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Tennessee Ladies Chorus organizes, records music

By Connie Davis
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Ladies Chorus, just organized in September 2001, recorded choral music Jan. 11-12 for a CD which will feature the new Baptist group along with the well-known Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale.

The ladies chorus has drawn about 70 members, said Paul Clark of the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff who directs the two groups. Members are music leaders of Baptist churches. They will operate much like the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale, which was begun in the early 1960s, explained Clark.

The men's group is known for its performances at the TBC annual meeting. Every year or so the chorale tours and records music which is offered to Baptists. Several years ago a group from the men's chorale led a missions effort in Canada.

The new Tennessee Ladies Chorus will record music with the Tennessee Baptist Men's Chorale March 8-9 for the CD, which will be available in the Spring, said Clark. And the chorus will present its premiere performance at the TBC annual meeting Nov. 12-13 at First Baptist Church, Franklin.

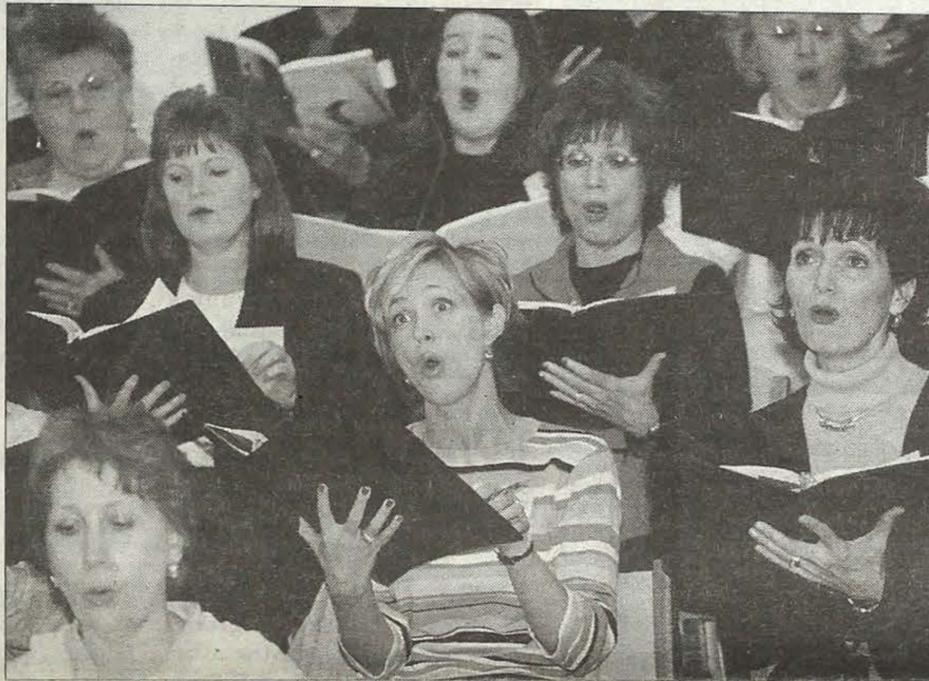
New group

Clark said he has been sur-

prised and encouraged at the response to the new music group. He organized it several years earlier than he originally planned because of the response of potential members in meetings held in — See Tennessee, page 3



PAUL CLARK of the TBC staff directs the new ladies chorus.



MEMBERS OF THE NEW Tennessee Ladies Chorus practice during its Jan. 11 recording session in Nashville. Members pictured are, from left, first row, Nena Moss, Central Baptist Church, Kingston; second row, Carla Nichols, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson; Teresa Wood, First Baptist Church, Covington; third row, Leigh Ann Leslie, South Harriman Baptist Church, Harriman; Elise Dumser, First Baptist Church, Lewisburg; and fourth row, Martha Lemon, Mill Creek Baptist Church, Nashville; Jennifer Milligan, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville; and Elaine Nunnery, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville.



Bivocational Evangelism Conference held in Gladeville

The Bivocational Evangelism Conference, held Jan. 18-19 at Gladeville Baptist Church, Gladeville, attracted 211 bivocational ministers and their spouses. Guest speakers at the conference included Larry Robertson and Bill Northcott of the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff; pastors Willie McLaurin of Union City and Fredrick Brabson of Knoxville; and evangelist Benny Jackson of Memphis. The conference also featured breakout sessions (see related story on page 3). Among those participating were officers of the Bivocational Ministry Council and Wives Council. From left are Eddie and Gail Gray, Central Heights Baptist Church, Dandridge; Ray Gilder, TBC bivocational ministry specialist; Faye Davis, Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Knoxville; and Willie McLaurin, Greater Hope Baptist Church, Union City.

Rise in church van use increases safety concerns

By June Mathews
For Associated Baptist Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Relatively rare until about 20 years ago, church vans today are a popular and practical alternative for groups that aren't bus-sized, but are too big for more than a car or two.

That rise in popularity has brought new safety concerns, however, with an accompanying rise in the number of traffic accidents, injuries, and fatalities involving church vans.

Last year, a 13-year old girl was killed when a church van flipped on a North Carolina highway. Ten other children were hurt in that accident. In May 2001 a church van in Texas transporting a group of women on a shopping trip blew a tire and overturned. Four people died and eight were injured.

But experts say churches can take certain precautions to

reduce the risk of such tragedies.

Jim Swedenburg of the Alabama Baptist State Convention recommends taking care of the basics:

➤ Seat belts. "Every person on the van should be wearing a seat belt," he said.

Some states, but not all, require that adult backseat passengers be belted. Regardless, Swedenburg said, making sure all passengers are belted decreases the risk of injury if an accident occurs.

➤ Vehicle safety checks. Regularly checking tires, brakes, lights, windshield wipers, and seat belts for functionality and signs of wear may seem insignificant but in some scenarios could save lives, Swedenburg said.

Understanding the towing capacity of a vehicle is also important in the event that extra — See Rise, page 2

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Christian music sales outpace secular tunes

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NASHVILLE — The Christian Music Trade Association (CMTA) has announced 2001 year-end album sales just shy of 50 million units, establishing a new record for sales of contemporary Christian and gospel music in the United States. Album sales outpaced 2000 by 13.5 percent in a year that saw the overall music industry album sales off nearly 3 percent.

