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Overcoming struggles in inner-city Memphis

## Church redefines its ministry in changing neighborhood

by Davis  
and Reflector

PHIS — Ben Wilkins doesn't bearing his church labeled as a ng church. In fact, he accepted of the church as pastor just two go, at the worst point in the de-Highland Heights Baptist Church

hurch is struggling, but it's also a church, declared Wilkins. Their caught him unaware, he said.

### Three years ago

ns was participating in a Missis-ver Ministry project as part of a om a church he was pastoring in They were touring the communi-ghland Heights Church and learn-ut the needs of the community Wilkins became aware God was g to him about the church. He felt ing him he would find his next as-at there.

ins said he immediately rejected u. He and his family had moved to after he served a church in Cali-12 years as pastor. They moved is to be near his wife's family.

parents lived in Memphis. But didn't want to take on a declining such as Highland Heights, he

said. And he knew God was working through him in Illinois because the congregation had more than doubled in the 18 months he had served it.

He admitted he had criticized pastors who chose apparent success over anything else, but he "told the Lord no" anyway, said Wilkins.

### A dream

After returning to Illinois, Wilkins had a dream in which he saw a man weeping and asking him to come and help him. Soon after that, he was contacted by the search committee of Highland Heights Church. He agreed to meet with them and was shocked to see the man in his dream. He was the chair of the search committee, explained Wilkins.

God "zapped me and that's it," said Wilkins.

### A challenging situation

The church has about 250 people attending Sunday School each week. But they gather to worship in a sanctuary which seats about 1,200. The spacious facility is located in an area of Memphis which is about 10 miles east of mid-town Memphis, but which has been impacted by eastward growth.

Most long-time residents have moved further east to live in new areas. Property values dropped in the community which



**MEMBERS OF A PRAYER** group which has met for 11 years to pray for the church for an hour each week are Jeanette Terwilleger, left, and Nita Sexton. They include their pastor, Ben Wilkins, center, in their prayers. Other members are Byron Koelz and Margaret Mason.

allowed poorer residents, including blacks, Asians, and Hispanics, to move in. City schools accepted a more diverse population than county schools. Businesses changed from furniture and appliance stores to tattoo parlors and stores selling second-hand items.

Once again, a big "white" church faced the dilemma of integrating or closing, said Wilkins.

"Has God changed or have we changed because we have stopped listening to his call?" he asked.

He's glad the congregation decided before he came to remain in the community rather than moving part or all of its congregation to the suburbs as many other churches have. It did that although members left who disagreed with the decision.

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pastor in Memphis

## Former missionary overcomes 'hidden sin' to serve God

by Wilkey  
and Reflector

PHIS — Less than six ago Doug Kellum ap-to be living "the dream r any Christian.

He was a Southern Baptist missionary ministering in the Philippines with Vietnamese refugees, a people group he had come to love while serving his country in war-torn Vietnam.

Kellum was good at what he

did. His work has been documented around the world through news stories and missions magazines.

On the surface he appeared to be walking in step with God, leading many Vietnamese refugees to know Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their life.

In reality, however, Kellum was struggling with a hidden sin — homosexuality.

"The whole time I was struggling with it (homosexuality) I knew it was a sin and I prayed that God would deliver me from it. I also prayed that my sin and, hopefully, my victory over it would remain a secret in order not to hurt the ministry."

Prior to Easter of 1995, Kellum finally began to see a movement in his life. Instead of allowing himself to be put in situations where he could be tempted, he began to strongly avoid such situations.

Just at that time, a person

with whom Kellum had been involved with threatened to expose his "secret" if the missionary would not pay him to remain silent.

Kellum recalled, "At that point, God told me if I really wanted victory over homosexuality, I had to be willing to testify to the sin, as well as to the deliverance. I finally realized why God had not answered my prayers over the years to receive that victory. I had been requesting deliverance conditionally — that no one would ever know what I had done."

"Victory over sin has to be requested from God unconditionally."

Making that unconditional request, Kellum immediately received the deliverance he had sought for so long.

He knew God wanted him to share publicly his struggle and victory, so he contacted his mission administrator and asked that the matter be communicat-

ed with officials at the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board (then Foreign Mission Board).

He did so knowing that it could end his career as a missionary. And, it did. IMB officials terminated Kellum as a missionary. In doing so, they offered Kellum professional counseling which he gladly accepted.

Kellum returned to the United States as "a broken vessel," he said. "I came back to the United States at the age of 48, no job, but I was free and at peace, Kellum remembered.

Though a native of Mississippi, Kellum chose to reside in Memphis, where he had lived on several occasions while on furlough from the mission field.

He began attending Vietnamese Baptist Church which he had assisted in forming as a mission on one of his furlough assignments in 1984.

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**PASTOR DOUG KELLUM** stands outside Vietnamese Baptist ch in Memphis.



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## More than gender issues

# Researcher: PK was about revivalism

By Mark Wingfield  
For Associated Baptist Press

HOUSTON — The Promise Keepers movement was more about revivalism than about gender differences, according to a prominent researcher of religious trends.

Those who criticized Promise Keepers events as being rallies for social and family dominance by white males missed the point entirely, said Larry Iannaccone, professor of economics at Santa Clara University in California.

Iannaccone made his comments during a presentation at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Houston. His topic was "Bringing White Guys to their Knees: How Promise Keepers Faked Right, Ran Left, and Scored Big."

Critics of Promise Keepers have been inaccurate in their accusations in part because they do not understand the evangelical context in which Promise Keepers flourished, he asserted. "Promise Keepers is a temporary evangelical movement patterned after revivals," he explained. "It is all about revivalism, not about gender."

For example, he challenged criticisms that Promise Keepers focused on a "mostly white" crowd.

At the huge Promise Keepers "Stand in the Gap" rally on the Washington Mall, the crowd was about 80 percent white, Iannaccone confirmed. About 60 percent of the speakers at the rally were white, he added.

Then he compared those figures with the overall American population, which is 83 percent

white, and the rolls of mainline Protestant churches, which are 88 percent white.

Further, Promise Keepers demonstrated far more racial diversity than its primary critic, the National Organization of Women, he said, saying NOW doesn't report racial backgrounds of its adherents but his research demonstrates the group is "overwhelmingly white."

Charges that Promise Keepers promoted "anti-women and patriarchal" attitudes also don't hold up under scrutiny, Iannaccone said.

"Compared to what?" he asked. "Where would a 22-year-old unescorted female feel least threatened, at the end of a Promise Keepers rally or when a sporting event lets out?"

Rather than promoting ha-

tred or exclusion, Iannaccone research found Promise actually created an "enriching blend" of old-fashioned revivalism and new sensibilities, he said.

He compared older cultural models — such as Gothard seminars that a strong model of male — with this newer model of countability and sensibilities and children.

From this perspective than representing a American society to the Promise Keepers actually sent a shift of evangelism to the left, he suggested.

## For missionary family

# Prayer comes at critical time

Baptist Press

LA ROMANA, Dominican Republic — Recently awakened early one Sunday morning, a Georgia man sensed an urgency to pray for missionary friends living in the Dominican Republic. Later that same day, a church member in Tennessee who had visited the Caribbean nation stood before his congregation and asked the church to pray for missionaries he felt were in great danger.

The timing of these prayers may seem like coincidence to some, but Roger and Diana Gaunt are convinced these petitions to God were no fluke. The missionary couple has no doubt that these prayers were divine intervention that ultimately protected them during a recent home invasion.

"God used folks in the states

... to pray for us. We know that it was the prayers that went up to the Lord ... that preserved our lives," said Roger Gaunt, who has served as a Southern Baptist International Mission Board missionary in the Dominican Republic for 18 years. "We are sure the Lord prompted and used prayer."

Prayer power is precisely what the Gaunt family needed Sunday, Nov. 5, when they returned home from church and found at least three armed robbers. They were taken hostage and held at gunpoint for five hours.

They were gagged, blindfolded, and tied up. At one point, a gunman threatened a family member and struck and slapped others. The robbers left the family in their home. One member escaped the bonds and helped untie the other family members. ■



## TBC included in President's Academy

Gary Rickman, left, ministry coordinator for the Tennessee Convention, recently accepted a plaque and medallion from University President David S. Dockery recognizing the Tennessee Baptist Convention as a lifetime member of the newly formed President's Academy Union which recognizes supporters of Union that have given more than \$100,000 in a given year or more than \$1 million in lifetime. Over the years TBC churches have invested more than \$1 million in Union, according to Dockery. — Photo by Jim Veal



## BHEP honors churches, individuals

Baptist Homes for Exceptional Persons, Nashville, honored people and churches for the efforts for BHEP at its annual dinner Nov. 30. From left, Mack Hannah, pastor, and Debbie Berger, chair, missions committee, representing Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Bobby Huff representing construction volunteers from Hillhurst Baptist Church, Nashville; Jerry Heinicke, architect of Kingston Springs; Jim Dowlen, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville; and Connie Davis, First Baptist Church, Nashville, and Baptist and Reflector. Not pictured is Russ Stephens, pastor, representing Silver Springs Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet.

## NAMB ads draw 48 people to commitment

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — A recent nationwide evangelistic television commercial sponsored by the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board resulted in more than 6,200 total responses to an offer of a free "Jesus" video and 48 first-time professions of faith in Christ.

