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TBC giving rises in August

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BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptists' giving through the Cooperative Program rose sharply in August for a below average monthly.

Tennessee Baptist church sent \$3,337,005 through Cooperative Program last month, the second highest total for a month in the current year which ends Oct. 31.

After 10 months of the fiscal year, gifts total \$59,974, up \$22,951 or 8 percent over the same last year.

The year-to-date budget for the Tennessee Baptist Convention is \$30,192,163. The annual budget for this year in the TBC is \$230,595. ■

Fastest-growing black church

Clarksville church sets standards for growth

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

CLARKSVILLE — Although only eight years old,

Greater Missionary Baptist Church here dedicated another new building Aug. 16.

The fact is not surprising to people who know the church. It

is the fastest-growing black church in the Tennessee Baptist Convention according to TBC records, said Rod Glatt, TBC ministry specialist for

black churches. And its one of the fastest growing churches in the TBC.

Last year alone, the church baptized 180 new Christians, which ranked it 8th in the number of baptisms by churches in the TBC. Greater Missionary Church has grown from three members to 2,100 members in just eight years. It currently draws 1,800 to two Sunday morning services.

The church grew despite meeting for three years in a 175-year-old building which only seated about 200 people.

The church is the brainchild of Little West Fork Baptist Church, Clarksville, and Cumberland Baptist Association, which contacted Willie Freeman of Clarksville and asked him to help them start a church.

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CHURCH LEADERS gathered for the dedication of the new facility are, from left, first row, Cynthia Parker; Paula Glover; Learah Smith; Jo Freeman; Audrey Collins; Victoria Zimmerman; and Beverly Sweet; back row, Archie Parker; Douglas Smith; Willie Freeman, pastor; Jimmy Hubbard, senior assistant pastor; Christine Samuels; and Joyce Brown.

Three Tennessee schools cited in U.S. News & World Report ranking

Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — All three Tennessee Baptist Convention colleges and universities have been cited for excellence in the latest issue of *U.S. News & World Report*, which hit newsstands last week.

For the fifth consecutive year, Union University in Jackson was ranked in the top tier of the news magazine's "America's Best Colleges" despite changing categories.

Formerly in the "regional liberal arts universities" category and ranking in the top last year, Union was moved this year to a new category — "Best Universities — Master's" — that includes larger institutions which provide a full range of undergraduate master's level programs.

Union was the only school in West Tennessee, outside of Memphis, to be recognized in the top tier.

To be ranked among the nation's best universities is a high honor for Union University," said President David S. Dockery. To be considered in the top tier with the other prestigious universities is a real compliment to the quality of Union's faculty, staff, and students," Dockery added.

Beloit College in Nashville gained entry in *U.S. News & World Report's* latest publication, rising two spots to rank

16th in the master's category of the South's best universities.

Rankings are based on academic reputation, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni contributions, and graduation rate.

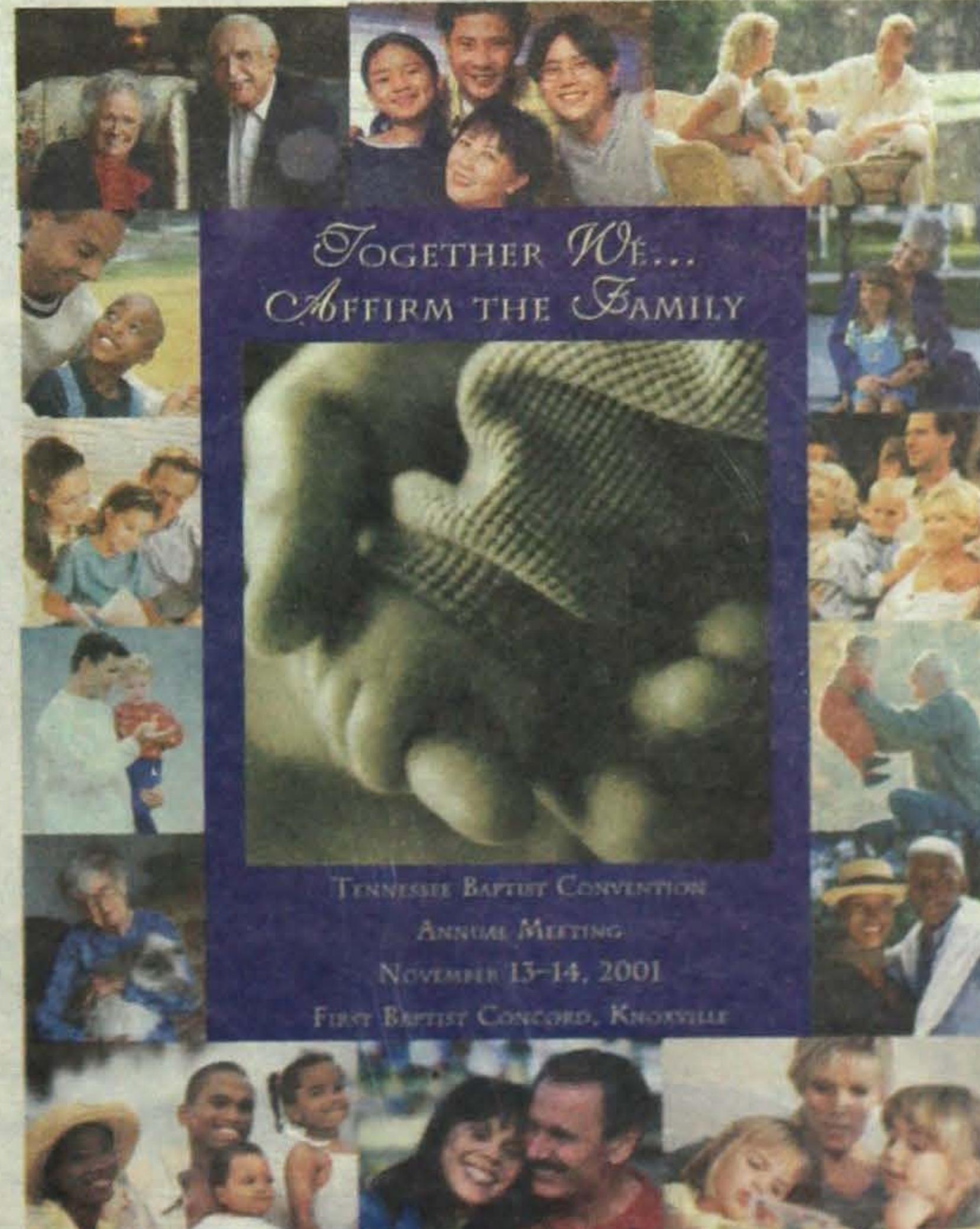
"The list of southern regional universities is comprised of a very impressive group of institutions," said Belmont President Bob Fisher.

"We are thrilled to be ranked in such fine company."

The news magazine also ranked Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City among the best educational values in the southern United States.

In "Great Schools at Great Prices," a special section of the magazine, C-N is noted in its category (Universities — Master's) as one of only 15 schools in the region, and the only East Tennessee institution to receive the recognition.

"We are delighted to be considered as one of this region's best educational buys," said C-N President James Netherton. "And while we're not in the general ranking category where I think we should be placed, I am nonetheless pleased by the strength of our ranking," he added. ■ — Mark Brown, Sara Horn, and Greg Pilon contributed to this report.



SEE MORE on the TBC Annual Meeting on pages 7-13.

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SBC CP gifts rise in August

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NASHVILLE — Gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program in August of \$14,578,070 were 2.99 percent above the total for August 2000, according to a news release from Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee.

For the fiscal year to date, October 2000 through August 2001, CP giving now stands at 1.39 percent less than the same period a year ago, \$160,592,711 compared to \$162,851,541, to support Southern Baptist CP missions and ministries globally and across North America.

In designated giving during August, the total of \$5,755,886 was 52.16 percent above August 2000's \$3,782,664, or a difference of \$1,973,221. For the fiscal year to date, designated giving stands at 4.16 percent above last year's pace, \$166,832,014 as compared to \$160,171,445, an increase of \$6,660,568.

August's \$14,578,070 in CP gifts total was \$423,420 above August 2000 gifts of \$14,154,649.

For the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, the year-to-date receipts are \$6,596,024 above the budgeted \$153,996,686, or 104.28 percent of budget. August's receipts

showed the \$14,578,070 received as 104.13 percent of the budgeted amount of \$13,999,698. ■

Grizzly mauls Alaska pastor

Baptist Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Longtime Alaska pastor Johnny McCoy is recovering at a Fairbanks hospital after being mauled by a grizzly bear Sept. 4.

McCoy, 52, pastor of First Baptist Church, North Pole, underwent more than six hours of surgery Sept. 4 for multiple injuries he sustained after he and a hunting partner, church deacon Cary Corle, happened upon a female grizzly bear protective of her two cubs.

The bear knocked over Corle then attacked McCoy.

McCoy's injuries — from numerous bites to his head, both arms and hands — included a nearly severed right ear, a left eye dislodged from its socket, a rip to his forehead open enough to show his skull, two compound fractures of his right arm, and a broken left wrist.

McCoy has ministered nearly 30 years at the North Pole church, serving as pastor since 1982. He is a trustee of the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board and delivered the annual sermon at this year's Alaska Baptist Convention annual meeting. ■

Church arsonist sentence for life

Baptist Press

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — The man who apparently set more churches on fire than any other individual during the last

decade will spend the rest of his life in prison. And while many of the 829 churches targeted for arson between 1995 and 1999 were presumed to have been an expression of racial hatred, arsonist Jay Scott Ballinger says he drew his inspiration from Lucifer.

The rural Indiana man was given a life sentence Aug. 17 in U.S. District Court in Gainesville, Ga., after pleading guilty last April to setting five rural churches on fire in northern Georgia in 1998 and 1999. Earlier, Ballinger received a 42-year prison sentence for the fires he started in seven other states, including Tennessee.

In many cases, nearby communities rallied to rebuild the churches, and sometimes attendance increased following the damage. The impact was far different in north Georgia, however, when Ballinger's crime led to the death of a volunteer fireman who suffered a fatal heart attack after helping fight the blaze.

Ballinger's eight-state crime spree ended in early 1999 when he suffered burns to his own body after setting a fire in Ohio. After several days of enduring the pain back home in Indiana, his parents called for medical assistance, drawing the suspicions of local police.

When the Federal Bureau of Investigation searched his Daleville, Ind., residence, they found evidence of satanic paraphernalia, including pentagrams, goat heads, and a book of spells.

According to local news coverage, a Daleville police officer had reported in 1993 that Ballinger had solicited teenagers to sign blood contracts with the devil. Some of them described being intimidated by the 31-year-old who called himself a worshiper of Lucifer. ■

Association asks church to withdraw

Baptist Press

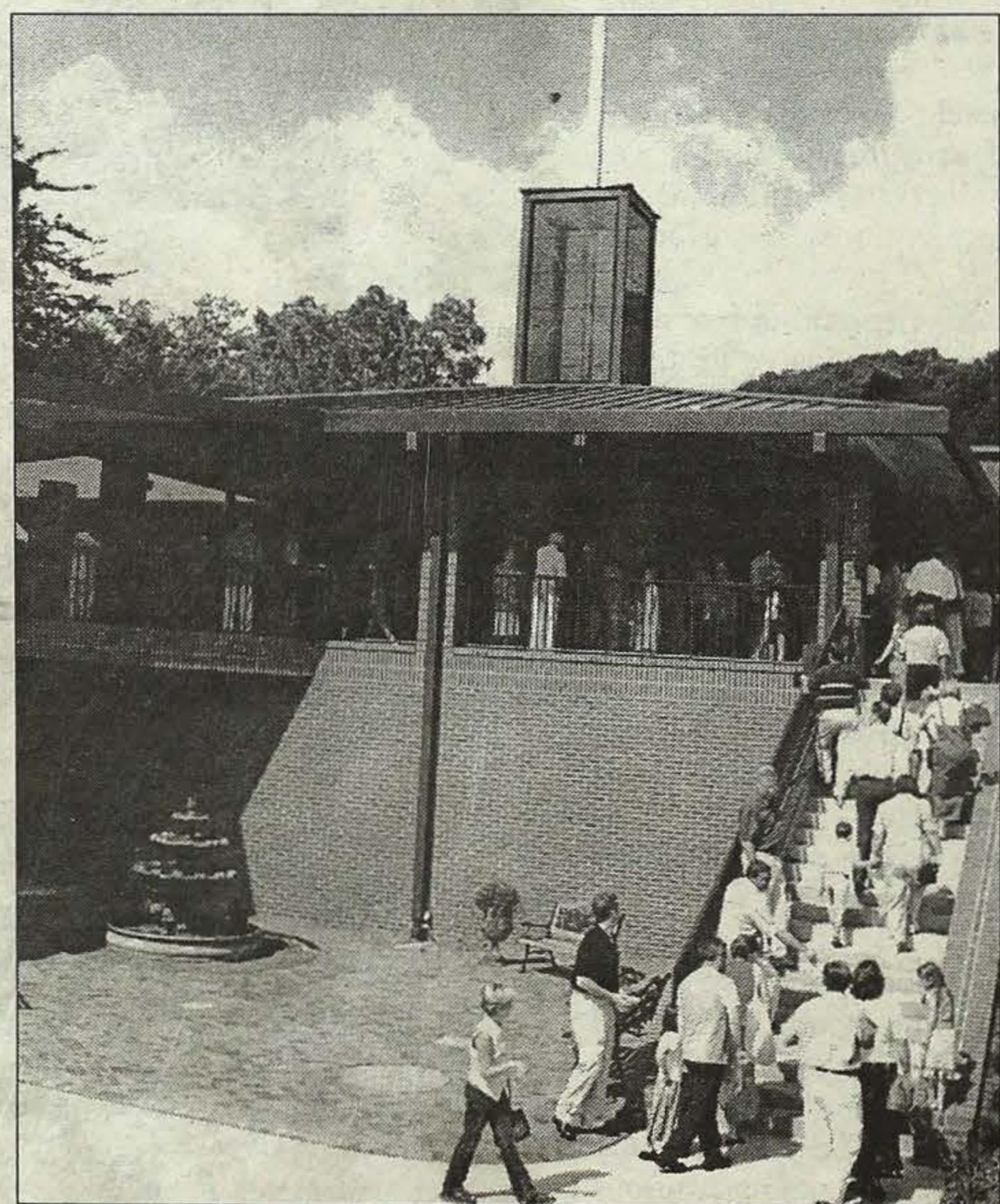
ATLANTA — The Atlanta Baptist Association's executive committee has voted to update bylaws to meet churches, specifically as Oakhurst Baptist Church either comply or withdraw by 31 or face expulsion from the association. The issue in question is the church's affirmation of homosexuality by allowing practicing homosexuals to serve in leadership positions.

The motion to take action regarding Oakhurst passed the required two-thirds majority during an Aug. 27 executive committee meeting. The vote was 44 to 20. Despite the motion, Robert F. Browning, pastor of Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Stone Mountain, described the meeting as very civil in spirit.