Total sales of contemporary Christian and gospel albums ended the year at 49,965,000 units, according to SoundScan.

That total exceeded 1999's best of 46,852,000 album units and 2000's 44,031,000. Sales were up across the board, at mainstream and Christian chain and independent retailers. ■

Georgia Baptist leaders defund Shorter College

Associated Baptist Press

ROME, Ga. — Leaders of the Georgia Baptist Convention said Jan. 10 they would withhold \$9.6 million earmarked for Shorter College in response to a governance change removing the convention from direct control of the 128-year-old liberal-arts school.

College President Edward Schrader wrote a letter Jan. 8 to alumni and supporters announcing an agreement that shifts both assets for the college here and responsibility for decision-making to the Shorter College Foundation.

Previously, the Georgia Baptist Convention had sole authori-

ty for electing or dismissing the college's board of trustees. Schrader said that arrangement raised concerns related to accreditation, because the college had no provision for dismissing trustees for cause.

He said the foundation board would be expanded to include the 30 current members of the board of trustees.

Georgia Baptist leaders, however, said the move caught them by surprise and conflicts with language in the GBC constitution defining institutions in terms of allowing the convention to elect their leadership boards.

The GBC administration committee immediately voted to withdraw all funding for operations, capital improvement, and endowment for Shorter College, a total of about \$9.6 million.

"I am deeply saddened by the actions of the college," Georgia Baptist Executive Director Robert White said in a statement released Jan. 10.

"When Shorter College trustees voted for this change, it raised legal and institutional issues relating to the relationship

between Shorter and the GBC," he noted. ■

FamilyNet hosts live event for TLW

Baptist Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — FamilyNet will broadcast *Seize the Net Goes Live!* on Feb. 13 from the sanctuary of Wedgwood Baptist Church.

The one-hour broadcast will be hosted by the brother-sister duo LaRue, Christian artists who have consistently taken a stand for sexual purity. The program also will include the new Christian band, Phat Chance, and special musical guest Joy Williams.

Sponsored by True Love Waits, a movement which promotes sexual purity among teens, the program will link student rallies across the country in an annual time of commitment to abstinence before marriage.

FamilyNet affiliates in Tennessee are located in Harrogate, Heiskell, Old Hickory, and Selmer. ■

WMU board approves statement on new women's agency

By Teresa Dickens
Special to *Baptist and Reflector*

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The awarding of \$91,264 in grants and scholarships and the affirmation of a statement on the formation of Global Women were among the items acted on by the WMU executive board during its meeting Jan. 12-15 at Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center in Talladega, Ala.

The WMU executive board, made up of WMU presidents from each state or multistate WMU organization, awarded \$79,675 in Second Century Fund grants and \$11,589 in other grants and scholarships.

This year's Second Century Fund grants pushed the total awarded from the fund to \$1,009,148 since its inception in 1988. The grants went to nine international projects, 12 state WMU projects, and the 2003 MK Re-Entry Retreat.

The statement on the formation of Global Women, originally released Dec. 17, was affirmed

unanimously by the WMU executive board. WMU executive director Wanda S. Lee released the statement to media following the Dec. 13 announcement that Global Women had been formed.

Global Women is a new agency incorporated Dec. 6 in Birmingham. According to its legal documents, the new board will "create and cultivate global friendships among women for shared learning and service for all humanity."

The president of Global Women's organizing board of directors is Dorothy E. Sample of Flint, Mich., a former national president of Southern Baptist WMU. Carolyn W. Crumpler, a former WMU executive director, is vice president of the new group.

Two other former WMU executive directors also were incorporators for the new agency — Alma Hunt and Dellanna W. O'Brien. After serving as an incorporator, O'Brien vacated her position on the founding board of directors.

The purpose statement for Global Women says that the organization will "enable evangelical women to help women and their families to obtain a life of faith and benefit."



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Lee's statement reads:

"Global Women has no affiliation with Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

While many of our former leaders are involved in the new organization, their participation is a personal decision and not one connected to national WMU. While I was informed of their plans to launch Global Women two weeks prior to their formal announcement, the current leadership of Woman's Missionary Union has not been involved in the planning nor the incorporation of this agency.

"While there are commonali-

ties between Woman's Missionary Union and Global Women, there are distinct differences in our purposes.

"WMU's desire for 113 years has been to create the kind of environment through missions education in the church that enables individuals to hear God's call to serve in whatever way He leads, and to support our missionaries.

"While the formation of Global Women has generated questions and concerns, WMU's commitment is to remain true to our founding purpose. We will not become distracted from our calling to share Christ with a lost and hurting world. Woman's Missionary Union is looking ahead to a future filled with bright hope. Just as indicated by our Vision Statement, we will continue to challenge believers to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God."

■ — This article also contains information from a Global Women's news release.

Rise in church vans causes safety concerns, says Alabama Baptist leader

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cargo space is needed for luggage or equipment.

Drivers. Swedenburg said churches have a responsibility to check and monitor all church van drivers. "Make sure drivers are licensed" he said. "It's a good idea to make a copy of the driver's license and keep it in the church office while he or she is driving the van." Churches should also check driving records. No one who has ever been arrested for DUI or has had a speeding ticket within the past 12 months should be allowed to drive a church van, he said.

Insurance. Drivers should be required to provide proof of personal liability insur-

ance before being given the keys to a church van. Even though the church will carry insurance on the vehicle, the driver should have it as well. A church's insurer should be contacted with any questions about driver guidelines and coverage.

A commercial driver's license is required for a driver who is operating a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds or one designed to transport 16 or more people, including the driver. The standard metal plate mounted on the door-frame will provide a vehicle's specifications.

Vehicle design. All the preparation in the world may not be enough if a van's design is dangerous. Concerns about the safe-

ty of 15-passenger vans arose when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a consumer advisory that warned these vans carry three times the rollover risk when fully loaded. A study found that the van's center of gravity shifts up and to the back, causing the vehicles to handle differently. Panic maneuvers by drivers increase the risk, so the NHTSA has also recommended that only experienced drivers operate 15-passenger vans.

