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by Wilkey and Reflector

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As a result, he has received e-mail from almost every state in the nation and spoken on several talk radio stations as far away as California.

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Baptist among those killed on U.S. Navy ship

Baptist Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Seventeen U.S. sailors are dead and about 36 are injured after an apparent terrorist attack on a U.S. Navy destroyer Oct. 12 in the Middle Eastern port city of Aden, Pentagon officials said. Meanwhile, local Southern Baptist churches are mobilizing relief efforts to minister to the families of the sailors aboard the USS Cole.

At least one Southern Baptist sailor was aboard the USS Cole, according to Helen Spore, a communication specialist at First Baptist Church, here.

"We've met with his wife and their three children," Spore said. "It's a very difficult time not knowing."

There was no word on the status of the sailor, she said.

David Mullis, associate for military chaplaincy with the North American Mission Board, told Baptist Press there was likely not a Southern Baptist chaplain or any other chaplain actually on board the USS Cole when it was hit. However, he confirmed that Southern Baptist chaplains are based in Norfolk and would be available for assisting families.

Spore said First Baptist sponsors a military wives encouragement group that was meeting Oct. 12. "It was definitely a topic of conversation and it was a coincidence that they were meeting on the morning of the attack" Spore said.

Pat Daniels, office administrator for the Norfolk Baptist Association, said their office has been extremely busy coordinating retired Baptist chaplains and pressing them into service.

"We've also extended our help to the military, offering to find them a church site for the families to come together and to find housing for families coming into the area," Daniels said. ■

Partnership Prayer Requests

October

19 — Pray for a two-member team, led by Mike Garrett, pastor of Meridian Baptist Church, Crossville, as they lead revivals Oct. 19-23 at Living Hope Community Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

20 — Pray for a 23-member construction team, led by Stone Baptist Association Director of Missions Frank Hickman, Oct. 6-24 as they build a chapel in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

21 — Pray for the new Central West Team in Portugal, made up of IMB missionaries. They are praising God for recent contacts made through a street painting ministry.

22 — Pray for Northland Church in Love, Saskatchewan, Canada, as they begin Cottage Bible studies in Smeaton.

23 — Pray for Sharon and Steve Ford, IMB missionaries to Portugal, as they develop a youth mission team to reach people.

24 — Pray for Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, as it partners with a new church start in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

25 — Pray for the family of Ann Sprouse, former IMB missionary to Brazil, who died Sept. 2.

Golden State Seminary braces for possible layoffs

Baptist Press

MILL VALLEY, Calif. — Facing the prospect of drastically reduced Cooperative Program support from Texas Baptists, officials at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary are eyeing staff layoffs and other cost-cutting steps before the end of 2000.

Seminary trustees meeting at the Mill Valley, Calif. campus Oct. 10 authorized President William O. "Bill" Crews to begin immediately mapping out budget cuts "to reflect potential losses from the proposed actions by the Baptist General Convention of Texas." The action refers to a proposal recently approved by the BGCT executive board to cut some \$4.3 million from Texas Baptists' support of six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Messengers from Texas Baptist churches will vote on the proposal at the BGCT annual meeting Oct. 31.

"If they were to somehow miraculously vote to leave their budget as is, it makes a lot of this immaterial," Crews said in an interview with the

California Southern Baptist. However, Crews added determinedly, "We can't wait to find out what the impact of Texas is before we make our adjustments."

Crews said Golden Gate Seminary's share of Texas Baptists' Cooperative Program gifts last year totaled \$514,000. Under the BGCT proposal, that amount would shrink to less than \$19,000 next year. Crews said the impact would be felt quickly.

"We will of necessity need to reduce our administrative and support staff in the terms of probably \$130,000 to \$140,000," Crews said. ■

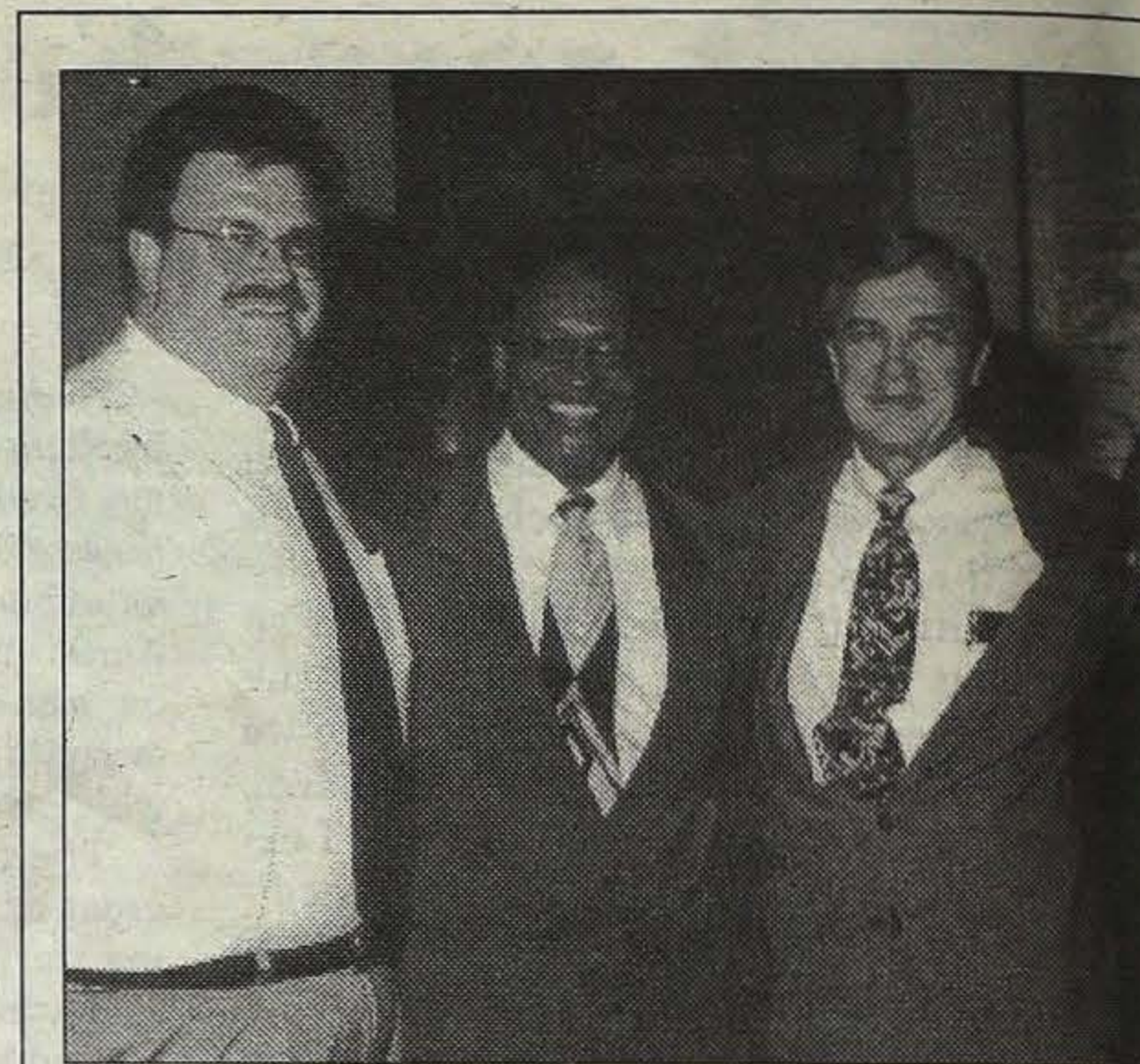
Southern Baptist workers in Israel ask for prayer

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JERUSALEM — As one of the most violent uprisings in years continues between Israel and Palestinians, Southern Baptist personnel in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank remain safe but poised for possible evacuation if conditions worsen.

They appealed to Southern Baptists to avoid taking sides and to pray for all involved in the conflict. More than 80 people have died as the conflict stretched into its second week. Pitched gun battles, rock throwing, and other fighting continued in Hebron, Ramallah, and Netzarim but violence also broke out in Nazareth, the home town of Jesus.

Hopes for a peace accord seemed faint as Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak threatened further military response if the Palestinian leader, Yass-



Celebrating missions

Leaders of the On Mission Celebration of Salem Baptist Association, based in Liberty, pause during the Sept. 23-27. From left are Ric Lee, pastor, Auburn Baptist Church, town; John Foye, missionary, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chasham, director of missions, Salem Association; and his wife. Thirty churches of the association participated. Other missionaries, other speakers included Anita Coleman, missionary to Japan for 38 years; Don Kammerdiener, International Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Penny Stacy, McMinn, former missionary to Brazil; and David McDonald, missionary in Nebraska and Colorado.

er Arafat, did not end the conflict. But raw emotion and hatred are always plentiful in this troubled land and neither side seems prepared to back down.

More than two dozen Southern Baptist workers are currently assigned to Israel and about a dozen to Gaza and the West Bank, though some of these are in the United States for periodic assignments there.

Southern Baptist workers in Gaza City live and work near demonstrations which have united thousands of Palestinians — including political parties usually divided — in vivid displays of hatred towards Israel. ■

