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## Where missions work isn't allowed

# First Church, Nashville, team visits Morocco

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Rus Roach, minister of missions and evangelism, First Baptist Church here, isn't put off by the fact that some countries are closed to missionaries and missions work. So about five years ago when he learned Morocco was such a country, he started praying for it and seeking ways to help Moroccans.

Then First Church began a ministry to Arabic people led by Allen Bennett, who is from Morocco. Roach learned Bill Hollaway, a member, had lived in Morocco. And a couple who had lived and worked in the country joined the church.

Roach was affirmed in his commitment to the country and, after some investigation, felt led by God to direct the congregation to send a group to visit Morocco. Members of the church responded.

A 10-member group visited March 30 – April 9 and prayerwalked through four cities, met and prayed with Christian

residents, and cared for the children of Christian Americans to allow them to meet and not worry about childcare.

The group cannot be identified to protect Moroccan Christians and other Christians there.

### To visit Morocco

Visiting the country isn't difficult because tourists are welcome, explained Roach. In fact, the country's economy relies on tourism and business with other countries, especially the United States, reported Charles, a member of the group who visited Morocco.

So Americans are welcomed there. But visitors and even residents are restricted from evangelistic activities by law. The country is Muslim and all Moroccans are Muslim by law.

The Tennesseans were warmly welcomed by Moroccans, group members reported as they recalled conversations in taxis, trains, and businesses. Many Moroccans speak English because it is taught in



A STREET on which the Tennesseans prayerwalked during their visit to four cities in Morocco.



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colleges. The group learned Moroccans are proud their country was the first to recognize the independence of the United States.

The Americans living there to do business and business people from other countries, mainly France, make up about .05 percent of the residents. Another .05 percent of the population is Jewish and the rest are Muslim.

The group was hosted by many families, including Muslim families, they reported. For example, a Muslim family

helped them experience a meal similar to that served during Ramadan.

To fully experience it, the Tennesseans fasted during the day prior to the meal, which had many courses and lasted several hours. According to group member Ron, who has visited several countries, it was the best meal he had ever eaten.

The Tennesseans also enjoyed visiting an Anglican church which draws expatriots or residents from other countries — See First, page 2



LEADING THE 75TH anniversary celebration of Gibson County Baptist Association April 22 were, from left, front row, Joe Franklin, assistant moderator and pastor, Eldad Baptist Church; Ken Sparkman, director of missions; Kathleen Sparkman, secretary/bookkeeper; Bill Hammonds, pastor of First Baptist Church, Trenton; second row, Bill McIlwain, retired DOM, Fayette Baptist Association, and former pastor in the association; Edwin Alexander, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Bethel Springs, and former DOM and pastor in the association; John Richardson, music minister, First Baptist Church, Rutherford; and R. A. Boston, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, and former pastor in Gibson County.

## Hope exists for alienated youth: Ross

For Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Alienated youth like those in the "Trenchcoat Mafia" at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., can be reached for Christ, said Richard Ross.

Ross, a youth ministry specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, said April 21: "... knowing a student doesn't really fit anywhere does reveal the touch point for the church."

Two members of the black trenchcoat-clad school group — loners who gloried in Satanism, weaponry, and Nazi lore, among other societal ills — have been identified as the — See Hope, page 3

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## Southern Baptists rush aid to Kosovo refugees

Baptist Press

TIRANA, Albania — Southern Baptists have sent an eight-member task force into Albania to help cope with the flood of Kosovar refugees that swells literally by the hour.

Seven missionaries arrived here from Bosnia on April 9 to set up a food distribution program, led by Bill Steele, a missionary based in Sarajevo. They are working with a \$100,000 appropriation from the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. The seven joined Lee Bradley who already was serving in Tirana as a church planter.

Workers hope to distribute 1,000 food boxes a week, enough to feed 4,000 people, and perhaps be able to double that number. They are also distributing blankets and other items as well. ■

## First Priority training slated

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — The TBC Evangelism Strategies Team, in association with the North American Mission Board, will be holding three First Priority regional training classes in the next three weeks.

First Priority is a campus ministry strategy for local churches to target junior and senior high campuses to reach students for Christ.

Sessions include:

April 29 — FBC, Smyrna, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; May 6 — Ground Zero Ministries, Kingsport, 12-4 p.m.; and May 11 — Cornerstone Church, Clinton, 6:30-9 p.m. Classes are free.

For more information, call (615) 371-7933. ■

## Where missions work isn't allowed

# First Church, Nashville, team visits Morocco

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tries. Residents were from Africa, Europe, and East Asia.

### Efforts

The group prayerwalked, which is walking while praying, through areas of Casablanca, Marrakech, Rabat, and Tangier. They targeted areas requested by Christians living in Morocco.

Some of their prayers were answered while there, group members said. Several Christians received visas or business permits during the visit of the Nashville group. And a Moroccan coach learned he might be attending a basketball clinic at a Nashville col-

## FBC Woodbury breaks ground; to build 'on the rock'



INTERIM PASTOR Tom Madden of First Baptist Church, Woodbury, is flanked by church leaders during the groundbreaking service April 18. Pictured are Donald Paschal, Dean Barker, Bill Jennings, Mitch Wilson, Marylee Campbell, Bruce Jessup, Marvin Jennings, David Odom, Grady Parker, and architect Morris Parker. — Photos by Lonnie Wilkey

WOODBURY — Members of First Baptist Church here broke ground April 18 for a 12,000-square-foot multi-purpose building which provide fellowship, recreation, and classroom space.

Interim pastor Tom Madden reminded members their church is built on the "cornerstone of Christ" as will be their new facility. ■



THESE ROCKS gathered by members of FBC, Woodbury, will be placed in a garden outside their new \$700,000 multi-purpose building. More than \$350,000 already has been given and construction has begun.

## Florida homemaker cautions against 'Noah's Ark'

Baptist Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — The NBC television network calls its upcoming "Noah's Ark" a lavish retelling of the biblical epic. But a Florida homemaker warns that it contains biblical inaccuracies, graphic violence, and sexual overtones.

Lisse McBride said the four-hour movie shouldn't be labeled family entertainment. She has been distributing flyers to friends and church members, advising them to avoid the May 2-3 miniseries, produced by Hallmark Entertainment.

"They twisted everything around," said McBride, who viewed a video copy. A former Southern Baptist who now attends a Nazarene church, McBride said she hopes to alert church members to the film's content, which she said will offend Christians and Jews alike.

