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## Charleston

# Rural, town churches cooperate to share FAITH

Connie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

CHARLESTON — Two Willey County churches, one town and one out in the country, have recently completed a venture that gives meaning to the word "cooperation."

Candies Creek Baptist Church outside of Charleston had a strong FAITH evangelism training program for some time and was looking to have another church begin a similar program.

Sister congregation in Charleston — First Baptist Church wanted to train its members to share their faith and was eager to accept assistance.

Pastor Brian Crisp of First Church talked with David Newman, director of the FAITH program at Candies Creek, and the two churches joined forces.

In an unusual display of cooperation, Candies Creek took its FAITH training leadership plus those who were taking the training themselves and went to First Church for a 16-week effort that concluded in May.

In essence, members of Candies Creek, including Pastor Jamie Work, visited each week as representatives of First Church.

"When we knocked on doors (during FAITH visits) we would tell them we were with First Baptist Church," Work said. "I'm not about building churches. I'm about building the Kingdom. God does the building," declared Work, who observed churches, even among Baptists, "compete way too much."

Crisp agreed. "There was no sense of competition," Crisp observed. "It's all about the Kingdom."

"Their (Candies Creek members) attitude was great," observed Shannon Newman, minister of music at First Church who went through the FAITH training.

"They were concerned about our church and are excited about our success," Newman said.

When Crisp accepted the pastorate at First Church about 10 months ago, the church was averaging about 45 people in Sunday School with an enrollment of 99. Those numbers have now climbed to approximately 80 and 160, respectively, the pastor shared.

Since the combined FAITH visitation, First Church has had visitors every Sunday and has witnessed two professions of faith, Crisp said.

He noted members have learned one very important thing about their church as a



PASTOR JAMIE WORK, left of Candies Creek Baptist Church, visits with Pastor Brian Crisp, center, and Minister of Music Shannon Newman of First Baptist Church, Charleston. Candies Creek members recently helped FBC members launch a FAITH evangelistic training program.

result of the cooperative effort. Church was, but they do not," Crisp said. — See Rural, page 3

## Happy holiday; no paper next week

Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Americans will celebrate America's independence on July 4.

Amid the picnics and fireworks displays, take time to remember our heritage and the sacrifices our forefathers made in order for us to live and worship in a free country.

There are still countries in our world today where religious freedom is not a choice. Christians especially could not take our freedom granted.

Due to our production schedule, there will be no paper dated July 4. The next issue will be dated July 11.

Any late breaking news at week, along with the Sunday School lessons for July 8, will be posted on the Baptist and Reflector page of the TBC Web site at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). We wish our readers a safe, happy fourth of July holiday. — Editor

# Congregation takes SS to apartment complex

By Connie Davis  
For Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — Each Sunday morning at about 9 a.m., a white school bus with the words, Norwood Baptist Church, on it

drives into the apartment complex of Norwood Manor here.

On a recent Sunday morning several adults on board got off carrying boxes. They moved to a picnic table under trees. Several other cars entered the parking lot

and clowns disembarked.

As if on cue, children began leaving apartments and joining the clowns, who were giving out balloons, playing hopscotch, and talking to the children.

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A BOY reacts to the sound of a horn he has just honked with help from Rita Strange, center, and Karen Kinder of Norwood Baptist Church, Knoxville.



VISITING WITH Jacob Sutton, center, after Sunday School held at the Norwood Manor Apartments is Bob Tolmon of Norwood Baptist Church, Knoxville. Kala Sutton looks on.

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## Tennesseans help write new Baptist pamphlet series

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — A new pamphlet series exploring "The Baptist Style for a New Century" features pamphlets by three Tennessee Baptists and five other prominent Baptists.

The new series, sponsored jointly by the Baptist History and Heritage Society and the Whitsitt Baptist Heritage Society, includes titles by Albert W. Wardin Jr. of Nashville, Carolyn D. Blevins of Jefferson City, and Charles W. Deweese of Brentwood.

"Our writers passionately believe that a new focus on Baptist history is critical to maintaining and advancing the Baptist witness today," said Deweese, executive director-treasurer of the Brentwood-based Baptist History and Heritage Society (formerly the Southern Baptist Historical Society).

Titles include "Doing Freedom Baptist Style: Liberty of Conscience" by Deweese; "Doing Diversity Baptist Style: Major Variations" by Wardin, retired professor of history at Belmont University; and "Doing Ministry Baptist Style: The Priesthood of All Believers" by Blevins, associate professor of religion at Carson-Newman College. Wardin and Deweese are members of First Baptist Church, Nashville, while Blevins is a member of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City.

For more information about the pamphlet series, call 1-800-966-2278. ■

## Volunteers on site when earthquake strikes Peru

Baptist Press

AREQUIPA, Peru — Several people made decisions for Christ when Southern Baptist missions volunteers shared their faith in the immediate aftermath of a powerful earthquake that struck southern Peru and parts of Bolivia and Chile on June 23.

An International Mission Board team is heading into the quake zone to find ways Southern Baptists can minister to families devastated by the disaster.

The massive earthquake, which measured 7.9 on the Richter scale, killed at least 71 people and left more than 20,000 homeless. Thousands of people were forced to sleep outdoors in the sub-zero temperatures of Peru's Andes Mountains.

The 70-member volunteer team from Saddleback Valley Community Church in Lake Forest, Calif., was passing through Arequipa on its way to Cotahuasi, where they had planned a prayer hike, said Susan Gay, a Southern Baptist missionary based in Quito, Ecuador. One busload of volunteers had left the city when the earthquake struck at 3:33 p.m., forcing them to return.

About 20 team members were able to find housing in an Arequipa hotel owned by a Christian woman, and the rest camped in a park across the street, Gay said.

The team held a worship service in that park on Sunday and several people made decisions for Christ during the service, she said. On Monday the team divided into groups to evangelize on the streets of Arequipa.

The quake was the strongest in Peru for 30 years. In May 1970 a quake of the same magnitude killed 70,000 and left some 600,000 homeless.

Southern Baptists are sending a team into the area to assess relief needs. The team will focus on towns and villages between Arequipa and the coast,

which were heavily damaged but may be missed by large-scale relief efforts focused on the urban area. ■

## SEBTS to close child care center

Associated Baptist Press

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has announced plans to close its child care center, citing as one of the reasons "ideological problems" with the school sponsoring child care.

The Ruby Reid Child Development Center has served both seminary and community families for decades. It was designed as a learning laboratory for seminary students while providing quality care for children ages 2 to 5, according to Beth McLeod, who directed the program from 1965-85.

That is no longer seen as the center's function. Seminary President Paige Patterson said the center doesn't fit into the school's "Statement of Institutional Purpose."

Providing day care "is not really a part of our mission, especially when the vast majority of our clients are from the community and not students," he said. "We have no program for early childhood education, and the center serves no educational purpose."

In separate letters to student parents, community parents, and the center's 21 employees,

Patterson related a variety of reasons for the closure. He told parents from the community that the children had been "an infinite spring of happiness" but that child care is not the seminary's focus, and he was concerned about the seminary's liability exposure.

To student parents, Patterson said the seminary could no longer afford the liability or the operating cost of keeping the center open. Raising fees to break-even level would make it impossible for students to afford the service, Patterson said. The center reportedly has lost \$332,000 over the past five years.

Patterson also told students that seminary officials had "ideological problems" with seminary sponsorship of a child care center.

"Recent discoveries regarding children reared in child care centers have only escalated convictions that the child that is most likely to have a happy and useful life is a child reared at home with the parents, not in a child care center," he said.

"However, our position on child rearing did not close the center," he told Baptist Press. "Had that been the case, we would have closed it nine years ago when I became president."

The center currently has preschoolers enrolled for the summer program, with 86 children pre-registered for the next semester, according to director Tina Dekle. ■

## Salvation beats Super Bowl, says Titan star

For *Baptist and Reflector*

NASHVILLE — Salvation provided a more important victory than a Super Bowl win could have, a Tennessee Titan shared with the congregation of Grace Baptist Church here.

Pro Bowl wide receiver and kick return specialist Derrick Mason shared during the morning worship service June 10. He joined Titans chaplain Reggie Pleasant in sharing what God has done in his life since Pleasant led him to Christ almost two years ago during training camp.

Since that time God has taught Mason many things, he said.

"One of the keys has been to realize that Jesus is able to give me victory over the temptations I face in life," he said.

"By focusing on Jesus, staying in the Word, and letting the Holy Spirit control me, I have found a victory I never knew before."

Mason shared with the congregation how he desired to be a leader for his wife and daughter and how his relationship with Jesus helps keep him on an even keel among the ups and downs of professional football.

"I realize God has a purpose and everything happens for a reason. The losses we experience help us better prepare for the future," Mason said.

Pleasant, who is a good friend of Grace Pastor Andre' Dugger, praised Mason's humble spirit. "It is exciting to see how God has been working in Derrick's life," Pleasant said.

Dugger told Mason during the service that



PASTOR ANDRE' DUGGER of Grace Baptist Church welcomes Tennessee Titan Derrick Mason to a service at the Nashville church.

"we are glad you made it to the Super Bowl and glad that you were elected to the Pro Bowl, but the greatest thing that ever happened to you was when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and entered God's family. For that we are most excited."

Mason quickly agreed.

Dugger, who has preached several chapel services for the Titans, observed he is thrilled to see how God has worked in the lives of many players and coaches. "Many of the Titans already know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and we are praying many more will come to know him." ■

# Korean church completes new facility

Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — Blessed Baptist Church, Antioch, here, has accomplished a lot in its 10-year history.

Its successes may have something to do with the fact that at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays members gather for prayer.

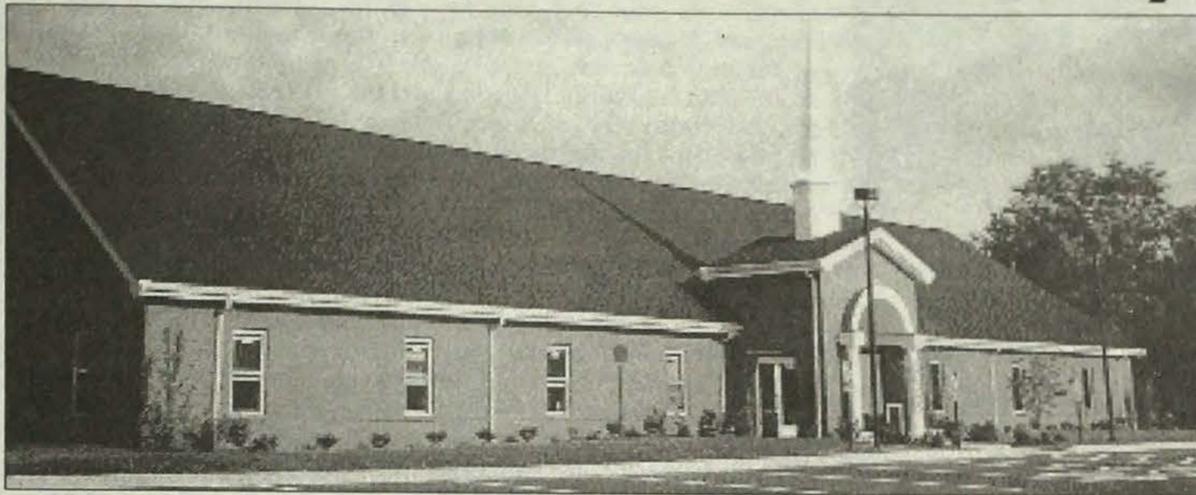
Or it may have to do with the generosity of the members, despite the fact that all are direct immigrants from Korea or descendants of immigrants, described Elijah I. Whang, pastor

Whatever the source of its strength, Blessed Church recently moved into a new facility. The congregation began with 10 people and now draws about 80 active members.

And the congregation isn't taxing. Members are practicing "prayer/fasting" for a 40-day period.