Roseberry Church honors pastor

For Baptist and Reflector

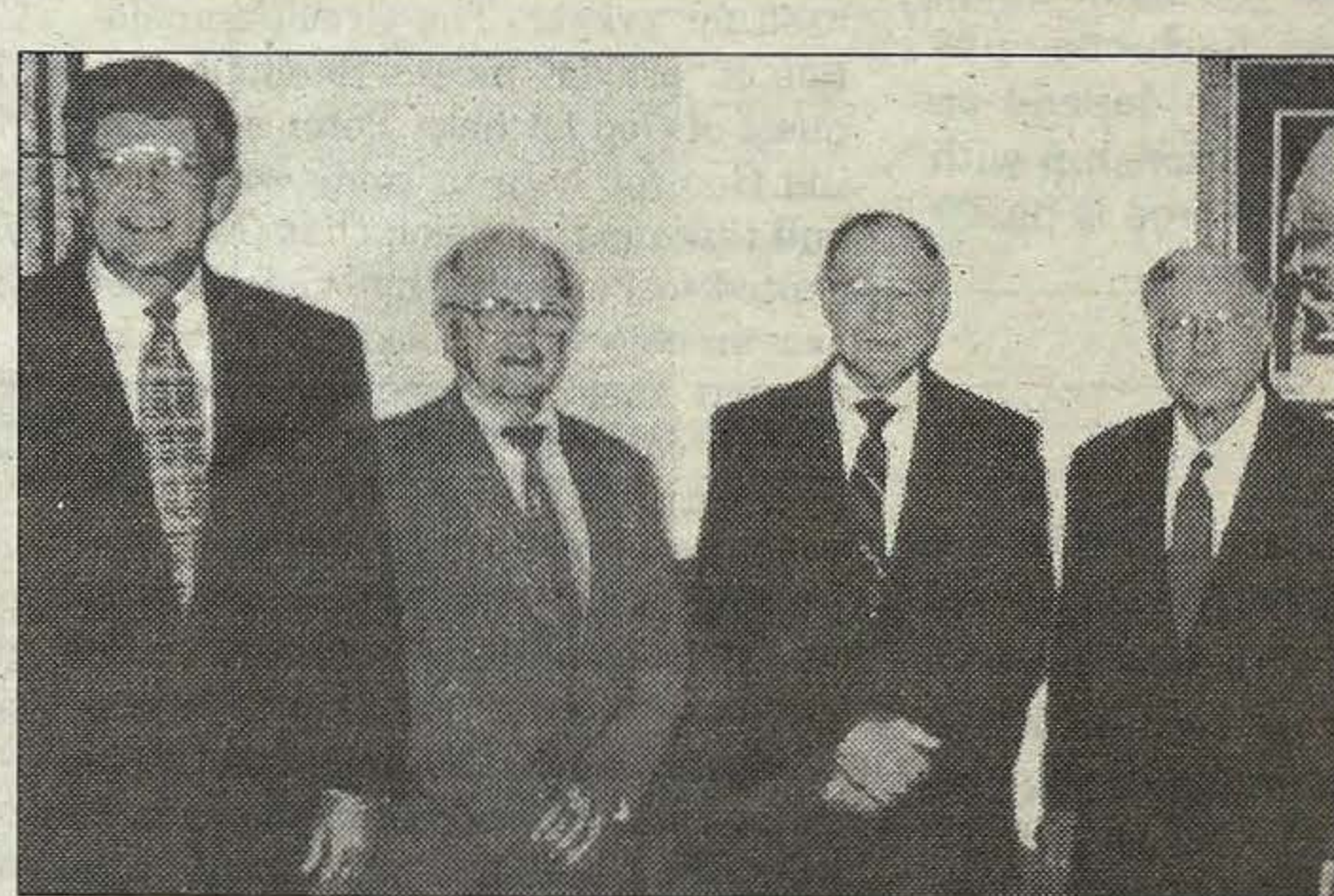
MASCOT — Ken Shinlever was honored on his 25th anniversary as pastor of Roseberry Baptist Church here.

Shinlever surrendered to the ministry in 1975 at Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville. He served there as minister of youth and education and held a pastorate in North Carolina before accepting the Roseberry position in 1975.

The church had a granite plaque made which will be built in the Family Life Center they are preparing to build. The family life center will be named after Shinlever in honor of his service to the church and community.

An oak tree was planted in the churchyard symbolic of the roots the pastor has put down at the church.

Church members signed personal coupons upon which members pledged "something nice" for the pastor during the coming year. ■



Anniversary celebration

Pausing during the 150th anniversary celebration/homecoming of Ararat Baptist Church, Jackson, Sept. 23-24 are, from left, J.V. Davis, pastor; and former pastors Charles Taylor, 1956-64; George Hill, 1985-90; and Verl Masters, 1946. Also present was Alfred Royer, 1947. Taylor, who also was a professor, Union University, Jackson, spoke during the morning worship service which drew about 300 people. Other activities included a Saturday afternoon reception, video presentation of the church's history, and music feature including former ministers of music.

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Carter renounces Southern Baptist ties

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ATLANTA — Former President Jimmy Carter, Southern Baptists' most famous layman, says he feels "excluded" by the Southern Baptist Convention and "can no longer be associated" with the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

As a candidate in 1976 who introduced the term "born again" into the political lexicon, as a president who was criticized for witnessing to world leaders, as a goodwill ambassador through his work with Habitat for Humanity, and as a Sunday School teacher at his small church in Plains, Ga., Carter has been one of the most visible and respected Southern Baptists for 25 years.

But in a letter and press statement released Oct. 19, Carter lamented the new "creedal" direction taken by the SBC. He said the recent changes in the Baptist Faith and Message doctrinal statement are "profound and revolutionary" and reflect an "increasingly rigid SBC creed." The letter, along with a tape from Charles Wade, was mailed beginning Oct. 18 to Texas Baptist Committed's national mailing list at a cost of more than \$75,000. Texas Baptist Committed is an organization of moderate Baptists in Texas.

Carter, 76, will continue to be a member of a Southern Baptist Church. Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, where he is a deacon and Sunday School

teacher, sends half of its missions contributions to the Cooperative Program and half to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, a moderate group of Southern Baptists that Carter has openly supported in the past. ■

BWA leaders call for prayer for peace

Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The current Middle East turmoil has prompted the top two leaders of the Baptist World Alliance to issue a call to prayer.

In a joint statement, BWA General Secretary Denton Lotz and President Billy Kim of Seoul, South Korea, noted that "at the close of the first year of the millennium, instead of peace, we have war."

"Whereas the beginning of the 20th century was one of optimism and hope for a Christian century, the 21st century has begun with pessimism and hopelessness. Racial conflict, ethnic cleansing, and now the sound of war in the Middle East remind us of Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem."

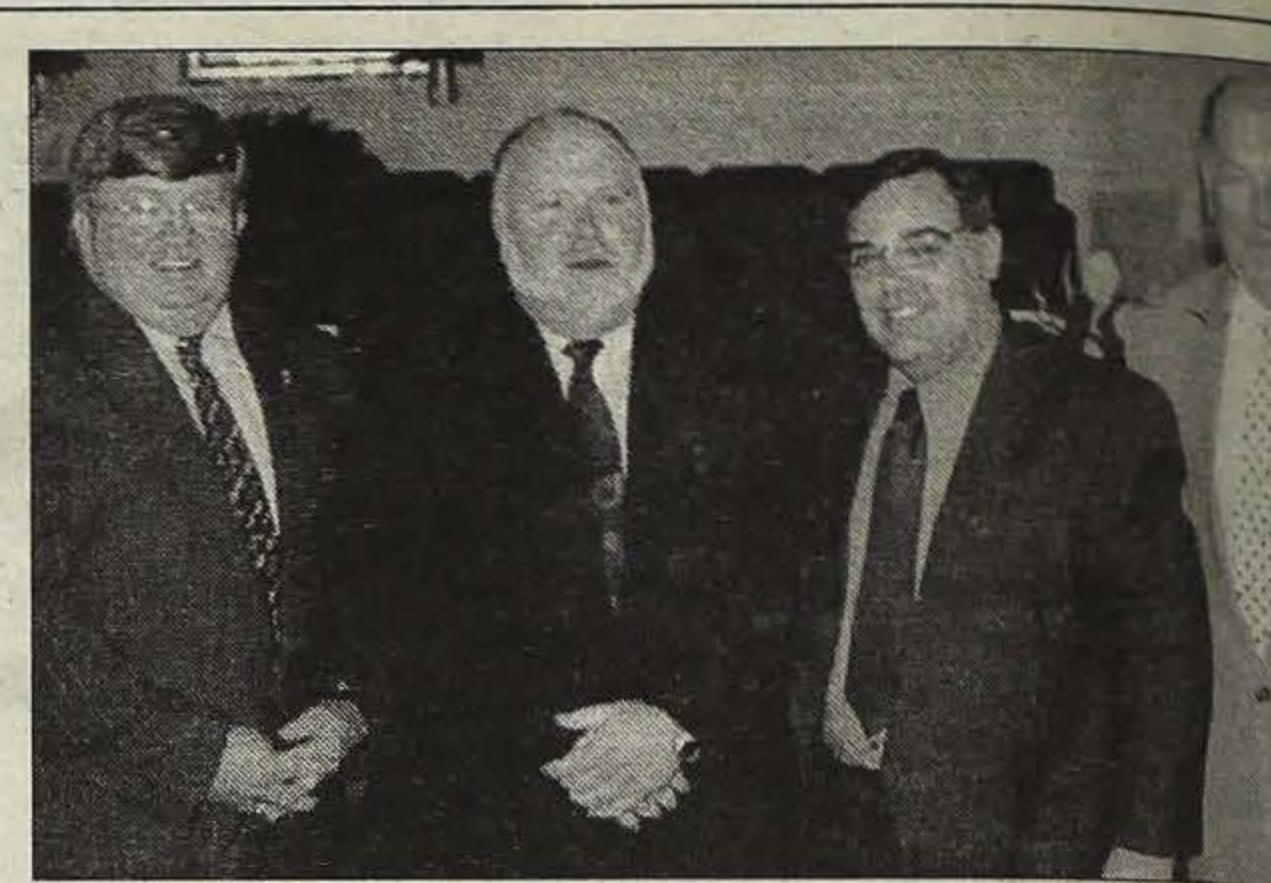
"Jesus' cry, 'Would that even today you knew the things that made for peace' is the universal cry of men and women worldwide. In the face of the terrible slaughter of innocent people, on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we as Baptists must be peacemakers."

"We call upon our brothers and sisters not only in the Middle East, but worldwide to pray and work for peace." ■

CBF takes first stance against homosexuality

Baptist Press

ATLANTA — The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, an organization of moderate Southern



Big Emory elects officers

Messengers to Big Emory Baptist Association's 125th a meeting elected new officers Oct. 12. From left are Acres, director of missions; Sonny Works, pastor, First E Church, Sunbright, moderator; Mark Umbehagen, pastor, tral Baptist Church, Kingston, outgoing moderator; and Goodman, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Harriman, Tommy Hensley, pastor of Kellytown Baptist Church, Springs, was elected associate moderator.

Baptists, has taken its first stand on homosexuality.

A two-paragraph statement on homosexuality was adopted by the CBF Coordinating Council in a 35-23 vote during its Oct. 13 sessions in Atlanta, according to news reports.

Titled "A Statement of an Organizational Value Regarding the Funding of Partners," the statement reads:

"As Baptist Christians, we believe that the foundation of a Christian sexual ethic is faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman and celibacy in singleness. We also believe in the love and grace of God for all people, both for those who live by this understanding of the biblical standard and those who do not. We treasure the freedom of individual conscience and the autonomy of the local church, and we also believe that congregational leaders should be persons of moral integrity whose lives exemplify the highest standards of Christian conduct and character."

"Because of this organization-

al value, the Cooperative Fellowship does not allow expenditure of funds for zations or causes that advocate, or affirm homosexual practice. Neither does the organizational value all the purposeful hiring of person or the sending of sionary who is a practicing homosexual."

According to an Associated Baptist Press story, CBF pastor Daniel Vestal said time for CBF to address sue as an organization CBF is "being defined by emies on the right and friends on the left. I feel time for our organization do some self-definition and depend on others to define Vestal said."

He said that very few churches would ordain a sexual to the ministry or a same-sex union, according to the ABP story.

The CBF stance, however, makes no stipulation regarding the involvement of such as in the CBF. ■

News services disagree on report of assets of SBC agency

Compiled from news reports

NASHVILLE — Leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention's two missions agencies say an Oct. 10 Associated Baptist Press article is misleading in alleging that the SBC is "sitting on more than \$1 billion in assets."

The ABP story cited totals compiled from the *SBC Annual* by the Baptist Center for Ethics based here.