One of McBride's complaints centers on the movie's opening, in which the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah are in the midst of battle and God warns Noah to take his family and leave.

In another distortion of Scripture, the mini-

series tells of Lot — depicted in the opening as Noah's best friend — turning against Noah and leading a band of pirates in attempting to seize control of the ark. The attack fails when God sends a whirlwind that sucks them under the sea, McBride said.

In reality, the two biblical accounts are separated by at least 1,000 years, according to David Block, professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who was contacted by Baptist Press.

In addition to the historical inaccuracy, violence is part of many other scenes, McBride said, and in the movie Noah's sons take girlfriends on the ark. That conflicts with the biblical account in Genesis 6:18 where God told Noah to go in the ark with "his wife, his sons and his sons' wives," McBride said.

Hallmark's Liz Sheppard, in responding to reports of inaccuracies in the production, said, "We did take a little bit of creative license but our intent is never to upset any particular group." In a press release distributed by NBC, the network said the movie is not blasphemous or disrespectful. ■

lege, which will enable group members to help him during his visit here.

The group also visited Spain where they cared for children during the meeting of some Christian residents of Morocco.

### Praying

The group will continue to pray for Moroccans, they reported, now they have visited the country. And Roach will continue to pray for Moroccans. He encouraged others to join them.

For more information on prayer needs in Morocco and how to visit, contact Roach at (615) 664-6000 or rus@fbc-nashville.org. *B&R*



A WOMAN carrying a load on her head walks with a child in Morocco.



SHOWING her decorated hands, a cultural tradition, is a young Muslim girl.

# Byler teaches Disaster Relief to Taiwanese

By Wm. Fletcher Allen  
For Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — The island of Taiwan off the coast of mainland China, is prone to major disasters — natural and sometimes man-made. In fact, an earthquake fault similar to California's San Andreas, splits the island nation's landscape.

One primary Southern Baptist disaster relief specialist lives right here in Middle Tennessee. The two just had to cross paths. And since the island wouldn't come to the man, the man went to the island. The results were far-reaching, and lives were changed.

Cameron Byler, retired director of Baptist men's work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, spent several weeks recently in Taiwan, teaching leaders how to cope with major disasters. It was a modern day "Macedonian call." Byler is a veteran "on the spot" relief specialist for more than 60 major disasters worldwide. For example, he was one of the experts in feeding thousands of Floridians when Hurricane Andrew struck several years ago.

Last November, Thad Puckett, Southern Baptist missionary in Taipei, Taiwan, contacted Texas Baptist Men about the need for a workshop on Disaster Relief. A tragic airliner crash led leaders to a sense of urgency. Jim Furgerson, executive director of the Texas group, recommended Cameron

Byler for the job.

Of course Byler agreed, and his efforts were so successful, he was asked to return for in-depth training sessions almost immediately. He also led the second phase of training in March.

The first phase of disaster relief training was done late last year. Leaders of Project Taipei, in conjunction with Taipei Christian Academy, planned the training events. Brandon Chang, academy director, proved to be a vital cog in the ongoing program.

Said missionary Puckett of Byler's first training event, "He was outstanding in his presentations, and demonstrated an ability to adapt the disaster relief efforts from his experience to the situation in Taiwan."

More than 200 people from Taiwan churches received introductory training in responding to natural and man-made disasters. In addition, 16 missionaries from the Taiwan Baptist Mission were trained.

Puckett said that while most of the church people who participated came from Presbyterian churches, Baptists were involved along with other denominations. He said the deadly crash of a China Air flight in February seemed to galvanize many Christian groups in learning how to prepare for disasters.

There were three sessions in Taipei during the first phase — and other training was pre-

sented in Pingtung, Taiton, Hualian, and Puli. Leah Chen and Stephen Lee, staff members of Grace Baptist Church in Taipei, helped as translators.

Byler said most of the church people seemed to think disaster response was the responsibility of the government. He encouraged them to see opportunities to respond to human need as a means of demonstrating the love of Christ.

Before Byler returned from that first trip, Brandon Chang arranged a meeting with the Taiwan Ministry of Health. Byler said he learned then that the ministry and other government agencies, were beginning to understand the need to prepare for disaster response.

In another breakthrough that came as a result of the China Air crash, the airline has established an emergency response center. Hermes Hsieh, China Air representative at training sessions, Puckett said, was enthusiastic about the contributions Christian groups can make in disaster response. Though not a Christian, Hsieh was open to help facilitate further training and meetings.

At the conclusion of the first

meetings, representatives from Taiwan's Year 2000 Gospel Movement the Chinese Baptist Convention, the Taiwan Presbyterian Churches, Taipei Christian Academy, and several other religious groups, met. Year 2000 Gospel Movement and World Vision Taiwan have been working toward mobilizing churches in disaster relief response.

Plans were made then to bring Byler back for additional training workshops. Puckett stressed that in addition to excellent work in presenting the training, Byler "was unapologetically evangelistic in his approach, pointing out opportunities for Christian witness that develop naturally when Christians respond to their communities in times of need."

So Byler returned to direct additional training in March, accompanied by Bob Simpkins, formerly with Kentucky Baptist Brotherhood, a founder of disaster relief there; and Charles McDade, Southern Baptist pastor from Midwest City, Okla.

The training was multifaceted, with the three trainers presenting logistical support issues that International Mission Board personnel could not have provided. Chinese Baptists were used to assist in hosting, and government agencies made credibility of the training a non-issue at the sites.

McDade led a special retreat for a leadership group stressing Critical Incidence



Stress Management.

Byler and Simpkins, with only two hours sleep because of late arrival, taught a session on advanced disaster relief. This part of the most significant training events was held at the National Fire Administration Central Office. They utilized role playing and provided mock disaster relief opportunities.

Present were representatives relating to fire prevention and control, health, communication, military, environment, social services, economics, education, weather, construction, hospitals and health care, China Air, and several church groups.

The Buddhists have been known for having a great feeding ministry — but Byler believes the government will call on evangelical groups now as well. He said participants saw they would have to work together in critical times.

Oh yes, for his leadership in the training, Byler was given a Lost Fireman Award, which is awarded only for outstanding service. The honor usually goes to firemen who have lost their lives while rescuing others. But he said his satisfaction comes in knowing that when the next disaster strikes Taiwan leaders will know more about how to respond. ■



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# Hope exists for alienated youth: Ross

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killers in the nation's deadliest school shooting spree April 20, which claimed 13 lives before they took their own lives by suicide.

