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damages Baptist center in Knoxville

Baptist and Reflector

KNOXVILLE — Western Baptist Center, a ministry of the Knox County Baptist Association, was destroyed by fire in the early morning hours of Aug. 15.

The fire started in the building used to sort clothing at the center, said Joe Chandler, associate director of the Knox County Baptist Association.

The building received extensive water and smoke damage, most of it in the basement level, he related.

Arson is suspected, he noted, as an investigation was underway at the scene after the fire.

The building is insured, Chandler said.

Reconstruction will be suspended until the building is occupied again, Chandler said, adding that the center hopes to be open for its food ministry and Bible study by the end of this week. □

## Conferees learn

# Prayer is more than asking God for 'things'

By Lonnie Wilkey & Marcia Knox  
Baptist and Reflector

NASHVILLE — More than 430 people attending the first Great Commission Prayer Conference last weekend at Two Rivers Baptist Church here were reminded that prayer is much more than simply asking God for "things."

"Prayer is an intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of His purposes," said Alvin Reid, professor of evangelism at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Reid was the keynote speaker for the Aug. 16-17 conference sponsored by the Missions Awareness and Mobilization and the Evangelism Missions Strategies groups of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

In addition to Reid, representatives from the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, LifeWay Christian



**DON PIERSON**, prayer strategy coordinator for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, leads corporate prayer time during the first Great Commission Prayer Conference held Aug. 16-17 at Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville.

Resources, TBC, and nationally known prayer speakers held two-day seminars on various prayer ministries and how to implement them in the local churches and associations.

"I believe our first statewide prayer conference attracted Baptists from across Tennessee with a strong desire to

expand their prayer life and bear witness to the value of prayer in daily living," said James Porch, TBC executive director/treasurer, who also led one of the seminars at the conference.

"The Great Commission was given to the church," said Randy Sprinkle, IMB Prayer

Strategy director. "The partnership between the IMB and the state convention enables the local church to be Great Commission in all its facets."

The conference was an attempt by the state convention to reach the local church and associations to facilitate all facets of prayer ministry. There were conferences to teach men, women, youth, and children how to pray as well as an early session for intercessors and church prayer leaders, according to Don Pierson, prayer strategy coordinator for the TBC.

"To have a special conference on prayer blessed me," said Selma Archer, a member of Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. "The music was wonderful and so were the speakers."

"I often wondered does God get tired of hearing the same prayer requests when I pray," she said on the second day of the conference.

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## Says Rod Glatt

# Stats reveal multi-housing units need evangelism

By Lonnie Wilkey  
Baptist and Reflector

BRENTWOOD — Nearly one-third of Tennessee's estimated 2.7 million unchurched or lost population live in multi-housing units, according to Rod Glatt.

According to recently released 2000 statistics there are 540,596 multi-housing units and facilities in Tennessee with a resident population of 986,800, said Glatt, black church extension and multi-housing specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Evangelism/Missions Strategies Group.

Multi-housing is defined as apartments, condominiums, manufactured housing (mobile homes), public housing, and senior housing, Glatt explained.

Tennessee ranks 21st among states with 274,060 apartment units, according to the National Multi-Housing Council, Glatt said, adding that those units contain 438,411 residents.

In addition the U.S. Census Bureau reports 64,322 condominiums in the state

with 116,566 residents, Glatt continued.

Other statistics include:

- ◆ 87,966 manufactured housing units with 231,352 residents (Manufactured Housing Institute)

- ◆ 113,897 public housing units with 165,340 residents (Department of Housing and Urban Development)

- ◆ 351 senior housing facilities with 35,131 residents (American Senior Health Association)

"We say we have 2.7 million unchurched or lost people in our state," Glatt said. "If that is true, and it is, almost one-third of them live in multi-family housing units."

"If we don't target them, we are going to miss an opportunity to reach a harvest of lost people who are in our backyard," Glatt said.

Research from the North American Mission Board has shown that the best way to reach families in multi-housing units is to plant a church on site, he said.

"This will require a different paradigm for Baptists. We think traditionally. We have to expand our thinking," Glatt said.

He urged churches to consider ministry

opportunities in their area. Multi-family units are all over Tennessee, Glatt said.

Glatt encouraged church leaders with a passion to reach the lost and unchurched to go to managers or owners of apartment or condominium communities. Make friends with them, find out their needs, and let them know you want to partner with them to meet those needs, Glatt suggested.

Statistics reveal that when a church is started in a multi-housing area, such as apartments, crime and violence decreases and morals increase, Glatt said. "Owners will see a change in their communities," he predicted.

Glatt has resources to assist churches in beginning multi-housing church plants. He also is available to come to churches and conduct training seminars.

"I want to make training and strategic planning so easy that no Tennessee Baptist can have an excuse to say that multi-housing church planting won't work until after it is tried," Glatt said.

For more information, call Glatt at 1-800-558-2090, ext. 2085, or email him at [rglatt@tnbaptist.org](mailto:rglatt@tnbaptist.org). □



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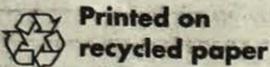
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NAMB votes to move FamilyNet to profit status

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — North American Mission Board trustees voted unanimously Aug. 13 to convert the FamilyNet television network from a nonprofit to a for-profit subsidiary in an effort to allow the network to reach unprecedented levels of national impact.

The reorganization plan was adopted during a called meeting of trustees, many of whom participated by teleconference. The plan will next be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for approval.

NAMB President Robert E. Reccord said the move will make FamilyNet "the voice of mainline evangelical Christianity in America via television."

"This is a wonderful, fabulous opportunity to get evangelical doctrine out across America and around the world," said Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston and a member of FamilyNet's board of directors — which approved the plan a day earlier. "This may be the most historic turnaround in our denomination that we have had."

The new for-profit FamilyNet would be formed from three existing NAMB subsidiaries: FamilyNet, a nonprofit entity; Time Rite



RECCORD

Agency, a for-profit advertising subsidiary; and DFW Uplink, a nonprofit subsidiary that includes satellite transmission operations.

The reorganization plan was developed after an extensive process required by the Internal Revenue Service anytime a nonprofit organization decides to create a for-profit entity, said Randy Singer, NAMB's executive vice president. The constituents of both FamilyNet and NAMB — apart from the boards of the two agencies — were represented by a "Fairness Committee" to ensure that each side was treated fairly.

Reccord told trustees the decision to make FamilyNet a for-profit entity stems from the limited funding potential available to the network as a nonprofit entity.

Trustees were given a five-page list of guidelines that would govern the relationship with potential investors that gives NAMB strong controls over content and direction.

Among the provisions:

◆ NAMB would retain majority ownership and accompanying representation on the new FamilyNet's board of directors and would have controlling influence over placement or continuation

Prayer partners sought for NYC as 9/11 ne

Baptist Press

NEW YORK — As the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks approaches, leaders of New Hope New York are asking pastors to consider leading their congregations in a special time of prayer for the needs that remain in the city.

The effort is being coordinated through PrayNewYork.com, a website allowing individuals to sign on as prayer partners for the city, its people, and outreach efforts that will take place over the next few years.

New Hope New York is the name of the Strategic Focus Cities effort in New York, which is developing strategies for prayer, church planting, church strengthening, pastoral leadership development, and collegiate ministry efforts that

will take place primarily in 2004 and 2005

"We would like churches to consider giving the PrayNewYork.com prayer guide in their services," said Jack Smith, partnerships a works director for New Hope New York thought maybe on Sept. 8, on the Sunday the 11th, they could take at least five minutes their worship service and pray through prayer guide we have developed."

The emphasis also could serve as an opportunity for individuals to sign up to receive prayer requests that are sent on e-mail other week, Smith said.

For more information on the New prayer effort, visit www.praynewyork.com, call (212) 580-0655. Other resources for 11 remembrance services are available at www.namb.net/911. □

Use of alcohol on the rise, says Gallup survey

Associated Baptist Press

PRINCETON, N.J. — Drinking in America is on the rise, according to a survey on alcohol consumption by the Gallup organization.

According to a July survey, 66 percent of Americans said they drink liquor, wine, or beer at least on occasion. That is up 4 percent from a similar survey last year and the highest percentage since 67 percent in February 1985.

Just over a third (34 percent) in the current poll described themselves as "a total abstainer" from alcohol, compared to 38 percent last July.

More than one fourth of male drinkers (28 percent) admitted that they sometimes drink too much, as did 32 percent of younger drinkers, those under 30. While a smaller percentage of women said they overdrink (13 percent), women were more likely than males to say that alcohol has ever been a cause of trouble in their family (31 percent of women, compared to 25 percent of men.)

Gallup said there doesn't appear to be any clear, consistent patterns to explain the variation in the number of admitted drinkers, which has ranked from a low of 55 percent in 1958 to a high of 71 percent in 1976-1978. □

Pastor recounts bout with virus

Baptist Press

SLIDDELL, La. — A Southern Baptist pastor is among the 85 people who have been infected with the West Nile virus in Louisiana as of mid-August.

Mike Rasberry of Immanuel Baptist Church here, said his bout with the virus, which was diagnosed July 31, underscored to him a lesson he plans to underscore to others — that "we need to take advantage of every moment we're given because

we're not assured that we're going to have any additional time

"It's a precious commodity and we need to use it for the glory," Rasberry said.