### Finances

Members of Blessed Church can be considered generous. Since the church began under the leadership of Whang, it has been self-supporting except for providing a facility. The congregation met



THIS NEW \$1 MILLION facility of Blessed Baptist Church, Antioch, Nashville, was dedicated recently.

at Una Baptist Church from its inception until moving into its new facility recently.

And since the church began, members have given to the Cooperative Program and local association.

Members gave \$186,000 in one year, reported Whang.

On April 22, the congregation moved into a \$1 million facility on 3.3 acres in a growing area of the city.

The only other help the congregation has received is from the Tennessee Baptist Convention, which gave a \$50,000 grant, and from the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, which gave a \$50,000 loan.

Whang said one reason the congregation has been so generous is that members believe the Bible, which says it is better to give than to receive. Many also believe in Christian sacrifice, he added.

Whang feels personally committed to the Cooperative Program because he was a beneficiary of its funds through a scholarship while a seminary student.

"I think we have to support the Cooperative Program if we

are Southern Baptist," he said.

### Prayer/fasting

Prayer/fasting is not a new concept to many of the members of Blessed Church. They have a good example in the 3,000-4,000 Koreans who visit one of the hundreds of prayer/fasting mountains in Korea each day. The prayer/fasting mountains are provided by churches, including Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul, the largest church in the world, described Whang.

Whang began studying prayer/fasting recently and decided to focus on it during the three-day revival held following the move into the new facility.

He noted the Bible has 54 passages about prayer/fasting. And he learned the average American only digests about 30 percent of the food he/she eats.

Whang and the revival speaker from New York City challenged the members to pray/fast for a day or more from June 4 - July 13. Fifty members signed up for at least one day, including students as young as 12 years old. The participants only drink water on the day they fast.

Whang said he can already

see a change in the "atmosphere of the church" and in the members, said Whang.

The congregation is beginning to see itself as strong rather than struggling or weak, he said. Members who were complaining have quit.

Members are talking about praises, the Bible, and praying. And they are practicing what they are discussing, he added.

"Many people don't know how to give," he said. "We are beginning to learn how to sacrifice for God and God's church. Prayer/fasting makes us so strong physically," he said.

Whang has scheduled three 40-day prayer/fasts during the next 12 months. And he personally will fast one day a month, he said.

Whang, who became a Christian in Korea, immigrated to the United States in 1986 to work on an MBA degree. Instead, he was challenged by a friend to attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Whang did and graduated. He has started churches in Des Moines, Iowa, and Nashville.

He said he has received "God's grace and blessing." ■



WHANG

## Rural, town churches cooperate to share ...

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About 60 percent of the people living within a five-mile radius of the church have moved to the area within the last five years, he observed.

As a result of the success of the FAITH program, the church has begun to see "some stories" which in turn has led members to set new goals for their church.

During the midst of FAITH, the church had a "high attendance day" which drew 111 people. On a recent Sunday, attendance reached 89, Newman said.

What's more, the increased members are not coming from Baptists who are changing churches, Newman said. "We are reaching people from other denominations or those

who are not Christians," he added.

Crisp noted that when he arrived on the scene and asked members what their ideal attendance would be, they responded "about 120, what it was 20 years ago."

The pastor asked the same question nearly a year later and that number had increased to between 150-200.

"Our members' expectations and goals have changed as a result of the joint FAITH effort," Crisp acknowledged.

The effort also has paid off for the Candies Creek congregation, which averages between 350-400 in Sunday School and holds two morning worship services.

"It greatly encouraged our people to know God could use

them to strengthen a sister church," Work said.

Also, the Candies Creek pastor continued, "it taught our people the joy of service. 'We gave ourselves to them (First Church).'"

Finally, Work is hopeful that the joint venture "has set a tone in our county that we can work together. We don't have to compete, but instead are partners in the Gospel."

He observed God already has blessed Candies Creek because of their willingness to go out and assist a sister church with their visitation/evangelistic efforts.

"There are unseen blessings that God has already or will pour out on us for willing to be used in this way," Work said.

The two churches held a

joint celebration service on June 3 at Candies Creek. Crisp preached during the worship time.

There was a good spirit there among both congregations, he related.

Leaders from both churches are eager to continue working together.

"We're looking at things we can do together" Crisp said.

"We hope the partnership can continue."

Work noted that Candies Creek members also would like to do joint ventures with First Church and other congregations in Bradley County Baptist Association.

"Our people have a real heart and desire for our churches in this association to work together," Work said. ■



## WMU names search committee

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Dottie Sampsel of Knoxville has been appointed to chair the executive director-treasurer Search Committee of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

The committee seeks to fill the position vacated by the recent retirement of Carrol Kelly.

Candy Phillips of Nashville, president of Tennessee WMU, announced the appointment June 17.

Sampsel, a member of Cumberland Baptist Church, Knoxville, has served on the Executive Board of Tennessee WMU as WMU director in Knox County Association. She served as Tennessee WMU vice president from 1999-2001 and as personnel committee chairman in 2000-2001.

Other members appointed to the committee include Judy Luck of Athens, a former member of the Executive Board who serves as president of Tennessee Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship; Christina Crawley of Franklin, a member of the African American Advisory Council of WMU SBC; Sharon Lunsford of Nashville who served as Tennessee WMU promotion director from 1996-2001; and Tammy Saffel of Waverly, a member of the 2001 Tennessee WMU personnel committee.

The committee will conduct a nationwide search for a candidate for executive director-treasurer to be presented to the Tennessee WMU Executive Board.

The first objective will be to compile a leader profile. Listening sessions to receive input will be held during the afternoons of the six Church WMU Leadership Training conferences.

The conferences are scheduled for Aug. 11 in Bartlett and Knoxville, Aug. 18 in Humboldt and Chattanooga, and Aug. 25 in Smyrna and Jefferson City. Tennessee Baptists are invited to provide input into the development of the executive director's profile by attending one of the listening sessions or by sending preferences to the Tennessee WMU office, PO Box 728, Brentwood 37024. Please include preferences regarding education, experience, and leadership style. ■

# Baseball player finds God on the field

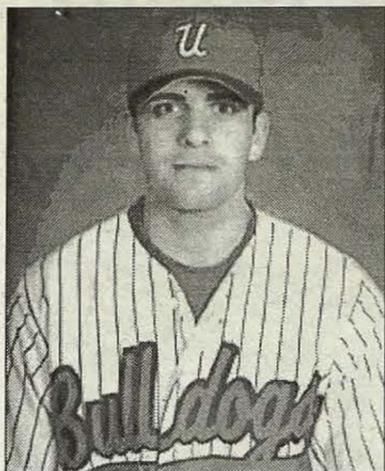
Baptist Press

JACKSON — When Jamie Mosley signed to play college baseball for the Union University Bulldogs during the summer of 1997, he had no idea that his love for a game would set events in motion that would change his life forever.

Signed as a catcher (he's now an outfielder), Mosley's time on the Union campus brought him to a realization that something important was missing in his life.

"My freshman year was probably one of the hardest times of my life," says Mosley, who has spent the past 12 months serving as a pastoral intern at Woodland Baptist Church. "I was really focused on doing my own thing, especially when it came to baseball." Though he had been in church all of his life, Mosley had never given his life to Christ, though he called himself a Christian even when his life reflected otherwise. "I had never seen that I needed to put my trust in someone other than myself, and I really didn't understand the reason that Christ had come to earth."

Through his experiences at Union, God began to deal with the young ballplayer. Mosley soon realized that his self-centered lifestyle was the cause of the unhappiness that was flooding his life and that only Jesus Christ could provide relief for



JAMIE MOSLEY

him. At the beginning of his sophomore year, he completely gave his life to Christ.

At that point, Mosley says, God began to work in his life by molding him for his ultimate plan.

"People tend to think that everything will be grand once a person is a Christian but that just isn't the case," says Mosley. "When the Holy Spirit begins to alter the course of a person's life to one that is not in rebellion, it is a very painful process."

A turning point came in his life the summer prior to his senior season, when Mosley, two of his teammates, and several other Union students traveled on a 10-day mission trip to Uruguay where his group used baseball to share the Gospel. It was his first mission trip, and Mosley was unsure about what

to expect or to think. Less than two months prior to leaving for Uruguay, Mosley had intentions of pursuing a career as a CPA. In fact, he had already set up an internship for that same summer. But during those two months prior to the trip, God began to reveal a different plan for Mosley.

The mission group spent time speaking in churches. When a church allowed the group to lead a full service, they selected Mosley as the one to bring the message. After that night, people began to encourage him to pursue the ministry. Staying in a room by himself with no distractions, Mosley began to be moved by God's presence and saw how God was answering his prayers. As he began to consider all that had happened over the past two months, he made a commitment that his daily life would be just as focused on God as it had been on the trip.

Mosley said God revealed while he was in Uruguay that his relationship with Christ and playing baseball are not necessarily in conflict with one another. In the past, he had let baseball become his idol and not Christ.

"That was the first time that I truly understood how baseball could be played to his glory," says Mosley.

Once back from Uruguay, he found his approach to baseball

at Union had changed. Mosley found it difficult to keep putting in the long hours that baseball requires when "compared to things of God, baseball is nothing." However, he also knew that he was a part of the Union baseball team for a reason.

In the fall of his senior season, Mosley and others led a team Bible study and had good attendance. He also realized that he could minister to his teammates on the field by the way he handled success, as well as adversity, and to be the one who leads by example on and off the field.

"The main thrust of our efforts came in asking the opposing team to pray with us following each game," explains Mosley. "It was a time for us to display that we believed God to answer prayer and to lift up the ones that we would have never encountered except for on the ball field."

Mosley believes that he "was not just to come to Union to be blessed, but also to seek to bless others." Mosley's goal for his senior season was to glorify God by being an example of the Gospel.

Even as he set right the priorities in his life, Mosley was a large part of the 2001 season for the Union Bulldogs. Mosley played in 45 of 57 games, while starting 35 times, hitting five homeruns, and tallying 33 runs batted in. He finished fifth in



both categories, on a team that finished second in the Trans-South Conference regular season and tournament. He also participated in his third NAIA Region XI Tournament in four years.

Graduating this past May with a 3.9 grade point average while earning a major in mathematics and a minor in accounting, Mosley is remaining open to God as he begins his seminary studies with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary through the seminary's extension program at Union. He will remain as a pastoral intern at Woodland Baptist while he takes seminary classes.

Looking back, Jamie knows that baseball has been a large part of his life and doesn't have any regrets concerning playing the game. However, his desire is to help others see how simple it is for something like sports to become an idol in a person's life. His prayer is, "that those of us who are going to claim the name of Christ would evidently that even while competing. As the Apostle Paul, I hope that we as athletes will come to face the challenge of Romans 12:1 and worship God even as we compete." ■

# First Church, Decatur, reports FAITH changes congregation

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

DECATUR — "FAITH has changed the whole focus of our church," said Jerry Plaster, pastor, First Baptist Church.

FAITH, the Sunday School evangelism program, has drawn about 90 adults as participants. The church has about 180 adults and children in Sunday School each week. During a recent semester, a member of every Sunday School class participated.

Plaster described FAITH at First Church here as unlike other outreach or evangelism programs in that it emphasizes Sunday School. He said FAITH has become a "church-wide effort. When the church pulls together collectively, then God's going to bless. The excitement

is contagious."

Accordingly, FAITH has "made an impact on our community," said Plaster. As a result, 1,433 visits have been made since the summer of 1998. And 25 people have made professions of faith, reported Plaster and Carolyn Goforth, Sunday School director and FAITH coordinator.

Also new FAITH workers join the program each semester it is offered, Goforth added. The church offers the 16-week program and then takes two months off before launching it again.

### Keys to effectiveness

Plaster said FAITH is effective because it trains people for evangelism. He has seen "people who are shy or bashful that have become bold for the Lord, even to a stranger," he said.