"High school students today value relationships above everything," Ross said. "The hurting ones may initially ignore our buildings, ceremonies and doctrine, but most will respond to someone who genuinely cares."

"When they experience the warmth of relationship with other Christian students, a youth leader or even a senior adult, they are much more likely to understand God's offer of the ultimate relationship."

"In that relationship, damaged and even destructive hearts can be transformed."

Ross added, "Too many Baptist churches are happy to see a new student visiting, as long as he is white, wears Tommy Hilfiger, and was once state Bible drill champion. They are less than thrilled when the new ones smoke on the parking lot, have fishing tackle in their faces, and clap loudly when they like something in worship."

"Almost weekly I am with youth ministers who know how to reach those students, but they get their hands slapped by leaders when they do so," said Ross, who also serves as minister of youth at Tulip

Grove Church, Old Hickory.

"A church youth group must provide a uniquely Christian subculture and we must not allow new students to wreck that. We need more parents and other adults to volunteer to provide gentle but firm structure around all students. With that structure in place, we need to aggressively seek out and bring in students who have been damaged by life, he observed.

"If we don't, we can expect tragedies among students to continue," Ross said.

LifeWay Christian Resources published a book last year dealing with violence in American schools. In the 1998 Broadman & Holman book, *Kids Who Kill: Confronting Our Culture of Violence*, Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee explored the crises of youth violence pervading the country.

With the March 1998 school shootings in Jonesboro, Ark., Huckabee's state experienced firsthand the horror of youth murder. In fact, Huckabee was already writing the book when the shootings took place.

The book sketches out in broad terms the state of juvenile violence in America and examines the contributing factors of

the nation's cultural demoralization.

Recognizing that violence in schools and churches is a growing reality in the nation's youth culture, LifeWay's youth discipleship area began in the early 1990s thinking about ways to address the issue. In 1995, they began developing resources that would sensitize youth leaders to the violence around them and aid them in responding to it.

Currently the Southern Baptist agency offers resources such as "Positive Impact: Teen Violence Intervention Kit," which calls on youth to become peacemakers in their communities and offers them ways to do that.

LifeWay offers other small-group youth studies that address violence. Those include *Violence: A Sensitive Issue* and *Violence: The Desensitized Generation*.

A large group youth discipleship study, *Tm 412: It's Your Life* (based on the New Testament Book of Timothy), offers ethical discussion topics, some of which deal with violence.

The resources can be ordered by calling 1-800-458-2772.

Broadman & Holman books may be ordered on-line at [www.lifewaystores.com](http://www.lifewaystores.com).

To look at articles about youth violence published in LifeWay's Church Administration Magazine last year, visit the LifeWay Christian Resources website at [www.lifeway.com](http://www.lifeway.com). ■



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## Editor's work cited by BCA

For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Representatives from a Tennessee Baptist church, agency, and institution were among award winners at the annual meeting of the Baptist Communicators Association here April 22-24.

*Baptist and Reflector* Editor Lonnie Wilkey received a second place award in the feature series category for "Crisis in Ministry."

Kim Burke and the staff of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home were cited for "exceptional achievement in emerging technology" for their website.

Three staff members of Bellevue Church, Cordova, — Larry Thompson, Susan Word, and Wade Mealer — received several awards, one for "exceptional achievement in print media and design."

In addition, Linda Lawson of Clearview Church, Franklin, and the communications office of LifeWay Christian Resources were cited for "exceptional achievement in public relations." ■

Member of Englewood, Jackson

# Lanese Dockery leads SBC ministers' wives

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — Even though it has been some years since her husband has served a church as pastor, Lanese Dockery observes, "once a pastor's wife, always a pastor's wife."

Dockery, whose husband, David, is now president of Union University here, is completing a term as president of the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference. She is a member of Englewood Baptist Church.

"You never leave the ministry. It is a part of who you are," Dockery affirmed.

As president of the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference, Dockery has had significant involvement in the planning of the annual luncheon the conference has each year at the SBC annual meeting.

"Renewal on the Run" is the theme for the 44th annual session of the meeting which will be held in the ballroom of the Georgia World Congress Center, the same site as the SBC, at noon on June 15.

The luncheon session will feature Jill Briscoe, a pastor's wife who has authored or co-

authored more than 40 books, including *Renewal on the Run*, the book from which the meeting's theme is based, Dockery said.

"The theme represents what our officers feel is required of all ministry wives," Dockery said.

"Each church has its own calendar of events unique to its history. Ministry wives have the challenge not only to attend these events, but also often to have a active role."

She noted that today's pastors' wives are less available to do things because many have full-time jobs outside the home. "A lot of pastors' wives are running from one event to another," she said.

In order to maintain sanity Dockery stressed the importance of scheduling "your own personal time with the Lord. If you do not do it, it will not be done," she said.

"Keeping one's devotional and prayer life current is the avenue by which we resist burnout and have something from our own spiritual resources to share with others," Dockery observed.

Dockery sees her role now



LANESE DOCKERY

as an encourager and support person for ministers' wives.

Pastors' wives need encouragement from those "who have walked the walk and talked the talk and are still doing it on a consistent basis," Dockery observed.

She noted that often pastors' wives are expected to be the "mentors" for women in the churches they serve, but they do not have mentors or role models themselves.

That is one of the reasons Dockery asked Briscoe to speak at the SBC luncheon in June. Not only has she been

personally engaged in ministry for more than 30 years, she also "has allowed God to use her all over the world to encourage ministry wives," Dockery said.

Briscoe has been "a faithful teacher of Scripture, and this, coupled with her devotion to God and her heart for ministry wives, makes her a most appropriate role model for all of us," she said, adding that "we desperately need role models who show us what walking with Christ actually looks like."

Dockery has enjoyed her term as president of the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference. She served one year as president-elect prior to taking office this year.

"It has been fun for me developing relationships with former presidents and current officers," she shared.

Dockery is looking forward to the upcoming SBC luncheon and is encouraged that tickets for the luncheon have been significantly reduced in price this year due to achieving the first goal amount for the SBC Ministers' Wives Endowment Fund which was established in



1995 to generate income to defray costs of the annual luncheon to make it more affordable for every Southern Baptist minister's wife who wants to attend.

In addition, Dockery noted, some SBC agencies and state conventions, including the Tennessee Baptist Convention, have made contributions to the event.

"We are praying for 1,000 wives to attend the SBC luncheon," Dockery said.