By the time he finally got to an emergency room, his blood cell count had dropped to 2.28, though his red blood cell count, and platelet count, were still low. Doctors said he had survived the most serious portion of the virus.

As of mid-August, 58 people diagnosed with the mosquito-borne virus had died. The most serious symptoms: encephalitis or both, according to CNN.com. Seven people died of the virus in Louisiana this year. Rasberry is one of the fortunate ones who did not suffer further symptoms. Although he is still weak, he is recovering from his bout with the virus.

He said he doesn't have a clue how he contracted the virus. Mosquitoes are everywhere in southern Louisiana, he said. His incubation period is anywhere from three to 15 days, he said.

After the ordeal, he said, his outlook on life has changed.

"When I was sitting there hearing I had this thing, I realized the gravity of the situation," he said. "I realize there are things I feel I need to do and [to] focus on things first. Sometimes we put our priorities out of kilter. Everything is going all right, but what He wants to do at just what I want to do." □

HPU taps Dilday for interim position

Associated Baptist Press

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — Former seminary president Dilday is serving as interim president of Howard Payne University, a Baptist-affiliated school here.

Dilday served 16 years as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth before being fired in a dispute with conservative trustees. □

# Prayer is more than asking God for 'things' ...

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 now know to start off  
 by praising God and exalting Him  
 and I start requesting  
 things," Archer said.  
 She especially enjoyed  
 listening to T. W. Hunt, 72-  
 year-old, a nationally  
 known prayer author and  
 speaker from Spring, Texas.  
 Hunt, who is the author of  
 several books from LifeWay,  
 was rather amazed at how  
 many people voted into the national  
 election on prayer.  
 "I didn't plan to do prayer  
 conferences," Hunt said. "Now  
 I have traveled to speak on  
 prayer in every state except I  
 haven't been to Delaware."  
 According to Hunt, as a pro-  
 fessor at Southwestern Baptist  
 Theological Seminary in Fort  
 Worth, Texas he began typing  
 out the prayers of the Bible  
 on his computer in 1983 be-  
 cause he was concerned about  
 the "ask and ye shall receive"  
 prayers that were being  
 taught by some television  
 preachers.  
 The typing exercise led to  
 discoveries revealed in  
 the Bible that were opposite  
 of what the television  
 preachers were teaching.  
 After detailed study, Hunt  
 discovered the uses of prayer  
 and the patterns of prayer in  
 the Bible.  
 "I had to change my teach-  
 ings when I learned from the

Word of God. Since typing all  
 the prayers I now emphasize  
 the biblical principles instead  
 of the good ideas about  
 prayers."

In one of the plenary ses-  
 sions, Sprinkle noted that in  
 Gaza where Tennessee Baptist  
 Disaster Relief volunteers con-  
 tinue to serve that both the  
 Jews and the Muslim Pales-  
 tinians need Jesus.

Sprinkle pointed out that  
 since 9-11 tourist flights have  
 increased up to 30 percent  
 overseas, but volunteer mis-  
 sion trips are down 30 percent.

"Why are the adventure  
 seekers braver than the  
 Church of Jesus Christ?" he  
 asked. "Where is she (the  
 church)?"

### Seminars

"We have to surrender to  
 the Great Commission to reach  
 our neighbors for Christ," said  
 Chris Schofield, NAMB Prayer  
 Evangelism Unit manager,  
 who taught one of the breakout  
 sessions. "We are to be the ex-  
 tension of the body of Christ  
 and we need to get to know our  
 neighbors. You are the light of  
 the world."

Schofield noted various  
 problems in his Atlanta neigh-  
 borhood where darkness ex-  
 ists. His family prays for their  
 neighbors, and they have a  
 mission field to reach the  
 neighborhood. When one of his  
 neighbors recently accepted



**VISITING DURING** the first Great Commission Prayer Conference held last weekend at Two Rivers Baptist Church, were, from left, Chris Schofield, NAMB staff member; James Porch, TBC executive director/treasurer; T.W. Hunt, nationally known speaker and author on prayer; and Ray Stewart and Nick Martin of Parkway Baptist Church, Goodlettsville.

Christ, his family rejoiced be-  
 cause they had been praying  
 for the neighbor. "Praying for  
 the neighbors can even change  
 the dynamics in the family," he  
 said.

Schofield's session was one  
 of more than 20 conferences on  
 various aspects of prayer and  
 prayer life.

In a conference on "Prayer  
 and Spiritual Warfare," John  
 Franklin shared the example  
 of Peter and Jesus who both  
 encountered spiritual warfare  
 on the night Jesus was arrest-  
 ed in the garden.

Jesus stood, but Peter  
 failed, said Franklin, prayer  
 ministry/discipleship specialist  
 for LifeWay.

"The affirmation or denial of  
 self determined who stood,"  
 Franklin said, noting that Je-  
 sus denied self, while Peter  
 was more concerned about his  
 own self and welfare.

He noted that personal vic-  
 tory in spiritual warfare is  
 "more of a lifestyle than an  
 event" and that "ultimate vic-  
 tory comes by obedience, not  
 formulas."

### Alvin Reid

Reid spoke on both Friday

night and Saturday morning.

On Friday he described the  
 need for intimacy with God,  
 an experience that needs pas-  
 sion and a desire to abandon  
 oneself totally to God's pur-  
 poses.

During the Saturday ses-  
 sion, Reid challenged those in  
 attendance to tap into an un-  
 used and sometime unthought  
 of prayer resource in today's  
 churches — teenagers.

He challenged the confer-  
 ence participants' perception of  
 young people especially the  
 Millennial generation, individ-  
 uals born since 1982.

Reid reveres the seventy-  
 year-old prayer warriors, but  
 also admires the passion of the  
 young prayer warriors. He not-  
 ed the importance of the emer-  
 gence of young people in  
 prayer.

Citing his own passion for  
 God at the age of 15, he also  
 noted the young Jonathan Ed-  
 wards quest for God. "This is  
 the most unchurched genera-  
 tion in America today," Reid  
 said. "That's why there is real-  
 ity television, because young  
 people drive the media."

"We need to encourage them

with spiritual vision," he said.  
 "I want my kids to know God  
 better than I do. We need to  
 encourage young people in the  
 churches and use them in your  
 prayer networks."

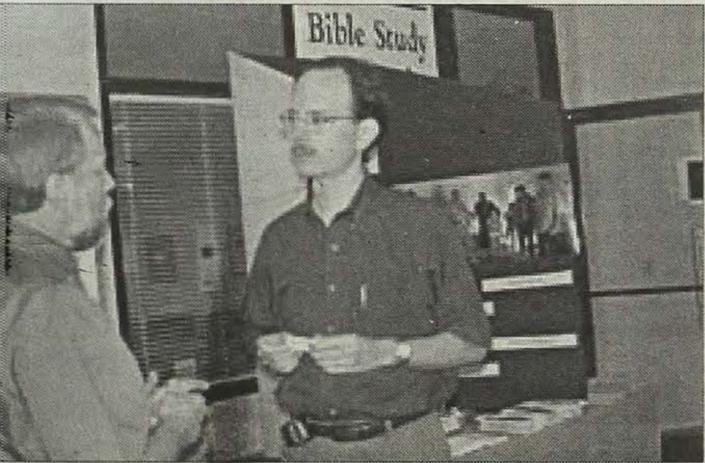
### Seminars

"The most exciting thing for  
 me was the time with the over  
 100 intercessors and prayer co-  
 ordinators," said Pierson, who  
 planned the event.

"The prayer coordinators  
 shared about what God is do-  
 ing in their churches and asso-  
 ciations especially in the  
 relationship to the prayer  
 movement with the young peo-  
 ple in Tennessee.

"Young people's involve-  
 ment in prayerwalks in their  
 schools and praying through  
 their churches and at sport-  
 ing events, all this seems to  
 be a result of a strong burden  
 for intercessing for their  
 lost friends and community.  
 The young people are proac-  
 tive in praying for them and  
 sharing with them," Pierson  
 said.

Next year's Great Commis-  
 sion Prayer Conference will be  
 held Feb. 21-22 at First Bap-  
 tist Church of Powell. □



**BY SPRINKLE**, left, of the International Mission Board, visits Ben McGinnis, pastor of Woodbine Baptist Church, Nashville, during the Great Commission Prayer Conference held Aug. 16-17 at Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville.

# Christian youth encouraged to 'connect' with lost friends

Baptist and Reflector

JACKSON — The first of eight  
 annual evangelistic youth events  
 scheduled for the fall begins this Sunday  
 Monday, August 25-26, in Jackson  
 Glewood Baptist Church.  
 Youth speaker Craig Tackett and  
 praise and worship leader Dave  
 Will lead at the "CONNECT"  
 events.  
 The "CONNECT" strategy is a sim-  
 ple one, says Kent Shingleton, youth  
 evangelism specialist for the Tennessee  
 Baptist Convention.  
 "We are asking youth leaders to  
 engage every Christian student in

their church to 'CONNECT' with one  
 friend who is lost."

Youth leaders then ask their  
 teenagers to pray daily  
 for that friend, to look  
 for ways to encourage  
 and bless their friend,  
 and most importantly,  
 to bring their friend to  
 a regional "CON-  
 NECT" rally to hear  
 the life-changing  
 gospel, Shingleton con-  
 tinued.

"About a year ago I became very con-  
 cerned about our efforts in reaching  
 teenagers with the gospel of Jesus

Christ," said Shingleton.