Leaders "make no apologies," Plaster said, for the intensity of the program or its length. "When you're talking about eternity, 16 weeks is a drop in the bucket," he said. "We've become soul conscious."

And people aren't badgered to participate nor is guilt used, said Plaster. But members hear the experiences of participants. Some speak at banquets which are held at the end of each se-

mester. People known as being shy tell how they gave their testimony during a visit. Listeners also learn the results are left up to the Holy Spirit.

"It sells itself as far as motivation," said Plaster.

Goforth said many of the church's new participants are people reached through visits made by FAITH (Forgiveness, Available, Impossible, Turn to accept Jesus, then gain Heaven) workers. People reached through the program just assume they should be involved, explained Goforth. And they want to participate because of the positive impact on their lives.

All Sunday School leadership have participated, said Goforth. And FAITH has become a criterion for service as a Sunday School leader.

Another good result is people have been visited who had connections with the church but had not been visited recently, said Goforth.

"As far as we're concerned it's a lifetime experience," said Plaster.

### One life changed

Ronnie Jenkins, who operates an auto repair shop in Decatur, was a Christian when he was visited by FAITH workers



JERRY PLASTER, left, pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, with Ronnie Jenkins, new church member because of FAITH; Carolyn Goforth, Sunday School director and FAITH coordinator about FAITH.

of First Church at his repair shop. He even had been a member of First Church as a youth. But he had stopped attending church 23 years ago.

He enjoyed the visit. Then another evening as he was visiting his mother, a FAITH team visited her. He was impressed, said Jenkins.

Soon he returned to the church and has become an active member. He recently taught a Vacation Bible School class. And he plans to serve in

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August, where he will use FAITH training.

### Other results

Other results are the congregation's desire to become involved in missions for the first time. The church is sending a youth group to Washington, may send four men, including Plaster, to Rio de Janeiro to support the Tennessee/Rio Partnership.

"It's been phenomenal," Plaster. ■

Visits made each 16-week semester	
	103
	209
	365
	282
	252
	222
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,433</b>

25 people have made professions of faith as a result of FAITH.

# Despite increase, we're going to 'tell the story'

Lonnie Wilkey, editor

As readers are aware everyone experienced a postage increase at the beginning of the year. Publications such as the *Baptist and Reflector* and other non-profit mailers especially were hit hard.

Our increase was somewhere in the range 7-9 percent. Unlike first class postage which requires a 34 cent stamp for each piece, postage for the *Baptist and Reflector* varies each week depending on number of pages and the amount of advertising.

Despite the increase in January, however, we will experience another rate hike in July. Again, nothing is definite, but we have been told it will be in the 3 percent range.

While the July increase was not expected, we are confident we will be able to finish the

year without passing on the cost to our subscribers.

The Convention Communications Committee, which the paper relates to, already has approved a 25 cents per subscription increase for next year, beginning in January. The increase is not much. For example, a church that buys 100 subscriptions would see only a \$25 increase for the year, or roughly \$2 per month. This is in line with increases of LifeWay and other Christian publishers.

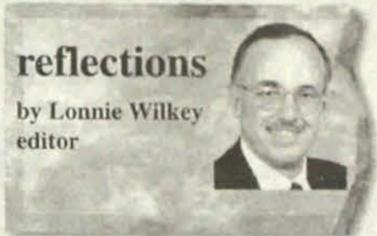
We are determined to keep the paper affordable for our readers as we remain committed to telling the story of Tennessee Baptists. You can help us by encouraging others to purchase the paper, either individually or through churches. More subscribers ultimately leads to more advertising revenue.

Postage is not only increasing for the paper, but also for church mailouts as well.

Several churches partner with the *Baptist and Reflector* on a weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly basis to produce their newsletter. These churches have found the *B&R* an economical way to publish their news while also keeping their members informed of state and national news.

We can do this for other churches as well, large or small. Churches interested in learning more about the Church Page Plan are encouraged to contact Susie Edwards in our office at (615) 371-2003.

Dealing with problems is part of any organization, even those affiliated with church life. Pray for **your** paper and staff as we tell the story of Tennessee Baptists. We have a wonderful story to share! **B&R**



## Parents must help children prepare for adulthood



parent peaks

Carolyn Tomlin

This, like many other situations that arise, is a typical concern for today's parents. Raising children to become an independent person is a major responsibility for parents. And, it's often difficult. Where is the line between keeping a child safe, yet allowing him or her room to grow?

Educators stress that from infancy to early and middle childhood and through adolescence to later adulthood, specific kinds of behavior are required if one is to deal successfully with challenges and problems, current and future. These have sometimes been referred to as "developmental tasks."

Although schools and other organizations help, the home remains the primary location where children learn independence. Therefore, good parents make the difference. "Train a child in the way he should go,

and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6) NIV.

Robert Havighurst, author of *Developmental Tasks in Education* (David McKay Co.) says that the accomplishment of a developmental task is closely related to independence. This is defined "as a specific challenge which arises at or about a certain period in the life of an individual, successful achievement of which leads to happiness and to success with later tasks, while failure leads to unhappiness in the individual, disapproval by society, and difficulty with later tasks."

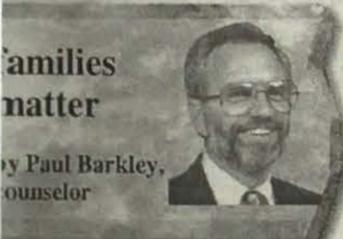
Sometimes we as parents become so tied up with the challenges of day-to-day responsibility, we tend to forget about the long-term goal of preparing children to leave the nest. This doesn't mean rushing the child out of the house too soon. Help-

ing your child develop into a successful individual begins early. In fact, becoming independent begins during infancy. As Christian parents, we must fulfill our obligation to gradually but surely help the child stand alone — emotionally, financially, socially, and spiritually. After all, this is every child's right.

How do you raise an independent child?

You provide good examples for children to follow. Give plenty of love. Offer guidance. Pray for wisdom. And sometimes during the adolescent years, you'll find a loving, self-confident, independent teenager who's ready to face the world as a mature adult. After all, that's the goal you've been working toward since your child's birth, isn't it? — Tomlin, a freelance writer, is the wife of Matt Tomlin, pastor of Ward's Grove Baptist Church, Jackson.

## Sometimes we need to feel 'bad' to appreciate 'good'



families matter

by Paul Barkley, counselor

no apparent reason. It happens to us all sometimes.

Second, we should not wallow in our pain. What we need is a little time. We do need to set a limit on our feeling bad. "I'll give myself until the week-end to feel better. If I am not feeling better by then, I will try to address the problem." It is amazing what a little time will do for bad feelings. There are times when the pain is our cue to a problem that needs to be addressed. We can use the pain as our motivation to address the issue.

Thirdly, we should not wait

too long to address the pain. Sometimes psychologists address unexpressed emotions as frozen emotions. Frozen emotions are like frozen pipes. They rupture. When we stuff the pain and refuse to experience it or express it, we are asking for trouble. These stuffed emotions usually wind up making a mess like the frozen water pipes when the thaw comes. If we will leave a little water dripping, the pipes are less likely to freeze. We need to learn to own and express our feelings before they have a chance to back up on us.

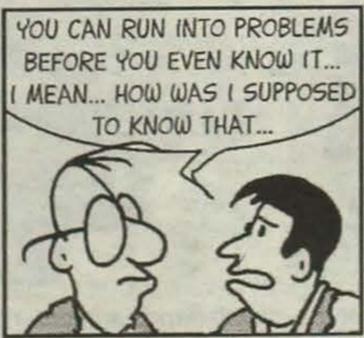
Fourthly, we need to learn to

be willing to allow our friends and family to express their emotional pain. We tend to cut them off because we don't know what to do with these bad feelings ourselves. We are afraid that we did something wrong, and we feel responsible for making it better. We simply need to learn to be there.

I am very serious about this subject. We need to feel bad sometimes, so that we can enjoy it more when we feel good. ■ — 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



We live in a "feel good" generation. We are not supposed to feel bad. If we feel bad, we need to take a pill, get some counseling, confess some sin, or experience revival.

When we feel sad, gloomy, depressed, angry, or unhappy, we assume that something is wrong with us. When we lose or have to give something or someone that we love, it is natural and good to feel bad. The Arabs have a saying, "All sunshine makes a drought." We need the pain just as we need the rain. The important lesson is to learn to use pain constructively.

First of all, don't worry about the reasons for the pain. We allow ourselves to feel bad when we can identify the cause. There are times, however, when we cannot recognize a reason. It is okay at times to feel bad for

## A personal word

While attending the Southern Baptist Convention, Bill Northcott, leader of the Church Staff Leadership Group of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, learned of a major health problem after having had a physical the week before.

Bill was told he had leukemia. Prayers immediately began to go up for Bill and his family as this word spread.

God has answered those prayers. Bill has learned that of the types of leukemia, he has the one that is most treatable. In fact, he will be able to treat the disease with a pill that he will begin taking this week.

Bill has served faithfully across Tennessee not only in his current position but also as a pastor and church staff member. He is well liked and respected throughout the state.

Continue to remember and lift Bill and his family up in prayer.

Prayers do work! While that is something I know, sometimes it is easy to take for granted. Last week, hopefully, I learned to never take prayer for granted again.

Like Bill, I went for a routine physical. My doctor discovered something abnormal and immediately sent me to a specialist for further tests.

The second doctor discovered a tumor which he labeled as colon cancer.

Word spread and countless prayers went up on my behalf.

God has heard those prayers. The day after I heard those two frightening words, "colon cancer," I met with a surgeon who presented a much more positive outlook. His feeling is that the tumor is small and can be removed without a major problem. And while he did not have all the tests in front of him, he believes it is contained to one area and he is not convinced it is malignant. We will not know until later this week, but already I know God has been at work on my behalf.

Whether the tumor is malignant or not, I will be facing surgery in a week or two. And regardless of what happens I know I am in good hands because God is a powerful and loving God.

Pray for those you know who have health concerns. God indeed answers prayers! ■

# Congregation takes SS to apartment ...

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This Sunday the clowns performed several skits, which drew the children to form an audience. Several more activities were held and refreshments were distributed. Soon Sunday School at Norwood Manor was over and the members of Norwood Baptist Church left to attend worship at the church facility.

Few people from the apartment complex have attended regular activities at the church, explained Bob Tolman of Norwood Church who helps lead the ministry along with Pam Dunaway and Ben H. Walker. But the workers keep inviting them and offering the Sunday School class.

The ministry reaches people who don't attend the church, said Tolman. Some of the children have been attending Sunday School at the complex for four years.

The church also has a ministry at nearby Tillery Ridge Apartments on Tuesday nights which is led by Linda Long and Steve Dawn.

Many of the participants of both ministries and all residents do visit the church for events in the summer and at Christmas. Last year about 30 children attended each event, reported Jane Campbell of the church. And two parents of children attended an event, she noted, which is rare.

She explained many of the residents are from other countries and, thus, practice other faiths. Muslim children have said they can't attend the church and they can't take a Bible home, but they will attend activities at the apart-

ment complexes.

## Mobile Sunday School

Tolman, a retired textile company executive, explained he and other members of Norwood Church learned four years ago about the need for ministries at the complexes from Carol Webb of Knox County Baptist Association based in Knoxville. Webb reported of all government-subsidized apartment complexes in the area, Norwood Manor has the most diverse residents in terms of countries represented.

Soon Tolman and other members began offering Sunday School at Norwood Manor in a laundry room. But because it was unheated and small, they developed the idea of bringing a classroom in a school bus to the complex.

The owner of the bus, a Christian, sold it for about half of its worth. Church members removed seats and installed tables to make the mobile Sunday School classroom.

About a year later, members began the ministry at Tillery Ridge, which is held in a complex club house.