Tickets ordered before June 1 are \$10 (tickets requested after June 1 and those purchased at the SBC prior to the luncheon are \$12). To request tickets, send a check (made payable to the SBC Ministers' Wives Conference) and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the group's treasurer, Diane Newell, at 8649 Autumn Green Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

■ — Debbie Moore of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary contributed to this story.

## Twenty-three state students commissioned as summer missionaries

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — About 250 college students rolled into Brentwood Church here April 9-10 for the annual State Spring Collegiate Conference.

Following the "example of Nehemiah," students were involved in worship, teaching, music, and leadership training.

Mike Glenn, pastor of

Brentwood Church, was the featured speaker for the weekend. Dave Hunt, worship leader and recording artist from Nashville, led in worship throughout the weekend.

Tennessee Collegiate Missions commissioned 23 summer missionaries from Baptist Student Unions across the state.

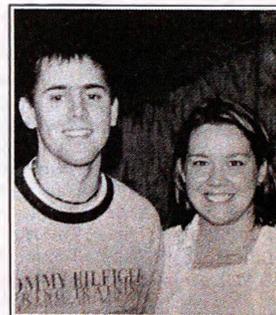
Parents, students, and cam-

pus ministers promised to pray for and support the student missionaries who will be serving across Tennessee, the United States, Portugal, Brazil, and Canada. The collegiate missions program is funded by Tennessee students.

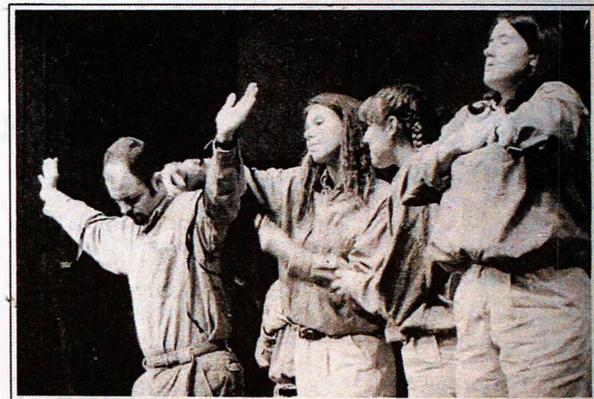
During the business session, Alecia LeMay, a student at Austin Peay State University, was elected State BSU President for 1999-2000. Freddy Wyatt of the University of Tennessee-Martin, was named vice president. Both are members of First Church, Clarksville. ■



**DURING THE** State Spring Collegiate Conference, 23 students from Tennessee Baptist Student Unions were commissioned as summer missionaries. Pictured are, from left, front row: Scot Toler, UT, Knoxville; Lora Hicks, UT, Knoxville; Emily Tollett, Tennessee Tech; Jennifer Donovan, ETSU; Selina Bradley, MTSU; Matt Glass, Tennessee Tech; Michelle Crosslin, MTSU; Deanna Mahaffey, MTSU; Jamie Sullivan, Motlow State; Ryan Morris, UT, Martin; Mary Coffman, UT, Martin; Melanie Simpson, UT, Martin; back row, Ivy Dixon, UT, Martin; Kim Thomas, Lincoln Memorial; Katie Hall, Carson-Newman; Dan Tatum, Belmont; Ruth Shallenberg, Motlow State; Sean Connable, University of Memphis; Tori Raby, Tennessee Tech; Kyle Roy, Austin Peay State; Kristin Duffy, UT, Chattanooga; and Jennifer Wooten, UT, Chattanooga. Not pictured are Neal Harville, Walter State; Kelley Rachel, Union; and Trevor Hill, Carson-Newman.



**NEW STATE BSU officers** are Alecia LeMay, left, of Austin Peay State University, president, and Freddy Wyatt of the University of Tennessee-Martin, vice president. Both are members of First Baptist Church, Clarksville.



THE DRAMA GROUP from Carson-Newman College performed during the State Spring Collegiate Conference.

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**Conference on**  
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Cost is \$20 (lunch included). To register and for more information, contact Leanne Robbins or Gene Nabi of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1-800-558-2090 ext. 2083 or (615) 371-2083, or at lrobbins@nbaptist.org

# 'That couldn't happen here' did — again

By Lonnie Wilkey, editor

What is becoming an all too familiar scene once again happened last week in Littleton, Colo.

And, the same familiar words sounded again, "We didn't believe something like that could happen here."

Unfortunately for 13 innocent victims, the 16 who were hospitalized, and the two young men who committed the horrible crime, it did happen again and it happened there.

As Christians we have to stop thinking that a horrible tragedy like that cannot happen in our own backyards.

In Tennessee, it already has happened — in 1995 when a young man walked into Richland High School in Lynnville and

gunned down a teacher and a student. It happened in our neighboring states of Arkansas in 1998 when two boys killed four students and one teacher in Jonesboro, and in 1997 in Paducah, Ky., when a 14-year-old opened fire on a group of students in a prayer meeting before school. Three girls were killed and seven classmates were injured. Those are not the only such cases in recent years.

It has happened before. Sad to say, it undoubtedly will happen again. Why?

Because Satan is still at work 24 hours a day, every single day of the year. Only Satan could have influenced two teenage boys to diabolically plan and carry out such a plan.

Satan is at work, but what about we as Christians?

On Sunday I was conducting one of my church visits for the TBC Executive Board at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Pastor Bill Owen talked about the tragedy. He noted Christians must begin to take an interest in others. Someone in the Kingdom has to compensate for apparently what is not being taught in the home, he challenged.

Are we as Tennessee Baptists going to be willing to take an interest and work even harder to share Christ among our children and youth? If not, I just pray we do not end up on the news one day saying, "You know, I just can't believe that happened here."

Our one consolation is no matter what Satan does, God ultimately is the victor. *B&R*



just for today

by Fred Wood, pastor emeritus, Eudora Church, Memphis



## Start with a smile

Visitor to Boss of a Company: "Why do you keep that goldfish in the bowl on your desk?" Boss: "It relaxes me." Visitor: "In way way?" Boss: "I like to see something around here with its mouth open not asking for a raise."

## Take this truth

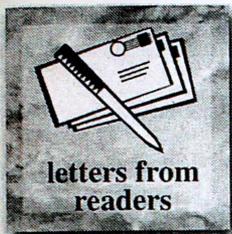
The boss is always the boss, whether he's right or wrong. Don't give an ultimatum unless you're emotionally ready to be turned down and "turned out."