With no uniform regulation of church transportation, Swedenburg said it is up to churches to ensure the safety of van passengers by recognizing and acting to minimize risks. ■

Declining churches can be turned around

By Lonnie Wilkey
Baptist and Reflector

GLADEVILLE — With statistics that show 75-80 percent of churches in America are either plateaued or declining, the future appears bleak for those congregations.

That doesn't have to be the case, however, according to Ray Gilder, bivocational ministries specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Gilder led a conference on "Turning Around A Declining Church" during the Bivocational Evangelism Conference held Jan. 18-19 at Gladeville Baptist Church here.

Plateaued or declining churches basically have two choices, Gilder observed.

They can either continue as is and eventually die, or they can turn it around and become vibrant.

Gilder, who also is pastor of Gath Baptist Church, McMinnville, prefers the second option.

The TBC specialist contrasted a progressive church with a declining church.

(1) A progressive church dreams while a declining church drifts.

(2) The progressive church is excited about the future while the declining church lives in the past.

(3) A progressive church has an outward look while the declining church looks inward.

(4) A progressive church is ministering while a declining church is maintaining.

(5) A progressive church shares plans while a declining church solves problems.

(6) A progressive church reaches people while a declining church loses people.

Gilder shared from his experiences as pastor at Gath and also Speedway Terrace Baptist Church, an inner-city Memphis church, where he served for 14 years. Tips for turning around a declining church include:

Analyze the past

"You can't know where you are going until you know where you've been and where you are," Gilder observed.

He suggested church leaders should look closely at what has happened in the church the past 10 years. Chart attendance and giving patterns. When there seems to be a dramatic shift or drop, ask questions, Gilder suggested.

He also noted that Baptists tend to talk about the "glory days" but time has enhanced those memories. Sometimes the "glory days" were not really as glorious as people thought, he said.

Accent the positive

"Attitude is three-fourths the battle in helping turn a church around," Gilder said.

When he became pastor at Speedway Terrace he recalled that one member came to him and asked him to "help keep the doors open until I'm dead or gone."

Members there cited several reasons they could not grow, Gilder remembered. Among

them were: they were "too close" to Bellevue Baptist (while the church was at its former location), they were in a bad neighborhood, and the church was full of "old people."

"The Lord gave me a message entitled "Turning Your Liabilities Into Assets," Gilder said.

He helped the church turn their negatives into positives. In regard to Bellevue, he said they



GILDER

should be glad they were close to a Bible-believing church instead of a cult and reminded them that Bellevue could reach people Speedway Terrace would be unable to reach.

"We were on the same team," Gilder said.

As to the "old" building, he reminded them it was a "paid for" building which would enable them to use more of their assets for ministry.

As to the community, Gilder noted it was filled with people Jesus wanted them to reach.

The church began to turn around after that and become a vital force in the community, he said.

To accent the positive, Gilder suggested that pastors and ministers personally develop a positive attitude and work toward projecting it to their constituents.

Churches should also build

on what they have and not lament what they do not have, he added.

They also need to celebrate every victory and recognize and point out every area of growth.

Most importantly, Gilder stressed, always bring God into the equation. Remind the people that "nothing is too hard for God," he said.

Anchor the present

Start by building up and encouraging those who are attending. Don't "fuss" at them for those who are not coming.

Also, he suggested, cultivate those who have "fallen by the wayside" for whatever the reason. "Love those who have quit coming and find out why. Listen to them and bring them back in."

Gilder encouraged the bivocational ministers to prove to the church members that you love them and that you have the ability to follow God's leadership. He also noted that members need to have confidence that their pastor is in it "for the long haul. Make sure they know you plan to stay until God moves you."

Another way to anchor the present, Gilder said, is to create pride in the church's physical appearance and facilities. "God's house ought to be the best we can make it. Fix it up," he suggested.

Anticipate the future

Gilder suggested pastors develop a plan for the future and to be sure to include membership in the planning.

Gilder also encouraged minis-



Clarification

The article "Pastor serves near Nashville crime area," in last week's paper about Dickerson Road Baptist Church here explained the church community is not affected by the crime area, which is four miles away.

The article described the congregation's response to the perception of being in a crime area and its accomplishments under Lloyd Johnson, pastor, who was retiring after 27 years.

The headline could have been misunderstood if the story was not read. The Baptist and Reflector staff apologizes for any misunderstanding. ■

ters to keep the vision before the people and to revisit the planning process every three to five years.

In concluding, Gilder reminded the pastors that success in God's vocabulary is spelled "faithfulness."

He encouraged ministers to not give up. He noted that "sometimes things have to die or become impossible before God moves. ...

"It takes commitment to faithfulness to be where God can use you," Gilder said. ■

Tennessee Ladies Chorus organizes, records ...

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regions of the state. He added, "it's exciting because I don't know what we're going to do (after the initial commitments)."

Newly elected officers of the chorus are working with Clark to plan singing tours and mission projects.

His main hope for the group is that it will bring Tennessee Baptist musicians together.

"Part of my passion is to bring us together," explained Clark. "There's a lot in worship and music styles that divide us. This is something that can bring us together."

CD

The CD, which will be available in the Spring, will feature choral numbers from the two groups separately and the groups combined.

The CD focuses on familiar music, but it will include songs which may be new to many listeners.

For instance, it includes a song written by Steven Curtis Chapman and another song which has been recorded by Phillips, Craig, and Dean and formerly by the Brooklyn

Tabernacle Choir, said Clark.

The CD also will feature traditional hymn arrangements such as "Be Thou My Vision," which is actually an Irish tune, and will include a Shaker tune, "Simple Gifts."

Clark is working with a company to produce the CD. The company's staff has worked with the famous Baptist composer Buryl Red, he said. The recording is being mixed and edited in Atlanta, Ga. The CD will cost \$15 and be available from members of the chorale and chorus and from the TBC office.

The chorus

The Tennessee Ladies Chorus does not have Baptist in its name only because the group wants to use the acronym TLC, said Clark. TLC also stands for the purpose of the group, which is to provide "tender loving care" to its members and, through its efforts, to others, he added.

The TLC welcomes new members, said Clark. The only restriction is that the lady be a music leader — music minister or director — in a Baptist

church or be recommended by one. Many of the members lead graded choirs or are accompanists.