## Week-day ministry

Last year, due to early retirement because of health problems, Tolman began developing a week-day ministry at

Norwood Manor with the help of Nona Sisk, manager. Since the beginning of the ministry Sisk, a Christian, has been instrumental. She allowed Norwood Church members access to the complex and its residents. And Sisk and Tolman work closely together to identify needs of residents and to meet those needs.

Tolman visits the complex about three or four times a week. Sometimes he comes to pick up Jacob Sutton, 11, for one of their regular fishing trips. Jacob, who along with his sisters spend time with his grandmother at the complex, needs a mentor right now, said Tolman. Until recently, Tolman had not fished in about 30 years, since taking his son fishing, he explained.

And another boy in the complex, Michael, recently asked to go fishing with them.

"I believe the Lord sent us. It's something I can do. I don't have a college degree. I'm not a psychologist. But I love to teach. I love to be with people. I love to help people," he said.

Tolman takes residents to run errands. He and the church have given food to residents. He also visits with people, such as the older people there who only have TV for company, he said.

He fondly recalled the Vietnamese man he met at the complex and then saw while on business at a textile factory. He learned the man often worked 80-90 hours a week and his wife worked in a restaurant. The man moved his family from the complex after about three years with substantial savings although he did not accept any government assistance, said Tolman.

He also has met residents from Iraq, Liberia, South America, and Bosnia, said Tolman, along with white and black Americans.

"There are many needs to be met at Norwood Manor. The church has made the commitment to meet some of these needs, whether it is a food basket, angel tree, or ride. And there are many unseen people who help with this ministry. We are all blessed," said Tolman. ■



## Walker to serve Fisk, TSU

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Roosevelt Walker Sr., academic advisor/tutor coordinator at Arkansas State University Jonesboro, has been named Tennessee Baptist Convention college ministry specialist, Tennessee State University and Fisk University, Nashville.



WALKER

He began his work June 1. Walker worked at Arkansas State University from 1991. He has been a service representative for Virginia Power Electric, 1989-94. He also served in the Army National Guard Reserve for eight years.

He is a graduate of Arkansas State University and the Samuel Dewitt Porter School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., where he earned a masters of divinity degree. He was ordained by a church in 1996.

Walker and his wife, Betty, have two sons, Roosevelt Jr., 11, and Zachary, 9. ■

## Preschool Challenge offered Aug. 4

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The 22nd annual preschool conference takes on the dimensions of the Olympic games as preschool workers are challenged to provide the best training for tomorrow's champions, reported Raley of the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff.

The day will include keynote presentations, special "huddles" for age group teachers and specific interests, and a training table lunch.

The Preschool Challenge will be held Aug. 4 at First Baptist Church, Franklin, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants in the licensed programs may receive up to six hours of credit for continuing education requirements.

Registration is being accepted. The fee is \$35 per person. \$25 if sent before July 20. The fee covers the person's registration, materials, and lunch. For registration or additional information, contact Raley or Johnson at (615) 371-7905 or 800-558-2090. ■



DISCUSSING the ministry are, from left, Bob Tolman, a member of the church; Nona Sisk, manager, Norwood Manor; and Marc Sasser, pastor, Norwood Church.



IN THE BUS equipped with tables for classroom usage are workers, from left, sitting, Amanda Starling and Ben H. Walker; standing, John Diehl and Pam Dunaway.



JANE CAMPBELL of Norwood Church shows a resident where children will be picked up for Vacation Bible School offered at the church.



BEN H. WALKER of the church hands a gift to a girl as other children wait for the next activity.



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## From your missionary

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Tennessee Baptists for the opportunity to have served you for 10 years in the area of missions.

It was God's leadership that brought me to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Now his leadership makes Kathy and me to the International Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, where she will serve as director of Publications, and I will be director of State and Associational Relations.

I look forward to this new task, which will allow me to carry out my missionary calling, but it will also allow me to continue serving not only the IMB, but also the associations across the great state of Tennessee and the United States. Together we can continue to reap in the harvest fields of this world.

I am so grateful for the opportunity God gave me to serve this last decade in my home state among some of God's finest people and in a state convention that makes missions a priority!

No one could ask for a better staff than I had the privilege of working with at the IMB. I know they will continue to serve in the wonderful manner which you have become accustomed. Tennessee Baptists have and will continue to make a world of difference.

In Christ,

*Levy*

## MTI Training set for "The Macedonian Call"

An International Missions Training Institute/Cross-Cultural Training will be held Aug. 3-4 at the First Baptist Church of Concord in Knoxville, sponsored by the IMB Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team.

To register, call Erin Israel at 1-800-558-2090 ext. 7935 or (615) 371-7935. ■

## Through sports

# Belmont athletes minister in Portugal

By Betty Wiseman  
For "The Macedonian Call"

A basketball team made up of 12 Belmont University athletes from Nashville and myself professor Betty Wiseman worked in Portugal May 13-24 doing Sports Evangelism ministry with IMB missionaries Steve and Sharon Ford.

Having read the book *The Prayer of Jabez* by Bruce Wilkinson, I claimed I Chronicles 4:10, and the team and I embraced the prayer for our project to Portugal. Team members were: Omari Booker, Natalie Brown, Wes Burtner, Chasity Campbell, Jay Lannin, Candice Mitchell, Brandon Owen, B.J. Proffitt, Becky Schubeler, Adam Sonn, Sara Grace Strickland, Raven Teeples, and myself.

Arriving on May 14, we settled into the Hotel Pensao Gare in Mem Martins about a 30-minute drive from downtown Lisbon. We were reunited with the owners, caretakers, and others who cared for us last year. God had used our hotel stay from the previous year as an opportunity for Steve Ford to share the Gospel, Bibles, and literature with them.

The hotel staff seemed delighted to see us again and rolled out the red carpet. We

had a late night prayer meeting with students at the Bible Institute of Portugal of the Greater European Mission. These students would be working with us on Saturday in an evangelistic effort in the area. We learned that they had been praying round the clock for our ministry.

Our first day at a school was on Wednesday when we revisited Escola Jurmenha in Mem Martins where we had worked last year. We conducted basketball clinics, demonstrations, exhibitions, and shared testimonies. We visited a religion and ethics class, taught by a local Christian woman.

We departed early Thursday for a two-hour trip south to the town of Abrantes where pastor Renato Pinto of the Baptist Church of Abrantes had made arrangements for us to visit the local school.

It was a wonderful day of ministry, sharing, witnessing, and encouraging at the school.



**IN PORTUGAL** are, from left, first row, Betty Wiseman; Raven Teeples; Candice Mitchell; Sara Strickland; IMB missionary Sharon Ford; Natalie Brown; second row, Wes Burtner; Chasity Campbell; Becky Schubeler; B.J. Proffitt; Brandon Owen; third row, Jay Lannin; Adam Sonn; and Omari Booker.

The physical education teacher Maria was a Christian and a member of the Baptist Church of Abrantes. She told us that she had been praying for our day of ministry for six months. The students listened as we shared Christ. Their response was overwhelming. They wanted to know more as our team witnessed in small groups and one-on-one.

When we were preparing to leave, Maria told me with tears flowing that she wanted her students to know God. She desired that Christ live and shine in her life as a teacher. We gave her a souvenir basketball, a witnessing cross, and a basketball jersey with John 3:16 on the back.

"I will display the cross and

the jersey with the ball in the trophy case to be a lasting reminder of your visit and the reason for your visit," Maria said. "I will pray that God will use the display for his glory."

I will never forget Maria and her witness. I asked myself, "Would I be so bold and brave as a Christian if I taught Physical Education in Abrantes where I am the only believer?"

On Friday we revisited Escola E.B. Algueirao 2. Following our work in the school last May, the principal opened the facilities of the school for the local Baptist church to meet for worship, which was an answer to prayer for the Fords.

The school's principal has — See Belmont, page 8

# Student summer missionaries prepare to use CPR

By Marcia Knox  
For "The Macedonian Call"

Around 100 student summer missionaries and their supervisors serving in Tennessee were trained June 5 in CPR by the Williamson County Chapter of the American Red Cross while attending a two-day Tennessee Summer Missions Orientation at the Baptist Center. This was the first year CPR was added as a requirement for summer missionaries.

Participants who took the intensive four-hour training and passed a written test were certified in the new CPR version, according to Cyndee Wendell, CPR trainer for the Williamson County Red Cross.

"CPR techniques change around every seven years,"

Wendell said. "CPR techniques' changes occur because of research and better procedures that emerge, which are sanctioned by the Red Cross, American Heart Association, and the American Medical Association."

"The CPR training was the most important thing that we've learned during the summer missionaries orientation," said Jason Cox, a senior at Union University, who serves at Brinkley Heights Baptist Ministry Center in Memphis and will also serve this summer in a short-term partnership as project coordinator of Street Reach in Fort Smith, Ark. "It's important today to know CPR."

Cox is the son of Brinkley Heights Baptist Church pas-

tor, Tim Cox. Brinkley Heights Baptist Church and Ministry Center use the facilities of Highland Heights Baptist Church in Memphis.

Street Reach is the summer ministry program of Brinkley Heights Church. Street Reach has a partnership with the Concord Baptist Association in Fort Smith, according to Beverly Smothers, TBC Church/Community Ministries specialist.

The younger

Cox will be serving along with — See Student, page 8



**PRACTICING CPR** techniques are Jessica Cox, right, of Memphis, and Betsy Smith, sojourner of Midland, Texas.

## Tennesseans work with senior adults in Rio again

For "The Macedonian Call"

The third annual Senior Adult Retreat was held April 9-17 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at the Carioca Baptist Camp. Sponsored by the Carioca Baptist Convention and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the seven-member team was led by Don Mauldin, TBC Family Ministries specialist.

The Carioca Convention had requested that Tennessee send a team of workers to provide leadership assistance for a Third Age Retreat. Persons over 45 are considered to be in the third age in Brazil. Churches in Rio de Janeiro grade: birth to 35 — youth; 36 to 45 — adult; and 46 and up — third age or senior adult. Around 100 third agers attended the conference.

The team was asked to make presentations on eye care, keeping your brain alive,

maintaining proper blood pressure, diabetes, and other related medical topics.

Angie Finley, IMB missionary to Brazil, served as the liaison and interpreter for the team. Besides Mauldin, a member of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, there were six members of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, on the team. They were: Ashley Gordon, Connie Graves, Sara Farler, Sharon Wallace, Cynthia Lund, all nurses; and Barbara Lawrence, crafts person.

Henriques Cesar Gomes, director of Social Work for the Carioca Convention, and a planning committee prepared a program of music, worship, prayer time, skits, fellowship, crafts, and recreation for the retreat.

Farler did eye tests and the others did blood pressure checks and screened for diabetes. Each person attending

the conference was examined. Several people tested positive for diabetes and high blood pressure, and they were referred to doctors.

Crafts were a vital part of the retreat activities. Lawrence showed participants how to frame and decorate mirrors and make tooled copper plaques. In turn, the Brazilians taught the Americans to paint towels, design and string beads, and to carve a decorative centerpiece using melons and other fruits. A hairstylist was also present to do ladies hair.

The summer program began at 7 a.m. and ended with a campfire, preaching, and folk games at midnight. Saturday evening, the team was treated to a dress up dinner with a strolling violinist.



**SERVING** were, from left, standing, US-2er Brenda Highfill; Sara Farler; Barbara Lawrence; Ashley Gordon; Cynthia Lund; Connie Graves; Don Mauldin, TBC; and Sharon Wallace; front row, IMB missionary Angie Finley; bus driver; and interpreter Rogeris Gomes.

Both men and women participated in a mock fashion show. Joining in the fashion show were Mauldin and Wallace.

"The retreat was an enriching experience for third agers," Mauldin said. "It provided them the opportunity to travel, to learn, to socialize, and to

have a time of renewal through Bible study, prayer partners, singing, and preaching."