## Memorize this Scripture

"Good will come to him who is generous. ...who conducts his affairs with justice. ... He will have no fear of bad news." — Psalm 112, 5,7

## Pray this prayer

"Lord, help me in every confrontation to remember who's in charge, what inning it is, what the score is, and who's got the ball." ■



## Appreciates evangelists

I am writing this letter as an expression of praise, thanksgiving, and encouragement. Our church recently completed the best revival meeting I have experienced in my adulthood. It was so refreshing to have great attendance every service, many conversions, and recommissions, people pouring out their hearts in prayer for loved ones, and the wonderful presence of God's Spirit that left people lingering long after the services were dismissed.

We have seen God continue to move in the lives of people. All of this ultimately resulted from many good and godly people who sought God to begin a work in our midst.

Through prayer, God also uses people. I am thankful for the team of evangelists, all from Tennessee, who shared their ministries with us. This included preaching evangelist Henry Linginfelter of Alcoa, vocalist Carolyn Reed of Nashville, and saxophonist/violinist Gene North of Morristown. God's hand is upon these full-time evangelists.

I encourage our churches to use our Tennessee evangelists. When God, a church, and a team of evangelists all connect, the door is open for God to begin a wonderful work.

Greg S. Howard, pastor  
South Clinton Church  
Clinton 37716

## Growing concern

The letter in the April 14 issue prompted me to write about a growing concern I have regarding accusations against unorthodoxy which have been aimed at my alma mater, Carson-Newman College, for the past year or so.

The writer notes "C-N excels in academics, but in my estimation, she falls critically short of

her foremost qualification — an orthodox view of Scripture." He cites no evidence why he holds this view or why others should accept it. How is Carson-Newman unorthodox? What specific instances — publications, lectures, sermons, or statements by college officials, etc. — can be presented to support this broad generalization and judgment?

His assertion stands in direct contradiction to my firsthand experience with Carson-Newman College. I received a first-class academic and religious education there, and I left the school with a strengthened Christian faith. Both my mother and sister had similar experiences at C-N as well.

If any Baptist institution fails to live up to its professed mission, I believe it should be criticized. I believe equally strongly that anyone accusing an institution of failure should state the specifics clearly, fully, and directly. Then, and only then, can the institution address the situation and, if necessary, correct any misalignment between its mission and its program.

Travis Ball Jr.  
Newport 37821

## Baptist omission

The trend to omit the name "Baptist" when referring to a church is, to say the least, upsetting to me. More and more often, I see that in the *B&R* — First Southern Church, Pikeville; Eudora Church, Memphis, etc. — with very few listings including the word "Baptist."

The Baptist Book Store is now LifeWay Christian Store. What's next? Are we Baptist? Or are we something else?

First and foremost, I am a Christian; second, I am a Baptist, a Southern Baptist.

Am I narrow minded? Yes, indeed! Are there others who agree with me? Absolutely.

Kathleen Pendergrass  
Bon Aqua 37029

— This is not the first correspondence the *Baptist and Reflector* has had concerning this matter. Our policy for many years has been to omit the word Baptist from churches because it was assumed Baptist was part of the

name. In recent years a trend has developed where the name Baptist is intentionally left out. Our staff has discussed the matter and decided we will begin to use the word Baptist in a church's name on first reference in a story. — Lonnie Wilkey

## Enough is enough

The recent attacks on Carson-Newman College and its religion faculty in letters to the editor and statewide independent mailings are untrue, evil, hurtful, unChristian, and unBaptistic. The subtly sinister attacks do more than state a matter of opposing opinion. They attack the personal integrity and Christian life of Christlike people. That is the heart of evil and it drives a wedge between the people of God.

I know what I am talking about. I am pastor to many on faculty at C-N. I know of their deep personal love for Jesus Christ and their commitment to the Bible as God's Word. I know their churchmanship, how they give hour upon hour in sharing their gifts for the cause of Christ through missions, Christian education, and humble service. They are people who have grown up under Baptist programs and have been educated in Baptist colleges and seminaries. They have been and continue to be people who live at the very center of what it means to be Baptist and Christian. As a close observer I can say that is the heart and soul of Carson-Newman College. It is a profoundly Christian and Baptist place.

Without exception the religion faculty are people who have given their lives in service to Jesus Christ and the people of God. They love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. They have made Christian faith and Bible study their life work and committed thousands upon thousands of hours in the study of God's Word in order to "rightly divide the Word of truth." Whatever tools they use in their work, they use to the glory of God. Judging from their intelligence and giftedness, they have made significant financial and lifestyle sacrifices in order to teach young people "a more excellent way." I can see attacks on these fine Christian servants

and their Christian integrity as nothing less than the essence of evil.

I have waited too long in writing. So have many others waited too long in standing up and saying, "Away with the lies. Away with the mean-spiritedness. Away with the power hungry manipulators." We have allowed good people to be hurt and their integrity questioned without response. I hope people will stand up and say at our next TBC convention, "Enough is enough."

Bill Johnson, pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Jefferson City 37760

## Prayer needed

As I prayed for our church this thought came to my mind. If this is true and, I believe it is, where is this peace he gives to us?

Surely it is in our hearts but is it spreading? Are we like the Sea of Galilee or are we more like the Dead Sea? Do we know this peace ourselves but are failing to tell others it is also available to them?

"My house shall be called a house of prayer." Are we more involved in our own plans than we are in seeking the will of God?

There is a very evil war going on right now. What are we, as Christians, doing about it? What would Jesus have us do? Jesus never led his followers to fight in this kind of battle. He healed the one Peter hurt on the night of his arrest.

Do we truly believe that God will do his work when we pray? Which one of us can do anything without him? We have the privilege of prayer. We can talk to God and believe that he hears and works on our behalf.

Do we have prayer meetings in our churches? What has happened to the people who used to get on their knees and plead for God to act?

When I was younger I prayed that God would show me what to do. Then, I found that he says to pray and he will do the thing that needs to be done. Let us come together in prayer as Christians and wait and see what he will do.

Dorothy Blake  
Alcoa 37701

## Partnership Prayer Requests April/May

**April 29** — Pray for IMB missionaries Ken and Lygia Lovelace who serve in Portugal where they are seeking homes for Bible study in Porto Salvo and Sao Marcos.

**30** — Pray for ministries of Detroit's HOPE Baptist Center, a ministry of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan.

**May 1** — Pray for the 250 Tennessee volunteers who will serve in the May 23-June 1 simultaneous revivals and citywide crusade in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**2** — Praise God for the recent Youth Evangelism Conference held in Michigan.

