person team from Dixie Lee Church in Lenior City worked this summer during a construction trip to help Faith Church in Durand, Mich. The Dixie Lee Builders and Friends worked the week of July 13-17 assisting in the construction of new church facilities for Faith Church.

The team, composed of five children, two teenagers, four women, and 16 men, worked on inside framing, wall insulation, and dry-wall installation. The group also assisted in the installation of aluminum soffit and roof shingles.

This Michigan trip was the first construction mission trip for 18 of the team members. It was also the first time that the Dixie Lee Builders had participated in a Michigan project.

Dixie Lee Church Builders and Friends

Dear Terry Sharp,

This was my first mission trip, and it was such a blessing! I had no other person on my Rio de Janeiro team except me so I did both the preaching and the singing.

I was in Muzema, a church that had 40 members. By the end of the week 36 people had accepted Christ and three others had made rededications. The highlight for the week for me was seeing a Grand Wizard in the Black Macumba Magic cult accept Christ.

Tim McGehee, pastor
Smyrna Church, Chapel Hill



VOLUNTEER Tim McGehee, second from left, stands with the Feitosa family, which hosted him while he served in Rio de Janeiro.

Dear Terry Sharp,

We served recently as a revival team at Community Church in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

We helped lead a revival at the only Baptist church on the island.

For me, a pastor from Cleveland, returning to Community Church was sort of a homecoming since I had worked in 1995 with a construction team from Tennessee to roof the building. Both of us enjoyed working with Wallace Jordan, pastor of Community Church, who had a desire to win souls in the community, and for the church flock to be disciplined. The team visited in the community prior to the revival.

For us the best experience of the mission trip was when a young lady accepted Christ. I also was amazed to see the finished church and the tremendous growth that had taken place in the church.

This past summer the church averaged over 100 in VBS. The church is already in need of additional educational space.

On mission trips we supposedly go to minister and bless, yet we were the ones who were ministered to and received the blessings at the Community Church revival.

Jordan is very thankful for Tennessee Baptists who are eager to come and minister. God is truly moving through the work of Tennessee "volunteers."

Richard Lee, pastor, Hopewell Church, Cleveland, along with Bobby Pruiett, minister of music and youth, First Church, Sparta



LEADERS OF a revival in this Canadian church pause during activities there. They include, from left, Bobby Pruiett and Richard Lee of Tennessee, and members of Community Church, Charlottetown. Faye Ford, Sandra Jordan, and Wallace Jordan. Wallace Jordan is pastor of the church.