Unlike previous efforts, the campaign included only three television programs on one network in an attempt to focus evangelistic efforts where they were most effective. The approach also included the agency to alert volunteer "telephone encouragers" of the exact hours needed to be available to answer calls.

The telephone encouragers were part of NAMB's Evangelism Response Center, a system that channels callers directly into the homes of trained volunteers willing to talk with them about Christ. ■



# Former missionary overcomes 'hidden sin' ...

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 Kellum went to the pastor (Phan) and told him everything and asked if he could at-

October of 1995, Kellum decided to preach on the anniversary. "I felt led to talk about confession of sin," he said, noting that he shared his struggle with quality and how God had freed him from that bondage.

Weeks later, Kellum was called to the church to serve as pastor. He became pastor of the Vietnamese congregation later when Phan and others were called to serve as Baptist missionaries.

Kellum served as pastor of a church where the members were worse things of my life, but they also know how God freed me out of it," Kellum said in conviction.

Kellum is now serving a church group he came to love before he was called into ministry — a people group that first he wanted no part

in the late 1960s when Kellum was called for military service he was diligent that he would go to Vietnam.

In 1970 he was sent to another country to serve one year as an advisor for the Vietnamese Regional Forces. "A lot of us are afraid to give our lives totally to God because we are afraid he will call us to something we don't want to do somewhere we don't want to go," he said.

His war-time experience led to a long assignment for Kellum. He began to put in my love for the Vietnamese people," he recalled.

Phan, who had felt a call to

ministry before the war, returned to the states burdened that he had not tried to share Christ with the Vietnamese people with whom he had worked.

"When I got out of service I knew the Lord wanted me to serve him. I began to pray for an opportunity to return to Vietnam," he said.

Kellum learned of the International Mission Board's journeyman program. He applied and served

for two years there after spending a year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

After completing his two-year stint, Kellum felt the Lord leading him to full time service in Vietnam. In 1975, however, the country fell to Communist forces and was closed to Christian witness.

On that very day in 1975 Kellum was contacted by the IMB and asked to work in a Vietnamese refugee camp in Fort Chaffee, Ark. Kellum did so and enjoyed the work with relocated Vietnamese. He returned to seminary, graduated and then was appointed by the IMB to work in Vietnamese refugee camps, first in Thailand, and later in the Philippines.

While working and ministering to refugees in Thailand, Kellum led Bible studies for new Christians. "It occurred to me that I had become a pastor, something I had not wanted to do," Kellum recalled, noting that he had originally felt led to go into social work.

Those experiences, however,



**PASTOR DOUG KELLUM, center, leads a meeting with lay leaders of Vietnamese Baptist Church in Memphis.**

have equipped Kellum to lead Vietnamese Baptist Church, which was formed in 1984 as a mission of Berclair Baptist Church in Memphis.

That mission is now one of the few Vietnamese congregations in the state and is the only one with its own building.

The church gives 5 percent of its offerings through the Cooperative Program, and 3 percent each to Shelby Baptist Association and the Vietnamese Baptist Fellowship of the SBC. Total missions giving is 20 percent. Although the 140-member congregation must now make payments on their building loan, giving to the regular budget has increased, and no ministries have been cut.

"The Lord has blessed the church," Kellum said, noting that since they acquired their building and property, giving has increased and no ministries were cut.

The goal of the church is to reach the Vietnamese who have relocated in the Memphis area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "If we don't take the Gospel to

the Vietnamese, who will?" Kellum questioned. "We know their language and culture."

Kellum has been accepted by the Vietnamese even though he is American. "Two things speak to them," Kellum shared. "I served in the military in Vietnam and I speak their language. That opens doors to ministry."

Kellum also knows he is in a position to tell others of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness because he has experienced it firsthand.

"God still uses broken vessels," he affirmed.

Kellum now leads a life without secrets, without shame. Though not married, he adopted an Amerasian son, Nathan, who came to the United States from Vietnam with no family.

Nathan is married with two children and his family shares a house with Kellum. Kellum is excited because his son, who is an active member of the church, is now open to considering ministry as a vocation.

"God has healed me and I am now where he wants me to be," Kellum said. **B&R**



## BMHMC transfers last patients

For Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital-Medical Center recently transferred its last 14 patients to other facilities, marking the closing of the 88-year-old hospital.

"This marks the end of an era, and the beginning of another era of health care choices for the mid-South" said Stephen C. Reynolds, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp.

"We leave the Medical Center with a bit of sadness and sentimentality because we've had a wonderful history of quality service here. But we also feel excited about the growth and the new horizons that lie ahead," he said.

Baptist officials now will refocus their efforts on the hospital's Health Care for the 21st Century construction and renovation campaign, which includes the Baptist Heart Institute of the Mid-South, Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women, and expansion projects at Baptist Memorial Hospital-East and Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto.

Baptist's origins date to 1912 when the Baptist state conventions of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas jointly opened Baptist Memorial Hospital in the Memphis Medical Center. It grew to become one of the largest not-for-profit health systems in the United States. ■

## Church redefines its ministry in changing ...

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**A new ministry**  
 Wilkins explained he wasn't totally unprepared for his ministry at Highland Heights. The church he served in California had members from different ethnic groups. Highland Heights was also on its way to becoming a multi-ethnic congregation when he arrived, thanks to church leaders like Ray Wilkins, retired pastor, and Howard, minister of education.

The church has sponsored a Cambodian congregation for 20 years. Members of the Cambodian youth who are more American than Cambodian have been transferred into Highland Heights. And the church has a large black and Hispanic membership of the youth group, which has grown not only in di-

versity but in numbers.

Wilkins credited the efforts of Brett Stamps, minister of youth/recreation who is a student at the University of Memphis. Stamps works in the area public schools by befriending principals and students.

Now the emphasis is on reaching young and middle-aged adults, said Wilkins.

### Outreach efforts

Soon after he arrived, Wilkins led church leaders in F.A.I.T.H. evangelism training. A prayer emphasis was led by Gregory Frizzell, pastor, Georgian Hills Baptist Church, Memphis. Visitation was begun and several people made professions of faith.

Then the congregation researched 10,000 families in its community using the U.S. Mapping Center based in

Lenexa, Kan. The church prepared and mailed three pamphlets to those residents. And church members prayed for each family by name.

The church recently drew about 500 people to a fish fry and 450 to an alternative Halloween event. Members are visiting prospects identified from the efforts weekly and visiting residents door-to-door during which they conduct an opinion poll and introduce residents to the church's ministries.

### Personal view

"It's been a struggle," said Wilkins.

But when the blessings occur, which they do, he added, one appreciates them.

For instance, a local business gave the church a \$50,000 grant to help finance some ministries for needy children. Church member Sallie

McLeary left the church money after her death which made the mailings possible.

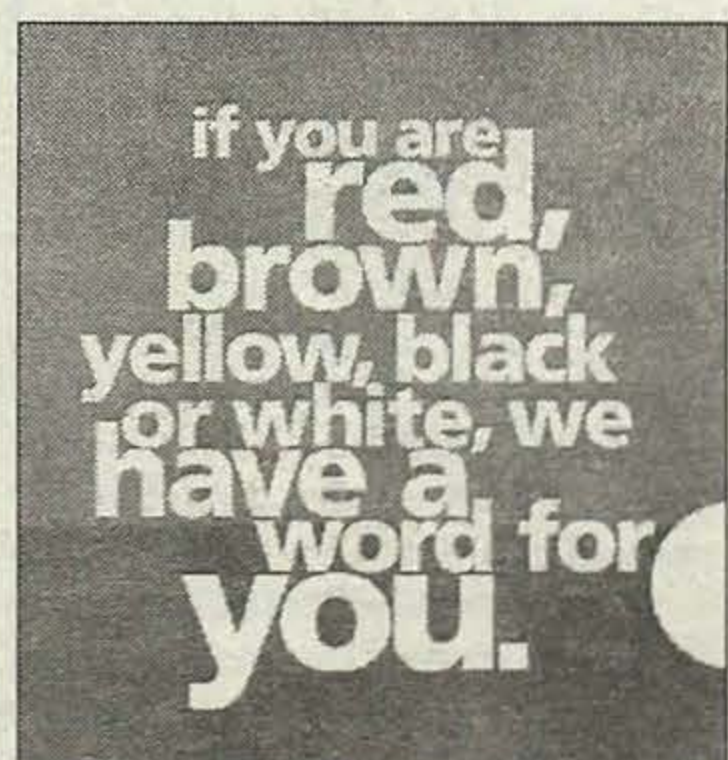
The congregation hasn't lost members overall in the last two years. The church is able to share in the social ministries of Brinkley Heights Baptist Church, which uses the Recreation Center of Highland Heights while only paying a small portion of the expense of using the facility.

Finally, the congregation will continue to be optimistic because members are busy praying for the church and "God hears and answers prayers," said Wilkins. One prayer group has met weekly for 11 years, he noted.

A final assurance of his ministry in Memphis is personal, said Wilkins. He and his family got to spend the last 15 months of his mother's life with her.

She became ill after they moved here.