"BCE Bytes," the agency's e-mail newsletter reported investments, cash, property, and equipment at the SBC's two mission boards and six seminaries as totaling more than \$1,016,000,000. ABP used the figure in a story detailing a series of recent developments in a funding dispute between the SBC and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Jerry Rankin, president of the SBC International Mission Board, told Baptist Press that financial reserves — built largely through wills and other designated gifts from individual Baptist donors — were utilized at the initiative of the agency's former president, R. Keith Parks, to continue expanding the missionary force as its growth

began outpacing increases in the SBC-wide Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions and the SBC's Cooperative Program. The initial vision for such reserves dates back to Parks' predecessor, Baker James Cauthen, Rankin added.

Rankin said reserve funds can be tapped for emergencies such as relocating missionaries during unrest or natural disasters, or for specific work, such as Bible distribution or medical missions.

"The problem with the (ABP) report," Rankin said, "is that it does not discuss the reserves in the context of the scale of our missionary work." He also criticized efforts to "persuade churches to diminish their support" to Southern Baptist programs.

A spokesman for the North American Mission Board also weighed in. NAMB is required "to maintain sufficient reserves to manage cash flow and to provide for unanticipated economic downturns," said Martin King. He also said the agency took \$5 million out of reserves last year for "front-line missions."

"To imply that the North American Mis-

sion Board has some secret wealth is misrepresenting the truth," King told Baptist Press.

The BP article also said that using same figures, the Baptist General Convention of Texas' assets would total more than \$3.2 billion.

BCE head Robert Parham defended the figures.

"Neither Rankin nor King dispute veracity of BCE's figures," Parham said. "They chose to defend their agency's significant reserves."

The BP story also disputed quotes attributed to Parham that SBC leaders had played the value of denominational for fear of losing financial support from churches. The two leaders pointed out the figures compiled by Parham were distributed in the *SBC Annual*.

"While asset information is a matter of public information," Parham replied, "agencies have not sought to share this information through news releases and increasing letters. ..." ■ — Contains information from BP and ABP reports.

That 'rope of sand' continues to hold

Wilkey, editor

ern Baptists this year are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention convenes in a city, the CP will be a point of emphasis because it was in Memphis in 1925 that the Cooperative Program was

Cooperative Program has grown to be one of the best ways to support cooperative missions. In fact, many Baptists are the envy of many other denominations because missionaries worldwide do not have to raise their own support. They can minister and win souls for Jesus Christ because Southern Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, meet their physical needs.

In the years the CP has been affected by denominational politics and the withholding of CP gifts. This year is no different. Texas Baptists next week are considering a funding shift that will drastically affect the Cooperative Program. We need to pray that good decisions will be made.

Leaders of the Texas convention no doubt feel they are justified in their action because they are an autonomous convention, comprised of autonomous churches. Many Texas leaders feel they have been "shut out" by SBC leadership.

Southern Baptist Convention leaders have been critical of the Texas proposal and have been working to "soften" the blows of decreased funding. They need not only be concerned about the Texas situation, but giving by those within their own leadership ranks.

Threats to the vitality of the Cooperative Program are not just limited to one side or group. A cursory glance at Tennessee currently serving on SBC agencies and boards reveals that several are from churches that give less than 10 percent of their funds through the Cooperative Program. This would undoubtedly be true nationwide. In fact, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., where current SBC President James Merritt is pastor, gives less than 4 percent through the Cooperative Program, according to a recently published report. Several churches of SBC presidents in the past 20 years have given little support, percentage-

wise, through the Cooperative Program.

James L. Sullivan, retired president of LifeWay Christian Resources (formerly Baptist Sunday School Board), once described the Cooperative Program as a "rope of sand."

It's amazing how after 75 years the Cooperative Program — that rope of sand — has withstood despite all the pressure of being pulled and tugged by Southern Baptists of all persuasions.

In his revised *Baptist Polity — As I See It*, published in 1998, Dr. Sullivan wrote: "Because of its importance and influence, it stands as the first point of open attacks by enemies of spirituality who oppose Southern Baptist cooperative endeavors and seek to injure, by incessant criticism, not only our denomination, but also the entire Christian movement. Fortunately, the Cooperative Program has withstood the test of the many unjustifiable attacks and will continue to do so because of its undeniable merits."

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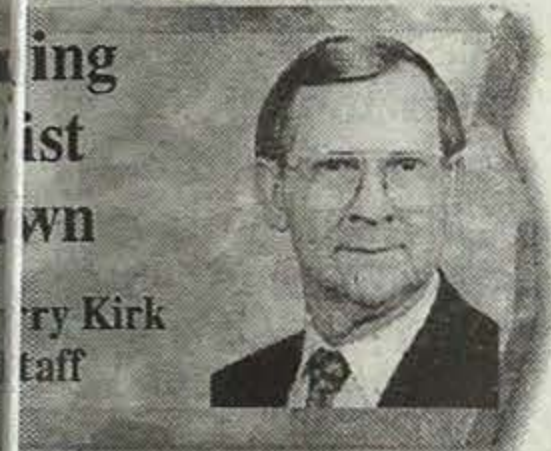
The CP may not be the perfect system of missions support, but it comes close because it allows every Southern Baptist, regardless of the size of his or her church, to join together in supporting mission and ministry causes, not only in their own state, but around the world.

In the years and months ahead, the CP will undoubtedly be threatened time and time again. I am convinced Satan does not want the CP around because it is so effective. A word of caution — we, as Tennessee and Southern Baptists, must never let the vehicle itself (the Cooperative Program) overshadow or become more important than God.

The Cooperative Program will prevail as long as Southern Baptists use it, not for political gain or power, but to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Let's keep that rope of sand strong. **B&R**



At the celebrations continue across the state



evangelists on the "saw-tooth," many of your TBC Board staff have been on the "association trail" for months, making association after association.

will ask, "Isn't that after a while?" No, just opposite — it is exciting. It's interesting to see and hear what glorious things our Lord is doing in so many of our church-

es. We hear so much negative talk about the church today, we too often think association meetings should be funeral times rather than celebration times.

Yes, some of our churches have refused to reach out to their communities. Rather than "taking the land" they have "taken a stand." They have substituted "hoarding the faith" for "keeping the faith." They are camped, entrenched, and fortified; they have strung spiritual barbed wire around their buildings.

But report after report shows so many of our churches focusing on missions, ranging from Rio to right next door. New

churches are being accepted into the fellowship. There are reports of prison ministries and hospital ministries. In short, there are reports of local visions with global implications and implementations. I say, let the celebrations continue.

I have heard excited directors of missions giving reports celebrating fruitful ministries. These DOMs have been called many things through the years. I learned at one association their first DOM was called a colporteur. Then, there were the titles, superintendent of missions and association missionary, before the present term.

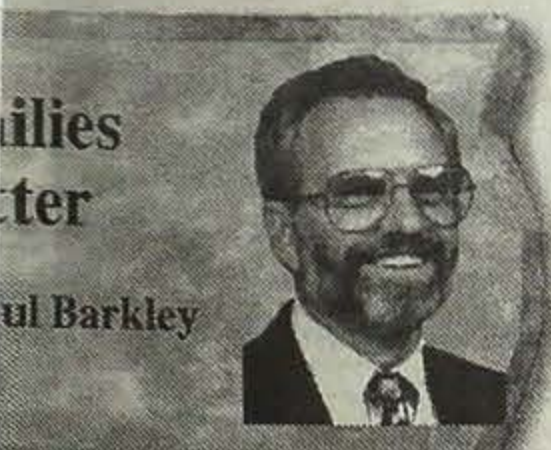
While the title hasn't changed in Tennessee, the phi-

losophy has changed back to being an association missionary.

I long for, and see, the day when the title and focus will be area missionary. Under this approach, two or three associations will cooperate together like churches, having an area leader that is a missiologist, a church planter as well as a leader in leadership development. High-tech equipment and travel make this possible and practical, leaving greater resources for impacting the churches — old and new.

I'm excited. Let the celebrations continue. ■ — Kirk is leader of the Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Author offers principles for dealing with anger



Linda S. Mintle, author of *Killing Kids*, recently published an article in *Christ-Counseling Today* addressing the subject of how families can address the problem of anger. I would like to summarize 12 suggestions.

Parents should create a safe place where they are connecting with their kids in a climate of love and love.

Parents need to know their children emotionally and spiritually.

There is no substitute for quality and quantity — with our children.

(4) There should be an effort to reduce stress as much as possible.

(5) Parents should keep their problems between the spouses. Children should not be burdened with adult concerns.

(6) Parents should know their children's friends and activities.

(7) Interpersonal conflicts and problems should be solved in nonviolent ways.

(8) Parents should set appropriate

limits and use appropriate discipline with children.

(9) Parents should set the example and be good role models for anger management.

(10) Abuse in the family must be addressed and dealt with appropriately.

(11) Families should have regular activities together.

(12) Fathers should develop meaningful and sustained relationships with their children, regardless of their circumstances.

While these suggestions are general and can apply to more than simply anger issues in the family, I do believe that when parents apply these principles to the family relationships, the inappropriate expression of anger will decrease. ■ — Barkley is professor, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, Memphis, and a family therapist in private practice.

Church of the Covered Dish

By Thom Tapp, pastor, Oral Baptist Church, Lenoir City



Partnership Prayer Requests October

26 — Pray for Art and Dottie Dennis, IMB ISC Nicaragua Disaster Response volunteer coordinators, as they schedule recovery projects to help victims of Hurricane Mitch.

27 — Pray for Wallace Johnson, pastor of Community Church in Charlotte, Prince Edward Island, and the church as they reach out across Canada for Christ. Ask God to bless their efforts.

28 — Pray for Brenda Highfill, IMB journeyman, who is assisting Brenda Hallock, IMB missionary to Brazil, with the Tennessee/Rio de Janeiro partnership. Ask God to bless their efforts.

29 — Pray for Cornerstone, Hatchet Lake, and Living Hope Community churches in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Ask God to bless their efforts.

30 — Praise God for the medical teams that served this year in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Ask God to continue to open doors for medical teams to travel to Brazil.

31 — Pray for the people of Okanagan Falls, British Columbia, Canada. The Canadian Southern Baptist Convention is praying for all Okanagan Falls residents in the phone book. Ask God to bless their efforts.

School 'field trips' draw 277 students to Christ

By Glenda Roach
For Baptist and Reflector

RUTLEDGE — There are some who would say that religious freedom is being tested more and more each year, especially in public schools.

They would also observe that presenting the Gospel during the school day is a thing of the past.

But that's exactly what happened recently in Grainger County.

About a year ago God began working in the hearts of two men — one a pastor and the other a layman — who shared a common desire to see revival take place in the local schools.

Randy Beeler, pastor of Washburn Baptist Church, who lives on the north side of Clinch Mountain, and Clay Mathews, a layman at Blue Springs Baptist Church, who lives on the south side of the mountain, shared that common concern and desire.

The county has one public high school to serve each side of the mountain — Washburn and Rutledge high schools — along with four "feeder" schools.

God moved in the hearts of the two men to bring to fruition an evangelistic crusade to be held in Washburn and Rutledge, which would include students from grades

four through 12.

Grainger County Baptist Association became heavily involved in the effort, according to Director of Missions Dennis Cagle.

Through early promotion of the events, people of other denominations were invited to participate.