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Place	Project ID	Work	Dates	Volunteers Needed	Place	Project ID	Work	Dates	Contact Persons
Rio de Janeiro Projects					Tennessee Projects				
Rio de Janeiro	Church Planting	Church Planting	Open	45 teams	Memphis	T-99-50	Camp	Open	Penny Looney-901-372-6835
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999996	Construction	Open	1	Bolivar	T-99-51	Camp	Open	Hardeman Assoc. -901-658-3534
Rio de Janeiro	PM41998905	Drama Teams	Open	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-26	Camp	8/01/99-8/07/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999991	ESL/Education	Open	1	Chattanooga	T-99-10	Construction	6/20/99-6/26/99	Stan Braley-423-267-3794
Rio de Janeiro	PM21999902	Evangelism	Open	1	Chattanooga	T-99-11	Construction	6/27/99-7/03/99	Stan Braley-423-267-3794
Rio de Janeiro	Medical	Medical Clinics	Open	30 teams	Chattanooga	T-99-12	Construction	7/04/99-7/10/99	Stan Braley-423-267-3794
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999994	Music	Open	1	Chattanooga	T-99-13	Construction	7/1/99-7/17/99	Stan Braley-423-267-3794
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999904	Revival	5/23/99-6/01/99	150 teams	Cordova	T-99-63	Construction	Open	Effort Alexander-901-398-5000 or 544-3607
Rio de Janeiro	PM41998931	Hospital Chaplain	Open	1	Henry	T-99-27	Construction	Open	Larry or Tammy Bell-901-243-7150
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999985	Student Ministries	6/06/99-8/03/99	Open	Beulah	T-99-62	Construction	Open	Jerry Essary-901-885-2151
Rio de Janeiro	PM41999986	Student Ministries	6/06/99-8/03/99	1	Covington	T-99-77	Construction	Open	Mike Howard-901-476-5632
Rio de Janeiro	PM42000900	Student Ministries	1/03/2000-1/12/2000	1	Pulaski	T-99-76	Construction	Open	Darrell Lingerfalt-931-766-0749
Rio de Janeiro	PM21999904	Student Ministries	6/06/99-8/03/99	Open	Pulaski	T-99-75	Construction	Open	Carl Bond-931-363-3529
Canada Projects					Tennessee Projects				
Prince Edward Island (PEI)	KC4	Church Planting	8/02/99-8/10/99	2	Benton	T-99-72	Construction	5/30/99-8/14/99	Andy Jordan-888-528-camp
Vanderhoof, BC	98ALP002	Construction	July	Open	Memphis	T-99-70	Construction	Open	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Coaldale, AB	98MID035	Construction	Summer	2 teams of 10	Cleveland	T-99-2	Construction	6/20/99-6/26/99	Michelle McCluskey-423-476-5493
Love, SK	98NOR032	Construction	7/17/99-7/24/99	Open	Beulah	T-99-61	Construction	Open	Jerry Essary-901-885-2151
Montague, PEI	98NOR037	Evangelism	6/27/99-7/04/99	Open	Memphis	T-99-30	Construction	Open	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Allan, SK	98NOR030	Evangelism	July	1 team	Jackson	T-99-58	Construction	6/01/99-7/31/99	Carol Vaughan-901-668-5690
Surrey, BC	98CAP016	Evangelism	5/21/99-05/24/99	Open	Somerville	T-99-57	Construction	Open	Ronald Gruenwald-901-867-7259
Charlottetown, PEI	98NOR039	Evangelism	7/19/99-7/23/99	Open	Ripley	T-99-56	Construction	Open	Wayne Rowan-901-635-7128
Prince Albert, SK	98NOR034	Evangelism	7/08/99-7/19/99	Open	Fayette	T-99-54	Construction	Open	Bob Campbell-901-854-6290
Charlottetown, PEI	98NOR038	Revival	9/30/99-10/03/99	1 team	Somerville	T-99-53	Construction	Open	Bob Campbell-901-854-6290
Charlottetown, Montague, PEI	98NOR035	Summer Missionaries	6/26/99-8/16/99	Open	Rossville	T-99-52	Construction	Open	Bob Campbell-901-854-6290
Edmonton, AB	98MID033	VBS/BYBC	7/15/99-8/15/99	1 team	Cordova	T-99-49	Construction	Open	Mike Mathis-901-381-1979
Love, SK	98NOR031	VBS/BYBC	7/3/99-7/10/99	Open	Cordova	T-99-48	Construction	Open	Wrex Hauth-901-835-4654
Pincher Creek, AB	98MID034	VBS/BYBC	July	1 team	Memphis	T-99-78	Construction	Open	Ricky Ray-901-357-9581 or 353-4532
Prince Albert, SK	98MID032	VBS/BYBC	7/04/99-7/11/99	Open	Nashville	T-99-44	Construction	6/20/99-6/26/99	Paul Morris-615-776-2266
Costa Rica Projects					Tennessee Projects				
Rio Claro	PM71999808	Prayerwalking	Open	3	Nashville	T-99-43	Construction	Open	Paul Morris-615-776-2266
Heredia	PM71999807	Prayerwalking	6/19/99-6/27/99	3	Lebanon	T-99-33	Construction	Open	Jonas Taylor-615-449-4806
South Zone	PM71998832	Medical	Open	1 team	Knoxville	T-99-32	Construction	3/20/99-9/30/99	Walter Taylor-423-693-9097
San Jose	PM71999803B	Sports	5/01/99-5/10/99	1 team	Ripley	T-99-45	ESL/Education	Open	Joe T. Naylor-901-285-2727
Heredia	PM71999804	Student Ministries	7/09/99-7/18/99	Open	Benton	T-99-74	Evangelism	5/30/99-8/14/99	Andy Jordan-888-528-camp
Michigan Projects					Tennessee Projects				
Kalamazoo	SC-2A	Construction	Open	Open	Benton	T-99-73	Evangelism	5/30/99-8/14/99	Andy Jordan-888-528-camp
Sault Ste Marie	UP-3	Construction	7/18/99-7/25/99	Open	Cordova	T-99-65	Evangelism	Open	Effort Alexander-901-398-5000 or 544-3607
Detroit	GD-4	Construction	Open	Open	Dyersburg	T-99-47	Evangelism	Open	Joe Naylor-901-285-2727
Marquette	UP-4	Construction	Open	Open	Bolivar	T-99-55	Special Services	Open	Carolyn O'Hara-901-658-7273
Detroit	GD-3	Construction	Open	Open	Memphis	T-99-31	Special Services	8/01/99	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Adrian	L-1	Construction	Open	Open	Memphis	T-99-69	Special Services	Open	Tim Cox-901-372-7477
Ann Arbor	GD-3F	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Memphis	T-99-68	Special Services	Open	Sam Wilson-901-458-0617
Mt. Morris	G-1A	Construction	6/01/99-6/30/99	Open	Dyersburg	T-99-46	Special Services	Open	Joe Naylor-901-285-2727
Grayling	N-4D	Construction	7/09/99-7/16/99	Open	Memphis	T-99-71	Special Services	Open	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Grayling	N-4C	Construction	6/19/99-6/26/99	Open	Memphis	T-99-29	Student Ministries	Open	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Grayling	N-4B	Construction	6/11/99-6/17/99	Open	Memphis	T-99-28	Student Ministries	6/13/99-8/07/99	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Taylor	GD-2C	Construction	Open	Open	Memphis	T-99-67	VBS/BYBC	Open	Tim Cox-901-458-0617
Ann Arbor	GD-3G	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-20	VBS/BYBC	6/20/99-6/26/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Taylor	GD-2A	Construction	Open	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-21	VBS/BYBC	6/27/99-07/03/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Grayling	N-4A	Construction	6/04/99-6/11/99	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-22	VBS/BYBC	7/04/99-7/10/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Mt. Morris	G-1C	Construction	8/01/99-8/30/99	Open	Shelby	T-99-64	VBS/BYBC	Open	Ronnie Wilburn-901-458-4469 or 684-8088
Ann Arbor	GD-3E	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Covington	T-99-59	VBS/BYBC	Open	Donna Ralph-901-476-8761
Ann Arbor	GD-3D	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-24	VBS/BYBC	7/18/99-7/24/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Ann Arbor	GD-3C	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-23	VBS/BYBC	7/11/99-7/17/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
Ann Arbor	GD-3B	Construction	6/01/99-6/21/99	Open	Elizabethton	T-99-19	VBS/BYBC	6/13/99-6/18/99	Becky Brumitt-423-547-2560
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Get-Together set on Missions