The struggle of Highland Heights Baptist Church isn't over, declared Wilkins. **B&R**



**THIS pamphlet continues on the inside — "God's word. The Bible is pretty black and white about being for all people for all generations. Color your world with wisdom for life at Highland Heights Baptist Church."**



# Emotions, can you trust them or train them?

## families matter

by Paul Barkley



Christians tend to treat emotions as if they were land mines. We dance around them and try not to trigger them lest someone, especially us, gets hurt. Our difficulties come from the way we perceive them, perform them, and project them. All of this must be kept in a biblical perspective. Christians can learn to trust their emotion as they train them in a biblical way.

The way we perceive emotions has a big influence on the way we deal with our emotions. There is a tendency to

divide emotions into two camps, good emotions and bad emotions.

We would include love, joy, happiness and such emotions in the good side. We would place anger, hatred, greed, and fear in the bad group. The truth is that all our emotions were given to us by God and, therefore, are good. I can already hear some of you saying, "How can he call hatred, anger, and greed good?" God gets angry and he hates sin. Emotions are given to us by our creator God to enable us to survive and enjoy life. Anger, for instance, is a prime motivator in taking care of ourselves and defending the right. We must, therefore, be open to the understanding that what we tend to call negative emotions can be good when used in the right manner.

The way we perceive emotions directs the way we perform or express emotions. We cannot many times control how we feel, but we can control how we respond to how we feel. If I hit my thumb with a hammer in an attempt to hang a picture, I don't feel weak because my thumb hurts. It is supposed to hurt. I just hit it with a hammer. I can't help hurting. I can help how I respond to the hurt. If I knock a hole in the wall or throw the hammer through the window, I have responded in the wrong way. If, however, I try to take care of my thumb until it quits hurting so that I can complete the task, I have responded in a more positive and productive manner.

We also have trouble with the way we project our emotions. We tend to give others

the responsibility for our emotions and, therefore, responsibility for the way we react to our emotions. We might say, "you make me so mad." You are then somehow responsible for my behavior while I am mad. We also tend to say, "You make me happy when...." This has the weight of making my spouse or children responsible for keeping me happy. If I am not happy, it is their fault.

The apostle Paul said, "Let your sweet reasonableness (moderation) be known to all men" (Philippians 4:5).

When our perception is right, we will perform our emotions in ways that do not project them unfairly on others. ■ —Barkley is professor, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences, Memphis, and a family therapist in private practice.

## reflections

by Lonnie Wilkey, editor

## Don't be lulled into false security

Have you ever been lulled into a sense of false security? I have a relatively new computer. For awhile it seemed to save what I was working on. Finally, we "got all the bugs out of the system," and thought.

I began writing stories and columns and did not save my work like I should. Sure, I recently lost a column written and had to begin again.

Because I had not had problems for awhile, I didn't need to save my work often. Any long-time computer user will tell you to save and save again your work.

Or how about driving down the same stretch of road over and over. You see any patrolmen so you increase your speed. You are exceeding the limit. Then, one day, as you're driving down your favorite highway, there's a patrolman waving you over.

A false sense of security to speed when you know you shouldn't.

We can be lulled into a sense of security in all our lives.

Things may be going well at work or at home. The behavior and doing well at school. Everything seems perfect.

It is at those times when we remain on guard. We are especially susceptible to being lulled into a sense of false security during the holiday season.

The days leading up to Christmas are a busy time. We need to be careful not to be lulled into forgetting that Christmas is all about.

In the midst of the holiday bustle around us, let us get to take time out for and quiet time with God. Not forget to spend time in the Word, or to take the time to listen to someone's problem or concern, or to listen about Jesus Christ.

When we fail to maintain for God, we can be lulled into a false sense of security when Satan can take hold of our lives.

None of us wants that. ■



## letters from readers

### Good issue

I have been reading the *Baptist and Reflector* for more than 60 years. In this time there have been many great issues published. But in my opinion, the issue for Nov. 15 was one of the best that I have ever read.

Remembering the poem that begins, "Give the flowers while I live...." I believe the *B&R* staff deserves a great big vase of them. Keep up the good work.

Norman O. Baker  
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### World is watching

"Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men" (Matthew 5:13).

On Tuesday night of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, my wife and I were checking into our hotel and noticed that the woman behind the counter was upset. We did not have our nametags on so she was not aware that we were a part of the convention.

Our director of missions came in and talked with us a couple of minutes and then proceeded to his room. When we turned back to the counter to receive our room key, the woman asked if we are part of the Baptist convention and we told her we were. At that point the woman broke down and began to cry.

She said, "I can't believe some of these preachers. They talk to

me like a dog. I hope I never see another preacher in my life." She was so broken over how she had been treated that she left the room.

After a few minutes she returned and we tried to comfort her. It is my prayer that we as Southern Baptists, no matter where we are or the circumstance, that we remember the world is watching and that we are representing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Danny Keaton  
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### Responds to concern

A concern was raised recently as to the lyrics in the Christmas children's musical, "The Little Drummer Boy." That musical was not published by LifeWay Christian Resources, but LifeWay does distribute the piece. The passage in question referred to Jesus as "God-like."

This passage is in an allegorical poem, and it refers to Jesus as a "God-like Singer." The fact that "Singer" is capitalized can be understood to mean that Jesus is indeed a part of the Trinity. But we do agree that this could possibly be confusing to children, and we feel that it can

be easily clarified by the publisher. So, we at LifeWay have already contacted the music publisher and surfaced this concern, and asked for it to be addressed.

We do appreciate comments of this nature from conscientious Christians. All of us need to work together to get the best materials possible in front of our children, as well as the rest of us.

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### Not a Presbyterian

I would like to respond to a recent letter submitted by Jim Fitch of Gallatin who appears to equate Calvinism with Presbyterianism.

In his letter he refers to "one seminary pushing" who is supposedly "pushing five-point Calvinism." In order to dispel the writer's obviously intentional ambiguity, it is obvious he is referring to Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr., current president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I am now approximately

halfway through the M.Div. program in missions and evangelism as a student at Southern. I have heard Dr. Mohler speak on several occasions. I have never once heard him "push" his Calvinism on anyone. Dr. Mohler is one of the soundest expository preachers in our convention today. Furthermore, he is very passionate in his "push" for evangelism. In addition, he has stood in the gap on more than one occasion in the defense of the evangelical faith held so dear by most Southern Baptists. Dr. Mohler is indeed a Calvinist. However, does this qualify him to be a Presbyterian? I think not!

I would also challenge those who may consider one espousing Calvinism to be a Presbyterian to take a mere cursory glance at Baptist history. William Carey and Adoniram Judson, two of the most passionate missionary soul winners the world has ever known, were devoted Calvinists. John A. Broadus and Basil Manly Jr., two Southern Baptist intellectual giants, were very Calvinistic. Were these men Presbyterian? I think not!

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## Church of the Covered Dish

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







# The Macedonian Call

## Partnership/Volunteer Missions Newsletter

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### From your missionary

Congratulations Tennessee on completing 20 years of Partnership Missions! Thank you for taking the lead so many of us and for maintaining it these years.

By the way, God has used thousands of hands to touch a hurting world with the love of Jesus.

I have accelerated my work of Christ and missions while starting hundreds of churches and ministering daily in the name of Jesus.



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"Macedonian Call" has come from Burkina Faso, Philippines, Venezuela, Chile, Poland, Costa Rica, Rio de Janeiro, Portugal, Canada, and Michigan. I am sure you have responded to continuing to reach Ten- for Christ. Today, count- individuals have been because of your willing- become a volunteer mis-

I am grateful for all of who have come before me to make the Partnership/Volunteer Missions what it is today. I am more grateful for the privilege of serving with the finest people possible.

In each team member serving of a genuine call to mis- you can be assured that the Great Commission will continue to be the heartbeat of this team.

Thank you Tennessee Baptists for responding to the "Macedonian Call."

In Christ,

*Terry*

### 1 scheduled

the Macedonian Call"

International Missions Institute will be held 2-3 at the Madison-Chester Crockett Baptist Association in Jackson. The Institute is designed to equip mission volunteers for cross-cultural ministry around the world.

The institute starts at 6 p.m. with an international meal. The institute continues through Saturday afternoon.

Attend the Institute make reservations two weeks prior. For more information contact, Terry Sharp 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-

### According to volunteer/retired editor

## Missions is answer to Macedonian Call

By Fletcher Allen  
For "The Macedonian Call"

The main theme of missions is that every Tennessee Baptist church member can pray, give and go! Missions is a major thrust of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Our churches practice missions as the marching order of Christ.

A few years ago only a small percentage of church members were heavily involved. However, that was before the Partnership/Volunteer Missions task was begun. It's the plan that makes missions available to every member, and strikes fire in the churches.

Partnership/Volunteer Missions provides answers to Christ's command for all Christians to tell the Good News around the world. Partnership/Volunteer Missions is a worldwide example of Paul's answer to the call from Macedonia. "Come over and help us," the man in the vision begged Paul.

Partnership/Volunteer Mis-

sions allows church members to walk with IMB missionaries around the globe providing strong support. As long as there is one person who has never heard of Christ or his message, there will be reason for missions.

For me Partnership/Volunteer Missions is a living, breathing messenger of God's love to lost people around the world. The beauty of it is that thousands of Tennessee Baptists, and other Baptists, have become active missionaries, because of the program.