"Certainly their ministry is ministry just as much as any minister's although it is in a different role," said Clark. The TLC "gives them an opportunity to make music together. It gives them a different bond," he described, which he sees developing as the musicians from across the state get to know each other.

At the end of the Jan. 11-12 sessions, "you would have thought these people knew each other all of their lives," he concluded.

For more information, contact Clark at (615) 371-2041, 1-800-558-2090 ext. 2041, pclark@tnbaptist.org, Charlotte Hanson at 371-7908 or see www.tnbaptist.org/csl/worship&music/index.htm. ■



OFFICERS OF the new Tennessee Ladies Chorus are, from left, first row, Sharon Ramsey, ministry assistant, Clingan Ridge Baptist Church, Cleveland, secretary/treasurer; Janis Forrester, minister of music, Scenic Hills Baptist Church, Memphis, west Tennessee representative; second row, Teresa Wood, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Covington, president; Tina Collins, minister of music, Glenwood Baptist Church, Powell, president-elect; and Leanne Robbins, children's choir coordinator, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville, middle representative. Not pictured is Susan Hoover, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Kingsport, upper east representative.

Faith sustains veteran TV religion reporter

By Sara Horn
For Baptist Press

JACKSON — Talking about faith can be challenging. Talking about faith in front of 50 million viewers can be terrifying, but not so for Peggy Wehmeyer. Until recently, the first national religion correspondent had blazed a trail in network news for more than 20 years, bringing informative and objective news coverage to religious and faith-based stories.

Citing budget cutbacks, ABC informed Wehmeyer last summer that the religion beat she covered was being eliminated and her contract, up in October, would not be renewed.

While Wehmeyer admitted in a phone interview with Baptist Press that she is enjoying the extra time at home in Dallas be-

ing with her husband and their two daughters, she thinks it is unfortunate that there is no religion beat with the national networks.

"There's a lack of diversity when it comes to religious belief and ideology particularly in the newsrooms of the Northeast and in national news, which has an impact on the coverage of religion," Wehmeyer said. "As much attention as the media gives to make sure that there's representation and diversity in the area of race, gender, and even sexual orientation, I think it's time for the media to pay attention to ideological diversity, especially when it comes to religion."

It is that strong conviction for coverage of faith-based stories that was the kindling for her career.

Growing up in a home with a secular Jewish mother and a fa-

ther who was a "sometimes-practicing" Christian Scientist, Wehmeyer didn't understand a lot about God until she was a college student at the University of Texas at Austin. Through her involvement with Campus Crusade for Christ on campus, Wehmeyer began studying the Bible and eventually became a Christian. Her newfound faith answered a lot of questions for her about the purpose and meaning of life, Wehmeyer said, and also helped shape her future career choice — journalism.

"Journalism just seemed to maximize my strengths and minimize my weaknesses," Wehmeyer said. "And it was such a great fit for my new faith, which is about exposing the truth for light, fairness, and honesty — all the tenets of journalism and reporting."

"...To me, journalism allowed me to have a job where I could speak the truth, do research, study and learn things, and remain consistent with my faith practice."

Wehmeyer will be the keynote speaker for Union University's annual Spring Union Forum, Friday, Feb. 22, in Jackson. For more information, contact the university's Office of Institutional Advancement at (731) 661-5050. ■



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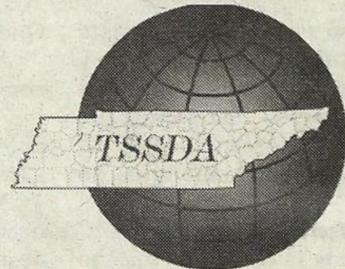
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New Victoria Baptist Church is accepting resumes until Feb. 28, 2002 for full-time pastor. Small church in North Metro Atlanta with an average attendance of 125, and a desire to grow by serving God's will. Blended style of worship. Seminary degree and pastoral experience preferred. Send resume to Pastor Search Committee, New Victoria Baptist Church, 6659 Bells Ferry Rd., Woodstock, GA 30189.

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Tennessee Sunday School Directors Association



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Friday

4:00 PMCheck-In
6:00 PMDinner
6:45 PMWorship Rally and Orientation
8:00 PMConference 1 (Choose one of the following)

- *Boot Camp for Sunday School Directors Without PT and Small Arms Qualifications* Dwight Moss
- *Leading Your Sunday School ... Churches of 1-75* Willie Beaty
- *Churches of 76-150* Rick McCormick
- *Churches of 151-300* Mike Harris
- *Churches of 300-Up* John Shearron

9:30 PMFellowship Time

Saturday

7:30 AMBreakfast
8:00 AMWorship and Devotion

8:15 AMConference 2 (Choose one of the following)

- *Traversing the Teacher Training Track* Dwight Moss
- *Getting on the Main Line ... with Ministry and Assimilation* John Shearron
- *Building the Framework for Effective Leadership Matching Spiritual Gifts with Spiritual Service* Willie Beaty
- *Head 'em up, Move 'em out* Mike Harris
- *Creating Masterpieces by Starting New Classes* Mark Miller
- *Putting Evangelism Back in our Sunday School A Big Hat to Fill* Rick McCormick

9:15 AMConference 3 (Choose one from above list)

10:00 AMBreak

10:30 AMConference 4 (Choose one from above list)

11:30 AMWrap up and Debrief

- Churches of 1-75* Willie Beaty
- Churches of 76-150* Rick McCormick
- Churches of 151-300* Mike Harris
- Churches of 300-up* John Shearron

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Everyone has a will — but is it what you want?

Lonnie Wilkey, editor

What is one thing most people know they need to do, but keep putting it off?

For non-Christians who have been given opportunity to learn about the love of Jesus Christ, it's taking that important first step of accepting Him as Lord and Savior of their life.

For Christians, one of the top items that keeps being delayed is preparing a will. Many people probably think they do not need a will. After all, they won't be around. What does it matter?

Just like life insurance, a will is not for the person who does it, it is for the loved ones who will be left behind.

And, whether you realize it or not, you do have a will. The bad news is that the allocation of your assets will be determined by the state of Tennessee and not yourself.

On the Southern Baptist Convention calendar, January is recognized as "Make Your Will Month." I don't know the rationale as to why January was chosen, but my guess is that some Southern Baptist leaders at one time thought the beginning of a new year would be a good reminder to take such an important step.