For Baptist and Reflector

GATLINBURG — The 1999 "Missions Get-Together," sponsored by Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, will be held March 12-14 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center.

Approximately 1,600 women of all ages, are expected to attend the meeting centered around the theme "Transformed."

Bible study will be led by Frank Lewis, pastor of First Church, Nashville, with music by Karla Worley of Brentwood.



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David Howard, a potter from Gatlinburg, will emphasize the theme through the art of pottery throughout the sessions.

The program features conferences and time with missionaries. Conference topics include "Glimpses of Christ," "Twelve Christian Beliefs That Can Drive You Crazy," "Strength for the Weary," "Christian Women's Job Corps," "Women Ministering in Jail," "Prayer-walking," "God Shapes Our Lives Uniquely for Evangelism," "Healthy Lifestyle," "Internet & Missions," and more. There also will be a "Men's tract" led by Gene Williams of the TBC Missions Awareness and Involvement group.

The Tennessee WMU annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

An "early-bird" registration fee of \$15 is available prior to Feb. 25. After that date it is \$20. For more information or to get a registration form, call Tennessee WMU at 1-800-558-2090. ■

LifeWay trustees approve new curriculum

By Chip Alford
For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources approved Feb. 9 a strategy for Sunday School in the 21st century which includes the launch of a new "flagship" Bible study curriculum.

Beginning in September 2000, LifeWay will introduce "Family Bible Study," a new series containing a core curriculum for all age groups based on a common Bible study theme and, as often as possible, using the same Scripture passage. In addition to the new series, Bible study options will be offered for each age group. For example, the Explore the Bible series will continue to be available for adults. At the same time, however, the Life and Work series, the Youth Explore the Bible series, and the Family Bible series will be discontinued.

Since the latter series is being deleted, LifeWay also will pull out of its involvement in the Committee on the Uniform series, which coordinates lessons for several denominations.

As evidenced in the subtitle for the new Family Bible Study — "Building the Family of Faith to Live by God's Truth" — one of the goals of the new series is affirming the home as the center of biblical guidance.