Community churches that shared the same desire were invited to discuss the possibility of holding evangelistic services that would reach out to students, along with other residents of the county.

Beeler and Mathews served as crusade coordinators.

From those early meetings, leaders were identified who prayed and worked for about one year to see the crusades come about in both communities (Sept. 25-27 in Washburn and Oct. 2-4 in Rutledge).

Scores of volunteers served as chaperones, ushers, and counselors.

The meetings were held on private property, within walk-

ing distance of each high school. Elementary and middle school children were bused to and from the services.

The school board worked with crusade leaders and attorneys to adopt a policy that would allow any student who had parental permission to be released for a "religious training" field trip, which was divided into two-hour increments and spread over three days.

Morning services were held Monday through Wednesday at both locations with a total of 144 students coming to know Christ as Lord and Savior. In addition there were 133 other decisions and/or prayer con-

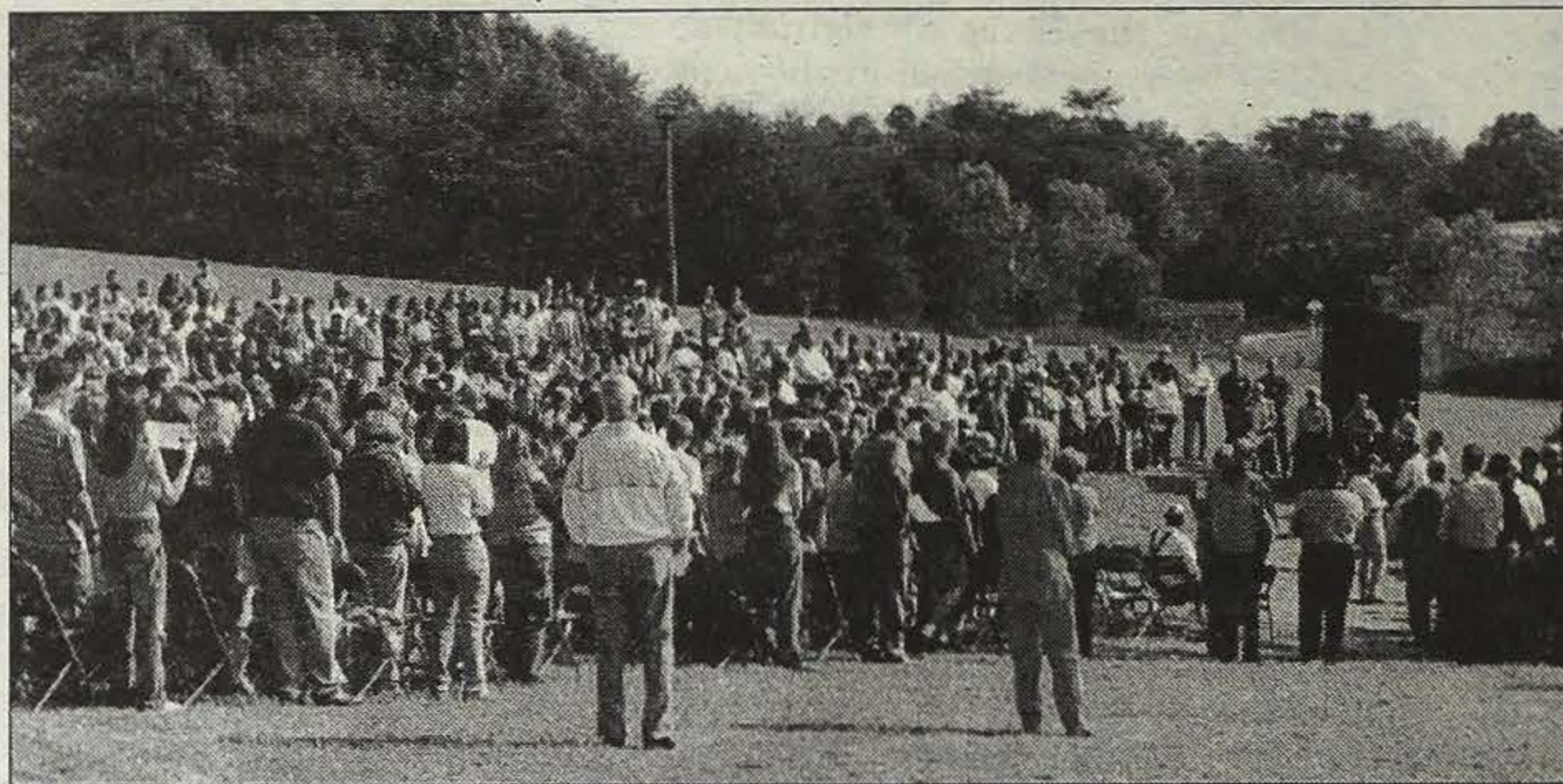
cerns. The morning services averaged 800-plus in Rutledge and 400-plus in Washburn.

Evening services also were held with a community worship event beginning on Sunday and continuing through Wednesday.

Evening attendance reached a high of 400 in Washburn and peaked at 1,000-plus in Rutledge.

Services in Washburn were led by local evangelist Jerry Epperson. Cagle led the morning services in Rutledge while Stacey Lawson, pastor of Oakland Baptist Church, Rutledge, led the evening services.

As Southern Baptist prayer



STUDENTS from Rutledge High School and surrounding schools gather for a crusade on private property during school hours. A similar crusade was held on the other end of Grainger County near Washburn High School. There were 277 decisions made for Christ, including 133 professions of faith.



leader Henry Blackab say, "it was a God-sized event," but through God the crusades took place. Christians in Grainger County are giving God glory, honor, and praise, clearing the way for the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who made decisions, a local leaders.

Dates for a fall crusade 2001 already have been set.

For more information, contact Dennis Cagle at Grainger Baptist Association at (865) 821-1111. — Roach is a guidance counselor at Rutledge High School.

Watts takes

— Continued from page 3 — Watts was able to walk with the help of his therapists and the buoyancy of the water.

"The major goal right now is Wade walking," says Watts. "It's what we're aiming for."

Both Nancy and Wade commented that they intend to return to the mission field.

"We would like to go to Peru if that's where he wants us to go back," says Watts. "If God chooses us to go, where else, we're going and follow his will where that might be."

As for Marcus, now 10, recently surpassed his brother in school, making the honor roll. He is doing well and continuing to improve.

Watts asks those who have been praying for the family to "just persevere and pray and keep praying for us."

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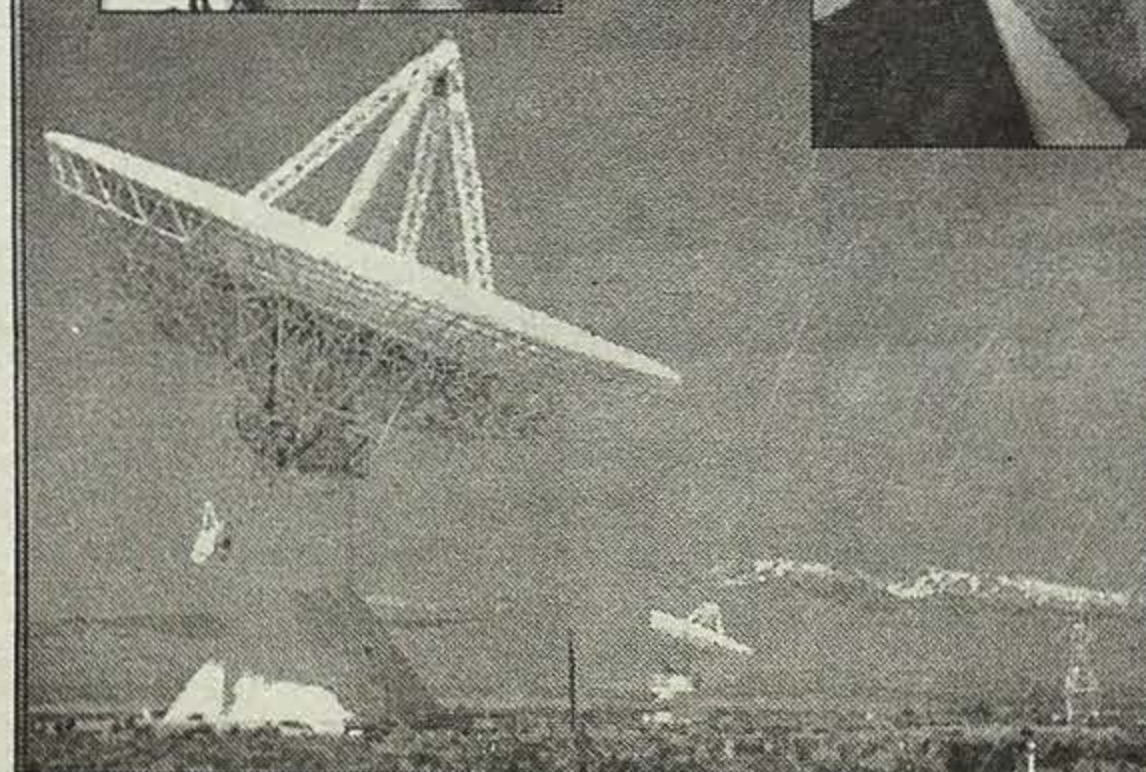
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From your missionary

From five states

Baptists build over 300 houses in Nicaragua

By Marcia Knox
For "The Macedonian Call"

A two-year evaluation of a five-state Baptist convention Disaster Relief Response to Nicaraguan victims of Hurricane Mitch recently revealed that the number of homes built almost equals the 317 volunteers who worked there, according to TBC officials.

"Tennesseans should feel proud of their Disaster Relief response to Hurricane Mitch of 1998," said Tim Bearden, TBC Missions Awareness and Involvement Group leader. Bearden recently returned from an evaluation trip to Nicaragua along with Terry Sharp, Partnership/Missions Volunteer Team leader.

Bearden and Sharp traveled Aug. 7-10 to Nicaragua to evaluate the five-state partnership. Accompanying them were leaders from the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Baptist General Association of Vir-

ginia. The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware is also a member of this convention partnership. The Nicaraguan Disaster Relief Response partnership paradigm will officially end at the closing of this year, according to Sharp.

"There were three excellent results which came from the new partnership paradigm," said Sharp. "The Nicaraguan Disaster Relief Response was the first time that TBC Disaster Relief and Partnership/Volunteer Missions worked together using our strengths."

"Secondly, we actually modeled cooperation within the other four state conventions to help minister, meet the needs, and attain the results in Nicaragua. Each of the conventions brought different strengths to the table which modeled the cooperative program."

"Thirdly, as we were working on projects several teams were made from volunteers from different state conven-

tions. Sometimes, five state leaders were combined with state conventions' laypeople to work together."

The recent two-year evaluation by the IMB and the TBC showed some surprising results.

The evaluation revealed that there have been over 866 professions of faith in Nicaragua where six new church starts have begun. In addition to numerous construction teams, there was one medical team from Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, which treated 770 patients.