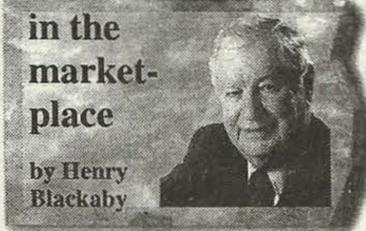
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TBF leaders W.L. "Bo" Childs and Gary

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Placed by God

Our economy is under enormous pressure. Everyone in the business world feels it. Not everyone knows how to handle it, or what to do next. However, God has strategically placed His children in key leadership roles in our nation and our world just for such a time as this. So many are sensing a "call of God" to honor Him in the workplace. But how does one do this?

First, stay very close to God in your personal life. Your time alone with God, every morning is crucial to hearing from God, and being used of God.

Second, believe that God is not only Sovereign in the marketplace of today, but in that sovereignty He has chosen to place you carefully in the midst of it all.

Third, remember that God often deliberately allows impossible situations in the minds of the world (ie. our present economy), so He can show Himself through His own to a watching world. He will give wisdom in decision-making, understanding in difficulties, and counsel in bewildering unusual circumstances.

At this moment there is a "spiritual hunger" for real, certain answers from God. Many are and will be looking to God's people to see if they are close enough to God to receive from Him these kinds of answers for their lives. And they will be looking to see if we are living out His peace and joy in the midst of all this "uncertainty." What an opportunity for solid evangelism. God wants to give real life answers, not merely "religious" answers, and cliches.

God can guide, and is guiding Christian CEOs and management to make decisions in this economic downturn. They are putting their employees first and profits second. They are asking for divine wisdom as stewards of people's lives and as responsible managers. So many are watching what they are doing, including key government and civic leaders. But not only are they watching, they are acknowledging their faith in God. God really does "work all things together for good, to those who love God, and are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28). ■ — Blackaby, co-author of *Experiencing God*, now serves as president of Henry Blackaby Ministries.

Parents can help middle schoolers deal with peer pressure



Some reports say the period between being a child and an adolescent is one of the most difficult in life. How can a parent help your child deal with peer pressure during middle school?

The Socialization Process

Since birth, your child has been involved in a socialization process of learning to adapt to others. Through this process, individuals learn the values, behaviors, and beliefs that will enable them to live and work with others throughout life.

For middle schoolers, peers often have more impact than family. During this time, parents need to stay close and keep the

doors of communication open. Membership within the peer group often means: having an assigned place and time to meet, having adult leaders, being a member of an organization of like-minded people with similar interests, sharing similar interests and skills, choosing clothes closely resembling others, and having friends of both sexes.

Peer acceptance

Helping your child have friends begins early in life. A child must know and understand that he is loved and has value. This feeling carries over into middle school and affects how students view others.

For peer acceptance, student must have: a willingness to cooperate, an ability to understand what another person is feeling without actually experiencing it himself, an attitude of sharing and helping others, and a desire to interact positively with others.

A time of change

Situations vary, but most

parents report more stress and strain between childhood and adolescence. Parents may even hear words like "I hate myself!"

Normal may mean: more demanding, overly concerned with clothes they wear, hair and makeup, staying in their room, choosing the same music their friends listen to, moody, negative habits, and argumentative and sullen.

How to help

Realize this is a natural stage of development. You couldn't stop it if you tried. Yet, you can keep your child strong so he can withstand the negative influence of peer groups and those that condemn your high moral values.

Here are some suggestions.

Pray for your child. Let them hear you pray that God will guide them.

Maintain a strong personal relationship.

Continue to plan activities for family time.

Work on developing a positive

self-concept.

Make Christian values a high priority.

Offer balance between independence and control.

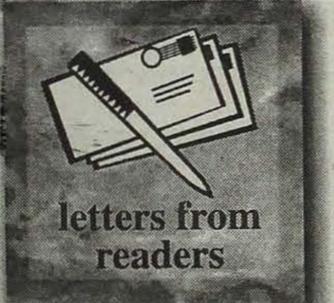
Build a relationship of trust.

Work together to solve problems.

Remember to hug your child daily. Both of you need it!

Realize it's tough being a parent. Yet, no one understands your child like you do. Instead of looking the other way when problems develop, or trying to "keep the peace," find words and actions to help her grow into a mature, responsible person whose life bears fruit as a Christian.

Pray that your child will grow... "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). ■ — Tomlin is author of *What I Wish It Hadn't Taken Me So Long To Learn* (available at toll-free 1-888-280-7715 or www.1stbooks.com). Her husband, Matt, is pastor of Ward's Grove Baptist Church, Jackson.



Remembers Criswell

"I am for you." These were the words of Dr. W.A. Criswell while on the sidewalk in New Orleans, La., while attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

The words were very surprising to me, as they were directed toward one that was accusing Dr. Criswell of heresy and hypocrisy. I was a young preacher seeking to help the man on the street understand that Dr. Criswell's message, as well as the message of most conservative Southern Baptists was one of love and tolerance, yet one of conviction. I never considered that Dr. Criswell might enter the picture, but upon seeing an approaching on the sidewalk, I was considering just how might answer this gainsayer.

As the man belittled this great man of God with accusing tones, Dr. Criswell simply said to him, "I am for you."

These words have rung in my ears for many years as I have seen Dr. Criswell speak in public forums. I always considered that whomever was the hearer of his messages, they were directed to assist and encourage. It is now with deep regret that these live messages of encouragement are silenced with Dr. Criswell's homegoing. But we are grateful that many of those messages are recorded to be presented again and again.

May the Lord always use each of us to look to others with that heart which would say, "I am for you," as we seek to share God's love with the lost and hurting.

Phillip C. Senn
Troy 38260

Mourns loss

I am one of a countless number of pastors who have been indelibly influenced by Dr. W.A. Criswell's passionate exposition of the Word of God and faithful shepherding of the flock of God. His commitment to the local

church, to evangelism, to sound Biblical theology, and to practical, passionate expository preaching is the benchmark all future pastors can and should be measured by. As we mourn his loss, let us pray that God will continue to raise up pastors-teachers in the mold of Dr. Criswell.