"If we're going to make any real difference in our culture, we have to get parents more involved in teaching their children biblical truth," said Bill Taylor, director of LifeWay's Sunday School group.

"We've got to help families study God's Word and apply it to their everyday lives."

According to Louis Hanks, associate director of the Sunday School group, the new Family Bible Study will champion the Bible as "the inerrant and infallible Word of God and

as absolute truth and authority."

The series also will provide:
 > A more intentional focus on evangelism, including support for the FAITH Sunday School evangelism strategy.

> Lessons that encourage individuals to study the Bible at home during the week.

> Increased accountability for the Sunday School leader and learner.

> Increased use of interactive, age-appropriate resources, and learning activities for distinctive age groupings, generational preferences, and all sizes of churches.

> Translation options for all age groups in either the King James Version (KJV) or New International Version (NIV).

"While we're eliminating two series, we'll actually be providing more Bible study options for churches to choose from," Hanks said. ■



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PASTOR: The Wynnburg Baptist Church is receiving resumes for a full-time pastor position. Resumes can be sent to Pastoral Search Committee, Wynnburg Baptist Church, P.O. Box 67, Wynnburg, TN 38077.

CHILDREN: Church is seeking a person to fill the full-time position of Minister of Childhood Education. Send resume to Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 701 South Main Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

MUSICIAN: Positions available for church organist and piano teacher in Music Academy. For additional information, call First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, (615) 893-2514.

PASTOR: Need working or retired pastor and wife to serve at a mission church at King Salmon, Alaska, a prime hunting and fishing area. Nice church and living facilities. Van provided. Contact Dr. Jim Hamilton at (907) 333-9558. Lay people can apply through local SBC Mission Service Corps representatives.

DOM: The Graves County Baptist Association is a gathering of 44 churches and missions in the western area of Kentucky. The association is currently conducting a search for the position of Director of Missions. The successful candidate will have high administrative gifting with a visionary approach to missions in the local, small town, county setting. Preference will be given to those who have prior experience as a DOM or to those who have an educational background and experience from large multi-staff churches. Resumes are being received currently. Closure date for this opening will be Feb. 28. Address all correspondence to Director of Missions Search Committee; Graves County Baptist Association; Rev. Bob Swift, Chairman; 108 W. South St.; Mayfield, KY 42066.

PASTOR: Victory Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., is seeking a full-time Senior Pastor. Please send resume to Pastor Search Committee, Victory Baptist Church, 2261 Armstrong Mill Road, Lexington, KY 40515.

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DOM: Grainger County Association of Baptists will accept resumes for the position of Director of Missions until Feb. 26. Please send to Attn: Search Committee, Grainger County Association of Baptists, P.O. Box 127, Rutledge TN 37861.

YOUTH: Temple Baptist Church of Old Hickory has an opening for a Youth Minister. It is a part-time position, Sundays and Wednesdays. If you have a heart for youth, please call Rev. Ray Clubb at Temple Baptist Church, (615) 847-5091.

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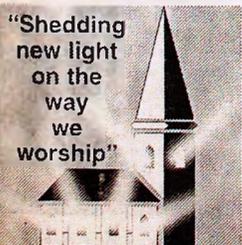


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global/national news

SBC drops airline as recommended carrier for meeting

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — American Airlines no longer is one of the recommended airlines for travel to the Southern Baptist Convention, SBC Executive Committee officials announced Feb. 9.

At issue, the officials said, is American Airlines' broken pledge to discontinue corporate support of homosexual activists' organizations.

Jack Wilkerson, vice president for business and finance for the SBC Executive Committee, said American Airlines "has assured responsible evangelical Christian representatives that it would not act to advance the agenda of anti-family organizations. Apparently, American's declarations didn't mean much; and they have not lived up to them."

"We would be unfair to our constituents if we remained silent about this breach of faith and wanted Southern Baptists to know we are not recommending they use American Airlines for their convention travel plans."

Delta Airlines is offering discounted fares. ■

LifeWay trustees affirm new vision statement for agency

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — A new vision statement focusing on the role of LifeWay Christian Resources in providing biblical solutions to people and churches was affirmed by the agency's trustees during their semiannual meeting here Feb. 8-9.

The statement reads: "As God works through us ... We will help people and churches know Jesus Christ and seek His Kingdom by providing biblical solutions that spiritually transform individuals and cultures."

In presenting the new vision, LifeWay President James T. Draper Jr. said, "It raises the bar as we commit ourselves to being agents of transformation in the world of the

21st century."