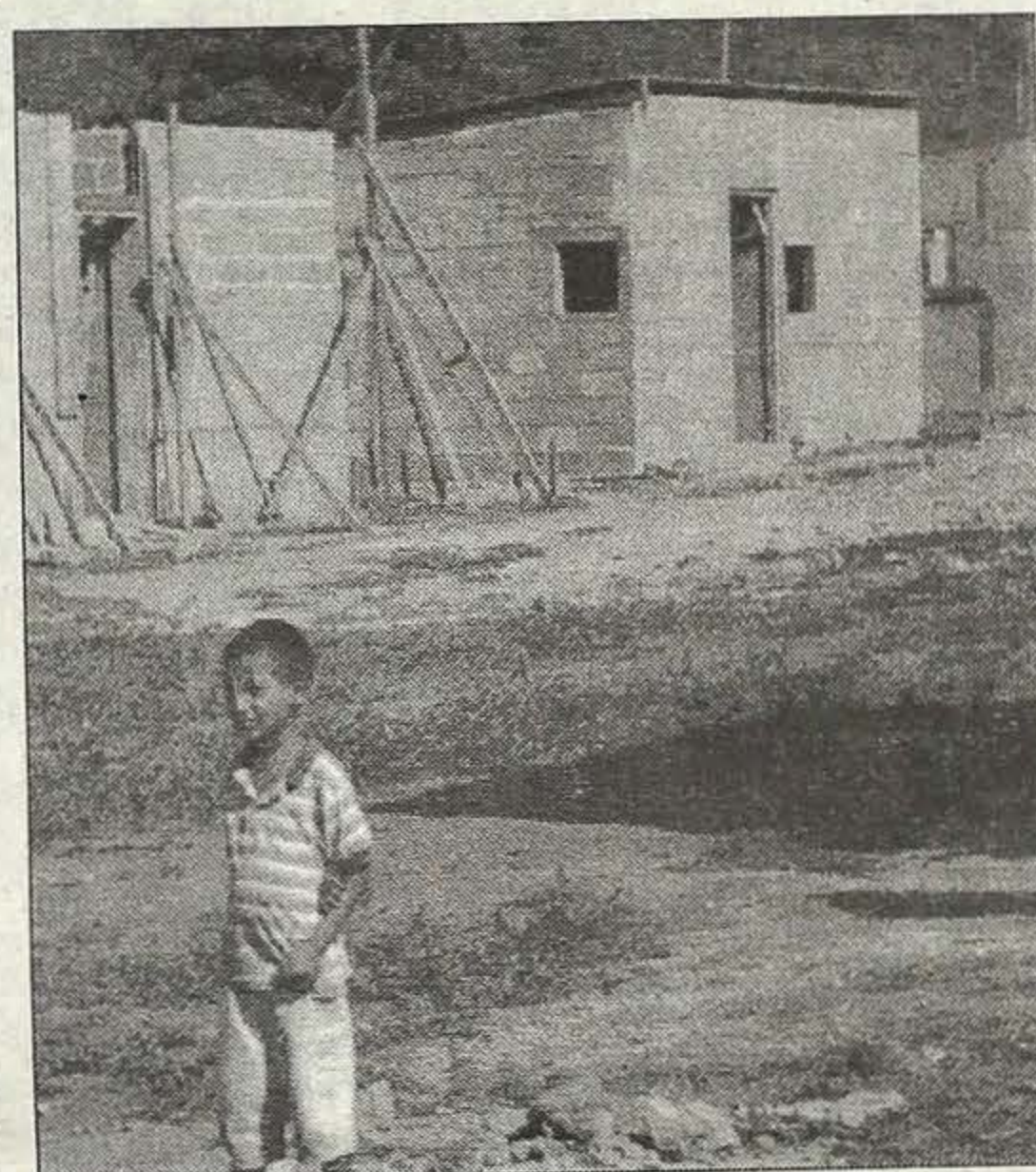
Other results of the partnership effort included the distribution

of over 2,208 Bibles. The "Jesus" film was shown over 32 times. Out of the response to Nicaragua, 10 people have made commitments to career or long-term missions.

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SHARP



BOY WALKS in front of homes being built by Baptists for hurricane victims in Nicaragua.

First, Nashville, team serves in Rio

For "The Macedonian Call"

A medical/evangelism team from First Baptist Church, Nashville, worked June 9-18 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where 1,130 people were treated and 52 professions of faith were made, according to a Tennessee Baptist minister.

"What an incredible week we had in Rio de Janeiro," said Rus Roach, First Church, Nashville, minister of pastoral care. "The medical/evangelism trip had a profound impact on the travelers and the nationals who received us."

The team was composed of 21 people from First Church, Nashville, six from Ellendale Baptist Church, Ellendale, and four BSU members from the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis. Other Tennessee Baptists on the team were from: Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville; First Baptist Church, Memphis; Calvary Baptist Church, Knoxville; Trinity Baptist Church, Clarksville; and First Baptist Church, Sevierville. Some team members also came from North Carolina, Texas, and West Virginia.

Brazilians stood in lines for hours to see five eye specialists, six dentists, four doctors, and a pharmacist. The team worked at the Prazares Mission in Santa Teresa, which is a mission of First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro.

Other First Church, Nashville, members, oncologist Michele Kuzur and retired gynecologist James Brakefield were busy with lots of general practice patients, and internist Dick Fox made house calls.

First Church, Nashville, members, Davidson Academy teacher Shani Hergert and art therapist Jennifer



WORKING on an art project with students at a school in Rio de Janeiro is Jennifer Hudgins of First Baptist Church, Nashville.

Workers sought for Rio in 2001

For "The Macedonian Call"

Over 250 teams consisting of a preacher, musician, and layperson are needed to do personal evangelism during Aug. 5-14 Simultaneous Revivals in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, according to Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team leader, Terry Sharp.

"Jesus Christ is the only hope for Rio de Janeiro," said Sharp. "Don't miss this chance of a lifetime to see God's almighty hand move in Rio de Janeiro. You can be a part of this exciting event either as an individual, or by forming your own team."

Approximate cost of the trip is \$1,940 which includes airfare, visa, housing/meals, translators, insurance, in-country travel, water, Bibles/tracts, and tourism.

For more information contact: Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team 1-800-558-2090 ext. 7935 or (615) 371-7935. Or email asloan@tnbaptist.org.

College students minister on Prince Edward's Island

For "The Macedonian Call"

This summer three Tennessee BSU missionaries flew to Prince Edward Island, Canada, where they worked for one month with Community Baptist Church in Charlottetown and assisted MSC volunteers Joe and Linda Ledford, both of Tennessee.

Participating in their first mission trip were: Shari Thomas, Paula King, and Ashley Beals. Thomas is a Political Science major at University of Tennessee at Martin and a member of First Baptist Church, Hartsville. King is an Elementary Education major working toward a Bachelor's degree in Guidance at Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, and a member of Indiana Baptist Church in LaFollette. Beals is an Architectural major at University of Tennessee at Knoxville and a member of First Baptist Church, Fountain City.

The BSU missionaries arrived on Prince Edward Island (PEI) July 13 just in time to meet His Royal Highness Prince Edward of Great Britain who was visiting with wife Sophie in Charlottetown. Linda Ledford escorted the girls to the parade where they met the Prince and shook his hand.

The students had a couple of days to acclimate to the area before their first "work" day. On Sunday they went to Montague to help a mission church, called King's Club. They helped the Ledfords with various Bible study activities, crafts, and games.

The BSU students' days consisted of working at Community Church, sorting donated items into various containers for use with the missions, participating in Wednesday morning's Ladies Bible Study, and assisting with a new mission in Summerside. The new mission is called Slemon Park

Church where the students worked with the children doing VBS activities.

The students heard about the Tennessee/Canada partnership projects at PEI through their BSUs. Prince Edward Island appealed to King and Beals because of the "Anne of Green Gables" television and book series. Although Thomas had never heard of Anne, she loved the island. "It's fun to see cultural differences," she said.

They each raised \$1,000 to participate in the PEI project. When the girls left home to go on the mission trip, they did not know each other. When they arrived in Halifax, Nova

Scotia, the girls got to know each other while driving a rental car around New Brunswick to Charlottetown.

Now that the students have been on mission, they have direction. Thomas enjoys children, and her heart is church.

King also enjoys children, hopes to work in guidance with younger children. Beals would like to use her architectural skills toward developing projects for Habitat for Humanity in third world countries that build projects. ■



STANDING in front of the sign welcoming them to Community Baptist Church, Prince Edward Island, are, from left, Ashley Beals, Shari Thomas, and Paula King.

Twelve members of Memphis area church serve in Canada

For Baptist and Reflector

A 12-member team from Ellendale Baptist Church in Ellendale served July 1-7 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where they taught VBS to children of messengers attending the annual session of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists.

The Canadian Convention annual meeting to train leadership and study, conduct annual business, and pray was held at Richmond Hills Baptist Church in Calgary, according to Danny Spurlock, minister of missions and administration at Ellendale Church.

"For the first time in the history of the Canadian Convention, they wanted to offer childcare for those who would not be able to come otherwise," said Spurlock. "We took last year's VBS theme of 'Mt. Extreme' and repackaged it to fit

their convention complete with tents, games, and paints. The Canadian parents were very pleased with the results. The parents told us that their children could not wait to return the next day, and how much they learned. Three of the second through fourth graders were saved."

The Ellendale team was made up of people in finance, students, moms, and retirees. Besides Spurlock, team members were: Jannie Mussett, project coordinator Iris Simpson, Louise Cunningham, Shellie Hume, Judy Arendale, Christy Marshall, Erica McGee, Skip Bentley, Jessica Wester, and Brian Hayslip.

"I worked with four- and five-year-olds," said Simpson. "We registered 36 children and had as many as 22 per session. The children were a real blessing to me. My prayer is that seeds were planted in

these young hearts that will glow and flourish for God in years to come. I know that God has given me a special

love for small children."

Ellendale Church is already scheduled to return next year July 2-5 to help keep the chil-

dren during the Canadian Baptist Convention annual meeting in Penticton, British Columbia. ■



WORKING with children during the annual meeting of the Canadian Baptist Convention are Tennesseeans, from left, Iris Simpson, Jessica Wester, and Louise Cunningham, all of Ellendale Baptist Church, Ellendale.

Baptists build over 300 houses ...

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"In Nicaragua there was tremendous need to make the goal," Sharp said.

"We set out to build shelters during that desperate time while sharing the Gospel."

"Because we focused on response, this opened the door for sharing the Gospel while our volunteers were there. The door continues to be open while our missionaries are following up by planting churches and meeting people's needs.

"We were also able to make things successful in meeting the Nicaraguan people's needs and by not making the people depen-

dent on us, which was the goal of the five state conventions. We used good missiology principals between the nationals and the volunteers."

Besides Central Church, Johnson City, other TBC churches and associations that have sent teams to Nicaragua are: First Baptist Church, Pulaski; Crieveview Baptist Church, Nashville; First Baptist Church, Jackson; Dotson Memorial Baptist Church, Maryville; Bradley County Baptist Association, William Carey Baptist Association, and Sullivan Baptist Association. ■

First, Nashville, team ...