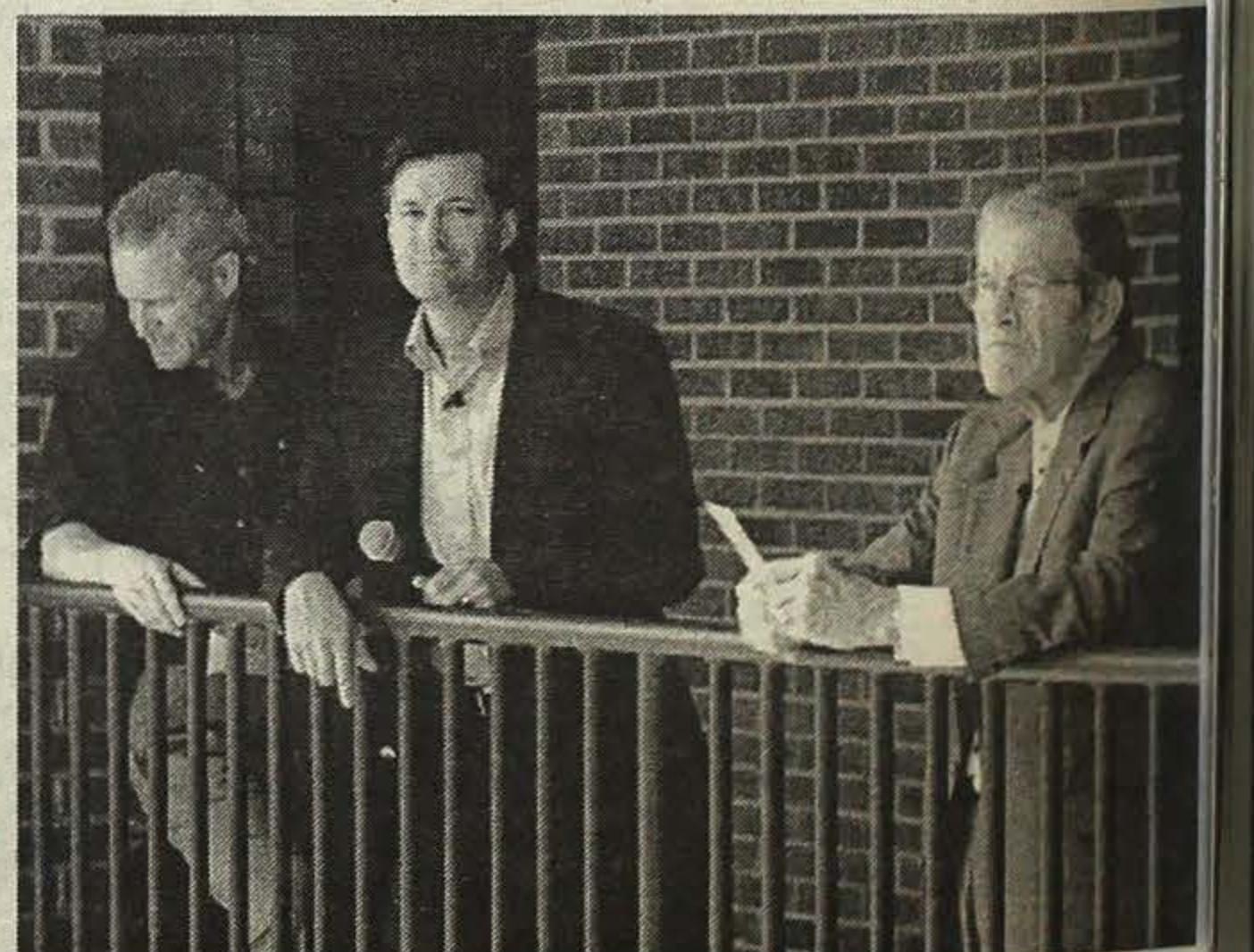
The Atlanta Baptist Association has been at the center of controversy since last year when the association's membership committee failed to dismiss churches, Oakhurst of Decatur and Virginia-Highland of Atlanta. Individuals within the association had called for the dismissal on grounds that the churches were affirming of homosexual lifestyle with policies of ordaining individuals and allowing them to serve in leadership positions without regard to their sexual orientation.

The churches also were operating their facilities being used for union services of homosexual couples.

The Georgia Baptist Convention had already dismissed two churches after changing the association's bylaws to specifically deal with the situation. ■



Franklin church dedicates new facility
ClearView Baptist Church, Franklin, dedicated its new educational building for youth and children Aug. 19. The 33,000-square-foot building is the second phase of the church's master plan. The focal point is the new atrium which joins the new building with the church's existing structure. Participating in the service were, below, from left, Greg Richard, building committee chairman; Pastor Bret Robbe, and Bob Norman, former ClearView's first pastor and now pastor emeritus, delivered the morning message. — Photos by Wm. Fletcher Allen



feat lottery

ERLC's Land pledges support to TBC efforts

By Hastings
st Press

VILLE — It's a drill been repeated time again at the offices of Southern Baptist Ethics & Liberty Commission time, as every time before agency's president, Land, is right in the

all to arms? Another scheduled a referendum implementing a lottery. Tennessee will trek to in November 2002 to the issue.

and told a Middle Tennessee radio station Aug. the proponents for a lottery are trotting same empty promises they make in every state they try to enter. e is one of 13 in the hout a lottery.

“Lottery is about the most tax a state can levy,” listeners to “Teddy Roundtable” on Nash-AMB-AM. “Those who afford to gamble are who gamble the most.”

Land said at least one of the alleged benefits of a lottery — scholarships — is nothing more than a cruel ruse on lottery ticket buyers.

“Preliminary results from Georgia show that the families who most often benefit from that state's lottery-funded Hope Scholarships are those whose family income is between \$44,000 and \$50,000 a year,” he explained, continuing, “Those who pay the most in gambling expenses are those making between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a year.”

“Now what kind of crazy social policy is it to take money away from those that make between \$10,000 and \$25,000 a year to give scholarships to the families making \$44,000 to \$50,000 a year?” Land asked the program's regulars. “It is just a terribly regressive tax,” he repeated. “It promotes what is clearly an addictive activity for many people.”



LAND

There is no question that gambling is sinful if you are a Christian and follow the dictates of Scripture, Land said, noting that gambling violates two and sometimes three of the Ten Commandments. Ironically, newspaper headlines the day of the program trumpeted the existence of four winning tickets for the weekend's Powerball \$294.8 million jackpot — the third-largest lottery prize in U.S. history.

“A lottery violates ‘Thou shall not steal’; it's a zero sum game,” Land said. “For you to win, a whole lot of other people have to lose. It doesn't produce any revenue; it takes money from a lot of people to give to some.”

He said gambling also is a violation of “Thou shall not envy” because those who play the game are envying what their neighbors have because that's what comprises the jackpot.

Land added, “If it becomes an addiction, it is a violation of ‘Thou shall have no other gods before me.’” He said it is no surprise that the proliferation

of gambling outlets across the United States is translating into growing numbers of individuals being treated for gambling addiction.

When the government runs a gambling operation, it violates God's plan for the civil government, Land said. “Chapter 13 of the Book of Romans makes clear that God intended for government to reward those who do right and to punish those who do evil,” he said. “What you have in the case of government-run lotteries is the government prostituting itself and promoting something which is devastating to society for its cut of the action.”

When a state sanctions and operates a lottery, it is reduced to nothing more than a bookie, Land said.

The ERLC has been asked by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and other groups that oppose the lottery to help in the fight, Land said. He stressed that the TBC would lead in the effort and that the ERLC would assist as requested.

“We intend to serve Ten-



nesseans in the same way we did lottery opponents in Alabama in 1999,” Land said, noting that ERLC literature was used by almost all of the denominations in Alabama to turn back the vote to legalize a lottery.

“We had almost as much of our anti-gambling literature distributed in Methodist churches as we did in Baptist churches,” he added. “It was the church that beat the lottery in Alabama.”

While Land knows it will be another pitched battle against well-funded lottery proponents, he remains hopeful about the lottery opponents' odds:

“Lottery advocates have a seemingly bottomless pit of money from which to fund their argument. But it didn't do them any good in Alabama and we learned some things in Alabama about how to be even more effective in our work against the lottery.” ■

Tennessee Baptists continue Disaster Relief work in West Virginia

Knox
st and Reflector

TWOOD — As Tennessee Baptist Relief cleanup and construction teams work in West Virginia, the Baptist Association Feeding Unit turned home Sept. 9 having found 200 cleanup volunteers. Concord Association Unit from Johnson City began serving meals in Ille, West Virginia, Aug. 31 to disaster relief workers, who have been working in West Virginia since being victims of flash floods. Feeding teams have served. The and their churches who served Sept. 3 were: Mike Overcash,

ClearView Baptist Church, Franklin; Alton Brown, Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville; and Dusty Rhodes, Lacassas Baptist Church, Lacassas. The second team and their churches who worked Sept. 2-9 were: Bill and Joyce Curington, Roseberry Baptist Church, Mascot; Keith and Vivian Lyle and Steve and Jean Conerly, all of Central Baptist Church, Johnson City.

According to Curington, who arrived Aug. 31, the Feeding Unit had averaged around 100 meals at each meal until the Labor Day weekend when the number of volunteers greatly increased. The Feeding Unit not only served SBC volunteers, but Catholic Disaster Relief volunteers from Ohio, and National Relief Network

volunteers from Michigan. Tennessee Baptist volunteers were housed in the SBC West Virginia Baptist Convention warehouse in Whitesville, which was converted from a fire hall.

At least 10 Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief teams have served in West Virginia including a construction team, which arrived Aug. 26 in Whitesville led by Phil Baker, SBC Executive Committee building superintendent and member of Gladeville Baptist Church, Gladeville. That team also returned Sept. 9.

Others serving in West Virginia are Al and Virginia Borsos, Fairfield Glade Baptist Church, Fairfield Glade, who are serving through next week. A 50-member construction team from Grainger

County Baptist Association also served building three houses during Labor Day weekend.

With cold weather just around the corner, the plea has gone out from West Virginia Baptist Convention office for more volunteers to assist with cleanup and rebuilding. Teams or individuals willing to help in West Virginia are asked to call the TBC Disaster Relief office at 1-800-558-2090 extension 2064 for assignment and to contact members.

Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please send monetary donations to: Disaster Relief, Tennessee Baptist Convention, PO Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024-0728. Designate the funds to: West Virginia Flash Floods. ■

Church to host Mountain Ministry Summit

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The Appalachian Regional Ministry (ARM) is holding the first Mountain Ministry Summit Sept. 27-29 at Central Baptist Church, located at 300 N. Roan Street in Johnson City.

ARM is an intentional response to the spiritual and physical needs of persons living in the Appalachian region to mobilize Southern Baptists and their existing churches and to start new churches in the multi-state region of Appalachia, according to Beverly Smothers of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group.

The summit will help the 11-state convention coalition of mountain ministries develop strategies for future ministries, as well as promote current projects, said Jim Burton, director of

volunteer mobilization for the SBC's North American Mission Board.

“This is a region that continues to be a popular destination point for mission groups,” Burton explained.

Because ARM works through local churches and associations to service volunteer needs, the summit is open to directors of missions in the Appalachian region, as well as “anybody wanting to mobilize into that area.”

“Churches in that area can be represented so they can understand the scope ARM hopes to establish,” Burton added.

For more information, call ARM at (304) 757-0944.

The cost of the summit is \$15 and includes one meal.

To register, send check to: West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, c/o Terrie Hannah, 1 Mission Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560. ■



Gibson County Baptists form partnership

Representatives from Central Baptist Association in Michigan met Aug. 8 with representatives from Gibson County Baptist Association to work out details for a new partnership which will begin Jan. 1, 2002. Pictured, from left, seated, are Kemper, director of missions, Gibson County; Richard Rogers, director of missions, Central; standing, Randy Pool, GBA missions coordinator; Charles Estor, First Baptist Church, Kenton; and Michigan pastors, Chuck Turner, Don, and Don Anderson.

Summer mission trip

Union students take Gospel to North Africa

By Sara Horn
For Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — Dan Dillingham, a senior at Union University from Dawson Springs, Ky., had never been on an overseas mission trip before, so he wasn't quite sure of what to expect when he agreed to serve on a team assigned to witness to an isolated people group somewhere in North Africa recently this summer.

The group of six Union students and two leaders knew that it would be a challenging trip. With more than 4 million people within the people group's population, there are only 12 known individuals outside of the people group that can speak their language.

"It was very humbling to see people who had absolutely never heard of Jesus Christ," said Dillingham, who is majoring in sports management. "Sometimes, it was hard to believe that it was real."

Todd Brady, minister to the university, agreed.

"The area that we were in has a very high population rate of Muslims," explained Brady, who made his third trip to this particular area with the recent missions team. "It was very eerie waking up the first night and hearing the Koran being chanted in the distance."

For 12 days, the team prayerwalked and visited as much as they could with the people, assisting the missionaries already there and building relationships as they could. This is the second year they have visited the same village in



SIX STUDENTS and two leaders participated in a summer missions trip to an area of North Africa. Pictured from left to right, bottom to top — Katie McBride of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis; Dan Dillingham of First Baptist Church, Dawson Springs, Ky.; Matt Glass of First Baptist Church, Metropolis, Ill.; Nicki McDowell of Calvary Baptist Church, Linwood, Kan.; Matt Thomas of First Baptist Church, Somerville, and Marc Glass of First Baptist Church, Metropolis, Ill.

this particular location, done purposefully, in order to develop friendships and more opportunities to witness.

While no obvious conversions were made while the group was out in the field, there were many divine opportunities that came about to share the love of God, allowing seeds to be planted, said Suzanne Frost, director of student outreach and a graduate of Union.

A former prayer and advocacy coordinator for the International Service Corps of the International Mission Board, Frost is now responsible for co-

ordinating mission trips and outreach for Union students. She said she enjoys seeing other students experience what God can do when trust and faith are relied on.

"It is very humbling to be there and a part of worshipping God for who he is," explained Frost, who was excited that the group had been able to participate in the Day of Prayer Round Africa, a world-wide prayer day organized by the International Mission Board. "We may not have seen 500 come to Christ, but we were still part of the harvest. We were the plow

— God can use someone else to harvest the seeds we were able to sow."

"The whole trip was spent in trusting in the promises of God and knowing that his word will not return void and truth was being spoken there," added Dillingham. "Though we couldn't see anything happening visually, we knew that God was at work."

During the trip, the group members were able to spend a few days in a family's home, learning about their culture as well as building relationships. Noting that the society is very



gender-oriented, with doing most of the work and outside of the home was especially struck children in the home.

"I looked at these little small children, wonder — will they ever the truth?" asked Frosting how they were told to children start studying Muslim teachings and ran at a very young age the case of this people and others like it, it's question of when, but they?"

"It is that question that university has emphatic swered yes to, explained More than 17 trips are planned this year for students to pate in overseas and loca sion projects — with th seas trips concentrating on the 10-40 window area of the world in which are still people who have heard the Gospel.