The previous Sunday School Board statement, last adopted in 1992 read: "We will assist local churches and believers to evangelize the world to Christ, develop believers, and grow churches by being the best worldwide provider of relevant, high-quality, high-value Christian products and services."

Draper said LifeWay's new vision statement is "built on the foundation of our past and present."

In other matters trustees approved for budgeting purposes an average price increase of up to 3.5 percent for literature and magazines effective with the Winter 2000 issues, and re-elected **Ken Speakman**, a member of Hermitage Hills

Church, Hermitage, and director of the international division of The Gideons International, Nashville, as trustee chairman. ■

Enrollment increases at SBC seminaries

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Southern Baptists' six seminaries reported 10,599 students enrolled in the 1998 fall semester, up 4.8 percent from the previous year.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley,

Calif., 1,153 students, 12 percent increase

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., 1,590 students, 6.4 percent increase

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., 1,881 students, 4.4 percent increase

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,314 students, 4.4 percent increase

New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, 1,956 students, 2.7 percent increase

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., 705 students, 1.29 percent increase. ■

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Application materials consisting of a letter describing interest and experience, a curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses and phone numbers of five references will be accepted immediately with review to begin April 1. The successful candidate will begin service Aug. 1.

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Discipleship

By Martin Babb

Focal Passage: Mark 2:3-7, 18-20; 8:14-21

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a young Lutheran Pastor in Germany during World War II who was part of the German Underground. These words are from his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*: "Cheap grace is the grace we bestow upon ourselves ... grace without discipleship ... costly grace is the Gospel which must be sought again and again. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life." In April, 1943, he was imprisoned by the Nazis and hanged two years later, an example of difficult discipleship.

Continuous conflict — ch. 2:3-7

Jesus was preaching in a house when four men brought their friend to be healed. The door was blocked, so they climbed to the top of the house and lowered him through the roof. Jesus did the unthinkable and forgave his sins. Mix Jesus with scribes and there was instant conflict because they were so wrapped up in the Law they could not understand Jesus' relationship to it. They never understood the needs of the individual. As long as we are disciples, there will be conflict — and as with Jesus, some of it will come from the religious world.

Constant criticism — v. 18

In this verse, Jesus is criticized by some Pharisees and followers of John the Baptist for not making his disciples follow the customs of fasting. The disciples were learning some valuable lessons. Man is capable of performing meaningless religious activities, and is sometimes guilty of giving customs/traditions priority over relationships. Discipleship is not a matter of pleasing people and traditions, but one of serving God. Here is a good word for all Christians, from Eleanor Roosevelt: "Do what you feel in your heart to be right — for you'll be criticized anyway."

Confusing conditions — vv. 19-20

In Mark's Gospel, these verses are the first indication of Jesus' impending cross experience, a concept the disciples never seemed to grasp. His ministry was a mixture of joy and sorrow. He tried to warn them of the sorrow of the crucifixion and anticipate the joy of the resurrection. He tried to warn them their life could be taken from them because of their discipleship. Being a disciple is not always easy, because there will always be a mixture of joy and sorrow. The conditions around us may change but our commitment must always be the same.

Consistent companion — ch. 8:14-21

Prior to these verses, the disciples were witness to the feeding of the five thousand and the feeding of the four thousand. Still, they did not understand that Jesus could provide for all their needs. We can feel confident in Jesus' continual presence — our consistent companion in times of good and bad. We can make it through continuous conflict, constant criticism, and confusing conditions because of the presence of Christ and the strength he gives.

There was a country song by Billy Dean a few years back with this line: "... when it comes to love, you don't count the cost ... if you ever doubted, then think about the cross. When it comes to love, you don't count the cost." Calling disciples cost Jesus his life. Being a disciple cost Dietrich Bonhoeffer his. I wonder sometimes, if we ever count the cost. — Babb is associate pastor/education, Springfield Church, Springfield.

Serve faithfully

By Edgar Pierce

Focal Passage: II Corinthians 5:11-21

It is certain that we younger believers owe a great debt of gratitude to those saints who have contended for the faith over the years. There are many that have served faithfully in our churches. Thank you!

Certainly one of the early church fathers that we should thank is Paul the Apostle. He pressed on in spite of criticism and the opposition. Paul found himself constantly defending his apostleship and his motives.