**3** — Pray for Paul Johnson, national church planter consultant for the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, and his wife, Linda, as they look for a new home by May 14 in the Cochrane area.

**4** — Pray for churches in Michigan that do not have pastors.

**5** — Pray for a 10-member team from Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, that will teach VBS June 19-27 to MKs in Lisbon, Portugal. The team leader is Heather Wilson.



## Baptists minister amid crisis at school shooting

Baptist Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — Denver-area pastor Butch Caner has never seen the horrors of war, "but I assume it would

have been something like this."

Caner, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Aurora, was among several ministers brought to Columbine High School here as the nation's worst-ever school shooting unfolded April 20, taking 15 lives, including the two weapons- and bomb-wielding youth clad in black trenchcoats who invaded the school.

"Some people kept asking, 'Why, God, why?' It was specifically to these families we ministered most," Caner said. "They needed someone to assure them that God is not the author of sin and that he wanted to bring them peace.

"We had amazing opportunities to share Christ," Caner

said of his ministry which extended to 9:30 that night. "With the media swarming and secular counselors giving no hope, we really had the chance to share Jesus. It was ministry on the front lines, which is exactly where the church should be," he said. ■

## Roy Honeycutt begins recuperation

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Nearly three weeks after open-heart surgery, former Southern Baptist

theological Seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt left a hospital here April 19 and is recuperating at home.

According to SBTS President R. Albert Mohler Jr., Honeycutt "had a very difficult recovery. He was literally fighting for his life."

"It was the prayers of our friends in Louisville and beyond that made the difference. I am convinced of that," Honeycutt said in a telephone interview April 20.

People wishing to correspond with Honeycutt can write him at 2911 Lilac Way, Louisville, KY 40206. ■

## SEBTS raises tuition

Baptist Press

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted during their April 12-13 meeting to increase the school's budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year by \$1.8 million to \$13.1 million. Trustees also approved a 20 percent increase in tuition for seminary students and 33 percent for college students. ■

## CLASSIFIED

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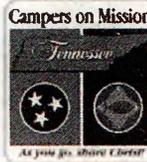
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## Tennessee Campers on Mission

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Register by May 12. Call Mr. James Jennings at (615) 563-2424 or Beverly Smothers at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building 1-800-558-2090.

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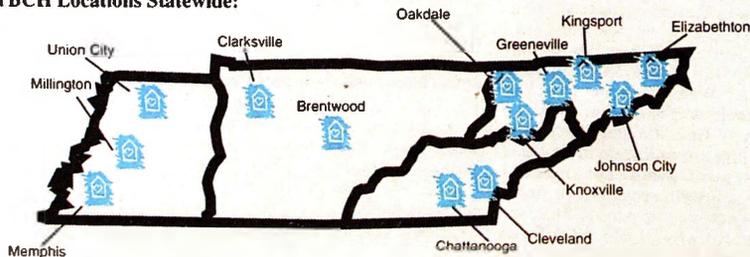
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## Life and Work Lesson

# Loving presence

By Roy Graves

**Focal Passage — I Samuel 22:1-5;  
Psalm 142:1-7**

A postal worker noticed the mail had not been removed from the mailbox at a particular home for several days and notified the authorities. Upon investigation they realized the elderly lady who lived there had died a few days before. Neighbors came in to "go through her things" to make arrangements for her funeral. Her diary was found and the first page revealed these words, "No one came today." As a matter of fact her diary was filled with an entry everyday that read, "No one came today." I believe she died a broken-hearted and lonely lady. Perhaps you are lonely.

Crowd and loneliness (I Samuel 22:1-5). You have heard it said, "misery loves company." In David's case he was miserably lonely and escaped to a cave only to find loneliness lived there too. You cannot find comfort in a cave. David had over 400 people to gather around him in his time of loneliness, but he was still lonely. The worse degree of loneliness is to be surrounded by people and still be lonely, especially if you believe the people don't care. People sit in the crowded pews of our churches each week and are lonely. We need to hear their cries.

Cry and loneliness (Psalm 142:1-3). David starts this "maskil" (psalm of instruction) by indicating the severity of his loneliness; "I cried ... I poured out my complaint." In other words, he held nothing back in volume or verbosity when he spoke. The fact that this Psalm is a prayer is significant. David cries out in a prayerful lament for the Lord to hear him. Notice David didn't settle for less than the ears of God to hear his cry. It is good for others to hear our cry of loneliness, but we should take our loneliness to the one who can ultimately do something about it.

Caregiver and loneliness (vv. 3-7). In verse five David cried unto God, "Thou art my refuge ..." Fenelon wrote a few lines that can help us understand who our caregiver is and how to approach him with our loneliness. "Tell God all that is in your heart, as one unloads one's heart, its pleasures and its pains, to a dear friend. Tell him your troubles, that he may comfort you; tell him your joys, that he may sober them; tell him your longings, that he may purify them; tell him your dislikes, that he may help you to conquer them; talk to him of your temptations, that he may shield you from them; show him the wounds of your heart, that he may heal them." David grew to have that kind of prayer relationship with God and it helped him overcome his loneliness. It will do the same for you.

Community and loneliness (v. 7). David viewed his loneliness as bondage but believed God would release him to the happy support of "the righteous." As a community of faith we have a ministry of keeping people free from the bondage of loneliness. People need Christ-like companionship from the Christian community.

A newspaper carried an ad, that read, "I will listen to you talk for 30 minutes without comment for \$5." The ad drew 10 to 20 calls a day. Do people find loving companionship in our churches when they are lonely? — Graves is pastor, First Church, Kingston.

# Purpose of Jesus' death

By Tommy Ferguson

**Focal Passage — John 12:23b-28, 30-37, 42-43**

The question — vv. 20-21. It is amazing that these proselyte Greeks wanted to see Jesus. They had already been through the process of rejecting their former pagan cults to be Jews by religion. The Jewish religion had offered a much better lifestyle but still only served as a bandage to a critical wound. They hear of Jesus and now they want to see him. From the request our Lord reveals himself as the crucified Savior. In the next 29 verses we will discover the Jews as revealed to those seeking Greeks.

The hour — vv. 23, 27b. Our Lord previously responded that "his hour had not come yet." Suddenly, the dreaded hour arrives. Just in these two statements we must take into consideration the providence of God in our daily lives. We must see a Savior who does not act upon whims but order and design. We see in verse 27 that there is also purpose with this hour, "but for this cause came I unto this hour." We as Christians understand that any hour of adversity that we face there is a cause and purpose.