Several adults made first time decisions for Christ, and others committed themselves to form senior adult groups when they returned to their homes. ■

## Belmont athletes minister in Portugal ...

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since become a good friend of Steve Ford. Upon our arrival the principal greeted Ford with "Hello brother," which really blessed him and indicated that God was at work in the principal's life. There were several new teachers who were excited and eager to hear the Gospel and share in the time at the school.

Saturday was the day set aside for a morning street evangelism and afternoon activity at Algueirao 2. Around 45 volunteers worked the streets, train stations, market place, corners of Mem Martins, and the surrounding area. It was a combined effort of our team, local church members, and students and professors from the Bible Institute.

There were 12 evangelism teams and each team had one of the Belmont players in uniform and basketball in hand. We gave out flyers inviting people to the afternoon exhibition/demonstration of American basketball at the school. We also had tracts with the Gospel for sharing. It was a

sun baked three hours in the streets bouncing basketballs and handing out literature.

I spent lots of time playing with two little guys who just loved that basketball. We played games, dribbled, high-fived, chased one another, and they wore me out physically.

The afternoon found the gym full of kids from three schools and people that we invited on the streets that morning. The Institute students, professors, and church members joined in translating for us, sharing the Gospel, and witnessing to small groups and individuals.

"Magic," a contact from last year, was there at the gym. He was an honorary member of our team like family.

Our team divided into three groups to be at all the churches on Sunday. I stayed at the Mem Martins Church. Magic came to the church, which was the first time he had been in church. Magic was given a New Testament and was assigned to church members for mentoring and follow-up.

As the congregation sang

and prayed that day my heart was overwhelmed with God's blessing. I was aware of his awesome presence and power. I was also aware that outside those walls was a place with millions of people who needed to know him.

Following the services we traveled three hours to Moura where we were to finish our ministry. Upon arrival at a local hotel, a dark cloud appeared dropping torrents of rain, thunder, and lightning. Streets were flooded and impassable. Sharon Ford was caught in the flooding as she attempted to return to Lisbon after dropping us off at the hotel.

Her car died, and she was forced to stay in Moura. The storm presented frustration for the Fords since they had not planned to stay.

On Monday we met pastor Jose Santana, who not only pastors the Baptist Church of Moura, but two other churches in nearby towns. We visited the church and spent some time walking through the school and meeting teachers in

preparation for our ministry the next day.

Tuesday was completely God planned, filled, and inspired. We were outside on asphalt courts, protected from the potentially dangerous hot sun by cloudy skies. The day was filled with opportunities for witnessing.

Sharon Ford came to know why the storm had kept her from returning home. She witnessed continuously. Students gave the Fords their names and phone numbers.

Sharon Ford's tears at the end of the day kept coming. She was trying to process all what this meant.

"I witnessed more and had more people ask me about Jesus in one day, than I have had in eight years of missionary work Portugal," she said. "I know why the storm washed out my plans, because God needed me here."

Several girls were at the hotel the next morning to see Sharon Ford as we checked out, and the Fords planned a return visit in two weeks to help the church follow up and

reach out to the young girls. I am convinced the experience was just the beginning of a more concentrated effort to spread the Gospel in the town.

The local radio station and newspaper invited pastor Santana, Steve Ford, and me to come for an interview in the late afternoon. I took Brandon Owen and Jay Lannin with us. They had made pictures of our ministry earlier in the day.

We also had a 30-minute live radio interview about our visit and why we were there. We openly shared the Gospel on the radio.

God answered the prayer of Jabez that we claimed for the week in Portugal.

God blessed us, and our ministry for his glory.

God expanded our territory and opportunities, and also those of our missionaries. God's hand was upon our efforts and us.

God kept us from harm kept us safe, free from pain. — Betty Wiseman is the Senior Women's administrator of athletes for Belmont University. ■

## Student summer missionaries prepare to use CPR ...

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his fiance, Denise Owen, who will this fall be attending the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. Owen is training to be an occupational therapist and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Dumas, Ark.

"The CPR training had a lot

of good information," Owen said. "It was one of the best CPR courses that I have had. You'll never know when an emergency may happen."

Wendell addressed the CPR training to both employee workplace settings and rural ministry settings. She noted different potential problems that occur in workplaces and

in resort ministry areas.

Serving in one of Tennessee's resort areas, Kelli Balch, a senior at the University of North Alabama, Florence, is working with Tennessee Baptist Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries. Her home church is Woodmont Baptist Church in Florence.

"I think it's good to be trained in CPR," Balch said. "People get lost in the region where I will be working, or they get beyond a situation that they can handle. We need pay attention to potential dangers."

The decision to train the summer missionaries in CPR was made last August during

the BSU Summer Missions Debriefing when a student requested the training, according to Kim Huff, TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Project specialist.

CPR training was one of several seminars required for summer missionaries including crisis counseling, evangelism, and legal issues. ■

April 1, 2001

Dear Terry,

I am writing this letter in hopes that it will inspire someone one day. Recently I was the "mother left behind" while my two daughters volunteered to participate in a mission trip to Lisbon, Portugal, with our church, First Baptist Church Dyersburg.

I was unable to accompany my girls and the group since I had to take care of an infant child at home.

As preparation for this trip started, both of my junior high aged daughters knew that they were being led to go on this mission trip. Our family was thrilled for them to go.

As time passed, many people questioned how I could let my young daughters go on this trip without me. What if something happened?

Of course, I am human and I did have some fears and reservations. But this was one of those times in our lives that we truly have to hand everything over to the Lord. Between God, David Willard, First Church minister of music, and the pastors, I knew my girls were safe.

When March 17 arrived, my daughters boarded the bus that would start their adventure. I couldn't hold back the tears. But a peace was in my heart as God wrapped his loving arms around me.

My girls returned home on March 26 never to be the same. The wonderful experience they had in Lisbon with IMB missionaries Glen and Sherry Watson, other missionaries, and the people of Portugal will forever be with my daughters.

The girls can't say enough wonderful things about this trip and how marvelous our Heavenly Father works. Everyday they think of a new experience to us.

It's so amazing that while God was helping our group plant seeds in Lisbon he is holding our hands here to keep us strong. I feel like I took a real leap of faith to let them go on the trip; and that's what we have with God-faith!

Thanks to all for making this trip possible for my girls and the others from church.

Sincerely,

Indra BeDen, Mother of Kelsey and Kaley Goostree



KELSEY AND KALEY GOOSTREE

Dear Mr. Sharp,

Going to Portugal was a good experience for me, because it opened my eyes to realize how fortunate I was. It also showed me that I was lucky to live in this country where there are many Christians, and it is easier to tell about Jesus.

In Portugal, there are very few Christians. It's harder to focus on God and to live the Christian life because of so many non-Christians. That is the reason why I look up to all the missionaries and Christians for staying strong with God and their mission work.

Kelsey Goostree

Dear Mr. Sharp,

My trip to Portugal was great. When I first got there I was kind of nervous about what we were going to be doing. It was really great to know that we were talking and singing to the same God in different languages.

After our concerts, they would tell us if someone got saved. Most of the time people did, and it made me feel wonderful. We were very lucky to get to go on this mission trip, and it opened my eyes to many things.

Kaley Goostree

## Gibson County team helps earthquake victims in El Salvador

From "The Macedonian Call"

Reminiscent of Hurricane Mitch in 1999, El Salvador once again faced natural disaster in January 2001 as an earthquake shook and sifted the small town of Ozatlan in the southeast.

The earthquake destroyed 90 percent of the Ozatlan Baptist Church along with homes of most the entire congregation. It took Tennessee Disaster Relief volunteers from Gibson County Baptist Association more than one month to prepare to go on mission during the week of April 22-28. In addition to Gibson County Association, two men from Madison-Chester and Crockett Baptist Association, and one from Sevier County Baptist Association joined forces to form the second Tennessee Disaster Relief team to minister to the small church.

Randy Pool, Gibson County Missions coordinator and former IMB missionary to Honduras and Nicaragua, led the team by providing both logistical assistance and translation. One of the 12-team members served on other volunteer teams across the globe.

Besides Pool, team members were: Danny Dunn, Stuart Dunn, Jeff Emerson, all of



TEAM MEMBERS SHOW gifts they received. Members are, from left, first row, Ronnie Minton, Mike Breeden, Jeff Emerson, Tim Pool, and Danny Dunn; back row, Bill Cobb, Harold Pinkley, Carmac Arnold, Glenn Reynolds, Stuart Dunn, Jerry Legg, and Randy Pool.

First Baptist Church of Rutherford; Jerry Legg, Hickory Grove Baptist Church of Trenton; Ronnie Minton, First Baptist Church of Kenton; Harold Pinkley and Timothy Pool, both of First Baptist Church of Humboldt; Glenn Reynolds, New Bethlehem Baptist Church of Dyer; all of Gibson County Association; Carmac Arnold and Bill Cobb, First Baptist Church of Bells, both of Madison-Chester and Crockett Association; and Mike Breeden, Mt. View Baptist Church of Sevierville, Sevier

County Association. The team balanced ministry and task by carrying in nearly 200 Bibles for distribution. Tracts were given to the local church for personal evangelism, and the team participated in two worship services during the week. The task of the team was to work on the church's perimeter wall that had collapsed. The first Tennessee Disaster Relief team had erected the back wall about shoulder height and laid the footing for one sidewall. The Gibson team raised the

sidewall to an equal height and laid the foundation for the other sidewall. Mixing concrete took on a new meaning as the men learned how to sift their own sand, and prepare mortar on the ground. At the close of the week, it was evident that the workers had built a firm foundation. In addition to the wall, sowing evangelistic seeds during the week bore fruit in Vicente, a local worker, and Christina, a four-year-old neighbor child. Vicente's main responsibility was to haul water and

push wheelbarrows. It was noticed on the second day that Vicente never wore shoes. He said he had none to wear. On the third day, sandals were purchased for Vicente. He was proud of his new footwear. He wore them for about 10 minutes before taking them off and setting them aside. He explained he couldn't work as well in them, but that now he had something to wear to church.

Christina's family lived on the property just across from the church's wall that the team was building. Every day she came out to smile and watch the men at work. Her family attended the church that the team was rebuilding. On the final day, Christina along with many others were given a Spanish New Testament, brought by the team. As she proudly held up her new Bible, the team saw the seeds sown in her little heart. She would have many years ahead to grow in the faith of her family at this church, because Tennessee Baptists cared enough to come and help rebuild it.

Other teams have been scheduled to go to Ozatlan, but more are needed. Contact the TBC Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team to go. ■ — Edited from a report by Randy Pool.

# The Macedonian Call

Place	Project ID	Work	Dates	Volunteers Needed
<b>Portugal Projects</b>				
Algarve	PM12001115	Group to do concerts, talent shows, drama while targeting college students for a week.	October	10
Algarve	PM12001102	Prayerwalking and outreach ministry in southern Portugal.	October	10
Bombarral	PM12001126	Prayerwalk in Central/West Portugal.	September	4
Faro	PM12001103	Prayerwalking in the Faro area for a week.	October	10
Lisbon	PM12001101	Prayerwalking in the city.	September	6
Lisbon	PM12001100	Prayerwalking in the city.	9/4-22	6
Lisbon	PM12001134	Construction at Baptist camp.	10/5-13	12
<b>Canada Projects</b>				
Edmonton, AB	01MID003	Team to conduct sports camp with Arabic and Sudanese Community.	open	5-10
Westbank, BC	01ALP013	Recreation and sports camp for grades 7-12.	8/25-9/1	5-15
Victoria, BC	01CAP002	Conduct sports camp for ages 11-16.	8/11-18	15
Halifax, NS	01ATL016	Conduct Christmas drama outreach.	12/23-28	5-30
Prince Albert, SK	01NOR002	Help promote and participate in Gospel Jamboree 2001.	8/6-13	10-20
<b>Summer Opportunites</b>				
Montreal, PQ	01QUE002	Minister on university campuses.	8/15-12/15	1-4
<b>Long-term Opportunities</b>				
Ottawa, OT	01CCSB005	Work with church planting team to minister on four university campuses.	9/2001-4/2002	1
Totonto, OT	01CCAB007	Minister to students at York University.	9/2001-4/2002	1
Halifax, NS	01CCSB006	Work with area congregations.	9/2001-4/2002	1
Moose Jaw, SK	01CCSB004	Minister to high school and college students.	9/2001-4/2002	1

All international projects are through the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information about the above projects, call Tennessee Baptist Convention Partnership/Volunteer Missions Team at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-20

## Tennessee Projects

### East Tennessee

- ◆ **Benton** — Teams of 10-50 needed each weekend to do weekend resort ministry, greeting rafters at hospitality site, beach reach and BYBC at local campgrounds. Contact: Debbie Brock, Camp Agape, (423) 338-4153.
- ◆ **Seymour** — Teams of up to 40 needed at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy to renovate elementary school, build fire escapes, and do renovations on campus. Dates: open. Contact: Walter Grubb at (865) 573-8321.