"The most exciting thing this was that we had the tunity to explicitly share the Gospel with people, Brady. "When you go into Muslim culture, you a that you will mostly pray you're fortunate, because share a little with the But the students on the went over and beyond, sively seeking out oppor to share their faith. An what we're trying to in all of our students." ■

Ministry aids Clinton missions team

By Tim Palmer
For Associated Baptist Press

EDGERTON, Mo. — A mission team from Tennessee saved a bundle of money recently by staying in a Missouri church while traveling to and from South Dakota. And that's the whole point of Hitching Post Ministries, a 4-year-old ministry of Mount Zion Southern Baptist Church here.

"Our church is hoping to further the cause of Jesus Christ in our nation," an informational letter on the ministry says. "We want to help reduce costs to mission teams so they may have more resources to invest in their mission projects."

Hitching Post Ministries grew from Missouri Baptists' missions partnership with Wyoming Baptists, Mount Zion pastor Rick Lumm said. The church is eight miles off Interstate 29 between Kansas City and St. Joseph.

To accommodate travelers, the church installed four electrical hookups for recreational vehicles. Visitors also have access to showers and the church kitchen. They sleep in their RVs or on the church floor.

As many as 200 people have taken ad-

vantage of the free lodgings in a single summer. The church publicizes the ministry by sending a letter every spring to Baptist state conventions and to Campers on Mission chapters, Lumm said.

Most groups that pass through are headed west, the pastor noted. An 18-member team from Hillvale Baptist Church in Clinton, used Hitching Post Ministries on a recent mission trip to Spearfish, S.D.

"It was most hospitable," team member Gary Jarnigan said. For the 13 young people along, "it was like a big campout." Jarnigan said he and his teammates likened the ministry to the account in II Kings of a woman who prepared a room for the prophet Elisha.

"Someone made a provision for our comfort and safety and convenience, and it was a real blessing." The team saved an estimated \$400-\$500 in motel costs.

Hillvale Baptist Church is just one block off of Interstate Highway 75 north of Knoxville, Jarnigan said. The Missouri church's ministry "definitely has us thinking of something similar." ■ — To inquire about space availability with Hitching Post Ministries, phone (816) 227-3789 or email mtzionbaptist@juno.com.

Tennessee youth encouraged to pray with each other 'at the pole'

For Baptist and Reflector

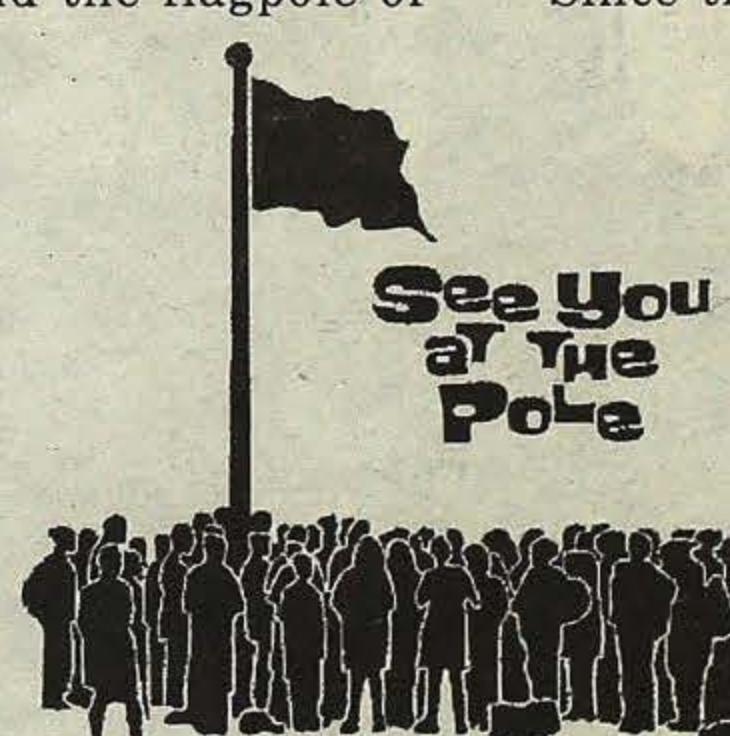
BRENTWOOD — Tennessee Baptist youth are encouraged to join with their peers around the flagpole of their respective schools on Wednesday, Sept. 19, for the annual "See You at the Pole" event.

SYAP is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event which began in 1990 through the efforts of a small group of teenagers from Burleson, Texas.

That first year an estimated 56,000 students met at school flagpoles from 1,200 campuses in four different states to pray. The number grew the next year to more than one

million students at flagpoles all over the country, according to information from the See You at the Pole Web site (www.syap.com).

Since that first year, more than three million students from 50 states and more than 100 countries have responded to God's invitation to share their faith. ■



**See You
at The
Pole**

ton, youth evangelism special the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Campus Prayer Journeys encourage parents to gather on their children's campuses the night before SYAP to pray for them, Shin said. ■

BC focus keeps attention on lottery

Lonnie Wilkey, editor

Nominational emphases abound on the agenda of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It looms, however, that Tennessee needs to give particular attention to Anti-Gambling Sunday on Sept. 16. It is slightly more than a year from Tennessee on a state lottery. The referendum will be on the November 2002 ballot.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is working with other denominations and organizations to strategize on how we can keep the lottery from becoming reality in Tennessee. More details on these efforts will be forthcoming.

in the future.

We need to be realistic. We are fighting an uphill battle because many legislators and media outlets are constantly promoting the "benefits" of a lottery in our state.

Surprisingly, however, the secular media is beginning to do some homework on the subject and is releasing stories that are harmful to lottery supporters.

A front-page article in *The Tennessean* on Sunday, Sept. 2, read: "States looking to lotteries to bolster budgets find odds against them." Strange, that's not what many of our lawmakers have been saying over the past few years.

The Tennessean article noted that while more than half of Americans tell re-

searchers that they have played the lottery at least once in the past year, lotteries have not proven to be a jackpot of revenue for the states.

One reason, according to economist David Merriman of Loyola University in Chicago, is that lotteries bring in less than 2 percent on average of what states raise and spend each year and only a third of every dollar wagered actually ends up in the state coffers, the article noted.

The truth about the lottery is beginning to come out.

Observe Anti-Gambling Sunday on Sept. 16 and continue to pray now that Tennessee will remain gambling free when the final vote is counted in 2002. *B&R*

First editorial

See You at the Pole can impact students

By Shingleton

Just one year ago this week, students at Smyrna High School met on a beautiful September morning to pray.

Students came together to pray for school. They met to pray for their teachers. And most important, they met to pray for their classmates who did not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

That same September morning, Michael had arrived at school a few minutes early. Michael noticed a large group of tents standing around the flagpole. He also heard some music. Since he

had little extra time, he decided to see what was going on during the morning. What was about to happen that morning at Smyrna High School would be of great significance.

As See You at the Pole came to Smyrna High. Michael went back and quietly observed the other students praying for their friends and school. At the end of the time, the students determined it would be appropriate to share the plan of salvation. Michael was listening.

Does SYATP really make an impact on the campus? Ask Michael.

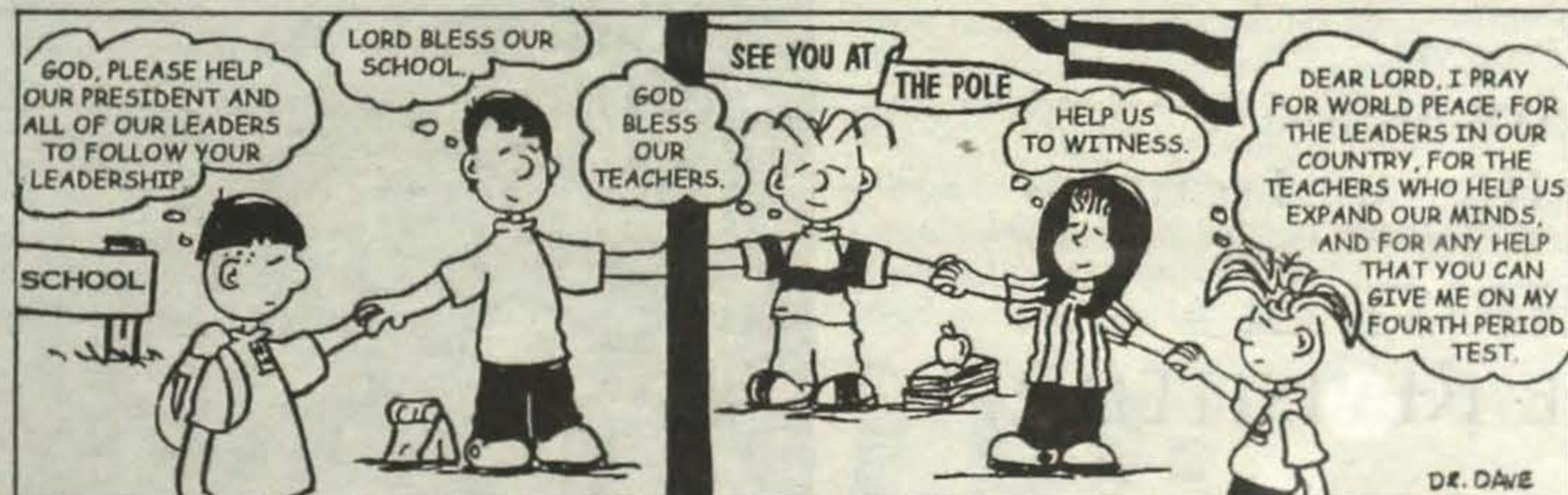
Students across our state and nation realize the importance of prayer on the campus.

The next time you hear someone complain that students can no longer pray at school, think again. Millions of students, teachers, and faculty pray daily on the campus.

Parents, you can get into the game as well. Would you consider meeting at your child's school the evening before SYATP to pray walk around the campus? Find out more about a "Campus Prayer Journey" for parents at www.studentz.com/prayer.

My prayer is that God will bring revival to Tennessee and our nation and that it will begin in the hearts of young people in Tennessee. For more information on See You at the Pole go to www.syatp.com. ■ — Shingleton is youth evangelism specialist in the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group.

P.K. Preacher's Kids



by David Ayers

Make plans now to honor your pastors and staff

the elders in I Timothy 5:17.

The term "elders" in this reference, as well as other New Testament references, is interpreted by many to refer to pastors. (Cf. Frank Lewis, *The Team Builder*, Convention Press, Nashville, 1997, p. 11; also, Michael Miller, *Honoring The Ministry*, LifeWay Press, Nashville, 1998, p. 56.) "The 'elders' of the New Testament church were the 'pastors' (Ephesians 4:11), 'bishops or overseers' (Acts 20:28), 'leaders' and 'rulers' (Hebrews 13:7; I Thessalonians 5:12) of the flock." (Lewis, citing Eaton's Bible Dictionary.) When we think today of pastors/ministers, we are thinking of those whose functions are the same as of the bishop and elder mentioned in the New Testament.

Paul wrote these words to the church at Thessalonica: "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." — I Thessalonians 5:12-13.

It is clear from Scripture that the faithful and dedicated ministers of our churches are worthy of honor.

Secondly, it is always appropriate to express appreciation to those who faithfully serve the Lord and his Church. It has never been more challenging to serve as minister in a local church. Often, the hard work of the pastor and staff go unnoticed and unappreciated.

Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day (the suggested day across the Southern Baptist Convention is Oct. 7) provides an excellent opportunity for your church to affirm her love and appreciation for those who are called by God and your church to lead them in fulfilling the Great Commission.

If you would like for us to send you suggestions for observing Pastor and Staff Appreciation Day, please contact us at 1 (800) 558-2090, and talk with Joy Clay-Corby at extension 2018.

You may also access this information at our website: <http://www.tnbaptist.org/csl/appreciationday.htm>. ■ — Northcott is leader of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Church Staff Leadership Group.



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reflections

by Lonnie Wilkey
editor

Legislative action passes with little fanfare

The heat has been turned up on the kettle and "we frogs" don't even know it.

With all the attention and focus on the possibility of a state income tax and the state budget, Tennessee legislators slipped a bill through with little fanfare before they ended this year's legislative session in July.

That bill is now in effect and more than likely the majority of Tennesseans don't even know about it.

State lawmakers approved a bill that allows places that serve liquor by the drink to begin serving drinks at 10 a.m. rather than at noon.

What's the big deal? It's only two hours, you might say.

The deal is that as a society we are continuing to let money and business drive us rather than a sense of morality.

An article in the Sept. 2 issue of *The Tennessean* pointed out that the restaurant and hotel industry sought the change to help make Tennessee cities more competitive in attracting conventions. The change also is beneficial for Nashville-area businesses near Adelphia Coliseum where the Titans play. The Titans also will be able to sell beer when the gates open at 10 a.m., rather than having to wait until noon.

Because of the lack of fanfare, most residents of the state do not know that they can "opt" out of this law. Several cities or municipalities including Brentwood, Knoxville, LaVergne, and Tullahoma, have taken action to keep the serving time at noon.

Other cities or local governments can still vote to move the time back to noon.

Society, as a whole, accepts drinking. As Christians we need to make our voices known. Let your local city and county leaders know what you think.

Two hours may not seem like much, but for someone who abuses alcohol, it could become a matter of life and death if they get behind the wheel of an automobile.

If Christians continue to let the heat be turned up, we will boil along with the rest of society. ■

Clarksville church sets standards for ...

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for black residents of the area.

Little West Fork, led by Kim Allen, pastor, offered its original building as a facility and the TBC offered Freeman a salary supplement. Freeman, retired from the Army, had helped start a church in Germany and, while attending American Baptist College, Nashville, worked with the TBC and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Clarksville, to start a church in Lawrenceburg.

Freeman accepted the chal-

lenge and worked with several members of Little West Fork for a year to renovate the building. Three people attended the first service in 1993.

But in just two years, about 250 active members were attending and ready to buy land. They were helped by a \$25,000 grant from the TBC and Lewis Dorris, a member of First Baptist Church, Clarksville, who sold them four acres at a good price, said Freeman, on the north side of Clarksville.

The site of the land is one

key to the growth of the church, said Freeman, because the area is being developed into upscale subdivisions.

In 1997 the first facility was finished and filled by about 350 people on Sunday morning. Since then, the congregation has multiplied, said Freeman, requiring the addition of a second morning worship service.

On Aug. 26 Greater Missionary Church dedicated its Christian Education and Child Development Center which cost \$700,000.

The center will house regular church activities and a day care center for children. In the future, the congregation hopes to also use the center for a before and after school program for children and a senior citizens day care center. And it plans to offer a second Sunday School program.

The church also recently bought 12 acres of adjoining land to develop a Community Life Center. The land only cost \$47,000. The church was considering buying another 11 acre plot for \$157,000 and

treat it for its sin. Instead, Freeman about the 12 acres w/ owned by a friend of the Army.

"It's God. He work for us," said Freeman.

Greater Missionary cused on its own gro also has started four congregations, two o are still meet dained four mi and licensed 18 the ministry.

Freeman said their location is also close to Ft. Campbell, the churching because it involve all age groups nearly every and members a others about the and inviting the church.

"You've got to cused and faithf won't lose your and we can con do God's will," he



HELPING LEAD the dedication of the addition to Greater Missionary Baptist Church were, from left, W.L. Baker, pastor, Edgefield Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Rod Glatt of the TBC staff; Willie Freeman, pastor; Larry Kirk, TBC staff; and Dennis Pulley, director of missions, Cumberland Baptist Association, based in Clarksville.