## Family Bible Lesson

The glory and honor — vv. 23-28. Jesus uses an earthly agriculture illustration to demonstrate the heavenly truth. Seed that is still in the comfort of its container will eventually die alone without reproducing fruit. Jesus came from heaven and planted himself on earth. Thirty-three years would elapse being exposed to the sinful elements of this world. They would take our Savior and nail him to a cross. By staying on that cross he made it possible that we might experience salvation and be the first fruits of the resurrection. Jesus and the Father were not only glorified with the baptism but also the cross. Some-

# Prayer for repentance

By Jerry Reagan

**Focal Passage — Psalm  
51:1-17**

Psalm 51 is the story of joy possessed, joy lost, and joy restored in the life of David.

**Sin in relation to God (vv. 1-2).** The psalmist offers an urgent plea for mercy. He bases his plea upon the unchanging love and mercy of God. He wants to be forgiven of his wrong doing. "Blot out my transgressions." Transgressions are those sins that are committed in willful rebellion against God. David asks that they be "blotted out," or erased as a recorded debt would be erased upon receipt of payment. He asks to be "washed thoroughly from my iniquity." Iniquity is the twisting, or watering down of God's ideal. Iniquity is the result of transgression. Washing means to trample, or beat which refers to the way that laundry was washed on the side of a stream with the water and dirt being beaten out of the clothing. He wanted removal of defilement. He acknowledges that repentance is sometimes a painful process, and at no time is it easy. He asks to be cleansed from sin. Sin is the falling short of God's ideal. It is settling for less than God wants you to become. David wants complete removal of sin in every form.

**Sin in relation to the sinner (vv. 3-9).** David accepts responsibility for his rebellion. He is ever mindful of his

## Explore the Bible Lesson

falling short of what God intended for him. He realizes that all sin is first sin against God who loves unconditionally and unchangingly. He does not excuse his wrong doing even though he was born into a sinful society. He knows that truth and wisdom are internal and not external qualities.

David is not content with a ritualized rededication, he wants his sin dealt with in a radical way. David's sins involved guilt acquired by shedding of blood. There was no ritual atonement for this sin. He calls for "purging with hyssop." Hyssop was used in cleansing ceremonies when blood from a sacrifice was sprinkled upon a leper, or a person who had touched a corpse. David took sin seriously. He calls again for washing (or trampling) so he can enjoy God's fellowship. He knows that with cleansing will come joy and gladness, and the bones broken in the washing, or trampling will rejoice. He asks God to hide his face from his (David's) iniquities.

**Sin in relation to others (vv. 10-19).** One of the biggest, and most effective, lies that Satan tells is that when a person sins, "he only hurts himself." David had sinned against Uriah, who

times the will of God will be a "baptism" experience, and we enjoy those. Eventually the glory comes through the cross, the infirmities.

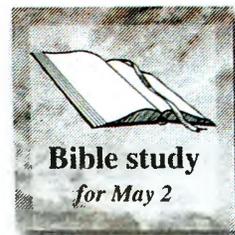
The voice — vv. 28b, 29. Commentator Ivor Powell wrote this concerning the voice, "It is not surprising that the bystanders failed to recognize what God said. They had failed to recognize the voice of the Son; how could they expect to recognize the voice of the Father? They spoke with the same accent, and enunciated the same truth. To know the one is to appreciate the other, to believe the one is to recognize the one who sent him."

The cross — vv. 31-33. Verse 32 reveals the way Jesus would die. Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross brought about three victories: sin is judged, satan is defeated, and salvation is available to all who would look to the cross and accept Jesus.

The preconception — v. 34. The people had wrong notions. They said, "We have heard." They needed "spiritual hearing aids." They had earlier mistaken God's voice for thunder and an angel and now they "heard out of the law." Many times we hear from the Word of God what we want to, not what is actually said.

The responses — vv. 37, 42-50. Verse 37 records they had proof of his claims of being their Savior. Yet they believed not on him. Verse 42 reveals that many chief rulers believed on him but were afraid to confess him. These men were more concerned about the power and clout they would forfeit. Jesus said, "you reject my light, you reject the Light of God, you reject my words, you reject God's words. And you will face the consequences."

How many times have we committed the same sin? We knew the truth concerning a particular situation but we spoke to please man instead of God. May we say with the apostle Paul, "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." — Ferguson is pastor, Ivy Memorial, Nashville.



had been loyal to him: against Bathsheba, who must have had some love for him; against his family; against the nation; but the one hurt most was God. David had sinned against the one who loved him the most. David did sin against himself and he was forgiven, but "the sword never departed from his house."

David calls for the creation of a new heart and the renewal of a right spirit in the presence of God as he was led of the Holy Spirit. Being a forgiven transgressor (rebel) and sinner, he is qualified to teach other transgressors and sinners of God's forgiving and cleansing love. Freedom from guilt causes him to sing of his deliverance from the guilt of shedding blood, and about God's righteousness. He will offer the sacrifices that delight God. "A broken and contrite spirit ... thou wilt not despise." Now that God's king is restored to fellowship with God again, God's city can worship with the sacrifices of righteousness.

This study from the life of David should cause us to confess our rebellions, our settling for less than God expects, our falling short of God's ideal. We may not have committed adultery, lied, or murdered, but there are other ways of falling short of God's ideal. David took sin seriously. So should we. — Reagan is pastor, South Fork Church, Friendship.

## people

■ Alder Springs Baptist Church, Maynardville, ordained **Ermal Breeding, J.C. Bowles, Theo Coppock, Mike Duncan, and Jason Malone** as deacons recently.

■ **Norman Coulter, Phil Patterson, and Billy Shivers** were ordained as deacons by First Baptist Church, Trenton, April 11.

■ **Paul King and Jim McWherter** were ordained as deacons April 18 by New Hope Baptist Church, Dyer.

■ **Roger Snoddy and Brian Edwards** have been ordained recently as deacons by First Baptist Church, LaVergne.

## leaders

■ **Henry Chiles**, pastor emeritus, Central Baptist Church, Bearden, Knoxville, was honored April 25 as Short Street was named Henry Chiles Street. Mayor Victor Ashe, a member of the church, led the event. The street is near the church parking lot at the intersection of Deane Hill Drive and Kingston Pike. Chiles served the church as pastor 1951-72. Following his service at the church, Chiles served as a home missionary in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention. He retired in Knoxville in 1990.