### Middle Tennessee

- ◆ **Nashville** — Teams needed to help build new church facility, sanctuary, and education space. Dates: open. Contact: Jess Love, Concord-Grandview Baptist Church, (615) 941-2293.
- ◆ **Clarksville** — Teams of 25-30 needed to build 7,000 sq. foot church with classrooms. Dates: Open. Contact: Ervin Gilliam at (931) 362-4717.

### West Tennessee

- ◆ **Galloway** — Team to do various remodeling projects for church facilities. Contact: Karen Grunewald, (901) 867-7259.
- ◆ **Galloway** — Volunteers needed year round to coach boys or girls sports teams in inner city; enter a one-on-one mentoring relationship with women moving from welfare dependency to self-sufficiency; enter a one-on-one mentoring relationship with boys and girls, grades 6-9. Contact: Sam Wilson, Brinkley Heights Baptist Church, (901) 458-0617.
- ◆ **Memphis** — Volunteers needed year round in food pantry serving individuals in need of emergency food assistance. Contact: Ken Hardin, Brinkley Heights Baptist Church, (901) 754-0272.
- ◆ **Memphis** — Health care professionals needed weekly or weekends to do health education and screenings in inner-city churches; Brick masons for church facility. Contact: Wrex Hauth, International Baptist Church, (901) 835-4654.
- ◆ **Memphis** — Teams needed year round to provide any or all the following: provide and help distribute sack lunch or hot meals for the homeless; assist in worship service (preaching, song, dramas, puppets); provide hygiene packets or other giveaways for homeless. Contact: Mable Williams, Church Without Doors (mission of Westhaven Baptist Church), (901) 332-1864.

### Las Vegas, Nevada Projects

- ◆ Team of 10-15 needed July 14-21 to do revival at local church and conduct VBS.
- ◆ Team of 15-20 needed July 21-28 to conduct VBS at Spanish speaking church.
- ◆ Team of 10-15 needed July 28-Aug. 4 to assist pastor in VBS follow-up.
- ◆ Team of 10-15 needed Aug. 4-11 to assist church in promoting VBS the following week.
- ◆ Team of 15-20 needed Aug. 11-18 to conduct VBS and block parties.
- ◆ Team of 15-20 needed Aug. 11-18 to assist church in getting VBS prospects and conducting VBS follow-up.
- ◆ Team of 4-10 needed to do community outreach in Hispanic community. Dates are open.
- ◆ Team of 4-10 needed Aug. 25-Sept. 1 to do evangelism and music type events on college campuses.

## deaths

■ **Ruth Bryant Agee, 73**, Lebanon, died June 19. Agee was a member of Bartons Creek Baptist Church, Lebanon. She was a member of board of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, based in Brentwood; former member of Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board; Wilson County Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union director, 1980-84 and 1993-95; Tennessee WMU Recording Secretary, 1989; and a WMU member at Bartons Creek Church. She is survived by her husband, Neal Agee Sr., daughter and son, and others.

■ **Gerald E. Martin Jr.**, of Wadley, Texas, died June 3. He was pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, 1955-73; interim pastor, 1973-84; and church evangelist, 1984-2000. Martin was retired president and chancellor of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., and was president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. He also was pastor of churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Georgia.

## leaders

Boiling Springs Baptist Church, Baxter, has called



**MATTIE ALTMAN**, center, who has taught Sunday School for 72 years at Southside Baptist Church, Shelbyville, was honored June 10 on Mattie Altman Day. Pausing during the activities are members of her class which has met for 34 years; Ron Chilton, left; and David Robinson, Sunday School director. She is 91 years old.

**Terry Crabtree** as interim pastor.

■ Colonial View Baptist Church, Cookeville, has called **Albert Gaspard** as pastor, effective Aug. 5. Joe Wiles, collegiate ministry specialist, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, was interim pastor.

■ **F. Murray Mathis**, pastor, First Baptist Church, Walter Hill, Murfreesboro, recently earned his doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Lithonia, Ga. Mathis is a former president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

■ **Bill Barker**, pastor of a

church in Ringgold, Ga., was named coordinator, Appalachia Regional Ministries of the North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Ga., recently which means he will be a NAMB missionary. He is a recent graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Ga. He has been pastor of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Dunlap. He will work out of the West Virginia Baptist Convention of Southern Baptists office.

■ **Dennis Cagle**, director of missions, Grainger Baptist Association, based in Rutledge, has been called as interim pastor, Adriel Baptist Church, Bean Station.

■ **Mike Lee**, pastor, Indian Ridge Baptist Church, Blaine, was honored recently for serving the church for 10 years.

■ **Bob Chambers**, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Maryville, was honored recently on his 10th anniversary of service at the church.

## churches

■ **Friendship Baptist Church, Delano**, will celebrate its 175th anniversary July 1 and hold an anniversary revival June 26-30. The church is the oldest in Polk County. Speaking at the revival are former pastors Garvin Chastain, retired of Delano; Jimmy Hutton of Cleveland; Jack Nunley of Athens; Wayne Cooper of Benton; and Max Redman of Decatur. Speaking on July 1 is Don Wilson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Plains, Ga. For more information, call Lee Paul, pastor, at (423) 745-8530 or (423) 745-2151.

■ **Westwood Baptist Church, Manchester**, will host "The Pearly Gates," the

country Gospel music group of Daniel and Teresa Johnson July 1 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The couple will present a patriotic service. Daniel Johnson co-wrote "Red Top Mountain" which was the top song on the Christian Country Countdown list.

■ **First Baptist Church, Carthage**, will celebrate its 120th anniversary July 15. It will hold a joint worship service with Peyton's Creek Baptist Church, Carthage, which is its sponsoring church, at 10:45 a.m. at First Church. A luncheon will follow. For more information, call (615) 735-1929.

■ **First Baptist Church, Bethel Springs**, sent five members to Ivory Coast, Africa, June 16-26.

■ **West Main Baptist Church, Alexandria**, celebrated its 25th anniversary June 3. Former pastors Amos Jarman and James Daniel spoke during the morning worship service. Everett McMillen, 95, was recognized as the oldest member. Also 32 of its 67 charter members were recognized.

■ **First Baptist Church, Memphis**, is working with the



**CLAYTON DUNSMORE**, left, director of missions Cumberland Gap Baptist Association, based in Harrogate, gives Marvin Simmons, second from left, pastor, MCM Baptist Church, New Tazewell, a plaque recently to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the church. The oldest members of the church look on. MCM Church recently built and moved in a new sanctuary.



chaplain's office of Rhodes College, Memphis; Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association; and Memphis School of Servant Leadership are leading a program for college students who are working 25 hours a week in MIFA's outreach programs or other service organizations. The students also are leading recreational programs for children and a soup kitchen with help from First Church and St. John's United Methodist Church, Memphis.

■ **Youth of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis**, served through World Changers in Jefferson City, beginning June 16 for a week.

■ **Central Baptist Church, Johnson City**, sent 25 members to Prince Edward Island, Canada, June 9-16 to support the Tennessee/Canada Baptist Partnership and will send a group to Sweden and Denmark July 7-31; Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, July 16-20; South Dakota, July 23-31; and Honduras July 21-29.

■ **First Baptist Church, Clarksville**, sent a medical and evangelism team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 15-24 to support the Tennessee/Rio Baptist Partnership.

■ **First Baptist Church, Maryville**, will help build a Habitat for Humanity house July 13-28.

## events

■ **Sweetwater Baptist Association**, based in Madisonville, is leading the building of a Habitat for Humanity house this summer.



**THE CHILDREN'S** Choir of Toone Baptist Church, Toone, and its leader pause after a recent presentation of 'Amazing Grace.' Participants are, from left, first row, Laura Ann Higgs; second row, Hope Mayfield, Mary Katherine Higgs, Lindsey Stack, Eva Williamson, Jordan Stack, and Susan Wallace, director.



**BREAKING GROUND** recently are members and visitors of Terry Grove Baptist Church, Jonesborough, for a 485-seat sanctuary. The present sanctuary will be remodeled for offices and classes. Leaders are Al Bullis and Gene Rutherford of the building committee and Jimmie Rogers, pastor.

# Reduce stress, stay focused: Graham

By Brandy Campbell  
For Baptist Press

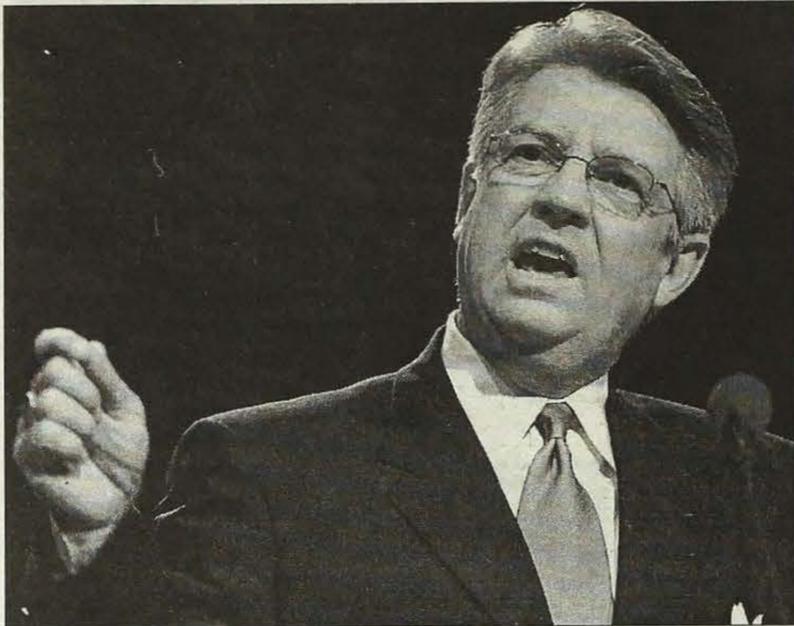
NEW ORLEANS — "Wherever you go you will top all the rest ... except when you don't, because sometimes you won't," Jack Graham read from Dr. Seuss' book, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, during the Wounded Ministers LeaderCare luncheon June 11 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel here.

Graham, pastor of the Dallas-area Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, stressed the importance of exercising preventive care and maintaining one's passion in order to avoid and emerge from the slumps so many ministers and church leaders experience.

"Passion is something that you can't define, but you know it when you see it, you know it when you have it, and you definitely know it when you don't have it," Graham said. "Jeremiah had it. He went looking for a desert hotel, but discovered that he couldn't stop talking about God. ... The disciples going to Emmaus had lost it, but after they walked with Jesus their hearts burned. Passion comes with our first love for Jesus Christ. When we lose it, we find ourselves slumping."

LeaderCare, a ministry for ministers and their families conducted by LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, merged in 1999 with the former Wounded Heroes ministry. LeaderCare seeks to support ministers and their families by showing them that "the greatest resource one brings to the ministry is a healthy self."