"The facts are alarming. Every year  
 the population of teenagers in Ten-  
 nessee continues to grow and at the  
 same time youth baptisms in our state  
 have plateaued. What is wrong with  
 this picture?"

Shingleton is asking pastors, youth  
 leaders, and parents of teenagers to  
 prayerfully consider leading their  
 youth to participate this fall in the  
 "CONNECT" strategy.

All "CONNECT" events are free and  
 no registration is required.

"CONNECT" dates and locations:  
 Aug. 25-26 — Englewood Baptist  
 Church, Jackson, 6:30 p.m.



**SHINGLETON**

- Sept. 8-9 — First Baptist Church, Clarksville, 6 p.m.
  - Sept. 15-16 — First Baptist Church, Cookeville, 7 p.m.
  - Sept. 21 — Appalachian Fairgrounds, Tri-Cities, 7 p.m.
  - Sept. 29-30 — Carter High School, Knoxville, 7 p.m.
  - Oct. 6-7 — Obion County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
  - Oct. 20-21 — Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, 6:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 3-4 — Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, 6:30 p.m.
- For more information please go to  
[www.yectennessee.com](http://www.yectennessee.com) or call 1-800-  
 558-2090 ext. 7933. □

# Christians could take a page from Vandy coach's playbook

## reflections



By Lonnie Wilkey, editor

When I moved to Nashville almost 20 years ago I began to root for Vanderbilt, although it would be by default.

Growing up as a South Carolina Gamecock fan, I was used to a team that didn't always win. Vandy's history didn't bother me.

I probably would have become a Tennessee fan had it not been for their school colors. Our dreaded rival in South Carolina was Clemson and their school colors were — you guessed it — orange and white. I just couldn't bring myself to wearing orange after all those years. That would be like asking a UT fan to start wearing Alabama or Florida colors.

So, I have rooted for Vanderbilt through thick and thin (mostly thin) for the past 20 years. I have admired what the school stood for — strong academics. Whether we like it or not, that's what college should be about.

Now, a new football coach has come to town by way of Furman University in Greenville, S.C. Having grown up about 15 miles from the Furman campus I always followed their sports programs, so I am probably one of the few people in Tennessee who had actually heard of Bobby Johnson when he was named head football coach at Vanderbilt University earlier this year. He had a reputation as a no-nonsense kind of guy who happened to be a good football coach. For years Furman has been one of the best NCAA I-AA programs in the country.

Whether or not his winning ways translates to victories at Vanderbilt remains to be seen.

He is making an impact in other ways, however.

An article in the Aug. 14 issue of *The Tennessean* details Johnson's desire to stop cursing among his football players.

Johnson, a devout Catholic, gave *The Tennessean* two reasons he did not stand for profanity among his players and coaches.

"No. 1, educated people shouldn't use those kinds of words. And No. 2, if we have the public watching us practice, we want them to feel comfortable about bringing their children or the player's mother being there or anybody else and not be offended."

Johnson is not just talking and hoping the players will listen. If caught using profanity the players do pushups on the spot. I have a feeling doing pushups in the nearly 100-degree weather we have had lately would cause a player to think twice before speaking.

Now, there are some who will

make jokes about it.

But the fact is, Bobby Johnson needs to be given credit for standing up for what is right and decent. Football coaches, of all people, have a reputation for using "salty" language. Johnson evidently doesn't care what other coaches think about his attitude. He doesn't use profanity and he doesn't want people around him using it.

And, Johnson is making an impression on his players. One player told *The Tennessean* he has tried to eliminate profanity from his vocabulary everywhere, not just on the football field.

Christians could take a page from Coach Johnson's playbook. Wouldn't our world be a better place to live if we took a stand against right versus wrong, regardless of the issue.

Christians in general and Tennessee Baptists in particular have an opportunity on Nov. 5 (or during the early voting peri-

od of Oct. 16-31) to take a stand for what's right for our state.

We are going to be the only state for opposing a lottery. Proponents already up with "Church La" poke fun at us.

Will we wilt under sure? Or will we, as Coach Johnson did with the profanity, stand up for what is right, regardless of the consequences.

As reported in last week's issue, we will enter a day window after Labor Day to keep our state as one of three states without legalized gambling. That's something to take pride in.

Pray for these efforts. Gambling Free Tennessee so they can mount a media campaign of their own. Importantly, take a stand you live. Let others know you are opposed to a lottery. List them to also vote in the lottery on Nov. 5. □

## Take heart — Jesus is in heaven interceding for all of us on our behalf

### guest columnist



By Henry Blackaby

There is no truth that can give you any more courage and boldness as you live out your Christian life, especially in the workplace, than that found in Romans 8:34. Christ, the Lord of the universe, is now at the right hand of God and is making in-

tercession to the Father on our behalf.

He intercedes; he pleads our case to the Father. He always does this according to the will of God and is always heard. When Jesus intercedes for us, the Father always hears him; the Father always responds immediately to bring to pass what the Son has requested. He is our advocate with the Father (1 John 2:1).

He intercedes before the Father when we sin. He asks the Father to release into our life all that the Father has provid-

ed, especially the Holy Spirit (John 14:16).

When you come to the Father, in Jesus' name, and ask for boldness, or courage, or wisdom, or patience, or anything else that is appropriate to ask in his name, Jesus is there before the Father to confirm that you are his disciple, that you are indeed a child of God, and that your request is right and good and the Father can grant it.

The Father always hears the Son (John 11:41-42).

What incredible encourage-

ment this brings to the Christian who walks by faith (that is, believing what Jesus says, and acts on it).

Jesus' intercession can dramatically affect your personal life and walk with God. He can and will keep you from sin. He can affect your marriage for good. He can return wayward children.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus clearly and dramatically interceded before the Father on behalf of his disciples at a very significant moment, and in a very dramatic way. Just before

the cross, when his disciples were about to experience the greatest pressure from the world, the flesh, and the devil, Jesus assured them. And the Lord said, Simon! Indeed, Satan has sought to devour you, that he may sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have turned to Me, strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22:31).

Jesus does this directly for you also. Call on him, and he will intercede for you. Henry Blackaby is president of Blackaby Ministries.

### VBS recognition

The Christian Growth Development Group of the Tennessee Baptist Convention would like to acknowledge the Knox County Baptist Association for meeting the requirements for Standard Association Vacation Bible School work. A certificate was issued to Knox County because they met LifeWay's requirements as they assisted churches in their preparation for the Amazon Outfitters VBS. It was the first Tennessee association to do so.

Next year's theme for VBS has already been released by LifeWay: *The Great Kingdom Caper — Cracking the Character Code* (see web site: [www.life-way.com/yourvbs](http://www.life-way.com/yourvbs)).

We thank all the associations across Tennessee that made VBS such a success this year. Churches should contact their local association to receive details about future VBS training events to be hosted in the spring of 2003.

Sue Raley  
Brentwood 37024

### Proud of student

Thank you, and to Connie

Davis, for the nice article in the Aug. 14 issue of the *Baptist and Reflector* which highlighted Amy Houk Brady's work with the Christian Women's Job Corps.

As a 1997 graduate and winner of the Louise Carter Fallis Award in Social Work that year, Amy makes Belmont University, and especially the Social Work Department, very proud. Amy was a top notch student and I'm so happy to see that she is what we all expected — a top notch social worker.

Debbie Simpler, chair  
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Nashville 37212

### Disagrees on taxes

I couldn't disagree more with Brother Sweeton's assessment of Tennessee's tax needs. A former legislator, who voluntarily took a two term limit, and refused to run again because of the commitment he made not to, due to his high moral standards, has said that most of the "budget problem" of the State of Tennessee would be solved if TennCare was fixed.

I think that anybody who knows much about TennCare would have trouble arguing with

that. Our state legislators, much like our federal legislators, don't know how to live within their income and that's all it takes to fix any budget - federal, state, or individual. There is no need for any more taxes of any kind in the state of Tennessee. The need is to cut waste, stop fraud, and be responsible with the people's money. The programs "we all want and expect" (Mr. Sweeton's words) are not necessarily the programs we need.

Sometimes programs are put in place to pay back political cronies, sometimes they are enacted to garner votes so one can be re-elected. The programs we

really need can be very adequately funded on a fair and moral tax, without gouging the taxpayer.

Ernestine Bonicelli,  
Millington 38053

### Grateful for forum

I am so grateful for the format that is afforded Tennessee Baptist through the letters to the editor section of the *B&R*. Those who have words of praise, concern or even criticism related to Baptist are given the chance to voice their opinion. It is an appropriate way to disagree with the actions of Baptist.

However it is not appropriate to step outside the faith by going to the secular media for criticism of Tennessee or Tennessee Baptist. When articles critical of Baptist by Baptist appear in newspapers, don't we know the enemies of the cross are up and cheer?

Matthew 18 tells how to solve differences between Christians. If it needs to be brought to the church, do so. But it is right for Christians to give a lost world with criticism to the church or its leaders.

David Bartlett

## letters to the editor

### Church of the Covered Dish

By Thom T



## T.Y.M.E. set Oct. 18-19

re's still TYME to be a the first statewide lock-in, based in mis- However, time is run- out, and we can only ac- e first 1,000 that regis-

T.Y.M.E. (Tennessee Mission Experience) is - 2002, and is offered Tennessee Baptist es youth at Carson- an College in Jefferson t. 18-19. You need to s space is limited, and ation deadline is Aug.

is \$35 per person, ncludes Missions Mar- e, concert and wor- games and recreation, last, Saturday break- ands-on mission proj- a special It's E. t-shirt.