■ **David Al Myers**, director of missions, Hamilton County Baptist Association, based in Chattanooga, will be honored May 10 for 15 years of service. A reception will be held at the association office from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call the association at (423) 267-3794.

■ **Billy Garner** has been called as pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Greenfield.

■ **Ralston Baptist Church, Martin**, has called **Scott Penick** as pastor.

■ **Mack's Grove Baptist Church, Dresden**, has called **Joe Byars** as minister of music and youth.

■ **First Baptist Church, Manchester**, has called **Cyndi Cox** as director of Christian education and **Adam Womack** as interim youth director.

■ **Signal Mountain Baptist Church, Signal Mountain**, has called **David Helms** as minister of music.

■ **Tim Holcomb** of the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff has been called as interim minister of education, First

Baptist Church, Clarksville. And **Dan Lay** has been called as minister to students.

■ **First Baptist Church, Dandridge**, honored **Robert McCray** for 40 years of service as pastor April 18. Activities included a special morning worship service and an afternoon reception.

■ **Wilhite Baptist Church, Wilhite**, has called **Rick Burnett** as youth and education minister.

■ **Larry Spears** was called as pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, effective April 4.

■ **New Prospect Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg**, has called **Leland Johnson** as pastor, effective April 4.

■ **Jim Hunt**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Andersonville, has been called as pastor, Northside Baptist Church, McMinnville, effective May 9.

■ **Mark Bolden** of Gravelly Baptist Church, Kingsport, was ordained to the ministry recently and called as pastor of a church in Fairview, Va.

## churches

■ **Meridian Baptist Church, Knoxville**, celebrated its 125th anniversary April 11. Features were "Voices from the Past," a reunion concert of New Promise, and an afternoon reception.

■ **Cottonwood Baptist Church, Ridgely**, is holding revival through April 30. **Rick Burton** is speaking.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sharon**, began meeting in its newly redecorated sanctu-

ary recently.

■ **First Baptist Church, Greeneville**, held a revival April 11-14. As a result, 31 people made professions of faith, 21 people requested baptism, one person committed his or her life to full-time service, and two people joined the church by letter. **Henry Linginfelter**, evangelist of Alcoa, and **Carolyn Reed**, evangelist of Nashville, led the music.

■ **Blue Springs Baptist Church, Rutledge**, held revival recently and as a result 24 people made professions of faith and about 50 people rededicated their lives to God. **Edward Pullen Jr.**, pastor of the church, and **William Burton**, pastor, Montvue Baptist Church, Morristown, spoke.

■ **First Baptist Church, Troy**, is holding a Women's Conference May 15. For more information, call (901) 536-4710.

■ The Woman's Missionary Union of **Wartrace Baptist Church, Wartrace**, will present "Trust Him," an event for women May 8. Speakers include **Ann Davenport** and **Carolyn Outland**, volunteer consultants in women's evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention; **Linda Knott**, coordinator for prison ministries, Nashville Baptist Association; and **Pat Williams**, a dietician of Nashville. For more information, call (615) 389-6759 or 389-6335.

■ **Youth of First Baptist Church, Parsons**, participated in a World Changers Weekend in Jackson recently in which they worked on a community project.

■ **New Hope Baptist Church, Dyer**, is holding re-

vival until April 30. **Pat Kough** is speaking.

■ **Pleasant View Baptist Church, Clinton**, observed its centennial anniversary April 9-11.

■ **Laneview Baptist Church, Kenton**, is holding revival until April 30. **Kevin Shrum**, pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, is speaking.

■ **Brook Hollow Baptist Church, Nashville**, will celebrate its 45th anniversary May 2. Features include historical displays and special services. For more information, call the church at (615) 352-1295.

■ **Laneview Baptist Church, Trenton**, is holding revival until April 30. **Robert Johnson** is speaking.

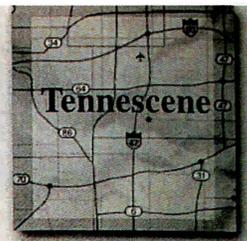
■ **Hickory Hill Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet**, will hold revival May 9-12. **Kevin Shrum**, pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, will speak. For more information, call the church at (615) 754-2575 or 316-9913.

■ **Evangelist David Ring** of Franklin will speak at **Belleuve Baptist Church, Cordova**, May 1 at 7 p.m. and May 2 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (901) 385-2000.

■ **Second Baptist Church, Chattanooga**, will celebrate its 119th homecoming anniversary May 2. Guest speaker will be **Kenneth McElhane**y.

## associations

■ **Wilson County Baptist Association**, based in Lebanon, will hold a Spiritual Gifts



Prayer Retreat for ladies May 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. The leader will be **Yvonne Fisher** of First Church, Donelson. For more information, including costs, call (615) 444-8820.

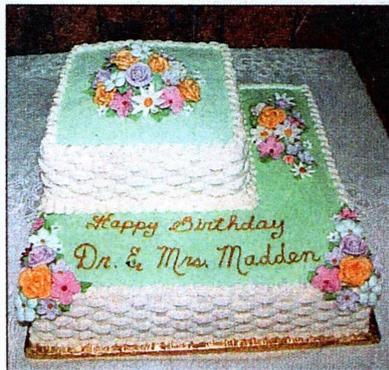
■ **Sullivan Baptist Association**, based in Kingsport, will hold a World Missions Conference May 2-5. Members of churches there will hear about 30 missionaries speak.

■ **Nashville Baptist Association** will observe the annual National Day of Prayer May 6 with an afternoon of prayer by intercessory prayer groups for language groups and low income homes, and involving prayerwalking groups. For more information, contact the association at (615) 259-3034.

■ **Beulah Baptist Association**, based in Union City, will lead a project in Sioux City, Iowa, to lead a camp for children and build a church July 17-24. For more information, contact the association at (901) 885-2151.

■ **Cumberland Baptist Association**, based in Clarksville, is seeking recommendations and resumes for its director of missions position. Respond to Administrative Committee of the association, P.O. Box 3837, Clarksville, TN 37043.

## Tom, Edna Earle Madden celebrate birthdays



*DURING the April 18 groundbreaking of First Baptist Church, Woodbury, members also celebrated the 80th birthday of Tom Madden, interim pastor and retired Tennessee Baptist Convention executive director, and the April birthday of Edna Earle Madden, his wife. The Maddens live in Murfreesboro. (See other photos on page 2)*