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Hudgins led a team into the schools and saw 700 students over the week. They left a strong testimony to let God lead in the students future decisions.

"We are grateful to our Lord for assembling a great team as he always does," said Roach. "We have a tradition in the Prazeres favella in the Santa Teresa suburb that will allow us to return next year to the glory of God."

"While we were there at First Baptist Church of Santa Teresa was constituted during a service of testimony, music, and preaching. First Church of Santa Teresa is a joint effort of First Church of Rio de Janeiro and First Church, Nashville.

If your church would like to link up in a church planting ministry in Rio de Janeiro, contact Terry Sharp, Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team leader, at 1-800-558-2090 (615) 371-7927. ■

Inskip Church, Knoxville, helps Rio congregation

The Macedonian Call

The needs of the First Baptist Church of Barros Filho are extensive, their love and commitment is remarkably visible, according to a Tennessee Baptist, who recently returned on a partnership mission trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The openness and receptiveness of the people was overwhelming," said Patsy Vittetoe, a member of Inskip Baptist Church in Knoxville, who traveled with seven other team members June 18-27 doing Backyard Bible studies and evangelism. "Their music and dedication to the First Church of Barros Filho is inspiring. Their needs are extensive, but their love and commitment is remarkable."

Our team has made some intense, profound friendships, is committed to continued interchange and correspondence with them, and will keep them on our prayer list."

Other Inskip Church team members include: pastor Mike Segers, Tim Reeves, Andy Segers, Michelle Reeves, Michelle Allan, Becky Harrell, and Matthew Rogers.

After much prayer and preparation, the team departed Knoxville a bit apprehensive, but they were greatly excited about the assignment to conduct Bible and hold church services, according to Vittetoe.

Several months had been spent in

preparation for the trip, and many members of Inskip Church secured supplies and prepared materials for use in the Bible studies. Eight large "duffel bags" of supplies were packed and readied for the team to take.

When the team arrived in Rio de Janeiro, an orientation meeting was held with IMB missionary Brenda Hallock, and Barros Filho Church pastor Francisco Carlos Cortes Alves. A schedule was decided where the team attempted to accommodate requests, made by the pastor. Due to a school holiday, BYBC was held from Thursday through Sunday with home and school visits on the first two days.

On Tuesday, the group divided into three teams each with an interpreter. The teams made at least three visits each, and some made as many as five visits. Three decisions, two conversions, and one rededication were made as a result of the visits with another rededication following in the evening service.

The team spent Wednesday in the schools. The morning session was with teenagers and the afternoon session was with elementary children. The team presented a brief geography lesson about Tennessee, a testimony on teenage pregnancy, and shared the ABC's of salvation. Mike Segers spoke on the "Effects of Sin in Your Life."

Students asked about United States living conditions, jobs, and school situations. They were especially interested

in what people from the States had heard about Brazil, and what American opinions were about their country.

At the second school the team visited the school principal. The principal asked Alves if the church would do Bible School in the school. The pastor said this was indeed a miracle.

Thursday through Sunday morning Bible study activities were presented at the church. The team divided the participants into three instructional groups of Bible study, crafts, and music. The activities were presented to all groups as they rotated through each session.

Due to the large number of mothers and youth who attended, the team decided to add sessions for youth and mothers. Additional interpreters joined the team so that each team member had an interpreter.

"Although we had learned some Portuguese, we were very limited in what we were able to say," added Vittetoe. "Sometimes even East Tennessee dialect was difficult for the interpreters to understand, but we were able to 'work out' our language differences."

Evening church services were held each night, and the church was filled. On Sunday night chairs were added in the aisles, but some had to stand around the sanctuary while others stood outside looking in through the



STANDING at the foot of Christ the Redeemer Statue are team members, from left, back row, Mike Segers, pastor; Matthew Rogers; Michelle Reeves; Tim Reeves; front row, Cindy Segers; Patsy Vittetoe; Becky Harrell; and Michelle Allan.

doors. Decisions were made every night when the invitation was extended.

The team made 16 home visits, visited two schools with approximately 250 students in attendance, had a total attendance of 867 in Bible School, and witnessed 90 decisions.

"Days were long," said Vittetoe. "Each night as we held our evaluation meeting and reviewed plans for the following day, we were exhausted. But we were filled with eagerness and excitement because of the wonderful things that we observed taking place. God is at work in Rio de Janeiro." ■

Inglewood Church, Nashville, team of 48 ministers in Michigan

The Macedonian Call

A 48-member team from Inglewood Baptist Church in Nashville recently returned on a missions trip to First Baptist Church of Menominee, Michigan, where they worked on construction, VBS, and BYBC, according to Inglewood pastor Kevin Shrum. The team arrived July 7-15.

Shrum and two other members of Inglewood Church visited First Church last April and met with pastor Tom McKay. McKay told the Inglewood team that the church was in need of remodeling their new auditori-

um, a former used car dealership and most recently a motorcycle dealership.

"The youth from Inglewood Church taught BYBCs with youth from First Church at two church members' houses," said Shrum. "We turned the inner shell of the motorcycle garage into a sanctuary by putting up sheet rock, dropping the ceiling, painting, and building a pulpit."

The week was full of sweaty construction, children and youth eager to learn, and nights full of worship and praise.

"Even though a Christian may know that the love of God

has no boundaries, it took the Michigan trip for me to understand this truth," said Juanitric Kirby, a member of Inglewood Church, who along with her husband Jeff and two children made it a family mission trip. "Age is not a factor because my little children were accepted, welcomed, and loved just as a Michigan church member, who celebrated his 72nd birthday while working with the construction team."

"Geographic distance between churches is not a factor because the people of First Church share the love for the

lost just like those here at Inglewood Church," she added.

"I never cease to be amazed at how people who have never met one another, but have the common ground of being children of God, can work together to better the church and become so close like a family," said Chris Royalty, Inglewood Church minister to students. "Being a part of the family

of God is what I savored the most from the week we spent with our brothers and sisters in Michigan." ■



TEAM MEMBERS work on the new sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Menominee, Mich.

Wilsonville Church, Newport, sends 18 to serve in Hillsdale, Mich.

The Macedonian Call

When volunteers were needed to teach VBS at Wilsonville Missionary Baptist Church in Newport and to also teach 530 miles away at Frontier Baptist Church near Hillsdale, Michigan, the VBS volunteer response was slower than usual, according to Adam Sanders, pastor of Wilsonville Church.

With one volunteer VBS teacher still needed, an 18-member team from Wilsonville Church traveled July 10-14 to Michigan.

"I would have never picked this group of people to go on a

mission trip," said Bill McMahan, a member of Wilsonville Church. McMahan was referring to other team members including one senior citizen, one teenager, two new converts, and three mothers with four children.

Besides McMahan and Sanders, the team included: Peggy Sanders, minister of music; Dennis Newsome, Brenda Newsome, Jessica Newsome, Ashley Newsome, Jennifer Newsome, Rick Raines, Janice Raines, Barbara Heatherly, Sue Killion, Sheila Williamson, Josh Williamson, Janice Green, Jake Green, VBS direc-

tor Jan Austin, and Whitney Bundy.

On Tuesday the team arrived at Frontier Church where August Peters serves as pastor. The team decorated their rooms for VBS, and Bundy and Janice Raines went door-to-door handing out flyers.

Each day the team gathered at Hillsdale Church, Hillsdale, for lunch along with two other East Tennessee teams who were also teaching VBS. They were: Brown's Missionary Baptist Church in Crosby and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Newport. During the week Adam Sanders had to return

home to be with the family of a church member who later died.

When Frontier Church's VBS opened on the first night, there were 19 children and two professions of faith. The VBS also featured a fire truck one night and a sheriff's department 4 X 4 truck the next night.

Each night the children earned tickets by attending VBS, by bringing someone with them, and memorizing Bible verses. These tickets were traded in on Friday night after commencement for whip cream pies to throw at four team members. Also on Friday, the team gave

out the "Jesus" video while everyone ate ice cream.

During the week, the team found children who did not have Bibles, and had no idea who Jesus was. The team searched two nearby towns for Bibles and came up with four.

When the team from Brown's Church heard about the effort to find Bibles, Brown's Church gave the Wilsonville Church team seven New Testaments that were left from VBS.

"While most of us have two or three Bibles laying around our homes, it made us thankful that we live in America's Bible belt," said Adam Sanders. ■

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Place	Project ID	Work	Dates	Volunteers Needed
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Projects				
Rio de Janeiro	PM42001904	At least 250 teams are needed to do personal evangelism in teams consisting of a preacher, musician, and layperson.	8/5-14/01	500
Portugal Projects				
Algarve	PM12001115	College group to do concerts, talent shows, drama while targeting college students.	2/28-3/11/01	10
Algrave	PM12001104	Gospel choir to perform concerts.	2/28-3/11/01	20
Bombarral	PM12001126	Volunteers to prayerwalk in Central/West Portugal.	4/1-10/01	4
Bombarral	PM12001129	Street evangelism through art.	7/14-28/01	4
Faro	PM12001102	Prayerwalking team in southern Portugal.	2/28-3/11/01	10
Faro	PM12001103	Prayerwalking team for the Faro area.	2/28-3/11/01	10
Lisbon	PM12001107	Teams to do sports evangelism, VBS, creative ministry, ESL, construction, and literature distribution.	6/30-7/9/01	100 teens, 20 adults
Lisbon	PM12001101	Prayerwalking team for the Lisbon area.	5/20-28/01	6
Lisbon	PM12001100	Prayerwalking team for the Lisbon area.	9/4-12/01	6
Porto	PM12001110	Team to distribute Bibles in the Porto area.	5/5-12/01	8
Porto	PM12001111	Prayerwalking team for the Porto area.	4/14-21/01	8
Porto	PM12001112	Prayerwalking team for the Porto area.	9/14-22/01	8
Porto	PM12001105	Hold basketball clinics and play exhibition games.	7/13-22/01	8
Porto	PM12001106	Hold baseball clinics and play exhibition games.	7/20-29/01	8
Porto	PM12001109	Street evangelism in the Porto area.	6/2-9/01	8
Canada Projects				
Cochrane, AB	01CCSB001A	Evangelism outreach activities at the World Track and Field Games.	8/1-8/01	1-200
Cochrane, AB	01CCSB001B	Evangelism outreach activities at the WorldTrack and Field Games.	8/7-14/01	1-200
Edmonton, AB	01MID001	Volunteers needed to call from home every resident of St. Albert during a 4-wk period to do survey work.	2/19-3/18	open
Edmonton, AB	01MID003	Team to conduct sports camp with Arabic and Sudanese community.	open	5-10
Seba Beach, AB	01MID002	Conduct VBS first week and BYBC the second week.	7/1-14/01	3
Creston, BC	01ALP008	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-50
Keromenos, BC	01ALP005	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-50
Oliver, BC	01ALP006	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-50
Okanagan Falls, BC	01ALP004	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-50
Osoyoos, BC	01ALP007	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-50
Pentiction, BC	01ALP003	Teams needed weekly to do survey, beach ministry, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31/01	1-100
Westbank, BC	01ALP009	Volunteers to work with new church start doing servant evangelism.	6/10-17/01	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP010	Participate in the Westside Days parade and in servant evangelism.	6/26-7/2/01	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP011	Assist in Kid's Club/VBS in local community park.	7/7-14/01	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP012	Assist with children and youth sports camps.	7/20-28/01	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP013	Recreation and sports camp for grades 7-12.	8/25-9/1/01	5-15
Scarborough, OT	01ONT001	Conduct VBS in a English speaking, Filipino church.	7/1-7/01	5-10
Charlottetown, PEI	01ATL001A-K	Construct building that will house summer and long-term missionaries. Teams needed weekly.	6/10-8/25/01	1-100
Charlottetown, PEI	01ATL003	Promote missions education to senior citizens.	7/7-14/01	6-10
Georgetown, PEI	01ATL007	Team to do painting/finishing work and conduct VBS.	7/14-21/01	8-10