2002 It's T.Y.M.E. will ed on missions in Ten- The Missions Market- ill be where you can sion points all over see that your youth an plug into through- year. It's T.Y.M.E. o be a one-day hand- sion experience.

games and recreation, e Games Sport will e five large inflatable for hours of fun. Nation- ally known con- cert, wor- ship leader, and speak- er, Geoff Moore will lead the concert and worship.

Around pizza will be served, 7 a.m. the Tennessee t Disaster Relief team ve breakfast. Follow- akfast everyone will e surrounding area or her hands-on mis- perience, and partici- will gather for a closing ation to share their ex- perience.

experience will begin neck-in Friday, Oct. 18 - 8 p.m., and concludes ay, Oct. 19 at 12 noon. registration informa- sit our new missions te at [www.missions- or Tennessee Baptist ntion's web site at nbaptist.org](http://www.missions- or Tennessee Baptist ntion's web site at nbaptist.org) under the ns Awareness and Mo- ion Group. contact Carol Davidson 00-558-2090. ■

## In 2002

# TRAC™ children's camps teach missions

For "the MAP"

The 2002 TRAC™ Children's Mission Camps helped campers develop a new understanding of missions as campers learned how they could personally become involved in missions around the world.

This year's theme "Mission Mystery Machine" with Hiker Hal, Halie, and their dog Scoop led children on a mission mystery journey around the world searching for clues to the mystery puzzle. With their Mission Mystery Machine passport and spyglass in hand they traveled to France, China, and New York City in search of clues to the mission mystery puzzle.

Each part of the 2002 programming involved campers in a "teachable moment" in missions. Campers were even involved in a "hands-on" project as they went on a treasure hunt to find items to assemble a health kit to be sent to an inter city ministry in New Orleans.

While the main purpose of TRAC™ Children's Mission Camps is to lead each camper to a personal commitment to Christ, or a closer walk with Christ, missions is also a big part of each day's programming. Each day also offers many opportunities for the campers to participate in many other fun activities. These activities include: swimming and other water

related activities, crafts, archery, nature, Camcraft, and a different experience for campers in games and activities through adventure recreation.

A total of 512 campers attended the 5 weeks of camp offered in 4 locations: Camp Bays Mountain, Sullivan Baptist Association, Kingsport; Camp Coldstream, Adams; Camp Linden, Linden; Holston Baptist Association, Johnson City; and Ridgecrest Camp and Conference Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Over these 5 weeks, 34 children made decisions to accept Christ as their personal Savior, 7 rededicated their lives, and 10 made commitments to follow the Lord's call to full-time ministry.

"A total of 29 kids and volunteers traveled several hours to beautiful Camp Linden to spend a week getting to know God, and what He is doing," said David Newbill, Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett, children's minister. "During the week of activities that included swimming, archery, crafts, learning Camcraft skills, and eating wonderful camp food, our kids learned what God was doing in China, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the state of Iowa, and in their own lives.

"They learned how they can join God in what He is doing by praying for our missionaries, and those they are trying to reach, giving of their time, energy, and

money to help reach these people with the gospel, and by going to their friends, fam- — See TRAC™, page 8



IT TAKES GUTS to ride the zip line over Lake Coldstream at Camp Coldstream as this girl does during a TRAC™ activity time.

## State DR team ministers to NY landfill workers

By Marcia Knox  
For "the MAP"

The Landfill on Staten Island, the site of the debris of the World Trade Center, closed July 15 with an official ceremony. Prior to the closing the final 15-member Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Feeding Team worked July 3-11 at the Salvation Army Kitchen II at the landfill.

The Tennessee team served meals at the kitchen, affectionately named the Hilltop Café, for recovery workers. Mike Overcash, State Disaster Relief blue-cap and a member of Valley View Baptist Church, Nashville, led the team.

"Our team was blessed to be a part of the food service during the last days of the landfill operation," said Overcash. "To be able to serve the workers who had been working such a long time in moving and sifting through the debris gave us a sense of fulfillment and helped us to feel a part of the entire operation."

Other team members and their churches were: Bennett and Mary Sue Anderson, both of Cherry Road Baptist Church, and Dick Garrett, Germantown Baptist Church, both of Memphis; Don Dooley, Pump Springs Baptist Church, Harrogate; Max and Sandy

Holt, both of Hilldale Baptist Church, Clarksville; Tim Jones, Cross Creek Baptist Church, Indian Mound; Paul Burton, First Baptist Church, Clarksville; Don and Carolyn Mauldin, Frank and Diane Cristina, Judy Haynes, Michelle Livingstone, all of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Nashville.

According to Don Mauldin, the landfill received 1,200 barge loads of debris from the World Trade Center. Workers at the landfill had worked 24-hours a day for more than 10 months. When the Tennessee team served as of June 25, 1,672,518 work hours had been expended by the recovery workers in sorting, sifting, and separating the debris while looking for evidence and human remains.

Mauldin said the group worked two shifts from 4:30 a.m. -10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Some volunteers also worked double shifts.

According to Overcash, the team averaged serving 400 meals a day on Monday-Wednesday and 80 meals a day on Thursday-Sunday. Total meal count was around 1,440.

Duties included stocking refrigerators in the dining area with soft drinks, water, and milk, and making coffee. In ad-



PREPARING lunches are, from left, at the Hilltop Café are, from left, Diane Cristina, Dick Garrett, and Carolyn Mauldin.

dition to cooking, serving, and dining room duties, two persons had to stock hydration stations around the site with ice, water, and PowerAid every two hours.

"The opportunity to work with the Salvation Army personnel was a very positive experience," said Overcash. "Since the majority of the landfill workers spent their time on the site using sifting pans and working through the rubble hoping to find additional evidence, the Tennessee team had limited contact with them except when they entered the café."

"During our briefing, we

were reminded that the feeding program had progressed from an emergency-feeding site to a sustained, higher level of service with more expectation regarding quality of food and service," Mauldin said.

"Our team was challenged to make every person entering the Hill Top Café feel better when they left the dining area. We were afforded a unique opportunity to serve and to be blessed by those persons we served and those that we met on the street."

Mauldin also noted the hundreds of cars that were trans- — See State DR, page 8

## Mission Express provides new opportunities

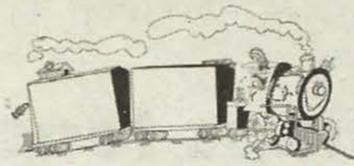
For "the MAP"

Mission Express has a new date, new location, and a new extended program for 2003. Now in its second year, Mission Express is a mission education action opportunity for Royal Ambassadors, MissionKids, and all children's groups.

It offers areas of competition, information/participation, hands-on mission opportunity, worship, and awards. Mission Express is not a program-based event, but it is based in Southern Baptist Missions. It offers information on all the products, which are available for Southern Baptist Children's Mission Education.

The new date is April 18-19, 2003, which is Good Friday and Saturday of Easter Weekend, and a new location at Belmont University, Nashville. The new extended program will enable participants to gain more of a mission experience. The new schedule will start with check-in beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, April 18, and conclude at 12 noon Saturday, April 19.

Elements of the schedule include new additions to last year's schedule. Participants will compete in: Mission Challenge, which is based on the College Bowl concept; Mission Derby, formerly Royal Ambassador Racers; Mission Expo, groups and individuals enter a display of their mission



work; Mission Expression, speakers tournament; and Outdoor Living Skills, formerly Campcraft Rodeo.

They will also participate in Mission Effort, hands-on mission project; Mission E-Link, computer and internet games, education, and information about Southern Baptist Missions; Mission Experience, meet SBC Missionaries; Mission Carnival, games for a quarter to play with proceeds going toward the Mission Offering, and a worship service led by a well-known children's speaker and entertainer.

Mission Express replaced the long tradition of Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress. The Tennessee Royal Ambassador Congress was a program-based event catering to those in the Royal Ambassador program. Mission Express has expanded the experience and opened the doors to all children that are interested in Southern Baptist Missions. Mission Express is still the statewide event for Royal Ambassadors.

For details, registration, and information of Mission Express go to our new web site at [www.missionstn.org](http://www.missionstn.org), or [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). ■

## TRAC™ 2003 planning has begun

For "the MAP"

"Cowboy Hal" will lead the 2003 TRAC™ Children's Mission Camps with the theme "Mission Round-Up — The Cowboy Way."

Dates, locations, and registration information will be posted on our new missions web site at [www.missionstn.org](http://www.missionstn.org), and Tennessee Baptist Convention's web site at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org). The information is also available by direct mailing and through "the MAP."

A new addition at the 2002 TRAC™ Mission Camps was a week of Youth Body Builder's Camp. This week was offered at Camp Cordova, Cordova, in partnership with the Shelby Baptist Association.

The concept of Body Builder's Camp was taken from Ephesians 4:11-16 where it speaks of the different gifts God has given His people and with the instructions to use these gifts to build-up the body of Christ.

The Youth Body Builder's Camp is a combination of a

summer camp and a mission trip. The theme for 2002 was "Basic Training" that led youth to better understand the basics of their faith and how to share their faith with others they do not know.