In 1987 I was asked to become the editor of the *Baptist and Reflector*. My family and I were happy in Maryland, but Tennessee offered many opportunities of service, which we liked. One of the foremost reasons, which directed our hearts toward Tennessee, was the TBC's involvement in Partnership/Volunteer Missions.

I knew of the blessings that came from ties with Burundi and Rwanda partnerships when I was editor of the *Bap-*

*tist True Union*, the Maryland/Delaware Baptist Convention state newsjournal. Joining Tennessee Baptists could only expand the opportunities, and present another exciting chapter in my life as a Christian journalist.

Since saying yes to the Tennessee leadership in the spring of 1987, the blessings of missions have exploded for me. I have been a part of advance planning teams to the Philippines, Chile, Canada, Poland, Costa Rica, and Rio de Janeiro,

Brazil. I also made a trip to Venezuela.

The blessings from the experiences have met my expectations underscoring those in Burundi and Rwanda. I have poured my life into God's work as a journalist and editor. I believe that he purposefully launched me into the midst of Partnership/Volunteer Missions.

I am one of those Tennessee Baptists, who after each Partnership/Volunteer Missions — See Missions, page 6



TBC TEAM meets with Polish Baptist leaders in Poland to discuss a possible partnership to be conducted 1995-97.

## TBC to send interim ministers to Canada

By Marcia Knox  
For "The Macedonian Call"

The TBC Partnership Volunteer/Missions Team has launched a new ministry to supply intentional interims for its Canadian partnership, according to Terry Sharp, Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team leader.

"We need interims because we do not have a resource pool in Canada of Southern Baptist retired pastors, missionaries, denominational and agency workers," said D.K. Hale, National Partnership/Volunteer Missions coordinator for the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists.

Hale recently met with Sharp at the Baptist Center following the Tennessee Baptist Convention annual meeting to discuss details of the new intentional interim ministry.

The statistics on Southern Baptists in Canada are eye opening, according to Hale. There

are a total of 155 Southern Baptist churches, and 50 percent of the Canadian churches have bivocational pastors. Of those 155 churches less than 15 have two paid staff members. These figures reveal one Canadian Convention church for every 200,000 people who live in Canada.

However, there are approximately 10,000 Southern Baptists in Canada. The majority of Southern Baptists are located in the western provinces of Canada. The greatest number of churches needing interims are located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. New works are also needed in New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

"The Canadian Convention is looking for intentional interims, interims that are trained specifically to work with pastorless congregations, and even for those interims not trained in intentional work, who could work three to five months," Hale said.

"We need you if you can still walk, read, and preach," added Hale. "We have openings for active interims in big cities with congregations who are looking at building churches, in small towns with congregations with no buildings, and in rural country churches."

Job descriptions range from pastors to preachers, educational leaders to Discipleship Training instructors, and strengtheners to encouragers.

"We need interims who know how Southern Baptists work, play, lead worship, and can establish men, women, and youth ministries."

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D.K. HALE, left, of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, and Terry Sharp of the TBC will work together on this project.

## 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@tn-baptist.org](mailto:asloan@tn-baptist.org).



## TBC partnership missions efforts in the 80s: Stewart

By Clarence Stewart  
For "The Macedonian Call"

Since 1980 Tennessee Baptists have responded eagerly and often to the call of Partnership Missions.

Beginning with the cooperative effort with the Sister State of Michigan and continuing into foreign missions relationships, Tennessee Baptists from the Volunteer State have earned the title as they have volunteered in large numbers for mission involvement. The volunteer lives, and churches will never be the same.

Michigan, Burkina Faso, Venezuela, Philippines, Chile, were all major opportunities

for ministers and laypeople to experience first hand some of the challenges and victories only known to career missionaries.

The emphasis on Partnership Missions begun by the state convention in 1980 has made missions live and breathe across the state. Some of the results were: a stronger faith and deeper commitment to missions on the part of the volunteer participants; a positive impact in the churches where the volunteers returned; gifts for all missions causes increased; other members became volunteers; and mission studies became fresh and relevant.

Other results were: thou-

sands of men, women, and children came to know Christ while many experienced a deeper commitment through the volunteers' ministries. More results were: some volunteers experienced the call to become career missionaries as a result of their Partnership Missions experience; and new doors continued to open for missionary service by volunteers.



**PLANNING** for the partnership with the Philippines are, from left, Calvin Metcalf, to Dadula; Bill Peacock; Clarence Stewart; D.L. Lowrie, TBC executive director; Crittendon; Glen Thompson; and Jarvin Hearn.

Thank God for the vision of Tennessee Baptists in 1980 as we embarked on the Partnership Missions concept for volunteers, and for the continuing enthusiasm and opportunity

for the thrust of volunteer involvement in winning world to Christ. — Clarence Stewart served as Partnership Missions director from 1992. ■

*According to volunteer/retired editor*

## Missions is answer to Macedonian ...

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trip, has come home with renewed appreciation and love for missions. It is easy to be excited about missions when you become a part of it. Especially when you meet Baptists who may be strangers in language and customs, but who are brothers and sisters in the heart.

Seeing other Baptists at work for God in other lands under tremendous pressure and burdens of poverty can only make us stronger. It also makes us understand what Christ meant when he said we must do those things for others that would be pleasing to him.

Here are some snapshots from my missions memories. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, offers the greatest contrasts in life from affluence to dire poverty. On a Sunday I was blessed to speak in a small church in the middle of a huge slum which was infected with drug trafficking. I asked the pastor about the safety of the church members, because at night you could hear gunfire of competing gangs.

The Brazilian pastor said the people trusted in God for protection and safety, and that was all they needed. New



**PAUSING** during a tour of San Jose, Costa Rica, are, from left, Ken Hubbard; Herbert Higdon; Terry Sharp, TBC; James Porch, TBC executive director; Bill Wil-son, TBC; missionary Clive Buttemere; and Alejandro Soto of Costa Rica.

Christians said they understood why no one was afraid of the drug lords. Their witness was bold and filled with joy. IMB missionary Elizabeth Oates had told us we would be safe, and we were.

Several of the churches that I visited in Chile were very small, but they were also full of fire. From Concepcion to Temuco, and even to Puerto Varas, the spirit is the same. One Sunday night I was in a church of about 15 members who were celebrating their first communion service. They were overjoyed and lingered for fellowship long after meeting.

After a two-hour drive from Valencia, Venezuela, out into the countryside on a Sunday evening, we found the little church house overflowing with

eager listeners. Many were unsaved. Some were sitting in the windows; others were standing around the inside walls and doorways. We noticed one young man in the doorway. He seemed to want to come in, but he didn't. We followed him outside and under a street light on a lonely corner, he gave his life to Christ.

Clarence Stewart and I were riding in the Philippines with IMB missionary Jack Brennen and his wife going to dinner. As we drove through Manila and into the slum area where they worked, Brennen stopped, and we walked in the alley and side streets.

Vendors were peddling fried chicken heads, entrails, and other delicacies. Ragged children followed us with winning smiles. Finally we heard Bren-

nen sigh as he teased with the children. He said, "This is home to me. This is my home here with these people."

TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions specialist Terry Sharp and I were escorted to several "off the beaten path" churches in central Poland. Pastor Erik Skoczen was our host. He took us to one of the larger cities and jokingly told us not to say anything or act like Americans. Skoczen began to drive slower and slower. He was getting "the nod" from men on the street. Finally he stopped the car.

In this area in Poland, we were concerned about the safety of the car and ourselves. We followed him into a dark doorway, and up three flights of stairs. In a dimly lit room, there was a local church pastor and three of his members. The place looked as though it needed a thorough cleaning and fumigation. The pastor ordered pizza for all of us with soft drinks. Skoczen laughed and told us that when the "guards" knew we were going to the church they would assure our safety.

One of my most satisfying experiences was a brief visit to

the little church in Siquirres, Costa Rica. I had accompanied a youth group for a two-week stay in the area in 1974. The vitality and humility of Wilfred Watson impressed me. He was ordained when he was about 84. He was a true servant for the Lord and a staunch church builder.

One of the churches in Edmonton, British Columbia, Canada, bought a bowling alley facility, then the members rebuilt the interior for it as a ship center. This is an example of the inventive genius of people everywhere where the Gospel comes first.

We can't determine the measure of Partnership/Volunteer Missions when it is in the heart of a church. We know that thousands of Tennessee Baptists have had changing experiences as they changed churches.

I know because it happened to me. I have added the missions formula of "pray." It's a good formula to realize you have made a difference in someone's life.

God's offer of salvation is still open, and the "Macedonian Call" is a call to go and tell. — Allen is a missionary, who served as editor of the *Baptist and Reflector* from 1987 until his retirement in 1998. ■

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"The interim could train people and equip them so that when the interim leaves then the people could do the ministry. Some interims are needed to give pastors a break so

that pastors can go on relief or retreats."

Since the interim positions are different in each Canadian church, the churches may offer different places to live and salaries. Lodging could range

from staying in homes, apartments, trailers, or living in campers.

The Canadian Convention has been in partnership with Tennessee Baptists since 1995 and the relationship was re-

cently extended to 2005. Already in place is an accompanying program, offered by the TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team, called the Sister Church program that links Tennessee and Canadian

churches together.