JIMMY TERRY, right, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Clarksville, speaks during the building dedication about Willie Freeman, pastor, Greater Missionary Baptist Church. Freeman was a member of Tabernacle Church while he was a soldier based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

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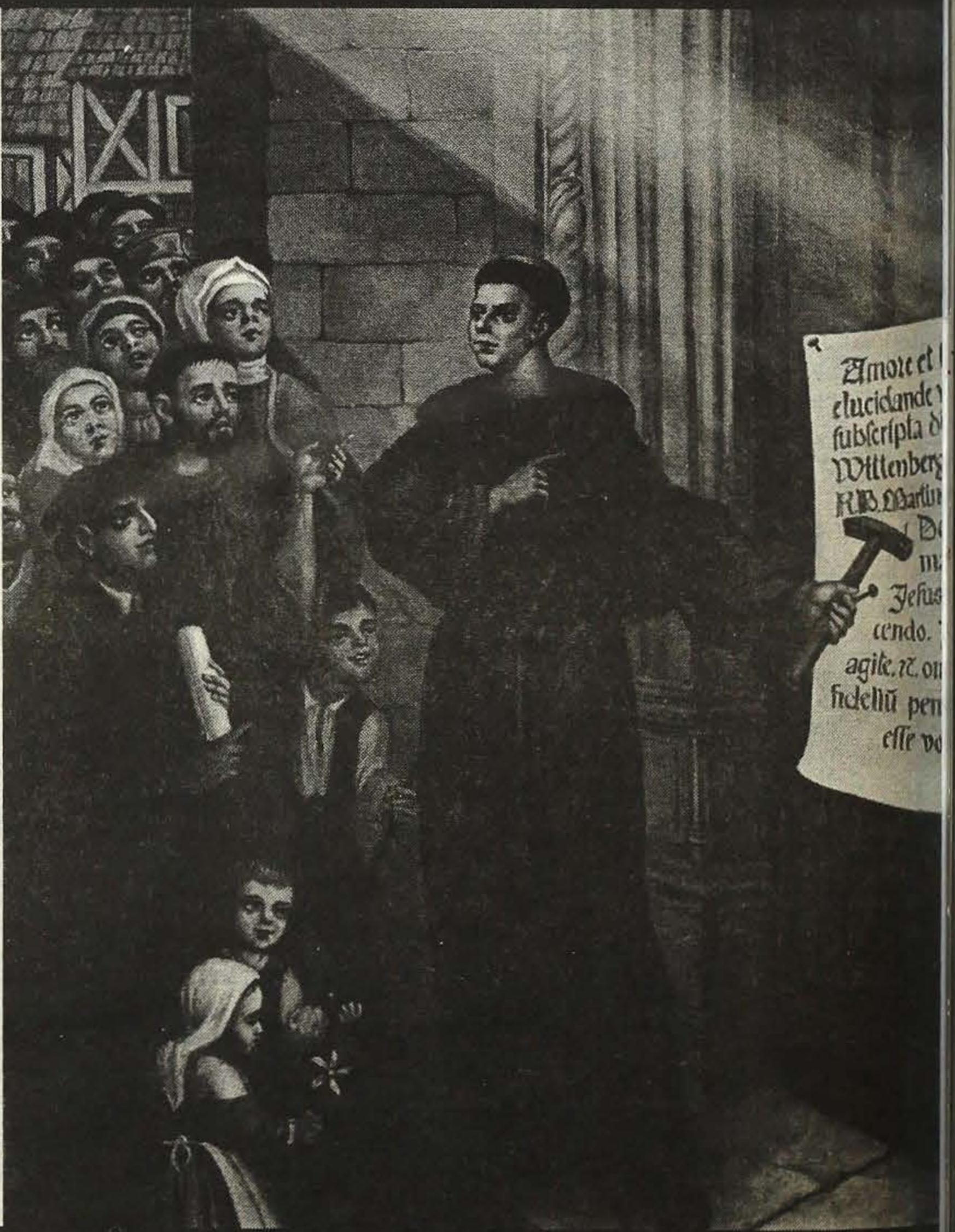


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C messengers to affirm family, consider business items during 127th annual meeting

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and Reflector

BENTWOOD — Messengers to the 127th annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will have opportunity to affirm the family as they conduct business when convention convenes Nov. 13-14 at First Baptist Church, Concord, in Knoxville.

The theme of the two-day meeting is "Together We ... Affirm the Family."

"The Committee on Arrangements of our state convention recognizes that our families are grappling with issues related to families," said Rickman, TBC Ministry Director.

Tennessee Baptists believe in the importance of strong Christian families and care for the health of families in society," Rickman continues.

In response to these needs, state missionary staff is making a concerted effort to strengthen the family unit.

The committee therefore voted to make a strong, positive statement in support of the Christian family. This theme applies to an overarching concern among our people for the future," he added.

President Hollie Miller, of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, noted that it is appropriate for Tennessee Baptists to consider the traditional family as an



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great trouble in America, and how tragic it is that families inside the church are disintegrating at just about the same rate as families outside the church," Miller said in an article prepared for the *Baptist and Reflector* (see this page).

"Let's pray that God will use this annual meeting to help equip and energize our churches to minister to hurting families in the name of Christ Jesus," Miller said.

Business

Among items of business, Tennessee Baptist messengers will hear a report from a committee appointed by Miller to study the role of the TBC presidency.

"The committee has been engaged in thorough research of the role of the president, including the relationship to the Executive Board," Miller said.

Budget to be printed in future issue

For *Baptist and Reflector*

BRENTWOOD — The Budget and Financial Plan of the Tennessee Baptist Convention states that the proposed TBC budget must be printed at least 30 days before the annual meeting.

The TBC Executive Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 11, during which time they were to vote on the 2001-2002 budget that will be presented to messengers in November for approval.

Because of a Sept. 10 press deadline, the budget could not be included in this special pre-convention issue that includes the reports of the Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards which must be printed at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting. The budget will be printed in a future issue at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting. ■ — Editor

"For comparative purposes, there has also been research into the role of the president of other state conventions. The information gained from the research will comprise a major portion of the committee's report," Miller said.

The TBC president related that there will be a recommendation that the committee be allowed to continue its work for another year.

"Should the convention adopt this recommendation, the possibility exists that a recommendation could come in the 2002 convention that would alter the shape of the role of the president in the future, bringing this role more in line with that of the presidents of the other state conventions," Miller said.

Committee members in addition to Miller include Jerry Tidwell, Larry Gilmore, Doug Sager, Herbert Higdon, Ken

Hubbard, Roger S. Oldham, Hal Fletcher, and James Porch (ex officio).

Messengers also will elect a slate of new officers. At least one person — Verlon Moore, retired Clarksville pastor and president of the TBC Executive Board — has publicly said he would allow his name to be nominated for the position of president.

Messengers also will act on a proposed budget (see story above), consider the reports of the Committee on Boards and Committee on Nominations (see reports on page 9), hear reports from the TBC Executive Board and institutions, and consider other items during miscellaneous business sessions.

Worship time

Four principle messages will be delivered during the annual meeting.

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A word from the TBC president

By Hollie Miller
For *Baptist and Reflector*

KNOXVILLE — On Nov. 13-14 the 127th annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held at First Baptist Church, Concord, here. Pastor Doug Sager and the Concord church will be gracious hosts. Along with the TBC staff and leadership, they are working hard to prepare for the comfort and convenience of the messengers and guests. You will enjoy meeting at First Baptist.

The theme of the meeting is "Together We ... Affirm the Family." What a fitting theme for Tennessee Baptists to consider!



MILLER

The traditional family is in great trouble in America, and how tragic it is that families inside the church are disintegrating at just about the same rate as families outside the church. Let's pray that God will use this annual meeting to help equip and energize our churches to minister to hurting families in the name of Christ Jesus.

Both days of this convention will be packed with times of inspiration, information, discussion, and decision. Let me urge you to be present for every session. Let's be prayerful, spirit-filled, and sensitive to God's leadership as we consider the work of the convention.

Every message will be important. The reports of every committee and institution deserve to be heard. Please do your best to be present, attentive, and prayerful for each part of the program.

However, let me call your attention to items of special significance. If you have to miss any of the sessions, please do not miss these:

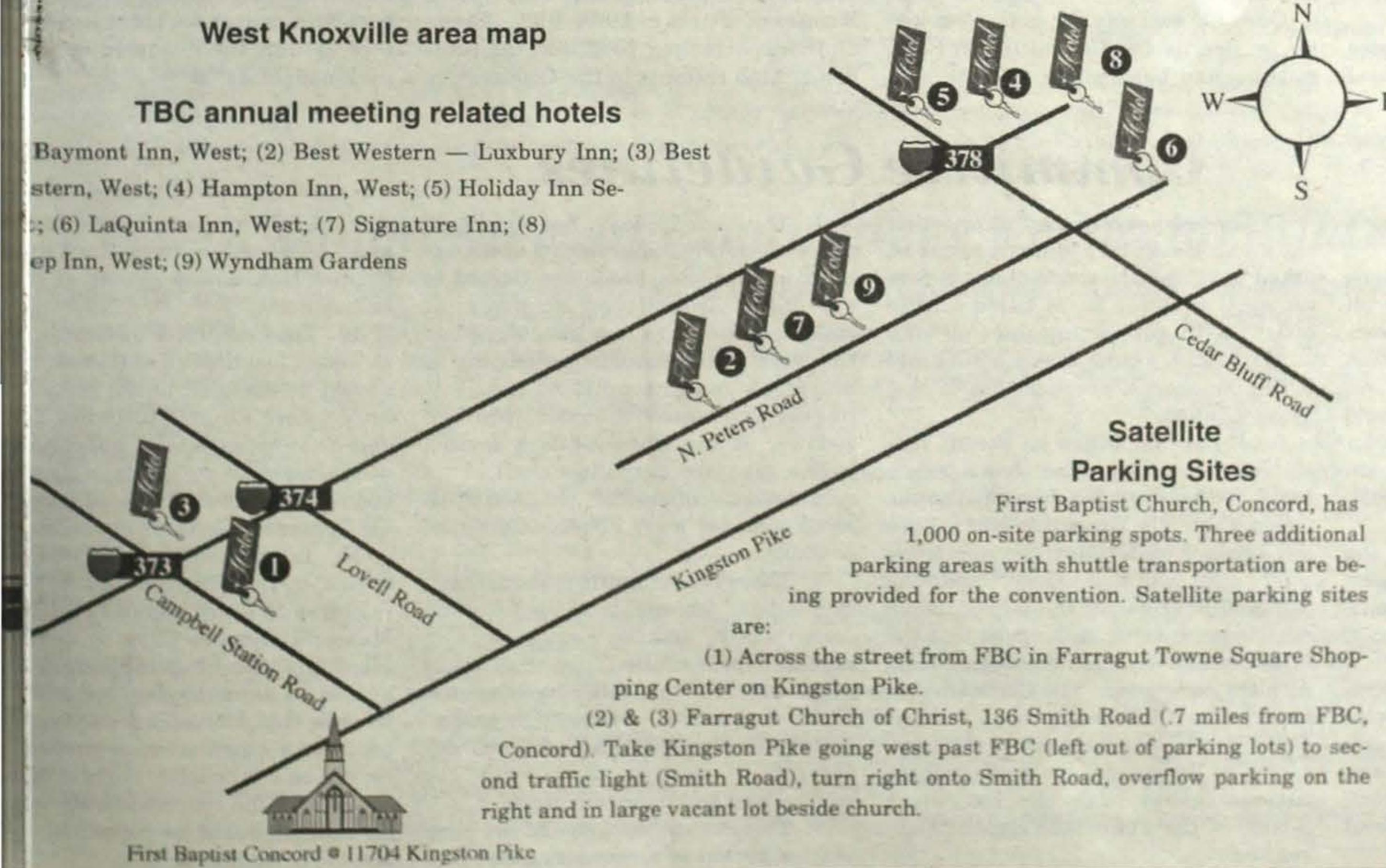
► 10:30 a.m., Nov. 13: We will hear the report of the special committee appointed to study the role of the president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

► 3 p.m., Nov. 13: We will — See A Word, page 13

West Knoxville area map

TBC annual meeting related hotels

Baymont Inn, West; (2) Best Western — Luxury Inn; (3) Best Western, West; (4) Hampton Inn, West; (5) Holiday Inn Express; (6) LaQuinta Inn, West; (7) Signature Inn; (8) Super Inn, West; (9) Wyndham Gardens



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Report of Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees

W. Michael Madewell, chairman, Committee on Boards; Danny Sinquefield, chairman, Committee on Committees

The following nominations represent the results of the yearlong effort by the convention-elected Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees. These committees have approached their convention assigned task with a commitment to recommend to the Tennessee Baptist Convention a slate of dedicated people who are first committed to serve our Lord, and in addition, willing to fulfill the responsibilities of the specific board or committee to which they are to be elected. The committee has honored the convention adopted and proven process. Nominees presented in this report represent the diligent effort Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees honored in approved guidelines and intentions. A desire for both integrity and fairness has prevailed throughout the committee's discussions and decision making.

A review of the committee processes, and an analysis of this report, we believe is helpful as messengers to the convention approach action on the report.

Both committees met in December 2000 for orientation. The meetings provided opportunity to review and refine the process as dictated by the convention's constitution and committee guidelines (committee guidelines are printed following this article). Recommendation forms were studied and reviewed to enable the committee to receive adequate and specific information on each person that would be nominated for their consideration. Next, recommendation forms were sent to each church and association. Tennessee Baptists were encouraged through the *Baptist and Reflector* to provide nominations to the committees.

Recommendations from Tennessee Baptists were received in the office of

the Executive Director. The staff compiled these recommendations and provided a copy to each committee member prior to their next meeting. Each committee member received, in addition to the recommendations, a data sheet on each person recommended. This sheet included the history of prior service on other committees and boards, if any, of the person recommended and a list of other people serving on committees and boards from the same church, as well as, statistical data on the individual's church. This statistical data includes the church's prior year Cooperative Program giving, designated giving, percentage of undesignated receipts given to the Cooperative Program, baptisms, and average Sunday School attendance. On April 16, the committee selected the preliminary nominees to the Executive Board. The following morning the committee heard recommendations from the institutional presidents. These recommendations were submitted according to the constitution guidelines. That afternoon the committee began making its initial recommendations for the Boards of Trust for each institution. Also, in the month of April 2001, the Committee on Committees followed a similar process as outlined in their guidelines.

Following these meetings, committee members were assigned the responsibility to personally contact every preliminary nominee to a board or committee. This contact was to verify the individual's willingness to serve and their commitment to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. These reports were then individually submitted to the full committee at their next meeting.

Once all contacts for both Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees had been made, the commit-

tees reviewed their initial primary nominations in preparation for the final nomination list. This stage in the process required an additional meeting.

Altogether, Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees have met for many hours in a total of seven meetings in addition to the hours of telephone, study, and follow-up work.