Tom Campbell, pastor
West LaFollette Baptist
Church, LaFollette 37766

Another source

The Dec. 19 issue of the *B&R* included an article noting that Paul Pressler's book, *A Hill on Which to Die*, which highlights the conservative side of the battle for control of the Southern Baptist Convention is being sent to about 42,000 pastors.

Readers may be interested to know that the Baptist History and Heritage Society has a book that offers another approach to the subject: Slayden Yarbrough's work, *Southern Baptists: A Historical, Ecclesiological, and Theological Heritage of a Confessional People*. Dr. Yarbrough, retired Dickinson Professor of Religion, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, now resides in

Denver, Colorado.

For additional information about the book and other Baptist History and Heritage Society materials on the subject, contact the society at P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024 or call 1-800-966-2278.

Charles Dewese
Brentwood 37024

Didn't gossip

Our church choir presented the musical, "The Road to Bethlehem," and I was shocked when I heard the players talking (gossiping) about Mary and Joseph.

There was never any gossip associated with our Lord's conception and birth and those who state otherwise are on dangerous ground (Revelation 22:18-19).

Those who would use John 8:41 to try to substantiate such a claim cannot do so.

Jesus had just told those Jews (whose heritage was based on the fact that they were children of Abraham and God was their Father, verses 39 and 41b), that they were neither, hence their statement. No wonder they wanted to kill him (verse 59).

Mildred Woods
Lebanon 37087



SBC Disaster Relief receives national Red Cross award

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Southern Baptist Disaster Relief efforts have won the recognition of

the American Red Cross through the organization's Agency Partnership Award — presented to the North American Mission Board on behalf of disaster relief volunteers nationwide.

"On behalf of the Red Cross, I am proud to express our sincere appreciation to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief," said John Clizbe, an ARC vice president. "Since our partnership agreement was signed in 1987, we have seen their bright yellow shirts on literally hundreds of disasters on literally hundreds of supporting our mass care efforts, and sharing our commitment to care for people in need."

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is a nationwide network of

more than 24,000 volunteers operating through units sponsored by state conventions, including the **Tennessee Baptist Convention**, and local Baptist associations. The network is the ARC's largest and primary partner in the preparation of hot meals for distribution by the Red Cross.

"Records from 1995 to 2000 indicate Southern Baptists have responded with Red Cross on over 500 relief efforts," Clizbe said in presenting the award. Those volunteers have prepared more than 6 million meals, he added.

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The award was accepted recently by Mickey Caison, manager of adult volunteers for NAMB and national Southern Baptist Disaster Relief coordinator. ■

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First Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tenn., is seeking a full-time minister of music. If interested please send resume to Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 212 E F St., Elizabethton, TN 37643.

Walker Baptist Church is seeking a part-time minister of music to help plan and lead in worship services and direct various choirs and ensembles. Please send resume to Walker Baptist Church, 1350 West Main St., Franklin, TN 37064. Our phone number is (615) 794-7000.

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MINISTRIES — YOUTH

FBC, Jonesborough, Tenn., is seeking full-time youth pastor. Candidates must have a call to youth ministry, be creative, and be willing to accept the challenge of building a Christ-centered youth fellowship for God's glory. Send resume to First Baptist Church, 201 E. Main St., Jonesborough, TN 37659.

First Baptist Church, Lebanon, Mo., is seeking a full-time position for minister to students. This will involve children grades 1-11 and youth, with the emphasis on youth. Mail resume to Minister to Students Search Committee, First Baptist Church, 311 N Madison Ave., Lebanon, MO 65536.

MINISTRIES — MUSIC

Church averaging 275 in Sunday School seeks full-time minister of music. Send resume to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 535, Bruce, MO 38915, or fax to (662) 983-2177.

Monument Heights Baptist Church is seeking a full-time associate minister of music and youth. The church supports BGAV, CBF, and SBC. Salary/benefits package commensurate with training/experience. Please submit resume by Friday Jan. 25, 2002 to Personnel Committee, Monument Heights Baptist Church, 5716 Monument Ave. Richmond, VA 23226, e-mail: personnel@monument-heights.org.

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**Minister's
Corner**
by Fred A. Steelman

Edward Gibbon once said, "The wind and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators." Experience tells us his observation is right on target. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, it was the heroic actions and Christian witness of several individuals that stood as shining lights in the dark chaos of destruction. The dignity and courage of loved ones who testified in the midst of tragedy provided a window of hope in the wall of despair. At the heart of most of these testimonies was the witness to God's grace and presence.

The winds and the waves roared like none on this continent had seen, and the testifiers said God was real. That is what faith in Christ means. It allows or enables us to navigate the storm. It is not that we do it on our own, but rather we are empowered by the Holy Spirit who indwells us.

As we enter a new year, we do so with the witness of the aforementioned ringing in our ears. The need to rededicate ourselves to our assignment as believers. Jesus put it this way, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, who is in heaven" (Matthew 16).

There will be ample opportunities within and without the church to let our lights shine boldly. I challenge each of us to personalize our faith in this new year. Talk about what the Savior means to you in your daily life. This kind of practice will prepare you for navigating the wind and the waves. Gibbons is right. They "are always on the side of the ablest navigators." ■ — Steelman is pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

just for today

by Fred Wood, pastor emeritus, Memphis



Start With a Smile: Man on death bed in a semi-coma to his wife: "You've been with me in all my bad times. When I

got fired, you were with me. When I went broke and lost the business, you were with me. When I lost my health, you were with me. Do you know what I think?" Wife (warm and tender): "What, darling?" Husband: "I think you're bad luck."

Take this Truth: I wish I knew how to defend myself from my friends. I already know how to defend myself from my enemies. — Voltaire

Memorize this Scripture: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. ... She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her." — Proverbs 3:13, 18

Pray this Prayer: Lord, help me to choose two things wisely: my priorities and my friends.

P.K. Preacher's Kids



"What do you mean 2002? I just learned how to write 2001!"