The Wounded Ministers luncheon, attended by more than 1,000 persons, seeks to create an awareness of the program as well as to encourage people to promote it in their churches and communities.



**PASTOR JACK GRAHAM** of Prestonwood Baptist Church, Plano, spoke to ministers and their spouses during the Wounded Ministers LeaderCare luncheon June 11 in New Orleans and also addressed messengers to the annual meeting June 13 during a theme interpretation.

Graham's message, "Renewed Confidence for Ministry," focused on the need to be "unslumped" by understanding and appreciating the need for passion.

"Passion fuels our spiritual vision," Graham said. "We are living in an incredible time to minister. But it is a challenge to determine what our passion is and then, by the grace of God, do what that passion is. Passion energizes our life's mission. It helps us to be like the cross-eyed discus thrower. ... We may not set any records, but we sure can keep the crowd alert."

Graham also described passion as transferable, something that is "caught, not taught."

"Fire in us catches in the hearts and lives of others ... but you can't start a fire in somebody else until the fire is

in your own heart," he said.

Finally, Graham spoke on the vulnerability of passion. Passion can diminish and easily "F.A.D.E.," Graham said. First, there's "Fatigue," then "Anxiety," followed by "Disappointment," and "Entanglements."

But fatigue is the father of it all, Graham said, citing a study on "post-adrenaline depression."

"Post-adrenaline depression is the feeling following the exercise of heavy demand. For pastors, it usually comes on Mondays," Graham said. "Unless pastors slow down and rejuvenate, they're going to come apart. Stress can thrill, but it can also kill. Stress causes you to burn up. Depression causes you to burn out. I want to burn on."

In order to prevent the dangerous physical effects of stress,

Graham recommended that pastors and their families get regular physicals, remain physically active, rest, and set limits on ministry demands that denies any of these preventative measures. Graham cited LifeWay's president, James T. Draper Jr., in this fight against burnout. Draper has publicly set an example by striving to cut down on stress and get into better physical shape.

"We don't have to solve every problem or dry every tear. We need to live, not just longer, but to live better," Graham said.

In closing, Graham quoted from his own version of Dr. Seuss. In part, he told the crowd, "Remember your call, stand straight and tall. Take a breath, for we win after all."

LeaderCare officials reported that a network of more than 1,000 counselors is available through state conventions to assist ministers and their families. LeaderCare also has five conferences planned for this year. LeaderCare's toll-free crisis number for ministers and their families is 1-888-789-1911. All calls are strictly confidential. More information on LeaderCare and Wounded Ministers can be requested from [leadercare@lifeway.com](mailto:leadercare@lifeway.com) or by calling (615) 251-5618. ■



## COSBE elects Jackson, honors Don Womack

Baptist Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (COSBE) elected Benny Jackson of Germantown as its parliamentarian during its annual meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held here June 12-13.

The evangelists also honored Don Womack of Memphis for 57 years in the Gospel ministry.

"Dr. Womack has been in evangelism for over 50 years and he was one of the early founders of our conference," Jackson said. "He has just been faithful through the years and is still very active. ... The Lord has just used him in a wonderful way."

Womack attended the meeting and accepted the plaque with heartfelt thanks. ■

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Meet at Knox County Baptist Association at 9:15 a.m. (EDT) 7709 Westland Drive, Knoxville, (865) 693-9097. Tour will be completed at 5:30 p.m. (EDT). Lunch will be provided by Samaritan House Ministry, Jefferson City.

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**SERVING IN** Madison-Chester and Crockett Baptist Associations, Jackson; and Appalachian Outreach/Samaritan House, Jefferson City; are, from left, front row, Kelly Hubbard; Amanda Blackwell; Charlotte Dyal; Krystie Robinson, supervisor; second row, Nathan Hooper; Sarah Hubbard; Susan Hunt; Amy Brady, supervisor; third row, Bruce Greenway; Valerie Beasley; and Ted Stryk.



**SERVING IN TBC** Traveling Teams are, from left, front row, Crystal Stone; Jennifer Wyatt; [unclear] Fisher; Ashley DeMatteis; Sharon Twist; second row, Cortney Crossnoe; Erin Erb; [unclear] Parks; Julie Roberts; Andrew Moss; third row, Shaun Armstrong; Joshua Churchwell; [unclear] Higgs; Tim Auld; and Ryan Baltrip.

Missionaries are from 18 states and three foreign countries. Sponsors are Baptist Student Ministries on college campuses, North American Mission Board, local churches, and associations.



**SERVING AT DOVER RESORT** Ministries, Dover; Robertson County Baptist Association, Spring Hill; Duck River Resort Ministries, Tullahoma; Grainger County Resort Ministries, Rutledge; Hale Community Ministries, Elizabethton; Western Heights Baptist Center, Knoxville; and Montgomery Age Baptist Center, Knoxville; are, from left, first row, Belita Howard, supervisor; Sherry Higdon; [unclear] Hutler; Marie Dutro; Allison Leding; second row, Becky Brumitt, supervisor; Janna Brown; [unclear] Thomas; Carrie Huskey; Brandon Tubbs; third row, Donna Proffitt, supervisor; Tara Whitfield; [unclear] Smith; Jacob Cook; fourth row, Eric Hogstrom, supervisor; Matthew Bailey; fifth row, Richard [unclear], supervisor; Tom Everett, supervisor; and Danny Peterson.



**SERVING AT SMOKY** Mountain Resort Ministries, Gatlinburg, are, from left, first row, Kelli Balch; Leslie Barter; Jennie Overstreet; second row, Manda Brooks; Sonya Hasty; Brent Moore; third row, Wes Gladden; Erica Hunter; Will Scarborough; and fourth row, Bill Black, supervisor.



## Tennessee Baptist passed over as ambassador to Israel

Associated Baptist Press

MEMPHIS — A campaign to get a conservative Christian activist appointed as U.S. ambassador to Israel appears to have been ignored by the Bush administration, prompting complaints that yet another Republican president has used the Christian vote to get elected and then failed to produce results.

A wide array of conservative Christians and Jews has been lobbying the White House to get Ed McAteer, a long-time supporter of Israel and founder

of the Religious Roundtable, nominated ambassador to Israel. McAteer is a long-time member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova.

But the White House announced May 25 that Bush will nominate Daniel Kurtzer, former U.S. ambassador to Egypt, as ambassador to Israel.

"We were dropped like a hot potato once they got out of these Christians what they wanted," said McAteer, 74.

"It's a pattern with the Republican Party," agreed unsuccessful presidential candidate Howard Phillips, a former official in the Nixon administration who now heads the Conservative Caucus in suburban Washington. "The Republican Party relies on one group of people to get into office, then another group of people to govern. ... This is a pattern throughout."

Letters supporting McAteer were sent to Washington by Don Sundquist, governor of Tennessee; Fred Thompson, Republican U.S. senator from Tennessee; Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church

in Cordova and three-time president of the Southern Baptist Convention; James Merritt, SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church of Snellville, Ga.; evangelist James Robison; Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a former Baptist pastor; Judge Roy Moore, of Ten Commandments fame in Alabama; Rafael Grossman, rabbi at Baron Hirsch Congregation in Memphis, the largest Orthodox Jewish congregation in the United States; Herbert Zweibon, chairman of Americans for a Safe Israel; Republican Rep. Ernest Istook of Oklahoma; and Phyllis Schlafly, president of the Eagle Forum.

McAteer said as of June 12, he has not received so much as a postcard from the Bush White House, much less any request for a formal interview.

A White House spokeswoman defended Kurtzer's nomination,

while not specifically acknowledging the campaign to get McAteer nominated.

"The White House carefully reviewed a number of highly qualified candidates. The president nominated Daniel Kurtzer based on his many years of foreign affairs experience as a career minister in the senior foreign service and former ambassador to Egypt," said Mercy Viana.

McAteer has strong ties to Israel. For more than two decades, McAteer has organized an annual prayer breakfast for Israel, billed as a gathering to follow the biblical admonition to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Hundreds of Jewish and Christian leaders have attended the events.

"His love for the nation Israel is legendary," Rogers said of McAteer in his letter to the Bush White House. ■

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Tenn., is seeking position of bi-vocational minister of music. Please send resume to Music Search Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 365, Waynesboro, TN 38485.

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Associate Pastor-Minister of Music-Senior Adults. First Baptist Church, Highlands, NC. Please send resume, references, and introductory cover page to Personnel Team, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 625, Highlands, NC 28741.

### MINISTRIES — PASTOR

Kidwells Ridge Baptist Church seeking full-time pastor. Send resumes to Chris Covington, 2321 Covington Dr., Morristown, TN 37814. Resumes accepted through June 30.

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Forest Hill Baptist Church of Germantown, Tenn., is accepting resumes for senior pastor. All resumes should be sent to FHBC Pastor Search Committee, 3645 Forest Hill Irene Rd., Germantown, TN 38138. Resumes accepted through the month of July.

### MINISTRIES — YOUTH

First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC, is seeking a full-time associate pastor to minister to youth children, and young families. Qualified candidates must be seminary graduate or current seminary student as well as possessing organizational and leadership skills. Position requires oversight for youth, children, college students, recreation, and other ministerial duties. First Baptist Church is affiliated with SBC and CBF. Send resume to First Baptist Church, 201 Anderson St., Fayetteville, NC 28301. Attn: Associate Pastor Search Committee.

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First Baptist Church of Dunlap, Tenn., is seeking a full-time minister of youth. Resumes should be sent to Youth Search Committee, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 126, Dunlap, TN 37327.

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Youth minister, part-time. First Baptist Church, Charlotte, Tenn. Send resume to Keith Curd, 14 Ashland Dr., Ashland City, TN 37015, telephone (615) 792-6181.

### MINISTRIES — EDUCATION

Seeking a full-time minister of education with a strong emphasis on outreach. After prayerful consideration, send resume to the Minister of Education Search Committee, Second Baptist Church, 720 West Seventh S Hopkinsville, KY 42240.

## Minister's Corner

Todd Wilson

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you" (I Peter 5:7, NLT).

How often do you catch yourself consumed with a problem, or worry, or concern. It may not be a big one ... just big enough to eat up the better part of a day! Isn't it amazing how much time is wasted in worry? I know, I can hear that one dissenting voice objecting ... "It's not a waste of time when I'm desperately trying to come up with a solution for the situation I am facing. After all, no one else will worry about it if I don't."

The Bible assures us that all of our problems, worries, fears, and concerns are important to God. All of them! The Bible also assures us that God does indeed answer every one of our prayers. I believe he even answers those "911 prayers" we send up. You know, the ones that we utter when all else has failed and the only option left for us is to send up an emergency call because we need HELP! Yes, God answers them all, but that doesn't mean the answer is always what we want.

I love my kids. But sometimes they ask for things that require no for an answer, and I have learned the hard way many times (most of the time) they don't have a clue as to why the answer is no. I mean, it makes perfect sense to them to stay up all night. They don't see the problem with McDonald's for breakfast, McDonald's for lunch, McDonald's for dinner, and of course a trip to McDonald's for a bedtime snack.

Do you think that maybe we sometimes make requests of God that make perfect sense to us but in reality they are rather immature, self-centered, and shortsighted? Do you think that we are often guilty of asking for things that are simply not in our best interest? Is it possible that God is a lot like us when we tell our kids no ... he simply loves us too much to let us have what we want?

Well there are times when I simply cannot see what is wrong with my request. I just don't get it. Even no matter how much I believe my desire is legitimate, I simply must trust that God knows best. And He does! I know that nothing happens to me without it passing through the hands of a loving Father who is incapable of being wrong. I can trust God and not worry because he loves me more than I can ever begin to imagine. ■ — Wilson is pastor of Munford Baptist Church, Munford.