Please consider the following analysis of the committees' work as it relates to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

► A total of 33 positions on the Executive Board rotated this year. Nineteen (19) of the persons occupying these positions were eligible to serve a second term. One of these declined and one resigned during the year. In addition, there were 4 other resignations during the year. In total, there were 37 positions to be filled with 20 open positions. For these positions, the committee received a total of 86 recommendations. In addition, the committee was bound by the constitution to spread these open positions among the grand divisions of the state with 7 from the east, 7 from the middle, and 6 from the west.

► Only two of the 20 people newly nominated to the Executive Board have previously served on the Executive Board. Only 10 of these 20 have ever served on any Board or Committee. Only 9 of the people newly nominated to the Executive Board have someone else from their church serving in the coming year on another board or committee. The 20 new nominees to the Executive Board are members of churches that gave in excess of \$1,756,859 to the Cooperative Program during 1999-00. These churches averaged 10.92% of their undesignated receipts to the Cooperative

Program. These churches also gave \$954,641 to designated Tennessee Baptist and Southern Baptist missions, educational, and benevolent ministries.

► Vacancies on the Executive Board, institutional boards, and Committee on Committees came to a total of 121 positions to be filled this year. One hundred and two (102) people in these positions were eligible to serve another term. Sixteen of those eligible declined to serve. In addition, there were 13 positions which the incumbent had reelected. Thus, there was a grand total of 134 positions to be filled by the Committee on Boards. Forty-seven (47) of these positions were to be filled by new people. The committee received a total of 113 recommendations for these positions. Only 14 of the 47 newly nominated persons have someone else from their respective church serving in the coming year on another board or committee.

► As indicated, the Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees followed virtually the same process as the Committee on Committees throughout the year. The two committees had a total of 121 positions to be filled this year. Of these positions, 20 were completed by incumbents whose terms had expired and therefore eligible to serve another term. Also, during the year, two people resigned their positions, creating a total of 37 positions to be filled by the Committee on Committees. The committee received a total of 65 recommendations for these positions.

The Committee on Boards and Committee on Committees present their report with prayer for these nominees as they assume their convention responsibilities. ■

Committee Guidelines

A. Committee on Committees and Committee on Boards:

1. Members of these committees should not nominate themselves to fill any vacancies existing on any convention standing committee or convention board.

2. Individuals over the state should be encouraged to send suggestions for nominees to these two committees, including supporting data as to their qualifications and availability.

3. A form should be printed in the Baptist state paper by which suggestions could be made to these committees, the form bearing the signature of the person making the suggestion.

4. The initial meeting of these committees each year should be announced as an "open" meeting when individuals or heads of institutions or *Baptist and Reflector* could appear before the committees to offer suggestions of and about possible nominees.

5. The head of each institution (other than the Executive Board) shall be asked to submit the name of one person for each vacancy to be filled on the board, with supporting data on why such person would make a suitable board member, a practice that is now being followed.

6. If the Committee on Boards considers someone else, other than a person suggested by the head of an institution (other than the Executive Board), for any vacancy on a board, the committee shall confer with that official concerning the qualifications of the person being considered, it being understood that the final decision on the nomination rests with the committee. The Committee on Boards shall nominate those persons who are mutually agreeable to the Committee on Boards and the heads of institutions (other than the Executive Board) of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

7. The Committee on Boards should be aware of any requirements of the accrediting agencies which are related to our hospitals, colleges, academy, or children's homes as requirements affect the work of the committee, keeping in mind the requirements of the Tennessee Convention Constitution and Bylaws. If and when conflicts develop in this area, the committee shall so advise the convention and the convention shall consider ways of reconciling the conflicts.

8. These two committees should keep in mind the desirability of the following principles in making nominations: a broader representation from churches in geographical areas, differing sizes and types of churches; a variety of professional and educational backgrounds, different age groups, with both lay men/women and ministers included.

9. These committees should not nominate a person to a convention board or

standing committee who receives or all of his salary from The Tennessee Baptist Convention or one of its subsidiary units.

10. The Committee on Board no longer feel that all of its nominees should be confined to the geographic area where an institution or *Baptist and Reflector* is located, but the nominees should be residents of Tennessee and members of churches affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

11. In implementing Bylaw section 2, of the Convention's Bylaws, reference to board members for Memorial Health Care System in Memphis, the hospital should be required to show to the Committee on Boards that there is a demonstrated need for a board member to provide service on the hospital board of directors to serve on the board while also serving on another board as permitted by law IV, Section 2. ■

Convention Week Activities, Information

► **Agency/Institution Leadership Breakfast** — By invitation only Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:15 a.m., Holiday Inn, Select, 304 Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville

► **Annual Meeting Sessions** — Location: Worship Center

► **Annuitants Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 13, Noon, Westlake Baptist Church, 9635 Westlake Drive, Knoxville. Cost: \$3. For information, see Lana Rose at the Annuity Board Booth in the Exhibit Area.

► **Belmont University Alumni Dinner** — Tuesday, Nov. 13, Noon, First Farragut United Methodist Church, 11915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Complimentary tickets available at the Belmont University booth in the Exhibit Area.

► **Book of Reports** — Registered messengers receive a free copy with their registration material. Non-messengers may purchase a copy in the Registration area G102 (gymnasium) for \$1 each.

► **Carson-Newman College Alumni and Friends Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 13, 12:15 p.m., Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Cost: \$15. Tickets available at the Carson-Newman booth in the Exhibit Area.

► **Childcare** — Monday Morning – Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 12-14. Ages: Birth to 5 years of age. Location: All children register at F106 counter. Hours: Provided during and 30 minutes before and after each Session.

► **Church Secretaries Fellowship Luncheon** — Advance reservations required. Wednesday, Nov. 14, Noon, Westlake Baptist Church, 9635 Westlake Drive, Knoxville. Cost: \$10. For information, see Lana Rose at the Tennessee Baptist Church Secretaries Exhibit.

► **Committee on Arrangements Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Committee on Boards Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Committee on Committees Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 12, 1:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Committee on Credentials Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville (A Committee on Credentials member will be available in the Registration Area, G102.)

► **Committee on Resolutions Meetings** — Monday, Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville; Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Constitution and Bylaws Committee Meeting** — Monday, Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Convention Office** — Location: West Lobby, H104, Phone Number, (865) 218-5594

► **Director of Missions Banquet** — (By invitation) Advanced reservations required, Monday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m., West Knoxville Baptist Church, 205 Bridgewater Road, Knoxville

► **Emergency Messages** — Displayed on projection screen in sanctuary during sessions. See staff in Convention Office if a need arises.

► **Executive Board Meetings** — Monday, Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Exhibits and Displays** — Location: Gymnasium. Schedule is as follows: Monday - 1-7 p.m., Tuesday - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wednesday - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

► **First Aid** — Location: West Lobby, H105. An EMT will be on duty during the Pastors' Conference and the Convention. Members of First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville, are making this service possible.

► **Food Tent** — Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 13 & 14. Disaster Relief Team volunteers will be serving breakfast items, coffee, and snacks after 8:00 a.m. Box Lunch-

es will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 each. The tent will be located on the lawn between sanctuary and gym.

► **Jogger's Jubilee** — Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville (Main Entrance). Sponsor: *Baptist & Reflector*

► **LifeWay Christian Store** — Location: Exhibit Hall

► **Local Information Desk** — Location: East and West Lobbies. Volunteers will have lists of restaurants, directions, and general information to assist you.

► **Lost and Found** — Items may be claimed in the Convention Office.

► **Medical Emergency** — Go to the First Aid Room located in H105. An EMT will be on duty during each session.

► **Message Board** — Located outside the Convention Office.

► **Name Badge Ribbons** — The following ribbons for name badges are available at these locations: Associational Staff - Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group Exhibit; Bivocational Minister - Church Staff Leadership Group Exhibit; Committee on Arrangements - At your meeting; Committee on Credentials - At your meeting; Director of Missions - Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group Exhibit; Executive Board Member - At your meeting; Messenger - Registration; Mission Volunteer - Missions Awareness and Involvement Group Exhibit; Visitor - Welcome & Information Booth

► **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Meeting and Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 12. Additional information available at the NOBTS booth in the Exhibit Area.

► **Newsroom (*Baptist & Reflector*)** — Location: Rm. F114.

► **Parking (Shuttle Service Provided)** — Locations: Farragut Towne Square, Kingston Pike (across street from First Baptist Church, Concord); Farragut Church of Christ, 136 Smith Road, .7 miles from FBC, Concord (take Kingston Pike going West past the FBC,

Concord or left out of FBC's parking lots to second traffic light, right on to Smith Road, parking on the right); Vacant lot beside Farragut Church of Christ (see above for directions).

► **Photography** — Location: Gymnasium. Hours: Monday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday - not available. Convention attendees are invited to have a free photograph taken by PCA International, Inc. There is no obligation. All directors of missions, Executive Board Members, TBC staff, and collegiate ministers present are urged to have a photo taken for use in TBC directories and other publications.

► **Prayer Room** — Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Room F113, First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Registration** — Location: Gym, Room 102. Hours: Monday - 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Tuesday - 7 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., Wednesday - 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

► **Restrooms** — Restroom facilities are located in the East and West Lobbies

► **Retired Directors of Missions Breakfast** — (By invitation), Advance reservations required, Wednesday, Nov. 14, 8 a.m., Knox County Baptist Association, 7709 Westland Drive, Knoxville

► **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon** — Wednesday, Nov. 14, Noon, Ryan's Family Steak House, 9645 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Cost: \$8.25, pay at the restaurant

► **Tapes** — Audiocassette tapes of the Pastors' Conference and Convention sermons will be available for \$2 each and may be purchased at the Tape Booth in the main lobby. Tapes will not be available by mail after the Convention.

► **Telephones** — Cell phones are provided by Verizon Wireless for state-wide service at the East Lobby Welcome/Information Center.

► **Tennessee Baptist Chorale Rehearsal** — Monday, Nov. 12, morning & afternoon recording session at First Baptist Church,

Knoxville; Evening Concert at (vary Baptist Church, Knoxville.

► **Tennessee Baptist Convention President's Breakfast** — By invitation, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 a.m., Fireside Room, G207, First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville

► **Tennessee Baptist Historic Society Breakfast** — Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7 a.m., Wallace Memo Baptist Church, 701 Merchant Lane, Knoxville. Tickets available the Historical Society's booth in Exhibit Area.

► **Tennessee Baptist Minister Wives Fellowship Luncheon** — Tuesday, Nov. 13, Noon, Dixie Baptist Church, 14650 Old Stage Road, Lenoir City. Cost: \$9. Sh transportation provided at 11:45 a.m. Tickets available until 11 a Nov. 12 in the Exhibit Area.

► **Tennessee Baptist Recreation Association Dinner** — Monday Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. Additional information available at the Christ Growth Development Group bo in the Display Area.

► **Tennessee Baptist Religious Education Association Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m., Knox County Baptist Association, 770 Westland Drive, Knoxville

► **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Luncheon** — Wednesday, Nov. 14, Noon, Ryan's Family Steak House, 9645 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. Cost: \$8.25, pay at the restaurant

► **Tennessee Baptist Youth Ministry Fellowship** — Tuesday, N 13, after evening session. Ticket available at the Christian Growth Development Group's area in the Exhibit Hall.

► **Union University Alumni a Friends Dinner** — Tuesday, N 13, 5 p.m., Knox County Baptis Association, 7709 Westland Dr Knoxville. Cost \$12. Tickets av able at the Union University bo in the Exhibit Area until Noon, Nov. 13.

► **Visitors** — We invite all co vention visitors to pick up a na badge and visitor ribbon at the come/Information Booth in the Lobby.

Rules of Order

- a. All motions and resolutions shall be submitted to the presiding officer and recorded in writing, legibly signed by the maker and shall include the name, address and church of the person submitting the same.
- b. In order to obtain the floor, each messenger shall address the chair, give his or her name and church, and wait to be recognized.
- c. All messengers who participate in the business sessions of the Convention shall conduct themselves in keeping with the stated purposes in the Constitution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
- d. Discussion, debate, and nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker.
- e. No messenger shall speak more than once on the same question until all have spoken who wish to do so.
- f. The chair shall recognize messengers wishing to speak to each side of the question alternately.

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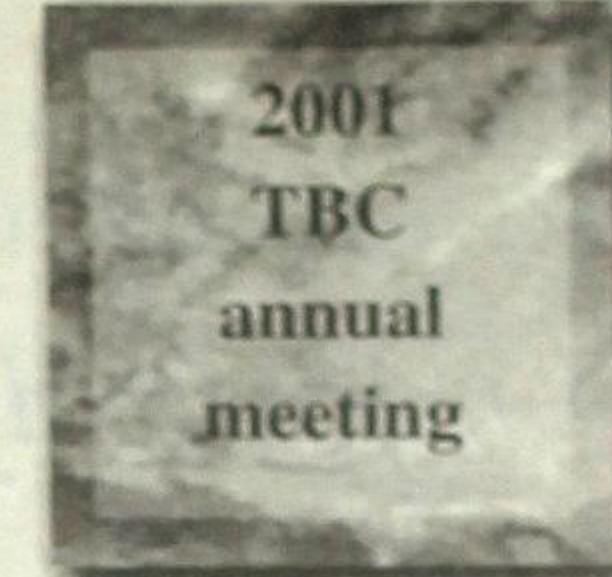
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Tuesday Morning, Nov. 13

• Convention Gathers
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First Church, Knoxville
— Hollie Miller, Presiding
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— Doug Sager

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Miscellaneous Business — Hollie Miller, Presiding
11:30 — The Convention Worships
Congregational Singing — Phil Chaney
Special Music — Sevier Heights Baptist Church
Choir
President's Message — Hollie Miller
12:00 — Benediction — George Hollander

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 13

1:30 — The Convention Gathers
Praise Music — Tennessee Baptist Chorale
Congregational Hymn — Wayne Causey
Scripture and Prayer — Lee Kidwell
1:55 — Theme Interpretation
Re: Creations — Charles and Rebecca Reese
2:05 — The Convention Ministers
Special Music — Tennessee Baptist Chorale
Executive Director's Message — James M. Porch
Executive Board Ministries — One Servant Family
Tennessee Lottery Vote — November 2002 — Dan
Ireland
3:25 — The Convention Elects
Election of President — Hollie Miller, Presiding
3:40 — The Convention Ministers
Woman's Missionary Union — Joy Fenner
Golden State Missions Offering — Candy Phillips
3:50 — The Convention Affirms
New Church Staff Recognitions — James M. Porch
4:05 — The Convention Ministers
Tennessee Baptist Foundation — W. L. Childs Jr.
Historical Committee — Trent Bullock
4:15 — The Convention Acts
Election of President (Second Ballot if needed) —
Hollie Miller, Presiding
Miscellaneous Business — Hollie Miller, Presiding
Election of Vice President — Hollie Miller,
Presiding
4:50 — Benediction — Keith Walker