This was accomplished as youth participated in a different mission project in three afternoons, dedicated to the projects. The mission projects included: working in a food distribution point, a thrift store, and door-to-door placement of fliers for an upcoming VBS, witnessing to those whom they made contact with for Impact Ministries of Memphis, painting of buildings on the campus of the Cordova Camp and Conference Center, singing, and street witnessing on Beal Street in downtown Memphis.

The first part of the week was spent in Bible study, and group building activities for the youth to better serve God while participating in the various mission projects. The week also included many other fun camp activities including swimming, canoeing, adventure recreation, and worship led by Brian Barrett. ■

## TRAC™ staffers report on summer

For "the MAP"

Not only was God at work in the hearts of the campers that attended TRAC™ Camps, He also was very actively involved in the lives of those He called to serve Him through the TRAC™ Children and Youth Mission Camps.

A total of 10 young people served 7 weeks in 6 locations as the 2002 TRAC™ Staff. As God called them to do, the staff impacted the lives of the campers that came their way, but God also impacted the lives of the staff.

"Working TRAC™ Camps has helped me to learn, and grow as a Christian. Everyone on our staff has been called by God to serve a special purpose for the summer. Our main focus is



CHANNELL

to let the Lord use us to win the lost to Him, and then to educate young Christians about missions. We are only the first step in a long process of growth for new Christians, and their walk with God." — Greg Channell, 2nd year TRAC™ staffer, assistant director/recreation director, member of First Baptist Church of Sweetwater

"TRAC™ means a lot to me. Being able to share Christ's love with others is so important. Also being



CHAPMAN

able to tell all the children about what Christ is doing in the world, and what He has done in my life, which to me is so important. TRAC™ Camp has really opened my eyes. It is an incredible experience." — Kandace Chapman, 1st year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of New



CLARK

Horizon Baptist Church, LaFollette "I really enjoyed working TRAC™ Camp, and it is one of the most rewarding things I have ever done." — Jonathan Clark, 1st year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of Little Hope Baptist Church, Clarksville

"TRAC™ has been an amazing experience this summer. I have had the extreme pleasure of working with some of the most amazing people that I have ever met. We all came from different



ELLIOTT

places and different backgrounds to spend our summer ministering to children and youth. This summer has been a true blessing." — Shannon Elliott, 1st year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of Fort Johnson Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina



EVANS

"As a TRAC™ staffer being part of a long-standing family, and having the opportunity to influence campers to be more like Christ, is an incredible experience." — Kathryn Evans, 2nd year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of First Baptist Church of Martin



GREEN

"It's a long run ... stay in the middle of the 'trac.' The growth is inevitable, the

friends are irreplaceable, the family irrefutable, the experiences unexplainable. Know the Song of Solomon (Psalm 121)." — Andrew Green, 2nd year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett



NORFLEET

"TRAC™ is a family. We all love each other, and we're working toward the common goal of reaching children for God." — Jessica Norfleet, 2nd year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of Fosterville Baptist Church, Christiana



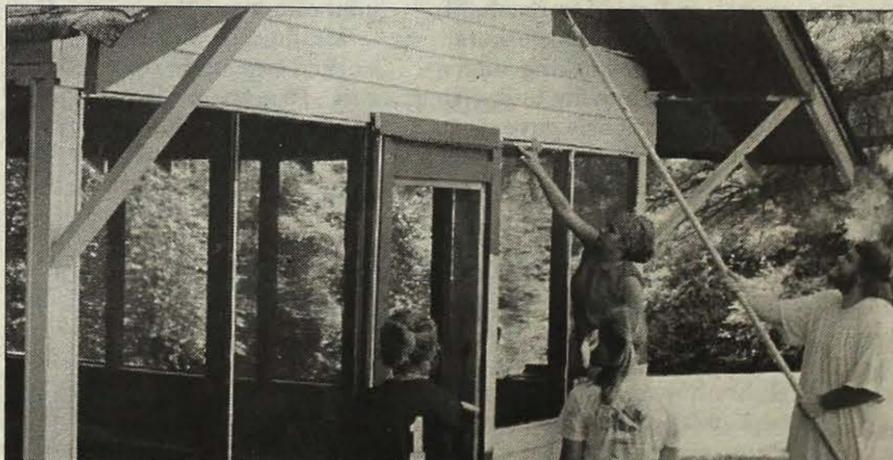
PARROTT

"Each year of TRAC™ is a learning experience. I don't know if any of the staff we prepare the way that God was going to use them, change them, and grow them. But God always provides strength and wisdom that we will carry with throughout our lives." — Jill Parrott, 2nd year TRAC™ staffer, camp director, member of New Horizon Baptist Church, Leipersville



SHULTS

"This summer has been one of the most meaningful times in my life. We've had a part in so many children's lives and seen several decisions. It has been really awesome, and I can't think of a better way to spend my summer vacation." — Jennifer Shults, 1st year TRAC™ staffer, camp counselor, member of Faith Baptist Church, Loretto. ■



TRAC™ STAFFERS Kandace Chapman and Andrew Green lead campers to paint a building at Camp Cordova, Cordova, during Youth Body Builder's Camp.

## A Word from Gene

On average there have been baptisms every Sunday at this summer at the Tennessee Prison for Women. Because the Lord wants to glorify Himself and the women in prison are learning that obedience is the proper response to His call, the Lord is working in a marvelous way among the inmates.

When given an opportunity by a few words before she was baptized, one lady with a Catholic background said that becoming baptized she would lead to her family. She will no longer be welcome in the home of any member of her

family. Due to her release soon she has become focused on her mother praying for her mother's salvation. She said that her number one priority when she is released will be to lead her mother to the

Another inmate said that the best thing that has ever happened to her was to be freed up in prison. She thanked the Lord for locking her up in prison instead of covering up her dead body somewhere. This inmate was raised in a vicious lifestyle, centered on alcohol and drugs. She said she had been willing to do anything to get either a job or alcohol, which resulted in her imprisonment. After hearing some of the worship services offered by Christian volunteers, she gave her life to the Lord.

When prison guards are making positive statements about the changes in attitudes are evident in these believers' lives. Hundreds of volunteers are ministering in the jails and prisons of Tennessee, and the Lord is favoring their work with much fruit.

There is a great need in Tennessee for "Transitional

Ministries" especially housing," said Steve Humphreys, FOCUS Group Prison Ministries executive director and a member of Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville. "The church really needs to get involved to help our Christian brothers and sisters to integrate back into our communities. Christ said one of our primary ministries is that of reconciliation and nowhere is that needed more than with Christian ex-offenders."

When the day of their release draws near, it is natural for the inmate to be excited about getting out of prison. There is also a "fear" factor related to being able again to make their decisions. The inmates' daily regimen has been dictated by the warden and carried out by the guards. When to eat, what to eat, when to sleep, when to get up, when to walk, and when to remain perfectly still are examples of decisions made by someone else for them. This is life in prison, which is a part of the results of their former decisions and lifestyle.

There is also the negative prospect of returning to the same culture that facilitated their former lifestyle. Sadly, this is the only option for most. The fear of the unknown overcomes the wisdom of new choices and produces a cycle called recidivism returning to the prison.

This is an opportunity for Tennessee Baptists to provide a healthy environment for members of the "Church Behind the Walls". At release time, prisoners need new Christian friends, who will walk with them during difficult days in a transitional ministry. If God moves you to minister in this direction, contact: Gene Williams, Adult Missions Awareness specialist, at 800-558-2090 ext. 2064.

*Gene*



PORTRAYING Hiker Hal, Halie, and their dog Scoop are Nathan Clark, Jill Parrott, and Greg Channell at a children's camp held at Camp Linden.

## East Tennessee group

# Fishers of Men hold tournament

For "the MAP"

A total of 46 teams blasted off July 13 on Douglas Lake near Dandridge for the Fishers of Men — East Tennessee Regional Qualifying Tournament. The anglers weathered light rain all day.

Coming into the last tournament the Anglers for Christ Pro Staff team of Brad Burkhart and Jimmy Tuttle sat patiently behind points leaders Alan and David Parsons by 13 points. Tuttle and Burkhart came in with a winning catch of 12.80 lbs. to move them into first place in the points race by a mere 2 points over the Parsons.

The Friday night pre-tournament meeting was held at First Baptist Church of Dandridge. The Tennessee Baptist Convention helped sponsor the meeting. Singers for the evening were Jason Kinsler and Lindsey Sellars, both of Morristown.

Tim Kimsey of Maryville, a professional fisherman, An-



WINNERS OF THE Fishers of Men East Tennessee regional qualifying meet were Brad Burkhart, left, and Jimmy Tuttle.

glers for Christ Pro Staffer, and founder of Sportsman Ministries, brought the evening's message. Kimsey challenged the group to use their fishing and tournament time to lead others to Christ. At the end of the service one person gave their heart to Christ and two rededicated their lives.

The yearly total for the

East Tennessee Division Tournament tour resulted in 9 first time decisions and 31 rededications. Thanks to LifeWay, Gene Williams, Adult Missions Awareness specialist, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Out of the East Tennessee Division seven teams qualified for the Regional Tournament at Lake Wylie. ■

## Association to host RA Challenge Oct. 12

For "the MAP"

The Chilhowee Baptist Association is sponsoring the Smoky Mountain RA Challenge to be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at East Maryville Baptist Church, Maryville.