Interims interested in working with Canadian churches may contact Sharp at 1-558-2090, (615) 371-7922; email him at tsharp@tnbaptist.org. ■



# The Macedonian Call

## A missionary's view of partnership missions work

Clara Huff  
The Macedonian Call

a missionary serving in Chile the years of the Tennessee Baptist Partnership, I was reminded many of the value of working with vol-



**DUNN**, center, of Nashville helps her husband Dewey Dunn prepare to treat a patient in a clinic in 1993 in Hualqui, Chile.

unteers, and how God is using Tennessee volunteers, not only in Chile, but also in many places.

Working in evangelism we walked with Tennesseans going door to door sharing the Good News with Chilean men, women, and youth. From the pulpit, pastors and laymen, all Tennessee volunteers, presented the message of salvation, and the people responded.

The women met with their neighbors in home Bible studies, sharing food and fellowship. Hundreds worked in Vacation Bible Schools with children.

Prior to the Tennessee partnership in 1986, a Bible study group of Chileans saved their money, prayed and soon found a strategic corner property in the area where they could build.

With the help of Partnership/Volunteer Missions building teams from Tennessee, the congregation built a two-story building, and it was ready in time for VBS. The church took off after the building was built.

For five days, I interpreted for physician Dewey Dunn, a member of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, in a classroom in a small wooden church building as he saw as many as 60 patients in one day. Patient after patient received the same kind attention that he would have given to any paying patient in the U.S. After he examined each one carefully, he would share his own testimony, and then ask me to share Christ with the patient.

We lost count of how many of those patients recognized their condition as a sinner and turned their lives over to Jesus. Medical projects have opened the doors for new works to be started in many areas of Chile. Ophthalmologists have fitted thousands of people with glasses enabling them to read better, or

to read for the first time.

We traveled with the medical teams to rural areas to attend the Mapuche Indians of Chile. Hundreds of people who had never been to a dentist stood in line for hours waiting day after day to have a tooth pulled, to have their blood pressure taken, or to receive an envelope with 10 over the counter pain pills.

The hardest part was at the end of the day, and telling others no more time and no more medicine.

As missionaries our workload was doubled when the teams visited, but so were the benefits. We saw tremendous ways that our work was boosted, our national leaders encouraged, and our churches challenged beyond their capacity.

We will never know the extent of the influence of the Tennessee Baptist partnership on the work in Chile. — Clara Brincefield Huff is an IMB emeritus missionary, who served in Chile from 1963 - 1996. ■

## Burkina Faso project launches partnership missions: Owen

Carroll Owen  
The Macedonian Call

The Tennessee Baptist Convention reached a new day in missions when messengers to the TBC National Meeting in Johnson City adopted a recommendation that the convention adopt a Hunger and Relief Project in Upper Volta.

Upper Volta, a land-locked country in West Africa, eventually became Burkina Faso in 1984.

The site chosen in Upper Volta was the village of Sanwabo. Sleeping under a baobab tree, the Tennessee Baptist volunteers concentrated on building a base camp for the project. Soon men and women, mostly laypersons from churches across the state, were making the journey and staying a minimum of 30 days in circumstances more primitive than they had ever imagined.

The volunteers built a house for residents, missionaries as well as sleeping quarters, dining hall, kitchen, and other necessary facilities for the base of

operations. Volunteers taught literacy classes, drilled wells, built an earthen dam to create a 53-acre lake for fish farming and irrigation. Volunteers also worked alongside the missionaries to help the nationals with agriculture and animal husbandry. Volunteer nurses provided medical help.

At the end of the involvement in Burkina Faso, John Mills, SBC Foreign Mission Board's West Africa area director, told me, "When Tennessee began the project there were 12 churches in the area. At the end of the project, there were 39 churches."

This was remarkable since planting churches and evangelism were not directly a part of our mission. What was done in the Hunger and Relief Project caused the nationals to be more responsive to the missionary's message.

Much was accomplished and the lives of the nationals were blessed, but the richest blessings were for the volunteers and their churches where they returned. The volunteers came home with a new appreciation for our missionaries, and their enthusiasm for missions kindled a blaze that spread

from one end of the state to the other end.

Prior to 1980 a limited number of churches had become involved in volunteer missions, but the Hunger and Relief Project marked the beginning of volunteerism at the state level that is still spreading today. Burkina Faso was followed with partnerships with the Baptists in Venezuela, Philippines, Chile, Poland, Costa Rica, Rio de Janeiro, Nicaragua, Portugal, Canada, Michigan, and Las Vegas.

What has impressed me most about Tennessee's involvement in volunteer missions is what the experience does for those who go on mission. Our churches have a greater zeal for world

missions because so many of our people have "been there and done that." — Carroll Owen served as the TBC Convention Ministries director from 1979 until his retirement in 1988. ■



**STANDING WITH** some new friends in Burkina Faso are TBC staff members Archie King, left, and Carroll Owen.

## A view of the missions work in the 90s

Bill Wilson  
The Macedonian Call

Before I joined the Tennessee Baptist Convention, I had experienced partnership missions with teams to Africa, Tanzania, and Korea as well as a Southern Baptist Convention missions tour of Central and South America. Even though I had traveled extensively, I was not prepared for the positive impact partnership missions would have upon many others and me in the latter part of the 90s. With Tennessee partnerships with

Michigan, the Philippines, Chile, Brazil, Poland, Costa Rica, Canada, the concept of personal, hands-on mission involvement for our lay people has forever changed "missions" for thousands of Southern Baptists.

After retiring from the TBC, I returned to Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, where I pastored for 20 years to serve with my wife Creely as co-ministers of missions. I have had the opportunity to see what God is doing through partnership missions on both the state convention

and local church level.

Many volunteers have returned to a deeper commitment to missions locally through the church. Some have returned sensing a call to vocational missions. All returned with an awareness of the mighty work of God among the peoples of the world.

I recently asked one person who had been on several Partnership/Volunteer Mission teams which mission trip was the best. The reply was, "The last one." — Bill Wilson served as Convention Ministries director from 1990-97. ■



**First TBC Missions Team to Burkina Faso**

Leaving in 1981 were, from left, Alan Goodwin and Reggie Patterson, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Pat Farris, Lincoln Heights Baptist Church, Tullahoma; Art Pople, First Baptist Church, Memphis; Rufus Everett, Niles Ferry Baptist Church, Greenback; Tom Madden, TBC executive director; and Jene Plant, West View Baptist Church, Cookeville.



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Place	Project ID	Work	Dates	Volunteers Needed
<b>2001</b>				
<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Projects</b>				
Rio de Janeiro	PM42001904	At least 250 teams are needed to do personal evangelism with each consisting of a preacher, musician and layperson.	8/5-14	500-750
<b>Portugal Projects</b>				
Algarve	PM12001115	Group to do concerts, talent shows, drama, while targeting college students for a week.	2/28-5/15	10
Algrave	PM12001104	Gospel choir to perform concerts in the Algarves for one week.	2/28-5/15	20
Bombarral	PM12001126	Volunteers to prayerwalk in Central/West Portugal.	4/1-10	4
Bombarral	PM12001129	Street evangelism through art.	7/14-28	4
Faro	PM12001102	Prayerwalking team in southern Portugal for one week.	2/28-5/15	10
Faro	PM12001103	Prayerwalking team for the Faro area for one week.	2/28-5/15	10
Lisbon	PM12001107	Project Lisbon 2001 involves over 100 youth in self-contained teams of 12. Teams could serve in creative ministries, sports clinics, ESL, BYBC, light construction, or prayer-walking.	6/30-7/9	teams of 12
Lisbon	PM12001101	Prayerwalking team for the Lisbon area.	5/20-28	6
Lisbon	PM12001100	Prayerwalking team for the Lisbon area.	9/4-12	6
Porto	PM12001110	Team to distribute Bibles in the Porto area.	5/5-12	8
Porto	PM12001111	Prayerwalking team for the Porto area.	4/14-21	8
Porto	PM12001112	Prayerwalking team for the Porto area.	9/14-22	8
Porto	PM12001105	Hold basketball clinics and play exhibition games.	7/13-22	8
Porto	PM12001106	Hold baseball clinics and play exhibition games.	7/20-29	8
<b>2001</b>				
<b>Canada Projects</b>				
Cochrane, AB	01CCSB001A	Evangelism outreach activities at the World Track and Field Games.	8/1-8	1-200
Cochrane, AB	01CCSB001B	Evangelism outreach activities at the World Track and Field Games.	8/7-14	1-200
Edmonton, AB	01MID001	Phone survey of St. Albert residents from Tennessee.	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	3
Creston, BC	01ALP008	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-50
Keromenos, BC	01ALP005	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-50
Oliver, BC	01ALP006	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-50
Okanagan Falls, BC	01ALP004	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-50
Osoyoos, BC	01ALP007	Teams needed weekly to do survey, concerts, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-50
Penticton, BC	01ALP003	Teams needed weekly to do survey, beach ministry, block parties, and BYBC.	6/3-8/31	1-100
Victoria, BC	01CAP001	Children's outreach and minor repairs to church.	7/1-8	15-20
Victoria, BC	01CAP002	Team to conduct sports camp for ages 11-16.	8/11-18	15
Westbank, BC	01ALP009	Volunteers to work with new church start doing servant evangelism.	6/10-17	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP010	Assist church in outreach during a parade.	6/26-7/2	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP011	Assist in Kid's Club/VBS in local community park.	7/7-14	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP012	Assist with children and youth sports camps.	7/20-28	5-15
Westbank, BC	01ALP013	Recreation and sports camp for grades 7-12.	8/25-9/1	5-15
Halifax, NS	01ATL008	VBS, block parties, and literature distribution.	7/14-21	12-15
Scarborough, OT	01ONT001	Conduct VBS in a English speaking, Filipino church.	7/1-7	5-10
Charlottetown, PEI	01ATL001A-K	Construct building that will house summer and long-term missionaries. Teams needed weekly.	6/10-8/25	1-100
Charlottetown, PEI	01ATL003	Teach missions education to senior citizens.	7/7-14	6-10
Georgetown, PEI	01ATL007	Team to do painting/finishing work and conduct VBS.	7/14-21	8-10
<b>Long-term Opportunity</b>				
Montreal, QUE	01QUE002	Volunteer needed to minister on one or two university campuses.	8/15-12/15	1-4
Montreal, QUE	01QUE003	Ministry Coordinator in a lower socio-economic neighborhood of Montreal.	7/1-7/1/02	1