## Just for Today

by Fred Wood,  
pastor emeritus,  
Memphis



**Start With a Smile:** Man (falling through the sky because his parachute failed to open,

seeing a man coming up): "Hey there, fella. Do you know anything about parachutes?" Man Coming Up: "Not a thing. Do you know anything about gas tanks?"

**Key Thought:** "Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment." — Ben Hardin

**Memorize this Scripture:** "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a leg that is out of joint" (Proverbs 25:19).

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to remember every day that I am ignorant, just on different subjects. ■

## When commitment crumbles

By Paul Frick

### Focal Passages:

John 13:31-38; 18:15-18, 25-27

I remember a college chemistry test in which a large majority of the class failed. The fact that some of the people in the class made As and Bs was an indication that it was not impossible to make a good grade. The professor gave the test again and many made a passing grade that time, including me. Each day we are confronted with tests to our faith. At times we will pass the test. Other times our commitment will crumble.

The Christian life calls for deep commitment from us. Yes, at times we will all fail. The question for us is will we quit or will we persistently seek to obey God? In John chapter 13, Jesus gave his disciples a reality lesson. An important truth Jesus taught them was that his trial, death, and resurrection would glorify the Father. In the same way as the Father would be glorified through the Son, the Father would glorify the Son because of his obedience.

Jesus then gave the commandment which if followed would glorify God. Jesus commanded them to love one another. The love that they would demonstrate towards each other would be the defining marker to the world that they were disciples

of Jesus. Christian love is an act of will that calls from us the deepest of sacrifices. Through his life of sacrifice, Jesus became the paradigm of sacrifice and love.

Upon hearing that Jesus was going somewhere where they cannot go, Peter instantly challenged this statement.

Think about it; Peter had spent three years of his life with Jesus. The thought of separation was frightening to him. Gently Jesus restated that this was not possible. Peter then declared that he would

die for Jesus. What a noble but unrealistic thought. Jesus then predicted the sad reality that Peter would

in fact deny him three times before the rooster crowed.

When Jesus was arrested, Peter and another disciple (we do not know his name) followed the mob to the high priest's courtyard. While the other disciple went in, Peter remained behind hoping to see what would happen without being seen himself. But the rouse failed. Peter was spotted for who he was, a follower of Christ.

Three times he denied knowing Jesus. When the rooster crowed, the words of Jesus fell on Peter's face like an insult. Peter was not the brave man he thought he was. So he slinked off into hiding, full of shame.

### Family Bible SS Lesson — July 1

## Find real security

By Marty Comer

**Focal Passages:** Amos 6:1-7, 12-14

As passengers boarded Singapore Airlines flight 006 they could see that weather conditions were deteriorating. It was dark, the wind was blowing, and everyone knew that a typhoon was moving towards the airport in Taipei, Taiwan. Even so, the flight was cleared for takeoff on runway 05 left. Having received final clearance, the Boeing 747 rumbled down the runway and began to lift into the air when it suddenly crashed, slamming into the earth and killing 82 people. Why did it crash? Surprisingly, the tragedy wasn't the direct result of the weather. The crash occurred because the plane wasn't on runway 05 left, but 05 right, a runway closed due to construction. The plane slammed into a digging crane which peeled it open and caused passengers to fall out into the stormy, tragic night.

Like most airline passengers, those who boarded flight 006 had done so believing in the integrity of the aircraft, the skill of the pilots, and the wisdom of the air traffic control system. Yet their security was shattered by human error.

In life we are called upon each day to trust in many things. We trust banks to keep our money, doctors to treat our bodies, and pharmacists to dispense the proper medi-

cine. There are countless ways we exhibit trust each day. Yet we should be careful to remember that real security is found only in our relationship to the Lord.

**Real security is not found in a location (vv. 1-3).** The leaders of Israel and Judah considered themselves to be a part of the "foremost nation" on earth.

The capital cities of Samaria and Jerusalem were considered to be places where people could live in security. Those in Judah couldn't conceive of God allowing Jerusalem, and especially the temple, to be defiled. Likewise, those in Israel were certain that Mount Samaria was a fortress whose topography would not allow it to be overtaken by an enemy.

These assumptions had led the leaders of the nations to become "complacent" and "secure." Amos warned them to look at the destruction that fell upon neighboring cities and to consider the fact that Jerusalem and Samaria were no better off than their neighbors (v. 2). Their arrogance caused them to "put off the evil day" (v. 3). Although they didn't believe they could fall, a "reign of terror" would soon come because of their sin.

**Real security is not found in luxury (vv. 4-7).** Like many today the leaders of Israel sought security in material prosperity. While many in Israel were barely able to provide



How sad it would be if that were the end Peter's story. But the Bible tells us that Peter was changed as he encountered the resurrected Jesus. Peter rose to be a great leader of the early church. Legend tells us that Peter was martyred for the faith and that he insisted on being crucified upside down because he did not consider himself worthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Lord.

In order for us to impact our world, we must resolutely carry out the commandment of Christ to love one another. If we do not love other Christians, how can we claim to love those who are lost? If we do not demonstrate love, we cannot honestly claim Christ as our Lord? There will be times of failure. When this happens we must confess our sin and resolve to serve God more diligently.

We can also look at Peter's life and be encouraged by the way that he turned his life around. Our God is wonderful because he always sees our potential and he continues to use us if we will let him. Even when we give up on ourselves, God's love renews us for his service. — Frick is pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton.

for their basic needs, the wealthy leaders tried to find security in their possessions. They had "beds inlaid with ivory" and couches on which to "loungue" (v. 4). The word "loungue" implies laziness and revelry. Furthermore, the leaders dined on the best lambs from the flock and calves raised in the fattening pen. For common citizens meat was a luxury eaten on rare occasions, but the rich, however, ate the best food in abundance and drank "wine by the bowlful" (v. 6).

Even though the leaders lived in luxury, God was about to bring about the "ruin of Joseph" (v. 6). Their luxury would be of no benefit to them in the approaching day of judgment. Their misplaced trust in their possessions would be revealed and their luxurious lifestyles would end once Assyria invades and Israel's leaders are "among the first to go into exile" (v. 7).

**Real security is found in the Lord (vv. 12-14).** Amos declares that neither horses run nor oxen plow on rocky cliffs, yet Israel has done something even more absurd. They perverted justice and righteousness (v. 12) and will soon learn a harsh lesson: real security is not found in location or luxury — it is found in a relationship with God. As a result of Israel's sin and rejection of God's mercy, the Lord used Assyria as an instrument of judgment in 722 BC to rise against the "foremost nation" on earth. — Comer is pastor, Sand Ridge Baptist Church, Lexington.



## Graham leads Louisville crusade

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — He has trouble standing and has slowed in recent months, but evangelist Billy Graham said June 19 that with God's grace he will preach the rest of his life.



GRAHAM

Graham, 82, was here for the Greater Louisville Billy Graham Crusade, which will take place June 21-24 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. Graham's appearance comes just days after hospitalization for a series of surgeries over the past year to relieve fluid pressure on his brain.

He briefly spoke to some 75 members of the media June 19 on the field of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. He was driven

# Riceville volunteers help rebuild church in Georgia

For Baptist and Reflector

RICEVILLE— During the week of June 11-15, the men's missions team of Eastanallee Baptist Church here traveled to Camilla, Ga., to help reconstruct Hall Missionary Baptist Church.

The Georgia church was destroyed by a tornado in February of 2000. The plight of the church was first discovered when two members of the mission team (Bill Burson and Joe Garren) delivered food and clothing to Camilla after the storm.

With the assistance of three men from First Baptist Church, Camilla, coordinating with Glen Ingram of Eastanallee, 19 volunteers helped restore the church.

A praise service was held with the congregation of the church and the mission



**TEAM MEMBERS** from Eastanallee Baptist Church, Riceville, who helped rebuild Hall Missionary Baptist Church in Camilla, Ga., included, from left, front row, Bill Burson, Terry Landers, Billy Parkison, J.C. Wright, Glen Ingram, Harold Smith, Jerry Palmer (FBC, Camilla, Ga.), Clinton Davis; back row, Mo Thornburg, Ron Galloway, Curtis Womac, Joe Garren, Gene Beavers, David McKee, Brad Bennett, Doyle Smith, George Parkinson, Ralph Borders, Richard Brogan, and Ransom Hudson.

team on June 13, following the "drying in" of the building.

This was the fourth trip for the volun-

teer mission team. They have previously worked in Wheelright, Ky., Martin, and Union City. ■

to the field on a golf cart, then used a cane to walk.

"I am sorry to let my age show, but I just got out of the hospital about two weeks ago," Graham said as he stepped from the golf cart.

While Graham held two crusades last year (including one in Nashville), he said there were moments in recent months when he questioned

whether he would be healthy enough to hold a crusade in Louisville. In recent years his son, Franklin Graham, has attended each crusade, ready to step in and preach if necessary; he also was on hand in Louisville.

"I'm grateful for the privilege of having the strength to be here," the older Graham said. "I wasn't sure that we

could do that, but we put it in God's hands and I think the Lord has allowed me to have the strength.

While Graham did entertain a handful of questions, he did not hold a full-fledged news conference. It was, he said, the first time he has failed to hold a news conference prior to a crusade.

Because of his various surg-

eries, he said he "cannot answer all those questions any more — all the political questions, the social problems, and all of that."

"I haven't been able to keep up with everything. I come here just to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I can do that with God's help. I've been preparing my messages, and trust that God will use them." ■

# Students with Tennessee ties graduate from Baptist seminaries

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Several students with Tennessee ties graduated in May commencement services at Southern Baptist theological seminaries.

Information, including hometown and church when available and photos (when provided) were supplied by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. Information was not received from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Midwestern graduates included Neil Knierim, master of LeaderCare for LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, doctor of ministry.

New Orleans graduates included Mark Gstohl, Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, doctor of philosophy; Jessica Price Mintz, First Baptist Church, Sevierville, bach-

elor of general studies in Christian education; Frank B. Pratt, Trinity Baptist Church, Manchester, master of divinity in church planting; Christie Ann Smith, Friendship Baptist Church, Ramer, master of music in church music; Craig Wilmoth, Memphis, bachelor of general studies in childhood education; and Ted Wilson, Knoxville, master of divinity.

Southern graduates included Fady N. Al-Hagal, pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Martin, master of divinity; Monica Anne Biter, Clarksville, master of arts in Christian education and leadership; Brian David Bounds, Hendersonville, master

of divinity; Michael M. Christian, Lebanon, master of divinity; Jeff Clark, First Baptist Church, Winchester, doctor of ministry; Robert Tony Collins, Highland Park Baptist Church, Lenoir City, master of divinity; Jeff Crabtree, First Baptist Church, Portland, master of arts in Christian education;

Tim Darnell, Fall Branch, master of divinity; Gary L. Few, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, bachelor of arts from Boyce College; Timothy Laderel Harrelson, Knoxville, master of arts in theological studies; Douglas Allen Hayes, First Baptist Church, Friendsville, master of divinity

in missions, evangelism, and church growth; Bill M. Housley, Maryville, bachelor of arts from Boyce College; Jeremy Royal Howard, Cookeville, master of divinity;

Darren Malcolm, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, master of divinity in worship; John A. McCarley, Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson, diploma in theology; Thomas F. McMinn Jr., Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, doctor of education; Mark A. McSwain, First Baptist Church, Bemis, master of divinity; Kevin Patrick Minchey, Madison, doctor of ministry; Chandi Millet Plummer, Chat-

tanooga, master of church music; Robert Lewis Plummer, Brentwood, doctor of philosophy; Jeremiah Heath Russe, Knoxville, bachelor of arts from Boyce College;

Scott C. Saunders, Nashville, master of arts in Christian education and leadership; Wade Smith, Franklin, doctor of musical arts; Brad Thomson, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, doctor of education leadership; Dwayne Craig Mer, Nashville, doctor of education in Christian education leadership; and Richard Brundland, Mt. Juliet, master of arts in Christian education leadership. ■



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