Tennessee Projects

East Tennessee

- ◆ **Cleveland** — Teams of up to 15 needed weekly starting June 11 to duct Backyard Bible Clubs, creative family worship, hospitality istries, trail maintenance, field day events, sports clinics.
- ◆ **Team to do games, crafts, clowning, face painting, patriotic concert** God and Country Festival July 4.
Contact: Chris Stewart, Ocoee Resort Ministries, 423-476-5493.
- ◆ **Elizabethton** — Teams of 2-20 to do home repairs for the elderly, d abled or single-parent families. Dates are open.
- ◆ **Teams of 10-20 needed weekly starting June 10 to staff children's de** camps in the morning and provide BYBC in the evenings with loc churches.
- ◆ **Teams of 10-20 needed weekly starting June 10 to provide BYBC at** Mountain State Park in the mornings and community improvemen or evangelistic events in the evenings.
Contact: Becky Brummitt, Hale Community Ministries, 423-547-256
- ◆ **Gatlinburg** — A team of 25-40 needed weekly starting June 10 to c duct daycamps in the morning and family evening programs in are campgrounds. Contact: Bill Black, Smoky Mountain Resort Minist 423-436-4076.
- ◆ **Townsend** — A team of 5-10 needed weekly starting June 10 to conc a daycamp in the morning at Tremont Hills Campground and a van of evening programs at the campground. Contact: Bill Black, Smok Mountain Resort Ministries, 423-436-4076.
- ◆ **Jefferson City** — Teams of 10-15 needed weekly starting May 27 to model homes of low-income families. Contact: Shannon Washam, A palachian Outreach, 423-475-5611.
- ◆ **Knoxville** — At least 3-5 teams each week to conduct BYBC's in sur rounding church area. Dates: June-July
- ◆ **Team of 15-20 to help conduct VBS June 17-24.** Contact: Duncan Car Fort Hill Baptist Church, 865-577-7333 or 524-2398.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed year round to work at the Knox Area Rescue Minis**
- ◆ **Team of 10-20 needed to do VBS in multi-housing community.** Dates: July 8-13.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed year round to do home repairs for low income famil** BYBC could also be done.
Contact: Carol Webb, 865-693-9097.
- ◆ **Rutledge** — Teams of 10 needed weekly starting June 24 to do camp-ground/recreational ministry to Anglo and Hispanics.
- ◆ **Grainger County Baptist Association** — Needs someone who is exp rienced with website creation. Contact: Dennis Cagle, 865-828-4001.

Middle Tennessee

- ◆ **Franklin** — New church start needs families to start Sunday School and children's ministry. Contact: Bob Hammer, 615-412-6161.
- ◆ **Mt. Pleasant** — Teams needed to help build an addition to church. Contact: Henry Houston, 931-388-9325.
- ◆ **Pulaski** — Team of 10 to conduct BYBC June 3-8 in the community along with surveying and leading youth worship services. Contact: Do Plumlee or Lewis Thomas at 931-363-3584.

West Tennessee

- ◆ **Milan** — Team of 5-10 needed July 8-14 to conduct BYBC and to do fix it up jobs in the housing community. Contact: Mike Kemper, 901-855-1202.
- ◆ **Memphis** — Team needed June 17-23 to do remodeling work on church. Contact: Jonathan Bradley, True Fellowship Baptist Church, 901-398-3382.
- ◆ **Teams to help with community outreach doing BYBC, survey work, spor clinics, clowning, etc.** Dates: July 7-14. Contact: Rick Wilburn, Lea-wood Baptist Church, 901-327-5509.
- ◆ **Team to paint and repair roof.** Also need a team to conduct conference fo church members on "How to Develop a Puppet Ministry." Dates: open
- ◆ **Team to help conduct Vacation Bible School June 25-29.**
Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, Monument of Love Baptist Church, 901-565-8030.
- ◆ **Humboldt** — Team of 10 to conduct BYBC in low-income housing area June 3-9. Contact: Helen Fisher, Humboldt FBC, 901-784-1786.
- ◆ **Jackson** — Teams of 10-40 needed weekly starting June 11 to do home repairs for the elderly and needy, and assist small churches with BYBC in low-income housing communities. Contact: Amy Brady, Madison-Chester and Crockett Baptist Association, 901-668-5690.

Las Vegas, Nevada

- ◆ **Block Party** — Volunteers to prayerwalk neighborhoods, play games, cook/serve food, pass out literature, do one-on-one evangelism. Perform-ance groups, singers, puppet teams, face painters, balloon artists, clowns are also needed. Dates: Each weekend in June and July.
- ◆ **Flea Market Evangelism** — Volunteer/teams are needed weekly from Jan. 5-May 27 and Sept. 1-Dec. 30 to do creative arts such as singing en-sembles, puppet teams, and face painting, as well as one-on-one evange-lism.
- ◆ **Multi-Housing VBS** — Volunteers/teams needed each week in March to prayerwalk, pass out flyers for promotion, conduct VBS in over 40 apartment complexes, conduct block parties, and go door-to-door to facil-itate thorough follow-up.
- ◆ **VBS/BYBC** — Volunteers/teams needed weekly starting May 14 to prayerwalk, canvas neighborhoods, conduct morning VBS and evening BYBC, conduct block parties and facilitate follow-up.

For more information about the above projects, call Tennessee Baptist Convention Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2021.

Grassroots movement needed to reach America



Press

MEMPHIS — What did pioneers of the Old West and Southern Baptist migrants to the North have in common? Both included lay people used to plant churches without clergy. Efforts have grown exponentially since those times, but similar grassroots movement could be necessary today as the nation is to be evangelized according to a former lay

church planter who now works to promote such efforts nationally with the North American Mission Board.

"My heart's conviction is that we will never see North America reached for Jesus until we see God unleash a church planting movement," said Van Kicklighter, a church-planting associate with NAMB. "There is not enough money in the North American Mission Board and the whole Southern Baptist Convention for us to plant all the churches that need to be

planted if we rely on money to get it done."

Kicklighter led a workshop during the Oct. 2-4 Legacy 2000 conference on "God's Army: Recruited and Equipped for Battle — A Lay Church Planting Movement." Formerly employed in the forest products industry, he was called to vocational ministry after starting a church as a layman in the Portland, Ore., area.

Kicklighter noted that God throughout the Bible did not rely on priestly leadership to ac-

complish his tasks, from Moses and David in the Old Testament to Luke and the church planting team of Aquilla and Priscilla in the New Testament.

"All through Scripture God uses people that we would call today ordinary believers in doing some pretty significant things in leading his people forward."

Also, Kicklighter noted, the first churches bore a remarkable resemblance to today's churches birthed out of living room Bible studies.

Opportunities for lay church planters include a variety of roles. Some might start new congregations and leave after the congregations become more established, while others will stay longer term. Other individuals might not be gifted as pastoral leaders, but can serve as part of a church-planting team. ■

Roanoke principal's stand on prayer gains exposure...

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McLoud related that he began to feel uncomfortable not taking a stand on issues he heard of a prayer prayed by a pastor before the opening session of the Kansas state legislature.

"I was more out of shame and a concern that I had been silent too long made me make the statement," McLoud said.

The Roanoke County principal also noted he had to speak out because of a deep love for his country. "I love this country and I want it to stay one nation under God. God has blessed this country because of that and that alone. If this

country abandons God, how can it continue to be blessed?" McLoud asked.

He also noted that he knows God does not need him to speak up for him. "I need me to speak up for God. And this country needs Christians to speak up. God is going to win."

McLoud said he really does not know who first forwarded his statement across the Internet. Someone asked him for a copy after the game. "The next thing I knew I was getting calls from all over the country. It really took off."

"I have gotten feedback from about every state in the nation," McLoud related, noting that the overwhelming majori-

ty of it has been positive.

He also has received positive reactions to his statement from local school board members who have talked with him.

The publicity and requests from radio talk show hosts to be on their shows have been overwhelming, he admitted, but said it has given him further opportunities to share his faith.

"I hope they realize I am just a sinner saved by grace, fighting battles here, winning some, losing some."

The principal shared that prayer has continued at Roanoke County High School.

A group of kids began to huddle on

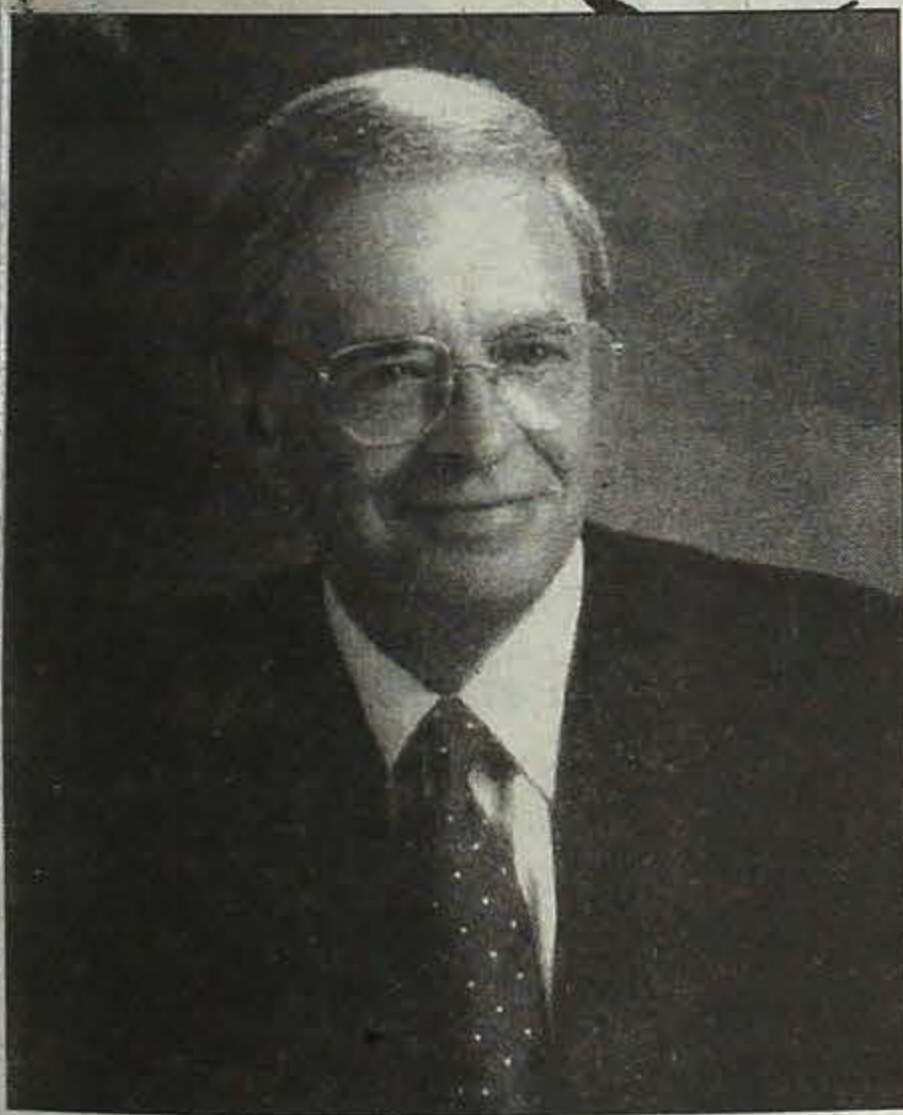
the 10-yard line after the football teams left the field prior to the game and to say a prayer, he shared. The number has grown to about 150 students, he added.