Serve sincerely. Paul declares that he and Timothy served God because they knew the terror of the Lord. Terror in this text shows that Paul had in mind his personal accountability to God. Paul served God out of fear of a holy God.

Family Bible Lesson

Serve with love. What motivates us to serve faithfully? The greatest motive we have to serve God is love. Many times we try to motivate others with fear and guilt. Paul said the love of Christ, "constraineth us."

He also links service with love to the fact that we are dead in Christ and our lives should reflect him living in us. Do we need reminding that we are bought with a price and should serve accordingly?

Serve with a new outlook. Paul spoke often of putting off the old man and putting on the new. He realized the warfare of the flesh that takes place. Have you ever gotten frustrated at someone who was lost for not doing right? They look at the world through the flesh and not the spirit as we too once did. They judge by outward appearance. They even look at Christ through eyes of flesh.

Ultimate preparation

By Maurice Hays

Focal Passage: Mark 14:3-9, 27-28, 32-36

Preparation for burial — vv. 3-9

In the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry, before his crucifixion, there was a great deal of hatred toward Jesus. This act of anointing was an act of love and kindness in the midst of the hatred. The act happened at the home of Simon the leper. Nothing is known of him, but it is supposed he had been healed by Jesus. Neither Mark nor Matthew tell who the woman was, but John tells us it was Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. Mary is found three times in the Gospels and at each time she is at the feet of Jesus. Mary was very close to Jesus and expressed her love for him in this anointing.

At least three things happened because of this act of worship. The fragrance of the ointment filled the air with a sweet smell, but there was also a "spiritual fragrance" because of her love and devotion. Secondly the disciples led by Judas would criticize her and say that this was a waste of money. One denari was about a day's wages so this was about a year's earnings. Thirdly, Jesus praised her for the act and said she would be remembered wherever the Gospel is preached because of

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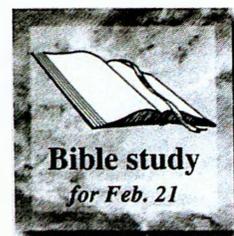
her act. Our extreme acts of worship will not be met by understanding and appreciation in our modern day world either.

Preparation for reunion — vv. 27-28

During the Passover meal Jesus had announced that one of the disciples would betray him, and Judas did. Now he says that all the disciples will desert him. This quote, "I will smite the shepard and the sheep shall be scattered," was a reference to Zechariah 13:2. Not one of the disciples would admit they would abandon him, but they all did and the Scripture was fulfilled. Jesus again told them to gather again after the resurrection in Galilee.

Preparation for death — vv. 32-36

Jesus came to Gethsemane, which lay at the foot of the Mount of Olives. He would again face the temptation, and alternate plan to avoid death, a temptation to set up his messiahship without the cross. A plan to make salvation possible without atonement. This would be a time of agony but a time of victory. He would again resist temptation



However when we put on Christ and become his child, we become a new creature. We have a different outlook on life. I will never forget the day after I was saved, as I walked into the classroom where I was going to vocational school, a lost friend looked at me before I spoke and said, "There's something different about you today." He, even though he was lost, could see the new creature.

We must constantly be on guard to keep the flesh under subjection of the spirit. Many times I have talked with families who's loved one has lost their mental capacity. They say, "mom would never have said such and such in her right mind." This shows the need to intentionally live as a new creature in Christ.

Serve as God's representative. As we serve we are called to a ministry of reconciliation. How do we do this? We live, teach, and preach Christ. My friend apart from Christ there is no reconciliation to God for mankind. The world is busy searching for a way to God around Christ. There is none. The world is also searching for a way to God without having to admit they are sinners and need to be forgiven. Paul said what made our reconciliation possible was that because of Christ God did not impute our trespasses upon us. Forgiveness is part of reconciliation.

We are also called to be "ambassadors." As we serve God let's not ever forget that we not only represent ourselves, our families, our church but first and foremost we are the pictures the world sees of God. One of the jobs of the emperor's ambassadors was to go to groups that had been at war and rebellion with Rome and bring them into the family of Rome. As we serve faithfully we need to be doing what we can to bring those who are in rebellion against God into the family. — Pierce is pastor, Cedar Grove Missionary Church, Kingsport.

and give himself to carry out the full and complete plan of the Father.