The event is open to all children and youth groups and is not limited to RA and Challenger groups. Competition includes: RA Racers, Project Hall, Mission Bowl, Punt-Pass-Kick, Campcraft Rodeo, Three Talon Rock Climbing Wall, and Speak Out. This event will host the Middle and East Tennessee Challenger Speak Out Competition.

The high school Challenger Speak Out winner will go to final state competition and the winner will represent the state in the National Mission Speak Out Competition.

The campcraft events will be: Compass Course, Fire Craft, Knot Tying, Log Saw, and Tent Pitching. Everyone will compete within his or her division. Trophies will be awarded to all winning places in each event. However, the Rock Climbing Wall is for entertainment and endurance, and it is not part of the competition.

Preregistration is recommended. Cost will be \$8 per person. On site registration is \$10. Pre-registered group packets will be available at 8 a.m. Saturday along with on site registration.

All events open at 9 a.m.

Breakfast and snack items will be available from a local church mission group. Buddy's BBQ of Knoxville will provide lunch. This is all you can eat BBQ pork, cooked on site with sides for \$5.50 per person. A limited number of tickets will be available for on site registrants, but they are not guaranteed.

Challenge patches will also be sold for \$3 each. This is a multicolor embroidered quality patch. Reserved patches will be distributed in the packets. Remaining patches will be sold on a first come basis.

Special guest for the awards presentation is Matt Fore, who is nationally known for his "Merciless Comedy and Unforgettable Magic."

The activities for the day end at 4 p.m. Bring your group for a great day of competition, missions and entertainment, and to hear about the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Registration packets containing reservation forms for lunch and patches may be obtained from RA Council, Chilhowee Baptist Association, 341 East Lincoln Rd., Alcoa TN 37701. Or call 865-982-0499, or fax 865-982-0114, or email cbachurch@nxs.net. Or email John Parker, council member, direct at jparker@outdrs.net. ■



TRAC™ CAMPERS at Camp Linden, led by staffers Greg Channell and Jennifer Shults, show health kits they made for the Brantley Center in New Orleans, La.

# Association hosts Tri-State Camp-O-Ree

For "the MAP"

Tri-State Camp-O-Ree is a two-day camp Oct. 11-12 at Camp Cordova, Cordova, where boys and girls in grades 1 through 12 enjoy competition in campcraft and share in Christian interest activities.

The Shelby County Baptist Association Royal Ambassador program in cooperation with Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee Baptist Conventions' Mission Education departments sponsors this event for children and youth.

A detailed description of various mission activities may be found at [www.tristatecamporee.org](http://www.tristatecamporee.org) under scheduled events. All participation is elective. Participants may: tent camp or rent cabins; cook meals or eat in the camp cafeteria; enter the competitive events or hangout; and enjoy other unique experiences.

Activities include: fishing; canoeing; rafting; pinewood

car races; missionaries; Life-Way Bookstore; computer missions learning center; night hikes; hot air balloon; police helicopter; drug displays; lake-side campfire service; a dramatization of one of Christ's disciples; Speak-Off contest; and a Civil War re-enactment. Some activities are weather dependant and have potential of being canceled.



As a two-day overnight outing, this event is planned specifically for children and youth with activities directed toward developing strong Christian relationships and a sense of personal worth.

The event will run Friday 4 p.m. through Saturday 4:30 p.m. Lad Show & Tell begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday. If you arrive as late as 8 p.m. Friday, you may enter in everything except the Youth Speak-Out contest, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday night campfire service begins at 9:15 p.m. ■

## State DR team ministers ...

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ported from Ground Zero that will be destroyed due to contamination from the debris, generated from the collapse of the Twin Towers.

"We also had the opportunity to visit Ground Zero and see a pit that once held the WTC towers and other buildings," said Overcash. "It was quite a humbling experience to know that 3,000 people had perished due to senseless terrorists attacks."

The debris from Ground Zero was shipped on barges from New York City to Staten Island. Of the remains found at the landfill, an additional 129 persons have been identified.

SBC Disaster Relief supplied feeding teams to Salvation Army Kitchen II through July 26 when workers finished removing all buildings and fences, which returned the landfill to its original state. ■



CAMPERS of the Youth Body Builders TRAC™ at Camp Cordova climb as part of a team building activity.

### Baptist Men's Ministries Dates 2002

September	
3	Treasure Chest of Ideas, Holston Valley Baptist Association, Rogersville
6-7	Men's Conference, Madison, Chester and Crockett Baptist Association, Jackson
14	Men's Ministry/Children/Youth Mission Education Training, Shelby Baptist Association, Memphis
21	Men's Ministry Training for Sullivan Baptist Association, Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Kingsport
27-28	Legacy Builders Weekend, Central Baptist Association, McMinnville
27-29	TRAC Staff Reunion, Horton Haven, Chapel Hill
October	
7	RA Training, Robertson Baptist Association, Springfield
11-12	Tri-State Camp-O-Ree, Camp Cordova, Cordova
12	Smoky Mountain Royal Ambassador Challenge, East Maryville Baptist Church, Maryville
12	Men's Ministry, Cumberland Gap Association, Harrogate
18-19	It's T.Y.M.E. (Tennessee Youth Mission Experience), Carson-Newman College, Person City
18-19	Legacy Builders Weekend, East Tennessee Baptist Association, Newport
November	
2	Men's Ministry, Children/Youth Mission Education Training, Big Emory Baptist Association, Harriman
3-9	National Royal Ambassador Week
10-16	International Mission Study
15-16	Stand Firm, Charlotte, North Carolina
22	Men's Ministry/Children/Youth Mission Education Training, Hamilton County Baptist Association, Chattanooga
24-12/1	Week of Prayer for International Missions

### Baptist Men's Ministries Dates 2003

16	Intimacy with the Almighty, Cumberland Baptist Association, Clarksville
18	Personal Holiness in Times of Temptation, Judson, Stewart and Truett Baptist Association, Dover
19-26	Baptist Men's Week
25	Eight Qualities of the Man God Uses, Shiloh Baptist Association, Adamsville
27	Reducing the Risk Conference, Jefferson County Baptist Association, Jefferson
February	
7-9	National Challengers Rally, Grand Hotel, Pigeon Forge
21-22	Great Commission Prayer Conference, First Baptist Church of Powell, Powell
March	
6	Children's Mission Education Strategies, East Tennessee Baptist Association, Newport
22	Tennessee Baptist Family Day at Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol
April	
12	Men's Ministry/RA/Challengers Leadership Training, Stone Baptist Association, Cookeville
18-19	Mission Express, Belmont University, Nashville
25-26	RA Wilderness Challenge, Camp Boxwell, Lebanon
May	
8	Eight Qualities of the Man God Uses, Gibson Baptist Association, Trenton
15	On Mission Church Conference, Baptist Center, Brentwood
18-21	Missions Education Training by NAMB, Chicago, Illinois
19	Treasure Chest of Ideas, Shiloh Baptist Association, Adamsville
June	
TBA	TRAC Children's Mission Camps
20	Legacy Builder's Weekend, Riverside Baptist Association, Livingston
July	
TBA	TRAC Children's and Youth Mission Camps
7	Eight Qualities of the Man God Uses, Indian Creek Baptist Association, Waynesboro
14	Male Context, Cumberland Baptist Association, Clarksville
30-Aug. 2	Missions Education Training by NAMB, Atlanta, Georgia

## TRAC™ children's camps teach ...

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ily, neighbors, and around the world to tell people who Jesus is. Eight of our children made decisions at camp to follow Jesus for the first-time, rededicate their lives to Jesus, or follow Him into some kind of Christian service. God did some really great things in the lives of our children, and many said they can't wait to go back next year."

"Wow! What an exciting week at camp for our young-

sters at Richland Baptist Church," said Lori Morgan, Children's Ministry leader, Richland Baptist Church, Nashville. "We had seven children to attend Camp Linden the week of July 1-5, and it was the first time six of them had ever been to camp. Most of them were put into classes with no one they knew, which was a really good experience for them, giving them the opportunity to get to know oth-

ers, and make new friends. They really enjoyed all the skits that were performed throughout the week.

"I feel that drama is such an effective tool in relaying the message especially to children. The songs were so much fun. Our group shared three messages that were learned on Sunday morning with our congregation. We are already looking forward to camp next year." ■

# Tennessee Baptist volunteers provide day care in West Bank

cia Knox  
and Reflector

ENTWOOD — "It was obvious that people praying for us because we under divine direction on to move and to get out of s way in the Middle said a Tennessee Bap-saster Relief volunteer s just returned from the ank. Davis, team leader and r of Two Rivers Baptist , Nashville, along with er Disaster Relief vol- , served July 19-Aug. 4 hird Tennessee Baptist o Palestine and the ank. The team worked dren's day camp min- e in the Middle East,

the Disaster Relief team experienced the Palestinian and Israeli conflict first hand in Abu Dees, Ramallah, and Jerusalem.

"We didn't feel threatened while there, even though there were a lot of suicide bombings and rocket attacks during the time of the mission trip," Davis said.

"We were disappointed that we didn't get to have the second week of the children's day camp due to the curfew in Ramallah, but this led to the opportunity to plan a strategically located prayer garden in Jerusalem," he said.

According to Davis, the plan for the landscaping of the Jerusalem prayer garden came into focus only after the team returned to Nashville.

"What Satan had intended as a distraction with the closing of Ramallah was in God's plan from the beginning," Davis added.