## Tennessee Projects

### East Tennessee

- ◆ **Cleveland** — Teams of up to 15 needed weekly starting June 11 to conduct yard Bible Clubs, creative family worship, hospitality ministries, field days, events, sports clinics. A team is needed to do games, clowning, face painting, patriotic concert at God and Country Festival July 4. Contact: Chris Stewer, Resort Ministries, 423-476-5493.
- ◆ **Elizabethton** — Teams of 2-20 to do home repairs for the elderly, disabled, and single-parent families. Dates are open. Teams of 10-20 needed weekly starting June 10 to staff children's day camp morning and provide BYBC in the evenings with local churches. Teams of 10-20 needed weekly starting June 10 to provide BYBC at Roan Mountain State Park in the mornings and community improvements, or evangelism events in the evenings. Contact: Becky Brummitt, Hale Community Ministries, 423-547-2560.
- ◆ **Gatlinburg** — A team of 25-40 needed weekly starting June 10 to conduct camps in the morning and family evening programs in area campground. Team of 5-8 needed every weekend starting Dec. 27 working with guest services helping in locker rooms/ski slopes and lead Sunday worship for employees on the slopes at Ober Gatlinburg.
- ◆ **Townsend** — A team of 5-10 needed weekly starting June 10 to conduct a camp in the morning at Tremont Hills Campground and a variety of evening programs at the campground. Contact: Bill Black, Smoky Mt. Resort Ministries, 436-4076.
- ◆ **Jefferson City** — Teams of 10-15 needed weekly starting May 27 to remove homes of low-income families. Contact: Shannon Washam, Appalachian Outreach, 865-475-5611.
- ◆ **Knoxville** — At least 3-5 teams needed each week to conduct BYBC in surrounding church area. Dates: June-July. Team of 15-20 to help conduct VBS June 17-24. Contact: Duncan Carver, Fort Hill Baptist Church, 865-577-7333 or 524-2200. Volunteers needed year round to: (1) work at the Knox Area Rescue Ministries to do home repairs for low-income families. BYBC could also be done. Team of 10-20 needed to do VBS in multi-housing community. Dates: July-August. Contact: Carroll Webb, 865-693-9097.
- ◆ **Morgan/Roane County** — Teams of 6-10 needed weekly June and July to conduct VBS in multi-housing areas. Contact: David Acres, 865-882-6446.
- ◆ **Rutledge** — Teams of 10 to do campground/recreational ministry to Angles and Hispanics. Dates: starts June 24.
- ◆ **Grainger County Baptist Association** — Association needs someone with experience with website creation. Contact: Dennis Cagle, 865-828-4001.

### Middle Tennessee

- ◆ **Nashville** — Team of 8-10 needed July 15-20 to conduct Adult Bible Study and crafts at local Women's prison. Contact: Linda Knott, 615-883-2186. Teams needed to help build new church facility, sanctuary, and education center. Contact: Jess Love, Concord-Grandview Baptist Church, 615-941-2293.
- ◆ **Pulaski** — Team of 10 to conduct BYBC June 3-8 in the community along with surveying the community and leading youth worship services. Contact: Plumlee or Lewis Thomas at 931-363-3584.

### West Tennessee

- ◆ **Galloway** — Team to do various remodeling projects for church facilities. Contact: Karen Granewald, 901-867-7259.
- ◆ **Humboldt** — Team of 10 to conduct BYBC in low-income housing area June 15-20. Contact: Helen Fisher, FBC, Humboldt, 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 communities. Contact: Amy Brady, Madison-Chester and Crockett Baptist Association, 901-668-5690.
- ◆ **Milan** — Team of 5-10 needed July 8-14 to conduct BYBC in 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, 901-398-3332. Teams to help with community outreach doing BYBC, survey work, sports clinics, clowning, etc. Dates: July 7-14. Contact: Rick Wilburn, Leawood Baptist Church, 901-327-5509. Team to paint and repair roof. Also need a team to conduct conference for church members on "How to Develop a Puppet Ministry." Dates: open. A team is needed help conduct Vacation Bible School June 25-29. Contact: Lawrence O. Hudson, Monument of Love Baptist Church, 901-565-8030. Volunteers needed year round to: (1) coach boys or girls sports teams in inner-city setting; (2) enter a mentoring relationship with women moving from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency; (3) to enter a mentoring relationship with young boys and girls, grades 6-9. Contact: Sam Wilson, Brinkley Heights Baptist Church, 901-458-0617. Volunteers needed year round in food pantry serving individuals in need of emergency food assistance. Contact: Ken Hardin, BHBC, 901-754-0272. The following volunteers are needed 1) Single male to live in inner-city church to assist with activities of residential discipleship program for men. Dates: August. (2) Health care professionals needed weekly or weekends to do education and screenings in inner-city churches. (3) Brick masons for church facility. Contact: Wrex Hauth, International Baptist Church, 901-835-4659.

### Las Vegas, Nevada

- ◆ **Block Party** — Volunteers to prayerwalk neighborhoods, play games, cool down, pass out literature, do one-on-one evangelism. Performance groups, singers, puppet teams, face painters, balloon artists, clowns are also needed. Dates: weekends in June and July.
- ◆ **Flea Market Evangelism** — Volunteer/teams needed weekly from Jan. 5 and Sept. 1-Dec. 30 to do creative arts such as singing ensembles, puppet face painting, and one-on-one evangelism.
- ◆ **Multi-Housing VBS** — Volunteers/teams needed each week in March to prayerwalk, distribute flyers, conduct VBS in over 40 apartment complexes, do parties, and go door-to-door to facilitate follow-up.
- ◆ **VBS/BYBC** — Volunteers/teams needed weekly starting May 14 to prayerwalk canvas neighborhoods, conduct morning VBS and evening BYBC, do 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) 371-1211.



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On behalf of the Carson-Newman College family, thank you for our continued partnership and the faith you have shown in us. Messengers to the Germantown annual meeting approved bylaw changes that will strengthen both the Tennessee Baptist Convention and all eight Tennessee Baptist Institutions. We are grateful to serve as the Baptist College of East Tennessee.

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As we cross the threshold of a new millennium, we pledge to you that Carson-Newman College will remain committed to Jesus Christ, our Baptist heritage, and to providing our students with opportunities to serve God's Kingdom. Through our Campus Ministries office, and through collaborative efforts with agencies of both the TBC and the SBC, our students now work through myriad opportunities here and abroad to carry the Word into the larger world. Locally, many who choose Carson-Newman also choose to work with C-N's own Samaritan House, a rescue ministry for homeless families, and Appalachian Outreach, which coordinates the repair of poverty-level housing in the surrounding region.

We intend that our future work will forever be thoroughly Christian and distinctively Baptist. Sixty-two percent of our current student population is Baptist and more than three quarters of those Baptist students are from Tennessee. Thanks to the preparation of their home churches, these students come to campus with hearts geared for missions, a desire to incorporate new levels of learning into their daily lives and an interest in making a difference in the world. Your Cooperative Program gifts are an investment in Baptist leaders of tomorrow, both laity and clergy. Many students could not afford to come to Carson-Newman without your help, and the education they receive would not be as good without your support.

Developing and approving the improved partnership between Tennessee Baptists and the eight affiliated institutions was achieved the Baptist way — through prayer, persistence, mutual trust, and our established governance structures. The Executive Board, the Education Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaw Committee played key roles. Individuals who provided effective leadership include Dr. Jim Porch, executive director/treasurer; Drs. Larry Gilmore and Jerry Tidwell, presidents through the process; Rev. John Holland, president of the TBC Executive Board; Dr. Robert Tyson, chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; and Drs. Mike Glenn and Ray Newcomb, chairs of the Education Committee. We are deeply appreciative of the diligent work, prayerful consideration, and countless hours they gave to this momentous task.

In closing, we want to thank God, who by His grace and providence has brought us to this new day. May everything we do bring glory and honor to Him and further the work of His Kingdom.

In His Service,

James S. Netherton  
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## Christmas may be canceled on Maluku Islands in Indonesia

Baptist Press

AMBON CITY, Indonesia — Christmas may be canceled in Indonesia's Maluku Islands if Muslim extremists there have their way.