Useless to useful

By Jamison Work

Focal Passage: Philemon 8-21

He was only 10 years old, but he thought that was old enough to help. After all, he had his own hammer and nail apron, his contribution should not be overlooked. But the men kept nailing shingle after shingle with little regard for the young boy longingly watching from the ground below. He had watched on many other occasions, too. Wherever Daddy was, the boy would be close by. He had watched his father paint houses, repair barns, put on new roofs, and build garages. Usually he felt pretty useless, though, because there were only so many things a little boy could do, and none of them seemed very important. But on this day, he was ready to help. He was 10, he learned to hammer years earlier — that's what carpenter's sons should learn — and he was ready.

And then, just when he was beginning to think he was forever banished to picking up the old shingles shoveled onto the ground, his father said, "When you're through down there, come up here and help." Those magic words, "come up here and help." On the roof with his dad; on the roof with the other men; on the roof where the real work was going on! He had practiced hammering for years, now his chance

had come. He wouldn't be picking up the discarded shingles, he would be nailing down the new ones! He wasn't useless after all; his 10-year-old skills were useful!

There is a certain time when a person becomes useful to the kingdom of God. What makes a person useful? It's not having a particular skin color, or reaching a prescribed age, or attaining an advanced level of education. The one thing that qualifies any person for serving God is salvation. Philemon's slave,

Onesimus, wasn't useless as a person, he was quite capable of doing whatever was asked of him.

However, before he had run away from Philemon, Onesimus was entirely useless to the kingdom of God because he was an unbeliever.

While Onesimus was running from Philemon he met the apostle Paul. Paul led Onesimus to faith in Christ, and immediately Onesimus became useful. "I appeal to you for my child, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment, Onesimus, who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me" (vv 10, 11). Paul is not saying Onesimus was a good-for-nothing person when they met. He is saying that Onesimus was an unregenerate person, hopelessly lost to the purposes of God because of his sin. However, when Onesimus gave his heart to Christ, he was "made alive

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together with Christ" (Ephesians 2:5), and immediately became useful to the kingdom of God.

Every person has tremendous potential for the kingdom of God. However, no person can participate in God's work until he or she surrenders to the lordship of Jesus Christ. Until a person is born again, he is "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1). But once he has trusted Christ he is "raised up with [Christ], and seated ... with Him in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 2:6). A believer in Jesus Christ is fully alive to the hope and promise of God's work and will, and able to enjoy the abundant life Christ died to purchase.

The usefulness of a person's life is directly linked to their personal relationship to Jesus Christ. A person may support many social causes and volunteer to serve in several human aid organizations, or even serve in some capacity in a local church. Yet it is not a person's work that makes him useful, it is God's work on Calvary that makes a person useful to God. Accepting God's finished work in the cross of Christ changes a person's life from useless to useful. — Work is pastor, Candies Creek Baptist Church, Charleston.

Worshipping God in covenant life

By Ray Jones

Focal Passages: Deuteronomy 12:4-5; 14:22-23; 16:1-3; 10, 13, 15

Why do you go to church? Some people attend church because it is a habit. It is Sunday and that is what we always do on Sunday. For others it is a part of their obligation as a Christian. It is a joyful experience that some share with others of like mind. While some would say the purpose is to worship God.

What is worship? One definition says it is an encounter with God. While this definition has merit, if it is the sum total of our understanding of worship, it seems to be inadequate. In Genesis 28 Jacob has a dream. Verses 16 and 17 record, "When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it. How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God: this is the gate of heaven.'" The next day he built an altar and made a commitment to serve God. Through the Bible, an experience of true worship celebrates the presence and blessings of God and results in a commitment of life to Him.

In Deuteronomy Moses instructs the people to worship together. In worship they would reflect upon the blessings of God in the past. It

would also remind them that God is active in the present and would call them to accountability and commitment to serve God.

Moses told the people that when they entered the land they would have to tear down the "high places." This was the place of worship for the Canaanites, the present inhabitants

of the land. Worship of God and the worship of idols could not coexist in the land. This is a

lesson, which needs to be learned anew. Tim Keller said, "Worship is pulling our affections off our idols and putting them on God." Oswald Chambers observed, "The majority of us do not enthrone God, we enthrone common sense. We make our decisions and then ask the real God to bless our god's decision." God alone must be worshipped, not God and some other, even ourselves.

They were to worship God in the place that He appointed. This was to be a public, corporate worship. They were to assemble in the place that God would determine. They could worship individually, but must also worship corporately.

Their worship experience would involve a tithe. "Be sure to set aside a tenth (Deuteronomy 14:22). The preparation to give the tithe is a deliberate preparation. Many people do not experience the joy of giving a

tithe because they have not included it in their budget. They have so many bills to pay that they have no money to give to God.

The people were to bring their tithes when they came together to worship in the place God had appointed. When they entered into this corporate experience it was to be a time of joy and celebration. They would eat together a portion of the tithe they brought unto the Lord. Specifically they were to celebrate God's redemption of their bondage in Egypt. This was the Passover celebration. The Feast of Weeks required "a freewill offering" (Deuteronomy 16:10). It was a gift in proportion of the Lord's blessing. The main recipients of this offering were the priests, Levite, and the widows and orphans living among them. The Feast of the Tabernacles came at the end of the harvest season. This worship was in celebration of God's blessing of a good harvest.

Worship in this study is seen as a corporate expression of gratitude to God for His deliverance from bondage and thanksgiving for His blessings. We, too, should worship God individually and collectively. Our worship should not be habit or drudgery, but a joyful expression of thanksgiving for our deliverance from bondage (sin) and gratitude for God's provision for us. — Jones is director of missions, Big Hatchie Baptist Association.

churches

■ **Crossway Baptist Church, Murfreesboro**, will host Ivan Parker Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Parker traveled with Bill Gaither and recorded the song, "Midnight Cry," which led some music charts. The church meets at Riverdale High School. For more information, call the church at (615) 278-0000 or 890-4747.

■ **Pine Grove Baptist Church, Wildersville**, will hold revival Jan. 27-30. Brady Weldon, evangelist of Martin, will speak. For more information, call the church at (731) 968-7165.

■ **Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Cross Plains**, held a Christmas service in its new sanctuary.

■ Lura Sheppard, director of Alternatives for Life, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Ga., will speak at **First Baptist Church, Lewisburg**, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. She will share information on the ministry of pregnancy care centers and how Baptists can help them.

■ **Goins Chapel Baptist Church, Tazewell**, recently has completed a new fellowship hall.