"The prayer garden, which sits at the boundaries of the conflicting nations has two



WORKING in the day camp at Abu Dees are, from left, a local representative, Martha Lee, and Yvonne Robison.

prayer gate entrances, one for the Palestinians and one for the Israelis, where they enter into the same courtyard behind the Baptist house," Davis said.

"Before and during our stay there I never felt fear for my life because God was with us and in control," said Yvonne Robison, also a member of Two Rivers.

"God was with us — God's presence. He is and was the wind beneath our wings. It was a good experience in every way except it was my wish we could have done more," she said.

Martha Lee, another team member from Two Rivers, said she has "a better understanding of the fear that the Palestinians have when they are under curfew since we were in

Ramallah.

"I also saw the fear in the eyes of the Jewish soldiers, some of who were just 18 years old, since they are given the responsibility of protecting their land."

Lee said she also noticed fear in the eyes of Palestinian children at the beginning of the week in Abu Dees. That fear changed to "holding our hands and wanting us to hug them by the end of the week," Lee said. "This I believe was our greatest accomplishment."

The first week of day camp in Abu Dees went better than expected, Davis said, noting that on the first day they had 66 children. By the end of the week they had 125.

"When we had the chance, we talked about our God. We were there to lay the groundwork for the missionaries and the national Christians in the Baptist Church," Davis said.

The team narrowly escaped danger on several occasions while serving in Abu Dees and Ramallah. They also were within a mile of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem when a remote bombing took place on Aug. 1.

The team was visiting the Old City of Jerusalem when the bombing occurred at the university. They did not know



VISITING THE JORDAN RIVER, photo above, are Tennessee Baptist volunteers, from left, Yvonne Robison, Don Davis, David Burnett, Martha Lee, Elmer and Barbara Farlow, Bill Lachott of North Carolina, a local representative, and Dick and Ann German of Tullahoma, on-site coordinators.

of the bombing until missionaries told them on their return to the Jerusalem House near the Walled City.

During the scheduled second week of day camp in Ramallah, the team was confined on Monday and Tuesday to the missionaries' homes due to an imposed curfew on July 29-30. Since it was too late to assemble the day camp when the curfew was lifted for a few hours, the team did food coupon distribution to Christian families on July 30. During the distribution, the team members shared their faith if asked why they were helping them, Davis said.

"It was wonderful being in their homes in Ramallah and experiencing their warmth and hospitality," Davis said. "What a contrast it was in the Christian homes to the hate that had been expressed in demonstrations and activities in other Palestinian areas."

In Ramallah, the team saw helicopters and gunships fly over during their visit. The team decided to leave due to an anticipated four-day curfew which might have prevented their return home.

"We knew that we had lost any chance to have a day camp, so we packed and left town in 20 minutes on July 30. We had anticipated that we might not even be able to make our return flight on Saturday," Davis added.

Besides the three members from Two Rivers the team included Elmer and Barbara Farlow and David Burnett of High Point, N.C.

A fourth Tennessee Baptist team, Ann and Dick German of Rutledge Falls Baptist Church, Tullahoma, is serving as on-site coordinators in Gaza. They are scheduled to serve through mid-September. □

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Terry Wilkerson

### MBC asks court to nullify charters of five entities

Baptist Press

JEFFERSON CITY — A petition for declaratory judgment was filed in a Missouri state court Aug. 13 by the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) asking a judge to rule on the MBC's right to elect trustees to five breakaway entities that have repeatedly rejected offers of Christian arbitration.

The lawsuit also asks for an injunction to protect nearly \$200 million in Missouri Baptist ministry assets connected with the five entities, MBC leaders said. They stressed that the petition is not directed at individual Christians and does not seek monetary damages.

The dispute centers on whether trustees to the five entities — disgruntled with the conservative direction of the MBC — have the right to secretly amend their charters to give themselves sole authority in naming their successors, thus removing MBC churches from that historic process.

The five entities are the Mis-

souri Baptist Foundation, with managed assets of approximately \$131 million; The Baptist Home, a multi-facility retirement center with an endowment in excess of \$35 million; Windermere Baptist Conference Center with its 1,300 acres of timberland and 3.5 miles of shoreline along the Lake of the Ozarks; Missouri Baptist College, historically regarded as a theologically conservative institution located in St. Louis; and the 106-year-old *Word & Way* newsjournal.

"Over the years, thousands of Missouri Baptists have entrusted millions of dollars to [these] five agencies of the Missouri Baptist Convention, relying on their contract promises to remain agencies accountable to the convention," the lawsuit states. "When their cumulative assets

totalled about \$200 million, the five agencies tried to amend their charters in order to steal themselves away from convention governance. Their actions broke trust with Missouri Baptists who have given the money to build the institutions for all these years. The five non-profit corporations had charters that guaranteed the convention's continued right to govern via the exclusive right of the convention and/or the Executive Board of the MBC to elect agency trustees."

The petition asks the court to rule the amended charters "null and void" and declare the five en-

ties accountable to the MBC and its executive board. □

### BGTC approved to endorse chaplains

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — The Armed Forces Chaplaincy Board has approved the Baptist General Convention of Texas as a "recognized endorsing agency" for military chaplains. As a result, BGCT is poised to begin endorsing chaplains for the first time.

The board unanimously approved the state Baptist conven-

tion in its regular July 26 meeting, said Bobby Smith, director of the BGCT's Office of Chaplaincy Relations.

Since other federal and non-government entities typically follow the Department of Defense's lead, Smith said he is expected to recognize as an endorsing agency, as

Thirty-one people already have completed the necessary paperwork in order to be considered for endorsement by the BGCT when its Chaplaincy Endorsement Board meets August or September, Smith said. Other applications are in process. □

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We can see why without a vision the people perish. It's foundational...it's faith in action — seeing God do things only God can do!

Is God calling you? What is His vision for your life and ministry? May we strive together under His Hand and know His Heart concerning this important aspect of spiritual maturity. □ — I am senior pastor, Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage.

## just for today

Red Wood, retired pastor, Memphis

**With A Smile:** Hollywood director to assistant: "Jones is the only man I think is capable of being our writer for this production. Get him to sign a contract." Assistant: "Don't you think he is a bit caustic for this job?" Director: "I don't care how much you have to pay. Get him."

**This Truth:** Everything does, of course, come at a price, but sometimes we pay the price and don't get what we thought we were getting. Because we buy a product with an expensive tag in a specialty shop doesn't mean it's worth what we pay for it. Same way with people. Just because some celebrity does it, doesn't mean it's good or right.

**Prize This Scripture:** "Test everything, and hold fast to the good." — I Thessalonians 5:21, NIV

**This Prayer:** Lord, help me never to be satisfied with the good when I can have the best. □



## Dates to Remember

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## Relationships: Who needs who?

By Matt Tomlin

## Focal passage — Genesis 4:1-16

God created Adam out of the dust of the ground and Eve was created out of Adam. Their sin drove them out of the Garden so rapidly that no children were born to them in the Garden. Cain was their first son, and Abel was their second son, both born after their sin, and their expulsion from the Garden. Cain tilled the soil, reminiscent of God placing Adam in the Garden to take care of it. Abel raised flocks, reminiscent of Adam naming the animals at God's instruction. This indicates that both Cain and Abel had occupations that were sanctioned by God. When the brothers brought their sacrifices to God, Abel's animal sacrifice was accepted but Cain's fruit of the soil sacrifice was not accepted. The difference was not in the elements of the sacrifice. It was not that Abel's animal sacrifice was more acceptable than Cain's plant sacrifice, but the difference was in the heart attitudes of these two brothers. Abel offered the first fruits of his labors, but Cain offered the leftovers. Abel's sincerity in seeking to please God is evident, but Cain's desire was just to get by as easily as possible.

God demands our best, not the leftovers of life. God is to be first in

our lives, not given to us as an afterthought.

Cain was told by God, "sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you but you must master it" (v. 7b, NIV). Cain allowed sin to have him. Unable or unwilling to master sin, he gave in to his base instinct, and lured Abel out into the field where he killed him. One of the meanings of this passage is that sin is always crouching at our door seeking to control us, but we must master ourselves and refuse to allow that to happen. We must never give in to our base instinct and let sins control our lives. Cain multiplied his sin of murder by trying to lie to God about what he had done. God punished Cain by taking away the success of his occupation and causing him to be a wanderer. He was marked, so that no one would kill him. He would have to live his life with the knowledge of what he had done and the punishment he had received.

Sin does that to us. When we give into our base instinct, and give into the mastery of sin, God does not take us out of the world, but we must live with the guilt and the knowledge of how our sin has disrupted relationships and ruined some of the best possibilities of life. God created us to live in relationship with others. He created us to value the life of all indi-

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viduals. In some societies and cultures life is cheap, it has no value. It can be cut short by the agency of sinful people. There are those in our society that also subscribe to this concept. Our prisons are filled with those who have allowed sin to master their lives, and they have taken the life of someone else or caused the taking of the life of someone else.

Cain's punishment contained four elements, all having to do with broken relationships. He was banished from his family, banished from God, never having a home and fear for his life.

When relationships are broken, serious consequences follow. It is God's intention that we live in harmonious relationship with other people and a harmonious relationship with God. God instituted family relationships and they are to be the pattern for our relationships with others and with God. Build a proper relationship with God, build strong Christian family relationships and your friendship relationships will be what they ought to be. □ — Tomlin is pastor of Ward's Grove Baptist Church, Jackson.