Threats are circulating against the use of Christmas bells or candles in the islands, particularly on Ambon, said Southern Baptist representative Charles Cole. Anyone who displays such symbols of Christmas or Christianity reportedly will be subject to punishment.

This means "basically they [Muslim extremists] don't want any Christmas celebration," Cole said.



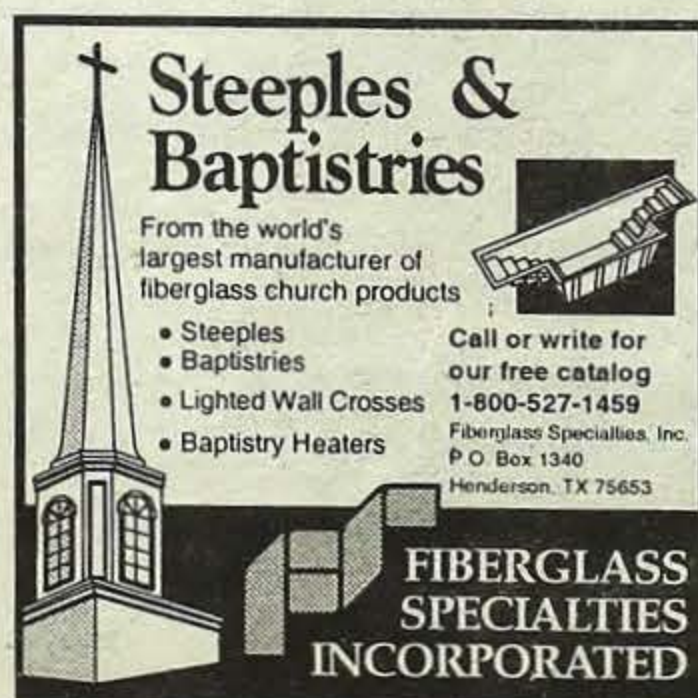
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### MINISTRIES — PASTOR

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Muslim radicals seem to have stepped up their efforts to rid Indonesia of Christianity. Tensions are heightened in part because a major Muslim holiday occurs just three days after Christmas this year.

"With this approaching holiday there seems to be an agenda to end the presence of Christians throughout the Maluku," he said.

As many as 500,000 Christians have been driven from their homes and more than 4,000 have been killed by Muslim "jihad" paramilitary warriors who have publicly declared they will push all Christians off the island or kill them. The fighting has forced

aid organizations to leave, and food, clothing and medical care are in short supply. Christian leaders in Ambon have said they feel the world is ignoring the crisis.

The International Mission Board has dispatched a team to Indonesia to assess the humanitarian needs of the thousands of refugees.

Contributions to hunger and relief efforts on behalf of persecuted Christians on Ambon may be sent to: International Mission Board, Hunger and Relief Fund, Ambon Refugee Relief, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. Every dollar donated will be used entirely for relief projects. ■

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### MINISTRIES — YOUTH

Walker Memorial Baptist Church, Tenn., has immediate opening for a part-time, innovative minister of youth. Phone (423) 7922, fax 877-7476, or mail to Hixson Pike, Hixson, TN 38011.

### MINISTRIES — OTHER

Site coordinator for Christian Women's Job Corp, Nashville. Coordinate and direct mission projects empowering women in life skills, enhance their self-esteem and develop a vision for linking them with Christ. The site coordinator must have a passion for and be a mature Christian. Submit resume or contact Creely (615) 371-0704, or e-mail son@brentwoodbaptist.org Jan. 17.

The Loudon County Baptist Association is now accepting resumes for a director of ministry. Please mail to Search Committee, Loudon County Baptist Association, 814 Webb Lenoir City, TN 37771.



## Minister's Corner

William Johnson



Advent seems to be the one part of the church year that is widely enjoyed in churches of all shapes and sizes.

Many use the four Sundays leading up to Christmas as a convenient way to celebrate Christmas extended period of time. Advent becomes a spiritual counterpart to shopping for presents and listening to Christmas carols.

The church year, Advent is radically distinct from Easter – as different as Easter and Pentecost. Adventally refers to “the coming.”

Traditionally, the first Sunday of Advent has been used to remind us of the second coming of Jesus. We are called to reflect on what it means that the risen Christ will someday consummate the work of the kingdom.

Advent is a season of preparation, but the preparation is related as much to the presence of God in and through us today as to the birth of Christ two thousand years ago. The distinction is easily lost in the rush of the season.

Encourage you to allow this Advent season to be a purposeful reflection on all the ways Christ is present to our presence and dwells among us.

The celebration of Jesus' birth two thousand years ago is here soon enough, and it will be a wondrous occasion. But for now, let us walk gently toward that celebration remembering that the coming of Jesus into our world has many faces. ■ – Johnson is pastor of First Church, Jefferson City.

## For Prayer

Ed Wood, Emeritus, this



## Start With a Smile:

Calvin: “Why are you digging that hole in the ground?” Carl: “To bury my canary.” Calvin: “That’s a

big hole to bury a canary in.” Carl: “He’s inside

**this Truth:** To forget a wrong is the best re-

**alize this Scripture:** “...If it is possible, as far as depends on you, live at peace with everyone. —” 12:18, NIV

**this Prayer:** Lord, help me to remember peace-shall be called the “children of God.” ■

## Partnership Prayer Requests

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Pray for IMB journeyman Nicki Chandler, a member of the youth team in Portugal.

Pray for Lisa Hale, a member of Worsley Church, Worsley, Alberta, Canada, who is undergoing tests to see if cancer has returned.

Pray for an employee revival, which is occurring at South Brazil Seminary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Pray for Northland Church in Love, Saskatchewan, Canada, as they start a new mission in Meaton. Ask God to bless their efforts.

Pray for Scott and Sandra George, IMB missionaries to Portugal, who are members of the youth team.

Pray for Gateway Church in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, as they seek a senior pastor or pastoral team. Ask God to send his servants.

Praise God for Eric Reese, IMB missionary to Brazil, who recently preached at a Thanksgiving camp outside Rio de Janeiro.

Pray for Don and Rose McCain, IMB missionaries who are working with the Central West Team in Portugal.

Pray for the Jewish community in Canada that will speak to their hearts and they will hear.

Pray for Wade and Shirley Armstrong, new members of the IMB Leadership Development Team in Portugal. Ask God to bless them as they teach at Portugal Seminary.

# Gift of a Savior

By Jerry C. King

## Focal Passages: Luke 2:1-15, 20

Luke 2 begins with the record of Jesus' birth. An angel announced to some shepherds that Jesus had been born nearby. They searched for Jesus and found him. They then shared the news with those around them. That is exactly the mission of the church today. When we find Jesus both individually and as a church family, our one and only mission is to share him with everyone we encounter. In fulfillment of the promise of God, Jesus – the Messiah and King of kings – was born in humble circumstances to be the Savior of all who will accept him. The life question of today's lesson is: *What does Jesus' being born in humble circumstances mean to me?*



KING

There are several things I want to encourage you to look for as we expand on the Scripture for this week's lesson. 1) God is in control of history. 2) God's timing is always perfect. 3) Poverty does not prevent a believer from being faithful or useful to God. 4) God loves and works through persons whom others regard as social outcasts. 5) God will do what he says. 6) When we have experienced God's grace and power, we must share that with others. 7) We must continue to reflect on and treasure the grace God has demonstrated to us.

**Jesus' birth (vv. 1-7).** The simple account of the birth of Jesus that Luke gives stands in sharp contrast to the tremendous significance of the event. Caesar Augustus decreed that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. It was taken, probably, to levy taxes. Everyone was required to go to their ancestral home. Joseph, being a law-abiding citizen, began the trip to Bethlehem, also known as the town of David. David had been born there about one thousand years earlier. From

Nazareth to Bethlehem would have been about 85 to 90 miles. Traveling with Joseph was Mary who was pledged to be married to him. Why did Mary make this long and difficult trip when she was expecting a child so soon? The answer, I believe, is that it was part of God's plan that this was to be the place of the birth of Jesus. The Bible tells us that Jesus was Mary's first-born. This would suggest that Joseph and Mary later had other children.

## Jesus' birth announced to shepherds (vv. 8-14).

With the humble surroundings, a stable, a manger and no clothing for the child, we should not be surprised that the first public announcement was given to Israel's social outcasts, the shepherds. It is interesting to note that just as a lone angel had appeared to

Zechariah and Mary that terrified both, now a lone angel appeared to the shepherds and scared the daylights out of them too! The angel gave the shepherds a sign, assuming they would go to Bethlehem in search of him. The angel also told them how he could be identified.

**The shepherd's response to Jesus' birth (vv. 15, 20).** After announcing their good news and praising God, the host of angels that had joined the lone angel ascended into heaven. The shepherds were convinced that this was real. They then told everyone who would listen to them what the angels had declared concerning this child. They became the first evangelists! Then the shepherds returned to their sheep, glorifying and praising God. They were excited about what they had seen and heard! I wonder what could happen in Tennessee in our many churches if each of us were to be excited today as we were on the day we invited the baby of Bethlehem into our lives? Keep spreading the “news.” – King is a former TBC evangelism ministry specialist.

## Family Bible SS Lesson — Dec. 17

# Persistent witness

By Terry Bradshaw

## Focal Passage: Acts 18:5-16

Today's time is marked by busy schedules and fast living. Commitment and persistence seems to be words from by-gone years. Yet, without both, the New Testament church will continue to face declining memberships and empty buildings. Truly, we are living in perilous times. These are times that offer a variety of challenges for Christians that are willing to share their faith with this ever-changing world.