Jesus left eight of the disciples at the edge of Gethsemane and carried Peter, James, and John, the same as

at the Mount of Transfiguration, further into Gethsemane with him. They had seen a glimpse of his glory and now they would see his suffering and agony, before there would be future glory. Jesus shared with them that his soul was overwhelmed with sorrow. Jesus was wrestling with having his life crushed out to pay the penalty of sin for the whole human race. He would suffer the total alienation of God in judgment on our sins. He asked only that they, "watch," remain awake and alert, "with him." The disciples failed Jesus in his greatest hour of need. They went to sleep, instead of watching and praying with him. We, too, are guilty in many ways of failing Jesus, but he never fails us. He came from Gethsemane with the cross in his eyes, but victory in his heart.

We should praise Jesus each day for the great price he paid for our salvation. We have much to be thankful for and much to share. Our world needs to know about this loving Jesus. — Hays is Baptist Student Ministries specialist, Jackson State Community College, Jackson.



■ **Louise Tolly**, secretary/treasurer, pianist, and a Sunday School teacher, New Hope Church, Decaturville, was honored recently for 48 years of service to the congregation.



■ **Sunswept Church**, Union City, licensed **Les Sanders**, pastor, Greater Hope Church, Union City, to the ministry Jan. 17.

■ **Joe Echols** was ordained to the ministry Jan. 31

Man/Boy Day set at speedway

For Baptist and Reflector

The first Tennessee Baptist Man/Boy Day will be held at the Bristol Motor Speedway on Saturday, June 5, in Bristol. The event will be sponsored by the speedway, Raceway Ministries of Holston Association, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention Baptist Men's Ministries Team.

This will provide an opportunity to share the Gospel with people, for men and boys to build relationships, especially with boys lacking male role models, and participants to view a national pro truck race of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

Activities will include testimonies by NASCAR race team members, worship, meeting drivers and touring race area, and a meal by a TBC Disaster Relief Feeding Unit.

The races include the DASH Series beginning at 7 p.m. and the NASCAR Series beginning at 9 p.m. Man/Boy Day participants will view them from a special seating area.

Race and meal tickets may be purchased through the TBC. A special race ticket price of \$5 per adult results in free tickets for boys. The ticket has some requirements, including a deadline for purchase of May 17.

For more information, contact **Bob Davison** or **Carol Davidson** of the TBC at (615) 371-2025. ■



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by First Church, Union City.

■ **Bob England**, pastor, First Church, Henning, has resigned.

■ **Wilkey Jones** has been called as pastor of New Chapel Church, Decaturville.

■ **Charles Fowler** has been called as interim minister to senior adults, West Jackson Church, Jackson. Fowler also is vice president of enrollment management, Union University, Jackson.

■ **Skippy Rowland** has been called as pastor of First Church, Saultillo.

■ **Clint Hibler** was ordained to the ministry recently by Indian Ridge Church, Blaine. He has been called as pastor, Good Hope Church, New Market.

■ **Walnut Grove Church**, Ripley, has called **Wade McCarley** as interim pastor.

■ **Eastland Church**, Ripley, has called **Jason Varnick** as minister of music.

■ **Ronnie Coleman**, pastor, New Bethlehem Church, Dyer, resigned effective Feb. 21 to serve as an evangelist.

■ **Tom Medley**, minister of music and youth, Antioch Church, Humboldt, has resigned.

■ **Joey Johnson**, pastor, Old Bethel Church, Palmersville, has been called as pastor, Cottage Grove Church, Cottage Grove, effective March 7.

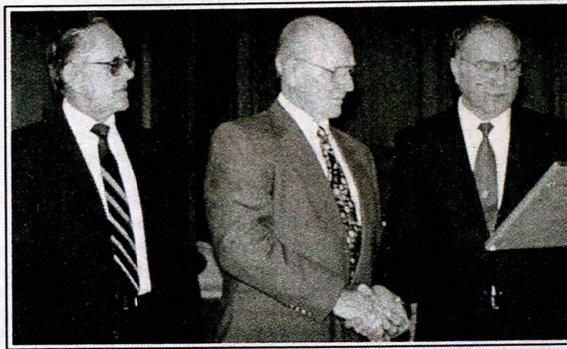
■ **Max Holt**, minister with single adults, Hilldale Church, Clarksville, recently celebrated his fifth anniversary of service there.

■ **Bob Hull**, minister of music, First Church, Humboldt, has resigned.