## Repentance

By Lon Chenoweth

## Focal passage — II Samuel 24:1, 10, 15, 17, 21-25

Repentance opens the door for the believer to return in fellowship with God, but in order to walk through it means an admission of wrong and steps of humility. Without repentance, the scenario gets darker and the atmosphere grows desperate. Repentance is the act that restores order to our spiritually-troubled lives.

David had slipped into self-reliance and dependence upon military might and numbers. He miscalculated his true source of strength.

From our vantage point, it is a small matter to become enamored with our abilities, to crunch the numbers. But it is an affront to the Almighty! The Bible says: "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (I Corinthians 1:31). The credit for great and small things always belongs to the Lord. One of our gross errors is to be guilty of self-adulation.

When a church or individual begins to recite their exploits, run their numbers, and rehearse their "bragging rights," you can be sure correction will be forthcoming!

God does not honor boasting. You may wonder why many churches rise in promise and surge in numbers for a season, then fall flat. Many times the pride of a few wrecks the entire operation! The Father responds to humility and

exalts the people who glory in Him, but He will abase any people or preacher who steals the credit of His saving work!

Rarely did David fall into this common miry pit. Here is one time that he did. It was on the occasion when he ordered a military census.

The motive behind the action greatly displeased the Lord, so judgment fell on Israel. The king was left with the choice of which judgment the people would suffer. Would he choose seven years of famine, flee for three months before his enemies, or three days of pestilence? David wisely placed himself and his people at God's mercy.

What is remarkable in the context of this judgment is the heart of David. The king had his share of blunders, but everytime when he was confronted, he is a picture of repentance.

He took full responsibility for his foolish self-reliance. In fact, he becomes an intercessor for his people: "I have sinned and I have done wickedly: but these sheep (a reference to his people), what have they done?" (v. 17)

David, like all of us, knew what it was like to do wrong, but few knew as he did how to make things right!

Repentance is void in most churches today. Pride keeps us from the altar, from confession to each other, and from bringing our lives under God's correction.

When the plague of three days

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was carried out against Israel, David intervened by an act of worship. He purchased Araunah's threshing floor as the site for an altar of sacrifice. The landowner was generous to the king in offering his oxen and tools for the sacrifice, but David would not take what cost him nothing!

King David not only repented in prayer, he also paid a price in a sacrifice to atone for his grievous sin against God. True repentance always includes corrective action.

What lively services we would have if we would add repentance back in the mix of worship. Often it is a chain-reaction, one brave soul "comes clean" and others may follow. Repentance is turning away from our pride to humility. Unfortunately, pride keeps far too many people from the open arms of God's mercy.

There are times when repentance is offered, but others do not receive it. While the Lord is always gracious and relenting, men are not. Repentance changes us. In this simple act of humility is the seed of revival and the power to live the Christian life in spite of our many blunders! Without it there is no true worship. □ — Chenoweth is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Oneida.

## Deaths

◆ **Bill Bargiol**, who retired after 26 years as director of missions in Big Emory Baptist Association in October of 1999, died Aug. 11 at a hospice center in Halls. He had been serving as pastor of Daysville Baptist Church, Rockwood. Bargiol is survived by his wife, Patsy, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

## Churches

◆ **First Baptist Church, Lenoir City**, will hold "God's Woman in a Topsy, Turvy World" Sept. 27-28. Rhonda Kelley, wife of the president of New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak. Other speakers are Lucinda Rountree, Ila Jo Bishop, Carolyn Hobbs, Janet Kemp, and Shelley Neff. For more information, call Sheri Arden at (865) 986-9058 or Sarden3@aol.com.

◆ **Rayon City Baptist Church, Old Hickory**, will hold revival Sept. 8-11. Michael Duff will speak and Luell Smith will lead the music. For more information, call John Walker at (615) 859-2395 or (615) 473-4515.

◆ **Maple Springs Baptist Church, Medon**, will hold revival Aug. 25-29. Charles Pratt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Kenton, will speak and Conroy Ryan of the Madison-Chester/Crockett Baptist Associations staff will lead the music.

◆ **Monument of Love Baptist Church, Memphis**, participated in its first missions trip recently. Sixteen members traveled to Madison, Ill., to help the church Monument of Love is sponsoring. They are working with James Herron, a new work strategist of the North American Mission Board who was an outreach director of Monument of Love. The Tennesseans saw 17 people make professions of faith. They plan to return next summer.



**HOLDING MANY** years of perfect attendance in Sunday School are members of Alder Branch Baptist Church, Sevierville, Ken Terry, left, 22 years; and Tom Hill, 36 years. They were honored by the church recently.



**MEMBERS OF** Porter's Creek Baptist Church, Middleton, from left, front row, Dan Goodman, Jimmy Tettleton, Johnny Trantum; second row, Adrian Knipper, pastor, James C. Vickers, Dwayne Hannis, and John Vickers, helped build a prayer chapel to be open 24 hours a day and seven days a week for the community, passers by, and fellow Christians. Church members used it to prepare for a recent revival which was one of the best the church has ever had, according to Knipper. Prayer groups use the chapel weekly and church members also use the chapel as a site for prayer during the morning worship service. One result is that baptisms are up from 4 in 2001 to 15 at this point in 2002. Other workers were David Hannis, Scotty Harris, and John "Tow" Trantum.

## Librarians to celebrate 40 years of service

**BRENTWOOD** — Tennessee Baptist Church Media Library workers will celebrate the 40th anniversary of organized church media library work at the state level in Tennessee this fall with four special clinics across the state. The theme for the clinics is "Tennessee Librarians Celebrating 40 Years of Service."

Highlighting the event will be a Promotion Extravaganza conference led by conference leaders known for their flair and expertise in the area of library promotion, said Jan Moye of the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff. Those who are more technically inclined may choose to attend the "Using Concourse" conference featuring the Concourse library software, the most

sought after software by church librarians.

Other highlights will include a historical recap of the Tennessee Baptist Church Media Library Organization with special historical displays, a LifeWay Christian Store on site, a continental breakfast, lunch and breaks, free items donated by library promotion and supply houses, door prizes, and fun and fellowship with other librarians.

All church library workers are invited to attend the clinic of their choice at one of the following locations:

- ▶ Sept. 7 — Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga
- ▶ Sept. 21 — Kirby Woods Baptist Church, Memphis
- ▶ Oct. 5 — First Baptist Church, Nashville
- ▶ Oct. 19 — Smithwood

Baptist Church, Knoxville

Registration begins 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast, fellowship, and "e-bird" bookstore shopping. Day's activities will conclude at 4 p.m. Participants are requested to pre-register days in advance. A LifeWay Christian Store will be on site from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

To register online, go to [www.tnbaptist.org/cgd/chmedialibrary.htm](http://www.tnbaptist.org/cgd/chmedialibrary.htm). For more information, call or email Leanne Robbins of the staff at 1-800-558-2090, 2083 or (615) 371-2083. You may also contact Moye at (615) 781-8921 or (615) 1540 or [jmoye@tnbaptist.org](mailto:jmoye@tnbaptist.org).

This event is sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. □

◆ **Oaklands Baptist Church, Murfreesboro**, will host a Southern Baptist seminary extension center. Old Testament, New Testament, How to Understand the Bible, and Homiletics will be offered on Mondays and Fridays. Five semester hours can be earned. Registration is Sept. 3. For more information, call Alfred W. Pistole Sr., administrator of the center, at (615) 904-7797.

◆ **West End Baptist Church, Athens**, will begin a revival Sept. 8. Ralph Swafford, assistant pastor, Clear Springs Baptist Church, Athens, will speak on Sunday and Russ Cooper, pastor, Watson Chapel Baptist Church, Madisonville, will begin speaking on Monday.



**THE YOUTH TEAM** of Parrans Chapel Baptist Church, Beemer, Nebraska, pause during their service this summer in Beemer, Nebraska. From left, first row, Paige Martin, Sara Cooper, Dianna G. Lindsay Burch, Susan Craft, Zeke Craft; second row, Reba W. Ginger Burch, Johnny Craft, Allison Clifft, Michael Baker, Moore; third row, Robin Garrett, Jason Garrett, Willie Crowle, associate pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, near Pocahontas; Cliff Russell; and Alan Garrett. They held a town rally, a town Bible School, and did construction work at a church.

## Statewide Events

◆ **The Middle Tennessee Pastors' Conference** will be held Aug. 27 at Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, from 10 a.m. - noon. LaVergne Butler of Louisville, Ky., and Sam Wolfe of Huntsville, Ala., will speak. For more information, call Terry Wilkerson, president of the conference at (615) 286-1262.

## Schools

◆ **Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour**, is hosting 12 students, two teachers, and the owner of a boarding school in Hefei, China, Aug. 16-30. The two schools are developing a cultural exchange program for their students.



**STANDING BY** the about 150 dolls she collected and refurbished and matchbox cars she provided for children in Belize is Gary of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Cedar Grove. Twenty-six members of the church traveled to the country this summer along with nine other Tennesseans. The volunteers provided health care for about 700 residents and ministered to people in other ways. Some members visited children at schools and day care centers. Others cut people's hair as they waited to see health care workers. Others witnessed to people at the clinic. And other workers held services at churches and showed the "Jesus" film. They worked with missionaries Ernie and Martha Aldridge formerly of Morristown. Don Cooper, pastor of Mt. Gilead Church, has led leading groups to Belize for the past 15 years.