A careful examination of church history finds that our forefathers faced some difficult situations themselves. In today's lesson, for example, Paul faced competing religious views and active religious opposition to the Gospel message. But instead of taking the path of least resistance, the apostle stood persistently for what he knew to be the truth. As a result, his persistence paid off in souls added to the Kingdom.

**Background.** Corinth, a city that prided itself on the fact that it was wealthy, multi-cultural, and open-minded was located some 50 miles west of Athens. Its population was approximately 600,000 people if you include the seaports of Lechacum and Cenchrea. It lay on a three-and-a-half mile wide isthmus between the Peloponnesian peninsula and the Greek Mainland. It served as the capital of the province of Achaia.

Paul made his way to Corinth after leaving the city of Athens. Upon

arrival Paul inquired about possible job opportunities in his trade of tent making. His search led him to a Jewish Christian couple by the name of Aquila and Priscilla. They were relatively newcomers to Corinth themselves. They had been numbered with the Jews that had been expelled from Rome in A.D.

49 by Claudius the emperor. While joining this couple in the art of tent making, Paul continued his ministry at the local synagogue, as was his custom. Verse four tells us, “And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.” This verse makes Paul's purpose for attending the synagogue clear – to share the Gospel with all that would listen. We need this same attitude in our churches today.

**Abused acts (vv. 5-6).** When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, they likely brought a monetary gift (II Corinthians 11:9 & Philippians 4:15). They also reported that the Christians at Thessalonica were doing well. This seemed to comfort and encourage the apostles. With the financial gifts, Paul could once again devote all his energy to sharing the Gospel (v. 5). Invigorated by the good news Paul confronted the Jews, and they

responded as they had done before, with disgust. So, in prophetic fashion Paul “... shook his raiment, and said unto them, ‘Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles’” (v. 6). Paul had persistently given witness to the Jews, and they repeatedly rejected it. So, Paul turned his energy and effort toward the Gentiles.

**Assured (vv. 7-11).** After the Jewish confrontation Paul made his way next door to the home of Titius Justus. It was during this time that Paul learned of the conversion of Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue. As a matter of fact, many Corinthians believed and were baptized. To Paul it may have seemed that his witness was falling on deaf ears, but God was at work in the heart of Crispus and others. We should never underestimate what the Lord can do with a persistent witness!

Verses nine-11 deal with what I call a vision of security. The Lord came to Paul in a vision assuring him that he could speak the word without fear of reprisal. Paul did just that for the next year and a half.

In closing, there were other efforts to discredit Paul and his message (vv. 12-16). But when all was said and done, the Jews failed and the Gospel went forward. See, persistence paid off! – Bradshaw is pastor, First Baptist Church, Bruceton.



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## deaths

■ **J. H. Stogner**, 85, of Sevierville, retired director of missions, East Tennessee Baptist Association, based in Newport, died Dec. 5. He served East Tennessee association from 1964-79. He served as director of missions, Holston Valley Baptist Association, based in Johnson City, from 1955-64. He also was pastor of Millican Grove Baptist Church, Sevierville; Gists Creek Baptist Church, Sevierville; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Sevierville; Richardson's Cove Baptist Church, Sevierville; Centerview Missionary Baptist Church, Bybee; Pigeon Valley Baptist Church, Hartford; and Denton Baptist Church, Cosby; serving three of the churches several times.

## leaders

■ **Parkburg Baptist Church**, Pinson, has called **Jerry Barker** as pastor, effective Dec. 31. He was pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington, for four years.

■ **David Teems** has been called as pastor, Mouth of Richland Baptist Church, Blaine. He has been pastor of churches in Florida, Georgia, Ohio, and Tennessee. Teems is currently working on the master of arts degree.

■ **Sullivan Baptist Church**, Kingsport, has called **Tony French** as minister of music and worship. He formerly was minister of music and education, New Hopewell Baptist Church, Knoxville.

■ **Earl C. Davis**, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Cordova, will retire effective Jan. 7. He has served the church since

it was organized in 1994. Trinity Church has grown to about 1,000 members and a \$7 million church plant. Davis came to Tennessee to serve as pastor of the 3,000-member First Baptist Church, Memphis, which he served for 18 years. During that time the church organized a Laotian congregation in addition to its deaf and Chinese congregations. Davis also has served churches in Georgia and Florida. Davis was chairman of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Upper Volta Project from 1980-85 and published four books. Trinity Church will dedicate its new Davis Chapel in the honor of Davis and his wife Jan. 7. The chapel facility also adds educational space. The dedication service will be at 11 a.m. and an appreciation dinner for the couple will be held at 5 p.m. The Davises will live in Boone, N.C. and Davis will be available for short-term work. After Jan. 7 he can be reached at 174 Gooseberry Way, Boone, NC 28706.

■ **West Hills Baptist Church**, Lebanon, called **Stacey Gilder** as minister of music and youth effective Dec. 10. Formerly Gilder was minister of music, First Baptist Church, Lebanon.

■ **Calvary Baptist Church**, Lenoir City, called **Steve Taylor**, director of publicity and promotions, First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville, as senior pastor, effective Nov. 19. While on the Concord church staff he also served as pastor of a church in Newport, and since 1987, has served on the staff of churches. Taylor is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga. The church also called **Bobby Lockwood** of Knoxville as associate pastor, ministry development, effective Dec. 11. He previously served as director of children's ministries, First



**BREAKING GROUND** are leaders of First Baptist Church, Friendsville, led by Mark Grubb, second from left, pastor. The ceremony was to mark the building of a \$2 million worship center including a 750-seat sanctuary, media center, nursery suite, offices, and elevator.

Baptist Church, Concord.

■ **Cliff Burchyett** retired Nov. 5 as minister of education, Hickory Hollow Baptist Church, Antioch, after serving the church for four years. He and his wife Erlene were honored on Nov. 5 with a gift and plaque. Prior to serving the church, Burchyett was employed by LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville.

■ **Colonial Heights Baptist Church**, Kingsport, has called **Allen Bowling** as minister of music. He previously served First Baptist Church, Smyrna; Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis; and a church in Texas.

■ **Pine Grove Baptist Church**, Duck River, has called **Andrew Allen** as pastor.

■ **RoEllen Baptist Church**, RoEllen, called **Darren Morrow** as pastor, effective Nov. 19.

■ **Gary Dozier**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Linden, has been called to a church in Ohio.

■ **Bethel Baptist Church**, Rogersville, has called **Jeff Smith** as pastor.

■ **Jeff Jones** has been called as pastor, First Baptist Church, Sparta, effective Jan. 21. Bob Mowrey, retired pastor, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, served as interim pastor for about two years.

■ **Jamie English Sr.**, a minister who is a member, First Baptist Church, Hohenwald, has been named interim director of missions, ALPHA Baptist Association, based in Centerville. Glenn Hester, director of missions, will retire Dec. 31.

## churches

■ The adult choir of **North Jackson Baptist Church**, Jackson, will present "The

Wonder of Christmas" Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the church at (901) 664-9618.

■ **Parkburg Baptist Church**, Pinson, held revival recently which resulted in 30 people making professions of faith and three people joining the church by letter. Henry Linginfelter, evangelist of Alcoa, spoke.

■ The choirs of **Eastland Baptist Church**, Lockeland Baptist Church, and **Shelby Avenue Baptist Church**, all in Nashville, will present "A Christmas Invitation" Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (615) 262-9424.

■ "Christmas Is Calling You Home - The Call of Christmas" will be presented by the choirs of **Orlinda Baptist Church**, Orlinda; **Williams Chapel Baptist Church**, Springfield; and **Cross Plains United Methodist Church**, Orlinda; Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Orlinda Church. For more information, call Orlinda Church at (615) 654-3941.

■ **Round Lick Baptist Church**, Watertown, recently held a revival which resulted in 61 people making professions of faith. Gene Wolfenbarger of Sevierville spoke and Mark Caruth, a staff member

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of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, led the service.

■ **Upper Helton Baptist Church**, Alexandria, hold a Bethlehem Market walk-through drama Dec. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call the church at (615) 529-2880.

■ **First Baptist Church**, Adamsville, will send a delegation to Mexico Jan. 11-20. For information, call the church at (901) 632-3787.

■ **First Baptist Church**, Hill, has completed new youth activities building. The facility previously was a doctor's office which the church bought and renovated.

■ The adult choir of **Baptist Church**, Lenoir City, will present "All is All is Bright" Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (865) 986-9066.

## schools

■ **Hollie Miller**, new president and pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, will speak at the winter commencement of 140 students of **Carson College**, Jefferson City, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. The service will be held at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City.

■ **Union University**, Jackson, will hold its December 2000 graduation ceremony Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. in the Savage Memorial Chapel. Keynote speaker will be Kesler, chancellor of Tennessee State University in Upland, Ind.



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**ELECTED** as officers of Sweetwater Baptist Association based in Madisonville, at the recent annual meeting were, from left, Stephens, administrative assistant; Brooke Watson, secretary; Bennie Creel, director of missions; Steve Teague, moderator; and Svetlana Kolomiyets, Ukraine interpreter.