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 13

6:30 — The Convention Gathers
Praise Music — Carson-Newman College
Congregational Hymn — Student, Carson-Newman
Scripture and Prayer — Bobbie Turner
6:55 — Theme Interpretation
Re: Creations — Charles and Rebecca Reese
7:05 — The Convention Ministers
Special Recognitions — James M. Porch
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♦ Small Church Pastors
Education Report:
♦ Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy —
Walter Grubb
♦ Carson-Newman College Presentation —
James Netherton
8:15 — The Convention Worships
Congregational Hymn — Carson-Newman College
Special Music — Carson-Newman College
Message — Paul Powell
9:00 — Benediction — Carol Webb

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 14

8:15 — The Convention Gathers
Praise Music — Worship Team, First Baptist
Church, Concord, Knoxville
Congregational Hymn
Scripture and Prayer — Mike Boyd
8:40 — Theme Interpretation
Re: Creations — Charles and Rebecca Reese
8:50 — The Convention Ministers
Benevolent Institutions:
♦ Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc. —
Kenny Cooper
♦ Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. —
Bryant Millsaps
♦ Tennessee Baptist Hospitals — Dale Collins
9:30 — The Convention Acts
Election of Officers — Hollie Miller, Presiding
♦ (Runoff if needed for Vice President)

♦ Second Vice President
♦ Recording Secretary
♦ Registration Secretary
Executive Board Report — Verlon Moore
Constitution and Bylaws Committee — Bob Agee
Congregational Hymn — Andy Milam
Special Recognitions — James M. Porch
Completion of Survey Sheets — Chuck Kitchens
Miscellaneous Business — Hollie Miller, Presiding
11:00 — The Convention Worships
Congregational Hymn — Tracy Wilson
Special Music — Choir of First Baptist Church,
Dandridge
Convention Sermon — Bob McCray
11:45 — Benediction — Mike Ramage

Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 14

1:30 — The Convention Gathers
Praise Music — The King's Academy Music De-
partment
Congregational Hymn — Jeff McReynolds
Scripture and Prayer — Joan Clark
1:55 — Theme Interpretation
Re: Creations — Charles and Rebecca Reese
2:05 — The Convention Ministers
Baptist and Reflector Report — Lonnie Wilkey
2:10 — The Convention Acts
Adoption of Budget
Congregational Hymn — Rush Harrison
Committee on Arrangements — Ron Mouser
Committee on Boards — Michael Madewell
Committee on Committees — Danny Sinquefield
Miscellaneous Business — Hollie Miller, Presiding
Committee on Resolutions — Jess Love
4:05 — The Convention Affirms
Convention Leadership — James M. Porch
♦ 2000 Officers
♦ 2001 Officers
Congregational Hymn — Paul Clark Jr.
4:15 — Benediction — James Robertson

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- James Porch, Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood
- Paul Powell, Guest Speaker, Waco, Texas
- Charles Reese, Re: Creations Drama Team, Bluefield, West Va.
- Rebecca Reese, Re: Creations Drama Team, Bluefield, West Va.
- Mike Ramage, Pastor, Black Oak

- Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville
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Ministers' wives to hold luncheon

For Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — The annual Tennessee Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship Luncheon will be Tuesday, Nov. 13, at noon at Dixie Lee Baptist Church, 14650 Old Stage Road, Lenoir City. The theme will be "Women Enlightened by the Hope of His Calling" and featured speaker will be Tiny Herring and "Gert," a Hillbilly skit - "Laughter Is the Best Medicine." Also on the program will be the University of Tennessee Baptist Student Union Drama Team.

Tickets are \$9 and may be purchased from Michelle Weaver, 1432 Shiloh Church Road, Seymour, TN 37865. Shuttle transportation will be provided. Meet at the Minister's Wives Fellowship Table at 11:45 a.m. For more information contact Judy Luck, at (423) 649-0394. ■

Missions Extravaganza offered on Nov. 12

3:30-7:30 p.m.

Those who attend may visit with International and North American Missionaries. The event offers something for people of all ages, including activities.

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BC messengers to affirm family, consider ...

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Miller will deliver the President's Address on Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

BC Executive Director Wes Porch will deliver his final address that afternoon at 1:05 p.m.

Retired SBC Annuity Board President Paul Powell will deliver a message on Tuesday evening (Nov. 13) at 8:15 p.m. The Convention Sermon will be delivered on Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. by Pastor Robert McCray

of First Baptist Church, Dandridge.

The messengers will also hear a wide variety of special music, along with a series of theme interpretations presented by Re: Creations, a drama team comprised of Charles and Rebecca Reese of Bluefield, West Va.

Resolutions

Messengers are invited to introduce non-binding resolutions for consideration. Guidelines for submitting resolu-

tions are as follows:

A. Resolutions, including those sent to the Committee on Resolutions prior to the Convention, must be submitted during a business session only by registered messengers.

B. Resolutions must be submitted no later than the last miscellaneous business session of the first day of the convention.

C. Only titles of proposed resolutions shall be read into the record when presented, but

the full resolution must be in writing and submitted to the presiding officer, recording secretary, and the Committee on Resolutions.

Individuals wishing to submit resolutions are encouraged to submit them prior to the TBC meeting by sending them to: Committee on Resolutions, TBC Executive Board Ministries, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024.

The meeting will conclude on Nov. 14 at 4:15 p.m. ■

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A word ...

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hear Dan Ireland, executive director, Alabama Citizens Action Program. Dan led the state of Alabama in the fight against legalized gambling. And because of his leadership, legalized gambling was defeated in Alabama. The same thing can happen in Tennessee. But we must pray together, stand together, and fight together. We need to hear Dan Ireland. Don't miss this session!

► 3:25 p.m., Nov. 13: Election of the president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

► 4:30 p.m., Nov. 13: Election of the vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

► 9:30 a.m., Nov. 14: Election of the second vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

► 2:10 p.m., Nov. 14: Adoption of the budget of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

I hope you join me in praying that as we adjourn on Wednesday afternoon, we will be:

(1) strong and united in our stand on the infallible, inerrant Word of God.

(2) prepared and committed to increase our efforts to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to this lost world.

(3) holy and courageous in our stand against the evil forces of this culture; and

(4) ready to pay the price to encourage and assist families throughout this land. ■ — Miller is president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and is pastor of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville.

Pastors' Conference to 'Fan the Flame'

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — "Fan the Flame" will be the theme of the 2001 Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference, slated for Nov. 12, one day prior to the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The conference will be held in the convention site, First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville. Officers of this year's Pastors' Conference are Dennis Deese, pastor, Hunter First Baptist Church, Elizabethton, president; Sherrel Nave, pastor, Mountain View Baptist Church, Johnson City, vice president; and Kim Allen, pastor, Little West Fork Baptist Church, Clarksville, secretary.

The theme of the morning session (8:45-11:30) will be "Fan the Flame of Your Passion."

Messages will be delivered by Jeff Strong, pastor, Sullivan Baptist Church, Kingsport; Bill Stafford, evangelist, Chattanooga; and Doug Sager, pastor of the host church and a former TBC president.

The theme of the afternoon session (1-3:50) will be "Fan the Flame of Your Potential."

Speakers include Kenneth Ridings, president, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Hendersonville, N.C.; J. Harold Smith, Radio Bible Hour, Inc., Newport; and Bailey E. Smith, Bailey Smith Ministries, Inc., Atlanta.

The evening session (5:45-9) will focus on "Fan the Flame of Your Purpose."

Messages will be delivered by Cody B. Deese of Fan the Flame Ministries, Elizabethton; Stan Frye, pastor, Gateway Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C.; and Herb Reavis, pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Election of new officers for the Pastors' Conference is slated for 2:45 p.m. on Nov. 12.

Guest singers include Luke Garrett, Greenwood, Mo.; Greater Heights, Elizabethton; Patty Hodge, Elizabethton; Jeff & Kristen Anderson, Woodstock, Ga.; Michael and Lanetta Heyen, Franklin; and Bekki Smith, Rocky Face, Ga. ■

B&R to sponsor Joggers' Jubilee

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The *Baptist and Reflector* will sponsor its annual Joggers' Jubilee for walkers, runners, and joggers on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the main entrance of First Baptist Church, Concord.

The event is not a competition but a time of fun and fellowship. ■

TBC registration begins on Nov. 12

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Registration for the 127th TBC annual meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, and continue through 9:00 p.m.

Registration hours during the convention are 7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on November 13 and

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on November 14.

TBC Registration Secretary, Dan Ferrell, reminds everyone to bring their signed messenger cards.

Messenger cards will be mailed the first week in October to every Tennessee Baptist Church, Ferrell added. ■

Phone number available for meeting

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — The annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held Nov. 13-14.

A convention office has been set up at First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville, in Room H-104. The phone number is (865) 218-5594.

Emergency calls can be directed to this number. ■

According to youth study

Religious involvement linked to self-esteem

By Bob Allen
For Associated Baptist Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Eighth graders who participate in religious activities tend to have higher self-esteem than their peers, according to a national survey.

Religious involvement appears to be one of the largest factors influencing a young adolescent's self-esteem, according to a study by three psychologists.

A survey asked 1,261 eighth graders to react to positive statements like "I take a positive attitude toward myself" and negative questions like "I feel I do not have much to be proud of" to measure their self-esteem.

The adolescents were also asked how involved they were in religious activities.

The study found that those who were active in church viewed themselves more positively than other youth. Non-religious youth, meanwhile, were more likely to identify with negative assessments of themselves.

Researchers found "a consistent pattern that the more the respondents were religiously in-

volved, the more likely they were to agree with the positive items concerning self-esteem."

"The more the respondents were religiously involved, the less likely they were to agree with the negative items concerning self-esteem," they also reported.

The study "revealed a statistically very significant overall effect of religious involvement on self-esteem," according to a report to the American Psychological Association.

Researchers said the results might indicate that churches and other religious institutions teach people how to have positive self-images.

Adolescents who are not involved in religious activities are less likely than those who are religiously involved to evaluate themselves in a positive way and more likely than those who are religiously involved to evaluate themselves in a negative way," the study reports. "This finding seems to indicate that most churches teach people to have positive images of themselves, and thus positive teaching may be able to influence early adolescents' self-evaluations in a positive way."

They also surmised that reli-

gious activities are something that a family does together, which may also play a role in self-esteem.

"Relationship with parents is still strong in the younger adolescent's life in spite of increasing importance of peer relationships," the authors wrote. "Family influence may also have an effect on an adolescent's religious involvement, which leads to more chances to receive positive teaching."

Race and gender also influenced self-esteem, according to the study. African-American girls had the most positive opinion of themselves, while African-American boys had the lowest.

African-American females were more likely to view themselves positively than Caucasian girls, but white male eighth graders evaluated themselves more positively than African-American males. Researchers said that might reflect a cultural difference in how parents teach their sons and daughters about self-esteem.

The study, conducted by psychologists Yong Dai and Rebecca Nolan of Louisiana State University and Qing Zeng of

Wells College, was based on results of a 1999 survey by the University of Michigan titled, "Monitoring the Future, a Continuing Study of American Youth." ■



Spanking doesn't harm children: study

Associated Baptist Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The old-fashioned philosophy of "spare the rod and spoil the child" found a rare ally in modern psychology in a controversial study that says occasional spanking doesn't cause children lasting harm.

Diana Baumrind, a psychologist at the University of California, Berkeley, reported findings Aug. 24 at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco.

While she doesn't personally support spanking, Baumrind said there is no proof that it causes psychological harm. She said there is no association between infrequent spanking and problems in social or emotional development, at least through early adolescence.

"A blanket injunction

against disciplinary spank is not warranted by the e dence," she said, according t report by NBC News.

A fellow psychologist w opposes all spanking didn't pte Baumrind's research said it isn't the final word the subject. Murray Straus, author of the 1993 book *B eing the Devil Out of Them: Corporal Punishment in Amer Families*, said at least se other studies have link spanking with detrimental fects.

"One study doesn't tell whole story," said Straus professor at the University New Hampshire in Durham

Most child psychologists courage spanking, saying n corporal punishment, such time out, is just as effective getting kids to behave & doesn't have negative side fects. ■

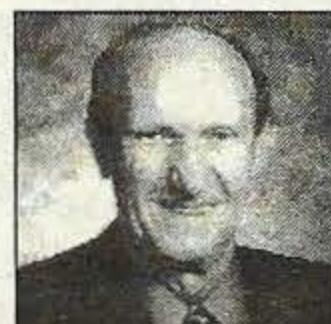
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Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Evening, 6:30 p.m.

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4 By Grace, Rachel Cole, HFBC Ladies Trio,
Alice Bell Baptist Church Choir, Knoxville

Thursday, Sept. 20

Morning, 9:30 a.m.

Jimmy Bryson & Tony Oliver, 4 By Grace,
Rick Snodgrass

Evening, 6:30 p.m.

Jimmy Bryson & Tony Nolan, Jeff & Kristen Anderson,
Patty Hodge, Glad Heart Quartet,

Hunter First Baptist Church Choir

Friday, Sept. 21

Morning, 9:30 a.m.

Tony Nolan & Bill Stafford, Jeff & Kristen Anderson,
Glad Heart Quartet

Afternoon, 1:40 p.m.

Cody Deese & Rick Coram, Three In One,
Glad Heart Quartet, Jane Greene Johnson

Evening, 6:30 p.m.

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Dr. Dennis Deese, Pastor

wood in Memphis

Church celebrates 30-year bus ministry

Baptist and Reflector

MEMPHIS — Thirty years ago, Jerry Glisson, pastor, Leawood Baptist Church here, saw a need to provide people, children, transportation church. Glisson, now pastor emeritus, recalled on Aug. 15 that need led to the church's bus ministry, which was being recognized on its anniversary.

Glisson said to prepare, several members traveled to a church in Fort Worth, Texas, which offered the ministry.

Today, Leawood is one of only a few churches in Shelby Baptist Association based in Memphis still offering a bus ministry. But leaders reported the ministry still meets many needs and results in many people making spiritual decisions.

Today about 110 people ride

four former school buses and four vans each Sunday morning to Leawood, reported Roger Greene, bus ministry director for the church. As a result, 47 people have joined the church or made professions of faith during the past year. Of those, about seven were adults, said Greene, who works part-time. He is assisted by about 15 volunteers.

The ministry is needed, said Greene, because the schools are still full of children in the inner-city neighborhood of the Memphis campus of the church. The

church also has a Cordova campus. The neighborhood is a good one for the ministry because it has many small houses which are built close to each other so most of the buses travel within a two and a half mile radius of the church, Greene said.

The ministry requires a lot of work by volunteers, said Greene. In the 1970s when Leawood's ministry was drawing up to 400 riders, the church had over 110 workers. The ministry has declined gradually since then, and was revived by



Greene in the past year and a half. If more people would serve today, the ministry would grow, he predicted.

As part of the anniversary observance, two people spoke who attended the church because of the ministry and continue to be members of the church. One of them became a Christian through the ministry. ■

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ROGER GREENE, left, bus ministry director, Leawood Baptist Church, Memphis, stands by a bus of the ministry with the children and youth who ride on the bus he drives. Assisting him is Mike Todd, right of center.

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MBC trustees to self-perpetuate

Associated Baptist Press

ST. LOUIS — The Missouri Baptist College board of trustees voted Aug. 23 to amend the school's charter to give final approval of trustees to the board itself. The decision was made by a 16-10 vote in a closed session that lasted more than two-and-a-half hours.