What's more, a local booster who owns the lot across from the stadium put up a sound system on his property, McLoud said.

The man then gave the kids a wireless mike. When they pray, the prayer comes across his sound system on his own property, McLoud said.

"God is still in Roanoke County and he is still in control. The lordship of Christ will not be threatened by the Supreme Court." ■

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■ Sullivan Baptist Church, Kingsport, recently ordained **Jeff Richardson** and **Greg Wilson** as deacons. Also **Darby Fleenor**, a student at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky., was ordained to the ministry Oct. 15.

■ **Billy B. Cooper**, former pastor, Eastwood Baptist Church, Cookeville, has been called as pastor of a church in Laurel, Ind., effective Sept. 17. He is a native of Columbia and has served as pastor of churches in Ohio, Michigan, Alabama, and Indiana.

■ **Lloyd Smothers** was honored Oct. 17 during the annual meeting of Carroll-Benton Baptist Association, based in Huntingdon. Smothers was given a gift for serving as clerk of the association for 13 years and assistant clerk for 30 years. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Huntingdon.

■ First Baptist Church, Harrogate, has called **Arnold J. King** as pastor.



KING

He formerly was pastor of Goodsprings Baptist Church, Etowah. King has served churches in Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, and Arizona. He is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate.

■ Mitchell Springs Baptist Church, Rutledge, has called **Danny Lamb** of Talbott as pastor.

■ **James Archer** has been called as pastor, Powder Branch Baptist Church, Johnson City. He formerly was pastor, First Baptist Church, Hampton.

■ Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Sevierville, has called **Paul James** as pastor.

■ **Chuck Sayne**, minister of music, Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, has resigned.

■ **John Whisenant**, associate pastor of outreach and discipleship, Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, has resigned after serving for two years. He will continue to be a member of the church.

■ **Mike Baird** has been called as minister of youth, Fordtown Baptist Church, Kingsport.

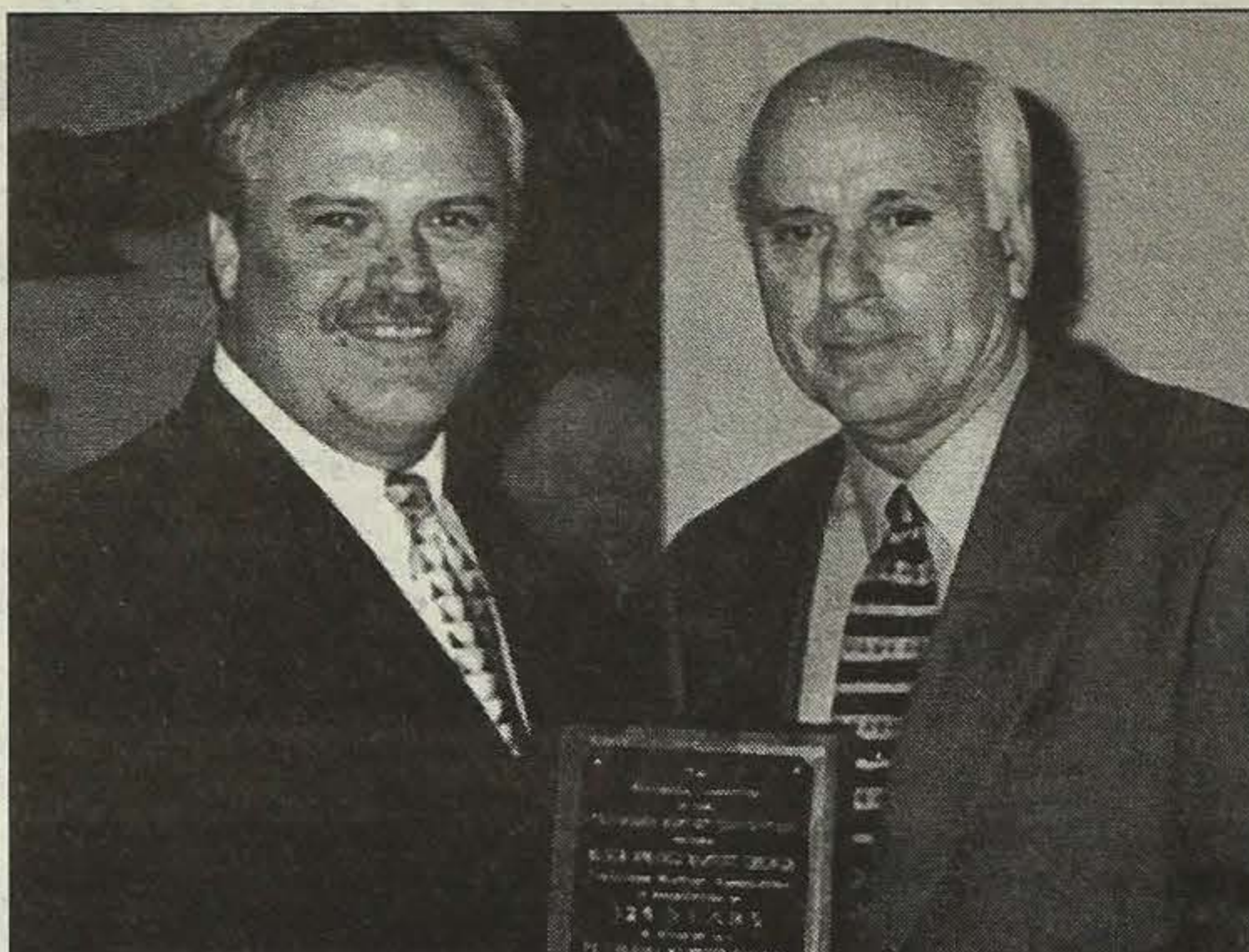
■ **Lou Patton** has been called as associate pastor to senior adults, University Parkway Baptist Church, Johnson City. He was ordained recently to the ministry by the church.

■ **Mike Tyson** has been called as pastor of Unaka Avenue Baptist Church, Johnson City.

■ **David Thompson** has been called as student minister, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga. He was formerly on the staff of the church in several different roles.

■ **Sam Dalton**, youth director, Pinecrest Baptist Church, Johnson City, was honored recently for 15 years of service there.

■ **Steven G. Neal** has been called as music director, Gib-



DENNIS CAGLE, left, director of missions, Grainger Baptist Association, based in Rutledge, pauses with **Robert Spradlin**, pastor, Block Springs Baptist Church, Blaine, after Cagle presented the church a plaque from the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society noting the 125th anniversary of the church. The anniversary was celebrated by the congregation on Sept. 3.

sontown Baptist Ministry, Gibsonton.

■ **Ron Springate**, associate pastor of administration, Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, has been called to the staff of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas.



■ **Woodland Baptist Church, Brownsville**, will observe its 174th anniversary of service with homecoming events Oct. 28-29. The celebration also will include reunion activities for the former Woodland School which was chartered by the church in 1880 as Woodland Academy. Activities will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday with entertainment and

food available. The Sunday morning worship service will feature Hyran E. Barefoot, president emeritus, Union University, Jackson, and former pastor of the church for 18 years. It will begin at 11 a.m. A luncheon and fellowship service will follow.

■ **Charleston Baptist Church, Stanton**, will have Sunday School High Attendance Day Oct. 29 beginning at 9:45 a.m. A luncheon will be held and a music program will begin at 1 p.m. It will be led by "Praise," a group from Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova. For more information, contact the church at (901) 476-8479.

■ **North Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson**, will hold revival Nov. 5-8. Wiley Zinn of Temple, Texas, will speak and Steve Wood of Bolivar will lead the music.

■ **West Paris Baptist Church, Paris**, will celebrate its centennial anniversary Oct. 27-29. **Bil Bins**, former pastor, will speak on Friday night. **Clay Steiner** will speak on Saturday night. **Jim Phillips**, minister of music, will lead music on Friday and Saturday nights. **Buck Morton**, pastor, will speak on Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon a music and praise service will feature several former directors. For more information, contact the church at (901) 642-5917.

■ **First Baptist Church, Smyrna**, will host a conference for Women, "Be a Fragrance of Christ," Nov. 1-3. **Esther Burroughs**, former sultant in evangelism, North American Mission Board, and an author will speak. **Susan McDaniel** will lead praise and worship along with **Debi Selby** and the women's arts ministry of the church. Leading conferences are **Wilson and Kathy Chappell** of LifeWay Church Resources, Nashville; **Artice Owens** of Paris, a missionary to Africa. For information, call (615) 331-3311.

■ **Antioch Baptist Church, Johnson City**, recently celebrated its 125th anniversary.

Church honors Smith for serving 42 years

For Baptist and Reflector

MCMINNVILLE — On Sept. 10 Madison Street Baptist Church here honored its pastor, **Carl Smith**, for serving it for 42 years.

Smith was saved in a tent revival at the age of 13 and surrendered to the call to ministry at the age of 23. He served as pastor of New

Home Baptist Church from 1953-55 and Dry Creek Baptist Church from 1956-58, when he was called to Madison Street.

Robert Robinson of the church reported the church honored Smith and his wife, "but our church feels honored to have him as our pastor." ■



DEACONS of the church stand with **Smith** during celebration activities on Sept. 10. They are, from left, **Bobby Robinson**; **Dixie Underhill**; **Clarence Womack**; **Carl Smith**, pastor; and **Fred McGlothlin**.



CARL SMITH, pastor, Madison Street Baptist Church, McMinnville, and his wife, **Chris**, pause during recognition activities.



PASTOR BILL OWEN, center front, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cross Plains, and members of the church's facilities test guests represent the congregation which broke ground Aug. 15 for a 550-seat \$2.2 million worship center. The congregation broke ground by holding ropes attached to the plow. About 150 and individuals have raised about \$1.3 million for the project. Guest participating in the event was **Robert Tyson**, right, director of missions, Robertson County Baptist Association, based in field.