■ **Ardmore Baptist Church, Memphis**, will celebrate its 75th anniversary Jan. 27. For more information, call Marvin Spivey at (901) 358-1570.

■ **Long Heights Baptist Church, McKenzie**, is building a mobile addition for classroom space.

death

■ **Fred Ford**, 61, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Pulaski, died Jan. 13 after a short illness. He served the church for eight years. Ford is survived by his wife, Betty; two children of the home; and two grown children.

leaders

■ **Joey Williams**, youth minister, First Baptist Church, Ripley, resigned recently.

■ Lavinia Baptist Church, Lavinia, has called **Orvind Dangeau** as interim pastor. Dangeau is retired from the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff.

■ Northside Baptist Church, Milan, ordained **Steve Babcock** to the ministry Dec. 30.

■ **Clark A. Brown** has been called as pastor, South Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, effective Jan. 1. Formerly he was pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield.

■ **Sam Stan**, a former member of the Romanian Baptist Church, Nashville, has been ordained as pastor of a predominantly Native American Baptist Church in Warm Springs, Ore. Stan, a first gen-



ELECTED TO lead Clinton Baptist Association during 2002 recently were, from left, Larry Pugh, pastor, Black Oak Baptist Church, Clinton, assistant moderator; Michael D. Petty, pastor, Edgemoor Baptist Church, Claxton, moderator; and Dwight Guy, director of missions.

eration Romanian, considers the Nashville church his home church. Stan is a graduate of Criswell College, Dallas, Texas. He has served the Oregon church as pastor since August 2000.

■ First Baptist Church, Hillsboro, has called **Jimmy Bond** as interim pastor.

■ **Frank Blevins** has retired as pastor of First Baptist Church, Bluff City, due to health problems. **Alan Moor** has been called as interim pastor.

■ Shelby Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, has called **Clifford Horne** as interim pastor. Horne is retired director of missions and ministries, Nashville Baptist Association. He also recently retired as pastor, Lights Chapel Baptist Church, Greenbrier.

■ Northside Baptist

Church, Clarksville, has called **Hal Redding**, Cedar Hill, as pastor, effective Dec. 9.

■ Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, Knoxville, has called **Walter Crouch** as interim pastor.

■ Springdale Baptist Church, Tazewell, has called **John Hatfield** as pastor.

■ **John R. Corts** has been called as interim pastor, First Baptist Church, Morristown. Formerly he was president and chief operating officer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He worked with the association for 35 years. Corts also was pastor of churches in Florida.

■ **Terry Binkley**, pianist, Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, was honored Jan. 13 for serving 30 years in that role. Also the church recently called **Dwight**

Moody as associate pastor for singles and evangelism.

■ First Baptist Church, Clarksville, has called **Chad Rowland** as ministry assistant for singles and college.

■ **Bud Pate**, pastor, Boones Creek Baptist Church, Gray, was honored recently for 25 years of service. The church gave Pate and his wife, Helen, several gifts, including a trip to Israel.

■ **Tom Fethe**, associate pastor/children, Calvary Baptist Church, Knoxville, was recognized recently on his 12th anniversary of service.

■ **David Halé**, minister of music, Ninth Street Baptist Church, Erwin, resigned after nine years of service. He was honored Dec. 16.

■ **Peggy Hawkins**, secretary, Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, was honored Jan. 20 on her 20th anniversary of service.

■ **Ralph Cobb Jr.**, youth director, Adams Chapel Baptist Church, Dresden, resigned effective Dec. 31.

■ **Morris Burkett**, minister of youth, North Johnson City Baptist Church, Johnson City, was ordained recently to the ministry by the church.

Tennessee students graduate from SBC seminaries, Mid-America

For Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Several students with Tennessee ties graduated in December commencement services at Southern Baptist theological seminaries and also at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Germantown.

Information, including home town and church when available and photos (when provided by the seminaries) were supplied by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Mid-America.

New Orleans graduates included Edward Ramsey Coutta, Winchester, doctor of philosophy; Aquilino Silva Cader, New Friendship Baptist Church, Cleveland, master of

divinity degree in people group strategies; Jeffrey Cannon Farmer, minister of students and outreach at East Ridge Baptist Church, East Ridge, master of divinity; Jennifer Jaye Cole Northcutt, Germantown Baptist Church, Memphis, master of arts in Christian education; and Mark Denley Williams, Parkway Village Baptist Church, Memphis, master of divinity degree in biblical languages.

Southeastern graduates include Robert Cunningham Burch Jr., Knoxville, master of arts in intercultural studies; Stephanie Vaughn Ritchey, Ramer, master of arts in Christian education; Tracy Dawn Stanley, Kingsport, master of arts in counseling ministry; Jeremiah Dollar, Hixon, master of divinity; Johnathan Edward North, Humboldt, master of divinity; Todd Jeremy Stinnett, Knoxville, master of divinity; Joseph Grant Whittenbarger,

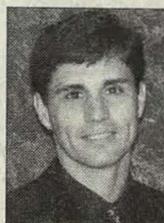


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Chattanooga, bachelor of arts in biblical studies; and Jerry Lee Yandell, Kingston, master of divinity.

Southwestern graduates include Michael K. Daniels, Knoxville, master of arts in church and community ministry; Tiffany Daffron-Smith, Friendsville, master of arts in church and community ministry; and David A. Lambert, Maryville, master of divinity.

Southern graduates include Steven John Burchett, Northbrook Church, Jackson, master of divinity; Bo Fawbush Jr., First Baptist Church, Greeneville, master of divinity; Chris



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Holmes, Orlinda, master of divinity; and Marty Hollingshead, Grace Baptist Church, Knoxville, master of arts in Christian education.

Mid-America grads included Janet Sparks Anglin, Gallatin, master of arts in Christian education; Jeffery Lynn Capshaw, First Baptist Church,



DANIELS



HOLMES



FARMER



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Middleton, doctor of philosophy; Daryl Crouch, Grace Baptist Church, Tullahoma, doctor of ministry; Stephen Wade Steelman, Park City Baptist Church, Fayetteville, master of divinity; and James Gregory Tate, associate minister, Friendship Baptist Church, Memphis, master of divinity. ■



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