The college becomes the third Missouri Baptist Convention agency to switch to a "self-perpetuating" board, taking the decision to elect trustees out of the hands of the state convention through its elected messengers. The Baptist Home took similar action nearly a year ago, and the Windermere trustees did the same recently.

Prior to the meeting, college president Alton Lacey gave two reasons for the college executive board's recommendations.

One is concern that the close

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relationship between the college and state convention could make both liable should either be sued. "The only way to limit this ascending or descending liability is to make these changes in the trustee selection process," he wrote in a letter to the Missouri Baptist newspaper *Word and Way*.

The second is uncertainty about political activity in the state convention. Some fear the climate could affect the college's ability to "continue to serve all Missouri Baptists and remain responsive to the convention's wishes that the college be sound academically, fully accredited, and aware of the need to place Christian emphasis at the center of educational life." ■

World Changers projects impact participants, others

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — A record 19,245 individuals participated in World Changers missions projects in North America during the summer of 2001, an increase of nearly 14 percent over last year's total. But the numbers only lent a sense of scale to the profound impact on

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projects included a broad array of ministry efforts at 190 sites in association with local churches and other ministry groups.

Additionally, 14 International World Changers projects in 10 countries were conducted in association with the International Mission Board. A total of 1,596 professions of faith were recorded during the summer, including 224 World Changers participants. ■

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South Clinton Baptist Church located in Clinton, Tenn., is seeking resumes for the position of full-time senior pastor. The position is open to God's will and consider any applicants. To be considered, send resume, with 10 references, a video or audio of a sermon, and a service in which you are preaching to SCBC. Team, 1000 Clinch Avenue, Clinton, TN 37116.

MINISTRIES — YOUTH

Full-time youth minister needed. Cedar Grove Baptist Church, 1000 Cedar Valley Road, Kingstree, SC 29526, 803-377-6363 or e-mail to cjm@icloud.com

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Charleston Baptist Church, Covington, Tenn., is seeking a part-time minister of youth. Please send resume to Charleston Baptist Church, P.O. Box A, Jason Fleming, Charleston, TN 37110.

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FBC, Parsons, is searching for a God-called man for the full-time position of minister of youth, education, and music. Responsibilities in that office include but are not limited to: you are called to such a position and seeking a place to serve, please send resume to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, P.O. Box 100, Parsons, TN 38363.

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Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Juliet, Tenn., is seeking a full-time minister of youth. Send resumes to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 7463 Hickory Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

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Youth pastor (bi-vocational) needed at Providence Baptist Church, Seymour, Tenn. (865) 977-0784 with qualifications. Send resume to P.O. Box 100, Seymour, TN 37865.

MINISTRIES — OTHER

Church secretary needed 20 hours per week. Experience with PC, bookkeeping knowledge a plus. Mail resume to FBCSH, P.O. Box 100, Spring Hill, TN 37174. Secretary Position.

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FBC, Albany, Ga., is seeking a minister of preschool/children's ministry to join our ministry team in reaching young families. Send resume to Neil Brown, P.O. Box 167, Albany, GA 31701. nbrown@firstbaptistalbany.org

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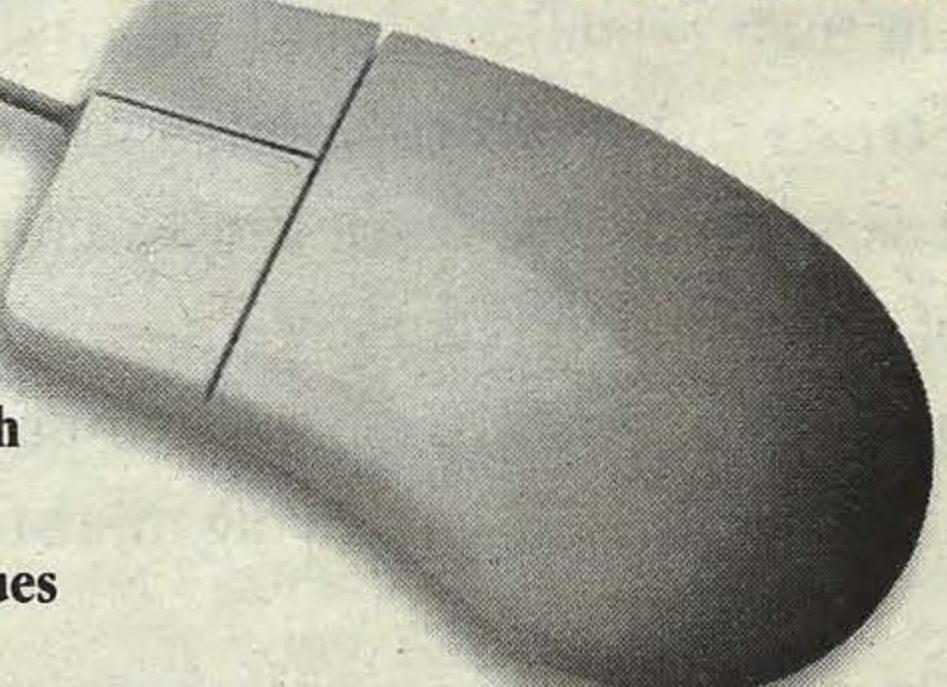
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Tennessee Baptist Tournament set for October

ENTWOOD — The Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament, pastors and other ministry staff will be held Oct. 4-5 at Jerry Horton State Park in Columbia.

The annual event attracts ministry staff, convention staff, ministry staff from LifeWay Christian Resources, and association staff.

There is an open age division as well as divisions for seniors and non-seniors. Reservations are required to participate in the tournament. For information, contact Dan Farmer, committee chairman, Greenfield at (731) 585-1777.

Missouri convention to be in turmoil

Associated Baptist Press

PERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri Baptist Convention has been a scene of contention between conservatives and moderates for control of the state affiliate of the Southern Baptist Convention, setting up for another round of battles.

Missouri Baptists endured controversy at recent meetings for the last two years, observers say it has calmed since last fall.

For three years in a row, conservatives gained a majority of members last year in a key committee that nominates leaders of the state convention's trustee boards.

They are reported to be moving quickly to fill those positions with new members sympathetic to conservative causes, bypassing conservative trustees who would traditionally be offered a second and third tightening qualification for all nominees.

Anticipated controversies will continue when the state convention meets Oct. 29-31 in Cape Girardeau.

It surrounds a proposal to require members to pledge loyalty to conservative-led Southern Baptist Convention and to a version of the SBC's "Faith and Message" statement. Critics say changes would violate the long tradition of local

church autonomy.

Jim Hill, the state convention's executive director, has warned that such wholesale changes could prompt many churches to cut ties with Missouri Baptists.

Some are speculating that disenfranchised churches could form a separate state convention.

And in what may be an effort to add distance from the state convention's heated political climate, three agencies — a college, a retirement home, and conference center — have voted to change to a self-perpetuating board of trustees. ■

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Judge upholds Florida ban

Baptist Press

MIAMI — A federal judge ruled Aug. 30 in favor of a Florida law prohibiting adoption by homosexuals.

The ruling by James L. King, a federal judge here, is a noteworthy development in the on-

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going battle over the campaign by homosexuals to gain legal rights in numerous areas. It likely will be appealed, however.

Adoptions by homosexuals have not been allowed in many states, but Florida is the only state in which the legislature has barred adoption by homo-

sexual individuals and couples. The law was adopted in 1977.

The legislatures of Mississippi and Utah have passed laws prohibiting adoption by same-sex couples, although it is improbable individual homosexuals would be able to adopt in those states either. ■

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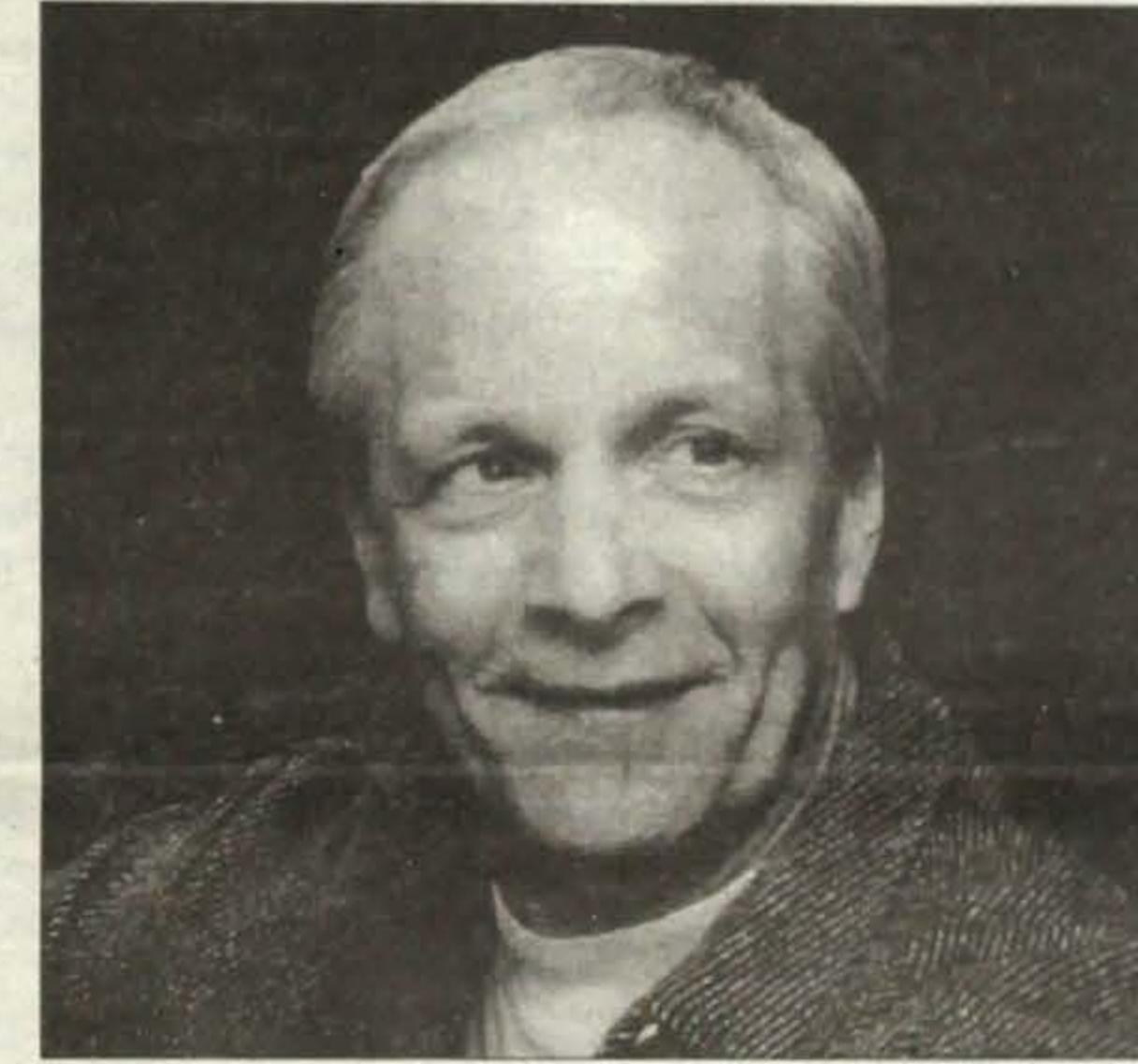
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Ken Medema is a blind singer, songwriter, and entertainer whose songs, stories, and uncanny improvisational skills will delight listeners and challenge them in their Christian walk. Medema began his ministry in the 70s and has since touched millions of people all over the world. Born blind, he has used his insight to dream dreams and imagine things that have not entered the minds of many sighted people. He brings these dreams into his music, singing songs that challenge his listeners to nurture their imagination. A Medema event is definitely a must-see life-changing experience. The concert is free and open to the public, and childcare is available for children age 3 and under. For more information, contact the Music Office of First Baptist Church, Nashville, at (615) 664-6030.

leaders

■ **Beryl Vick** will retire as minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, effective June 30, 2002. He has served the church for 32 years.

■ **Larry Hall** has been named dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Belmont University, Nashville. He has served as professor of political science at the school since 1990.

■ Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, Elizabethton, recently ordained **Albert Nave** as a deacon. Jeff Nave, his son who is pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Morristown, preached the ordination sermon.

■ **Donald Bennett**, minister of music, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, will observe his 15th anniversary of service to the church Oct. 15. He is past president, Tennessee Baptist Convention Church Music Conference, and is a member of The Century-men.

■ **Jim Powers**, director of missions, Concord Baptist Association, based in Murfreesboro, has been called as pastor, Southeast Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, effective Oct. 1. He served the association for 15 years.



POWERS

■ **Jim Turner** has resigned as pastor, Enterprise Baptist Church, Morristown, after 11 years of service. He is available for full-time or part-time ministry and can be reached at (423) 586-6132 or 270 Turner Lane, Mohawk, TN 37810.

■ Sullivan Baptist Church, Kingsport, ordained **Tony Crawford**, **Greg Feathers**, and **Jerry Richardson** as deacons Aug. 19.

deaths

■ **Samuel Gardner Rankin**, 86, retired medical missionary of Oak Ridge, died July 21. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge. Rankin served in China from 1948-49 until the Communist takeover and in Hong Kong from 1955-71 when he retired. He also practiced in Virginia 1946-47, in Pennsylvania 1971-73, and in South Carolina 1949-55 and 1973-86. Tennessee survivor is his wife, Irene Daniel Keller Rankin.



PERFORMING THIS SUMMER is part of the Chapel Choir of First Baptist Church, Cleveland, which served in Philadelphia, Penn., where the church has served for three years. A group of 84 worked with church planters/pastors Ken Chaney and Ken Miller. They led Bible clubs, prayerwalked, and performed concerts. Church teams have traveled to conduct missions work for the past 25 summers.

churches

■ **New Hope Baptist Church, Hermitage**, will host a Life Growth Event featuring Peter Lord, an author and speaker, Sept. 23-26. For more information, contact the church at (615) 883-6709 or www.newhopeforyou.com.

■ **Bledsoe Creek Baptist Church, Bethpage**, will hold revival Sept. 30 - Oct. 4. For more information, call the church at (615) 841-4156.

■ **Woodland Baptist Church, Brownsville**, recently sent a 22-member team to serve Hale Community Ministries of Watauga Baptist Association, Elizabethton. The members repaired three homes and led a Backyard Bible Club at Roane Mountain State Park.

■ **Forest Hill Baptist Church, Maryville**, was recognized recently by the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth for its baptismal rate of less than 20 members to baptize one person. The church has 204 Sunday School members and baptized 30 people in 2000. Members use the G.R.O.W. outreach program which involves about 50 people who make an average of 87 contacts each month.

■ **Peytonsville Baptist Church, Thompson Station**, will hold a Gospel Singing Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. featuring The Kellys. For more information, call (615) 794-1970.

■ **Hillcrest Baptist Church, Nashville**, will hold revival Sept. 27-30. Bob Mowrey, retired pastor, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, will speak. J. W. Gleaves, church song leader, will lead the music. Also on Sept. 30 the church will hold homecoming activities.

■ **Bear Creek Baptist Church, Parsons**, will hold revival Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. Jim Powers, pastor, Southeast Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, will speak.