■ **Terry Owens**, minister



PAUSING DURING their recent retirement celebration are **Doris and Harold Smith**, director of missions, New Duck River Association, for almost 10 years. The event also included recognition of Smith's service as a pastor, formerly at First Church, Columbia, and as a staff member of LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville. Honoring him as speakers were pastors **Stephen McCollum**, Cornersville Church, Cornersville; **Ronnie Edwards**, North Fork Church, Shelbyville; and **Darryl Craft**, Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville. Other speakers were **Evelyn Parks**, former associational secretary; **Bill Parks**, member, Shelbyville Mills Church; and **Bill George** of the TBC. The Smiths also received several gifts during the events.



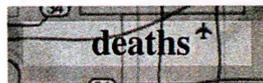
BEING RECOGNIZED as Baptist Men's Man of the Year at Fort Robinson Church, Kingsport, is **Charles McConnell**, center. He is receiving a plaque from **John Hensley**, right, Discipleship Training director; and **Pastor Gene Hughes**.

of music, New Hope Church, Dyer, has resigned.

■ **First Church**, Portland, has called **Phil Lundy** as minister of music and outreach, effective Feb. 17.

■ **First Church**, Bradford, recently called **Brian Cates** as minister of children and youth. Cates is a student at Union University, Jackson.

■ **Jim Loines**, pastor, West Side Church, Trenton, has resigned.



■ **Sidney R. Young**, 47, pastor, First Church, Paris, Texas, died Feb. 7 due to complications from surgery. Young was former pastor, Raleigh Church, Memphis. Young served as a pastor of churches in Louisiana, of which he was a native. He was active in the association and state Baptist work. Young was a graduate of Louisiana College, Pineville; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort

Worth, Texas; and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary. He is survived by his wife, **Debbie**, and two sons.



■ **Mount Sinai Church**, Buchanan, has bought 100 videos of the movie "Jesus" to distribute to its community.

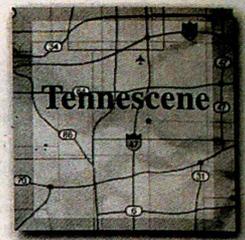
■ **Russwood Church**, Springville, plans to occupy its new building in February.

■ **Shady Grove Church**, Paris, is remodeling its parsonage. The congregation also has bought 25 videos of the movie "Jesus" to distribute.

■ The Rutherford Mass Praise Choir of Rutherford County will practice Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at **Murfreesboro's Southeast Church** for its final Reunion Concert March 27. Openings exist in singing and non-singing roles, said choir founder **Jimmy Tyson**. The interracial, interdenominational choir has raised over \$15,000 to aid catastrophically ill children through its benefit concerts. Members have represented 36 churches and nine denominations. For more information, call (615) 904-2165 after 4 p.m. or 890-2164 after 6 p.m.

■ **South Woods Church**, Memphis, will hold an Evangelistic Conference March 5-7. **Sam Tullock**, pastor, Cornerstone Church, Wylie, Texas, will speak. Tullock is professor of history, Collins County Community College. He has been involved in ministry for more than 26 years. Sessions will be held March 5-6 at 7 p.m. and March 7 at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, please call the church at (901) 758-1213 or check the church's web site at www.southwoodsbc.org.

■ A team of eight members of **Second Church**, Union City, served in Honduras Feb.



4-12. The group was led by **Dwayne Ervin**.

■ **Calvary Church**, Kingsport, will observe its 70th anniversary March 14. For more information, contact the church at (423) 245-9157.

■ A team of 24 members of **Red Bank Church**, Chattanooga, are building an orphanage in Honduras Jan. 30 - Feb. 21.

■ **First Church**, Henning, has sold its property and will relocate.

Training offered for tutoring

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The Tennessee Baptist Convention will offer a Tutoring Children and Youth Workshop at the Baptist Center here March 19-20.

The conference is designed for anyone who is involved in literacy ministry.

Illiteracy is a problem plaguing America. Sixty million adult Americans are functionally illiterate. One million 12-17 year olds cannot read above the third grade level.

Additionally, positive adult role models are lacking for many children and youth. Tutors can become these role models.



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Lee Hudson, wife of **Lawrence Hudson**, pastor of Monument of Love Church, Memphis, will lead the workshop.

She is a literacy missions associate, certified by the North American Mission Board.

The workshop begins on March 19 at 1 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m., the following day.

Meals and breaks are provided through the Golden State Missions Offering. The cost of the manual is \$10.

For registration information, contact **Beverly Smothers**, Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Ministries, (615) 371-2044. Deadline is March 5. ■