■ On Sept. 23 **LaGuardo Baptist Church, Lebanon**, will hold homecoming activities which will include a luncheon and 6:30 p.m. worship at the church's expansion property. The theme is "Reflecting Our Past and Celebrating Our Future." For more information, call the church at (615) 444-0292.

■ **Bethel Baptist Church, Morristown**, held revival Aug. 19-22. It was led by Henry Linginfelter, evangelist of Alcoa, and Carolyn Reed, evangelist of Nashville. As a result, eight people made professions of faith, five people joined the church, and over 40 people made other spiritual decisions.

■ **Stones River Baptist Church, Smyrna**, will celebrate 49 years of ministry Oct. 7. Homecoming activities include a luncheon and afternoon music program. For more information, call the church at (615) 459-2933.

■ **Central Baptist Church, Kingston**, will cele-

brate its 36th anniversary with homecoming activities Sept. 16. Herschel Chevallier, the church's first pastor who served from 1965-74, will speak during the 11 a.m. service. A luncheon and afternoon music program also will be held. For more information, call the church at (865) 376-6866.

■ **Grassland Heights Baptist Church, Franklin**, will hold Grassland Community Appreciation Day Sept. 29 from noon to 6 p.m. The event will offer free activities, entertainment, health screenings, and food for families. On Sept. 30 the church will hold Bring a Friend Day. For more information, contact the church at (615) 794-5529 or www.grasslandbaptist.org.

■ **Southside Baptist Church, Martin**, will hold its fourth annual Women's Conference Sept. 22. Kay DeKalb Smith of Nashville, known as the Carol Burnette of Christian entertainment, will speak. For more information, call (731) 587-3531 or (731) 587-5019.

■ **Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Henrietta**, is moving into its new facility Sept. 16 and dedicating it Oct. 7. The church burned Aug. 26, 2000, and the congregation has been

meeting at a Methodist church. The cause of the fire was not determined. For more information, call (931) 362-9216.

■ **Temple Baptist Church, Old Hickory**, will hold revival Sept. 23-26. Phil Glisson, evangelist of Memphis, will speak.

■ **Memorial Baptist Church, Crossville**, will hold revival Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Phil Glisson, evangelist of Memphis, will speak.

■ **First Baptist Church, Decaturville**, will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sept. 16 with a full weekend of activities. On Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. activities begin at the Dacatur Civic Center with children and youth activities followed by lunch at noon and softball game and fellowship afterwards. On Sunday, the church will celebrate "Old Times Day," as members will dress like their ancestors 100 years ago. Worship begins at 11 a.m., followed by potluck luncheon and an afternoon service where the history will be presented and former pastors will be recognized.

associations

■ **New Salem Baptist Association**, based in Carthage, will hold YO - CFC '01! Youth Outreach - Crusade Christ 2001! Sept. 15 from 5 p.m. at Crump Paris Park Gordonsville. Craig Tack and Inlightened Ministry will lead the event. For more information, call (615) 794-9362.



MEMBERS OF Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Milan, broke ground Aug. 12 for a family life center which will include eight additional classrooms, a full gymnasium, and a walking track.



Leaving a legacy

By Kerry Walker

Focal Passage:

Joshua 3:9-10a, 14-17; 4:15-24

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Joshua has assumed the mantle of leadership. He reminds the people that they are preparing to enter the land that God had promised, that they still have work to do, but that it will be God who will be doing the actual work (ch. 3, vv. 9-10). God wanted to make sure the people understood that he would be leading them, so he prepares them by performing a work which reminds them of their miraculous delivery from Egypt (ch. 4, v. 23). Note that Joshua asks the people to prepare themselves to receive this blessing from God by consecrating themselves before hand (ch. 3, v. 5). We cannot be blessed until we are ready to receive the blessing

by spiritual renewal.

The people cross over the Jordan on dry ground. The Ark of the Covenant, symbolic of God's presence, goes before them to remind them that God alone could do such miracles. Notice, however, that in order to experience the miracle of God, the people had to be willing to be obedient to God's command to enter the river. The Priests carrying the heavy Ark had to lead the way in faith, trusting that God would protect them from the swift flowing waters. Obedience is essential for believers to receive the blessings of God.

Family Bible SS Lesson

— September 16

As the congregation crosses Jordan, they enter the promised land with the full knowledge of God's presence

and leading for the task ahead. It becomes a tremendous mountain-top experience for them. I'm sure many of those present could have stayed right there, savoring the moment and forever rejoicing in the miracle they had just witnessed. Joshua understands that it is important to preserve the moment for succeeding generations. He knew that the days ahead would be full of war, death, uncertainty, and temptations to falter. How, then, could he preserve the knowledge of that moment God was with them?

Joshua decides to erect a monument to the events of that day. The stones that are erected are to serve as a reminder to those present and to all succeeding generations of the power, the protection, and the provision of God. He tells the people to tell



Inspiration

the story of what God did in that place. It is to be a witness to those who would come after the Lord God is to be feared (ch. 4, v. 24).

In Washington D.C. one can find monuments to the legacy of freedom left for us. Each one is to be a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. I have stood in awe before the Lincoln Memorial and the original Constitution and Declaration of Independence at the National Archives building.



WALKER

We should all realize that we are leaving spiritual monuments for future generations. There are things God has taught us that we need to pass on. Hebrews 11 reminds us of the testimony of faith given by the faithful saints of the Old Testament. We should all be sobered by the question, "What kind of spiritual legacy are we leaving for our children?" The words of *Find Us Faithful* say it best: *O may all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footsteps that we leave, lead them to believe, and the lives we lead inspire them to obey. O may all who come behind us find us faithful.* — Walker is pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Manchester.

Faithful servants

By John Parrott

Focal Passage:

I Thessalonians 2:13-16

In the previous lesson the Apostle Paul reminded us that there would be those who would place our Christian faith under life's microscope. In I Thessalonians 2:13-16 Paul again praises the believers in

Thessalonica. Their faith is being tested through hostile opposition or persecution, and the believers are facing this opposition with an uncompromising witness and faith.

While attending college, I worked in a local grocery. There were those that I worked with who knew that I was a Christian and that I was studying to help prepare myself for God's call to ministry. I was teased, and some of my fellow workers tempted me to compromise my faith. My faithfulness to my Christian convictions was not easy. It is never easy to stand firm in your faith when it means that you are not accepted, or others misunderstand you. One evening, while at work, a fellow worker, who was preparing to graduate, came into the stockroom where I was. He said that he wanted to tell me how much respect he had for me. He knew that he, as well as others, had given me a hard time because of my faith. My unwillingness

to compromise had left an impression on him. He said that he hoped one day he could live his life with convictions such as I had demonstrated in front of him. After graduation, we lost contact with each other. Through the years, I have often prayed that he would receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

The opposition that I received at that time in my life in no way compares with the opposition faced by the Christians in Thessalonica. My persecution in no way compares to the hundreds of thousands who face persecution in today's world. In Paul Marshall's book, *Their Blood Cries Out*, and Nina Shea's book, *In The Lion's Den*, we can learn a great deal about the terrible suffering taking place around the world because people will not renounce their faith

in Jesus Christ.

Whether it is in Thessalonica, a grocery stockroom, or somewhere else in the world, Paul understands why one can stand firm in his faith. He had been faithful in the face of opposition and the Christians at Thessalonica had been faithful. They had been able to do this because

they had "received the word of God" (v. 13). They had understood the Gospel message, accepted it, and received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. This had not happened because of the clever words of Paul, but rather as a result of the "power" of God's Word. It had been revealed to them that Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God. He had come according to prophecy. He had lived, died on the cross, and had been resurrected. Now every person was individually responsible for how he responded to Jesus. God is available and offers forgiveness of sins if we turn from our sins and accept Jesus Christ by faith as Lord and Savior. He gives us a quality of life now and a home in heaven. Also, this same Jesus will come again, and all people will be accountable to him for what they have done in their lives, whether good or bad.

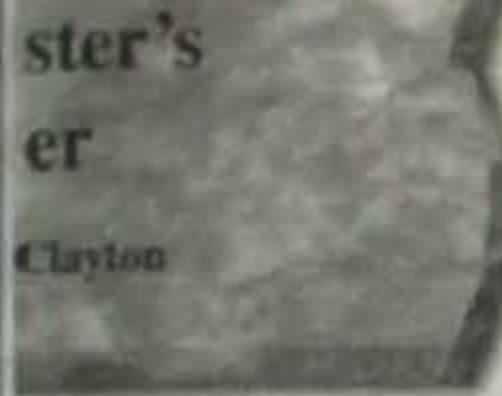
In verses 14-16 the genuineness of the Christian's faith is proven. Paul says "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (II Timothy 3:12). Even the religious can become some of the greatest persecutors of true Christians. It is not only the pagan who may oppose the Gospel but also those who seem to "have a way but it leads to death." True faith is proven in a lifestyle that remains true to the teachings of Christ even in the face of opposition. — Parrott is director of missions, Holston Valley Baptist Association.

Explore the Bible SS

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PARROTT



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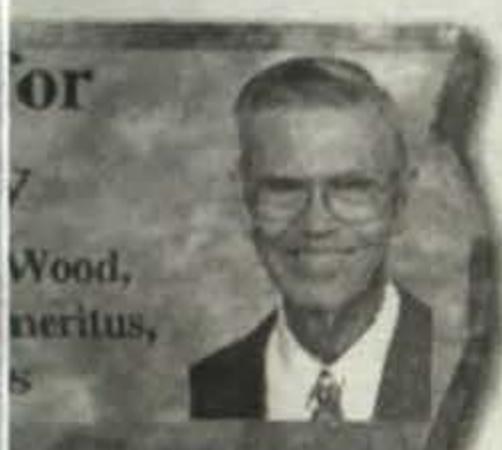
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Start With a Smile: Stan (computer handy man) to Amy: "Well, I upgraded three things on your computer, and I ac-

broke three things. In 'I.S. terms' I came up with a fix." Amy: "Does it work better?" Stan: "No, it would be much faster."

This Truth: Two "wrongs" don't make one

right this Scripture: "By wisdom a house is built through understanding it is established" (Prov. 14:1 NIV).

This Prayer: Lord, help me to keep in mind the difference between correcting a situation and creating it. ■

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Matthew 5:3



THIS 12-MEMBER TEAM from First Baptist Church, Monterey, served this summer in Jackson, Mo., where they did construction work on a church building for a Baptist congregation which is just two years old.



MEMBERS OF THE building committee for the new Multi-Purpose Building and Education Wing of First Baptist Church, Pinewood, pause during the Aug. 5 dedication of the building. They are, from left, Frances Lewis; James Lewis Sr, businessman; Gene Vincent, pastor; Jeanie LaCasse; Wes Gray; Barbara Petty; and Larry Leeper.



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THESE 38 MEMBERS of Midland Heights Baptist Church, Shelbyville, pause this summer while picking over 150 bushels of corn donated by Jeff and Robyn Pike. The corn was given to residents of the Franklin and Chattanooga campuses of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes and some families in Bedford County.



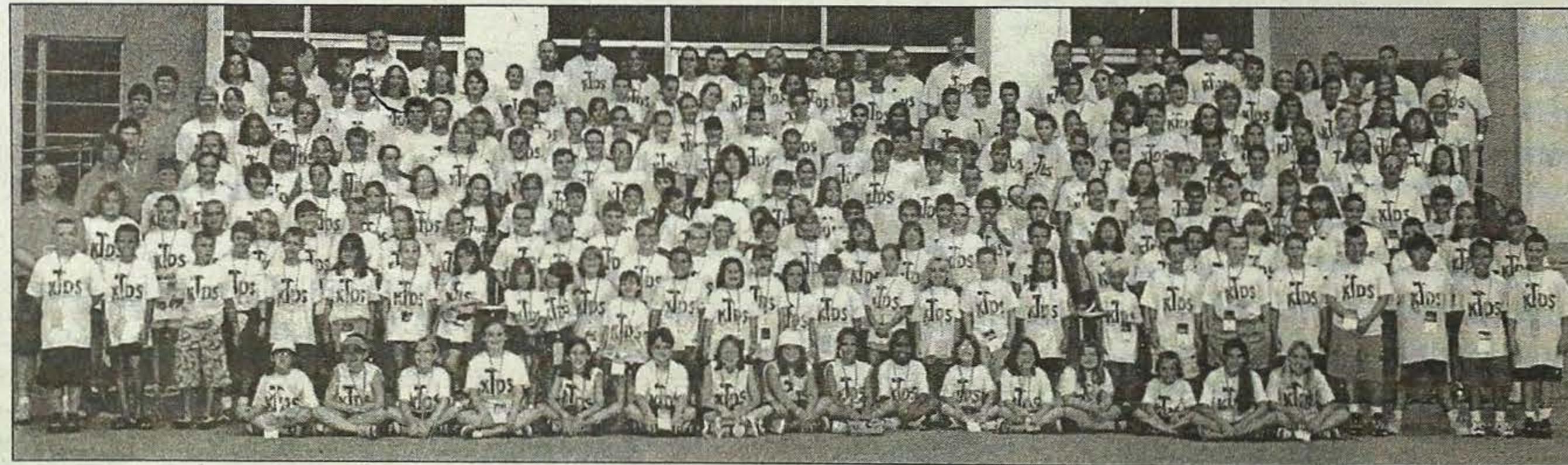
NOLA O. ROBINSON, left, is honored by most of the deacons of Nee Baptist Church, Shawnee, on Aug. 26 on her 95th birthday service to the church and as the most senior member of the church. She has served as church clerk and in many other roles along with her husband, Fred, for 79 years. The deacons are, from left, Elmer Joe Floyd; M.S. Young; Ralph Robinson; Bill Surber; Oddie D. and Clifford Peters.



PAUSING during an Aug. 12 recognition of his 50 years of ministry is T.C. Thurman, second from right, pastor emeritus, Fort Hudson Baptist Church, Dyersburg; with, from left, Jerry Patton, minister of music, Fort Hudson Church; Mae Thurman, his wife; and Joe Wright, director of missions, Dyer Baptist Association, based in Dyersburg. The church and the association gave him several gifts and a luncheon.



A TEAM OF EIGHT churches served together this summer in Jamaica. The team was made up of members of Washington Avenue Baptist Church, New Hope Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, and Clingan Ridge Baptist Church, all in Cleveland; Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and Liberty Baptist Church, both in Sparta; Hill Road Baptist Church, Spencer; and Wilhite Baptist Church, Cookeville.



THESE 246 CHILDREN and their leaders participated in the Holston Baptist Association Children's Camp recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C. Leaders were Steven James of Johnson City, and Herb Moon of Atlanta, Ga., and director was Judy Ben-

nett, preschool and children's ministry director, Calvary Baptist Church, Erwin. As a result of the camp, seven participants made public professions of faith and several others made private commitments to God.



FORREST CREEKMORE, center, of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Pigeon Forge, Tenn., holds a plaque presented to him recently along with his wife, Marilyn Pennington, director of missions, Blount County Baptist Association, based in Gallatin. The plaque was presented to Creekmore by the church to commemorate his 30th anniversary.