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## Tennessee Baptists have impacted Rio, leaders agree

Lonnie Wilkey  
and Reflector

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — After seven years of partnership between Baptists here and in Tennessee, the results are becoming increasingly evident in the city of Rio, leaders agree.

"The partnership has impacted Rio to the point that there is not a shadow of a doubt," says Southern Baptist missionary Sharon Fairchild, who has been involved with the partnership since its inception in 1998.

The majority of the church starts in Rio, and the increase in baptisms can be attributed completely to the partnership, she said.



**FAVELA**, or slum, in Rio is one of several areas where Tennessee Baptists have provided ministry since the partnership with Baptists in the city began in 1998.

ship, she said.

"When the partnership first started I never envisioned it would grow to where we are today," continued Fairchild who is in her fourth year as coordinator of the partnership in Rio. When she first became involved she assisted the late Elizabeth Oates who served as the first coordinator in Rio.

The partnership has grown not only in numbers, but in the diversity of volunteer teams and the gifts they bring to Rio, she added.

By year's end, more than 3,000 Tennessee volunteers will have gone to Rio, said Kim Huff Margrave, who coordinates the partnership for the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Missions Mobilization Group.

She estimated there have been more than 50,000 recorded decisions for Christ and at least 25 new church starts in Rio as a result of the partnership.

"Tennessee Baptists have certainly left their footprints throughout the city

of Rio," Margrave said. Conversely, she continued, "residents of Rio have captured the hearts of Tennessee Baptists."

TBC Executive Director James Porch agreed.

"When we first began this partnership, we prayed that Tennessee Baptists would embrace the people of Rio as they shared the gospel throughout the city.

"The response has been more than we could have imagined. God has used this partnership not only to bless the people of Rio, but those of us in Tennessee as well."

What has made the Tennessee partnership special is that it has been personal, Fairchild related.

If a partnership is centered around sending money, it creates a dependency, she observed.

Tennessee Baptists, however, have provided manpower, she said. "Our partnership is Tennesseans bringing themselves and making an impact with their gifts and talents."

Fairchild's husband, Ray, also has worked closely with Tennessee groups over the years. He, too, feels that both Brazilians and Tennesseans have been impacted by the partnership.

"The partnership has made a difference here in Rio and in the volunteers who come here," Ray Fairchild said.



**RAY AND SHARON** Fairchild, missionaries with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, work closely with Tennessee Baptist volunteers who come to minister in Rio.

Invariably, he related, volunteers leave Rio saying, "My life will never be the same."

One way the volunteers are impacted is that many of them lead their first person to Christ in Rio, Fairchild said.

He estimated that 30-40 percent of volunteers have "never witnessed in their life."

Fairchild leads a session, which lasts less than three hours, for volunteer groups who come to Rio.

"We have had people who, on Monday, had never witnessed before. As the — See Tennessee, page 3

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## Sparta pastor bikes 101 miles to fulfill pledge

By Lonnie Wilkey & Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

SPARTA — The issue of health — both church and individual — has been a topic of interest at First Baptist Church

here in recent weeks.

As the church was looking to break the 400 mark in Sunday School with a high attendance emphasis, Pastor Jeff Jones had an idea.

He told his congregation that



**PASTOR JEFF JONES**, left, of First Baptist Church, Sparta, rode 101 miles from Sparta to the Tennessee Baptist Convention offices in Brentwood to fulfill a commitment he made when the church met a high attendance goal of 400 in Sunday School. Joining him were his son, Daniel, center, and Kendall Riley, a deacon at First Baptist. — Photo by Connie Davis

when the church reached 400 in Sunday School, he would ride his bike from Sparta to the headquarters of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board in Brentwood — a 101 mile trip, one-way.

"We have had an emphasis on the spiritual health of the church while at the same time focusing on keeping our bodies healthy as well," Jones explained.

Riding the bike to Brentwood would highlight personal fitness, Jones said.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, First Baptist recorded 403 people in Sunday School. Jones immediately set plans in action to fulfill his commitment to the church.

On Sept. 28 he and a fellow church member drove from Sparta to Brentwood to map out his route.

Fulfilling his commitment was not too difficult for Jones. He has ridden 100 miles at one time before and has been riding a bike for about six years.

Jones, a former motocross rider, tried to run as a form of exercise but found he could not due to a knee injury he had sus-

tained in motocross.

He began riding bikes to stay in health.

Several church members joined him for at least a portion of the trip. One member, Kendall Riley, a state trooper and a deacon at First Baptist, rode the entire route with his pastor from Highway 70 in Sparta to Highway 171 in Mt. Juliet and then Highways 41 North and 254 into Brentwood.

The 101-mile ride lasted from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The most difficult part of the ride was from Murfreesboro to Nashville, Jones observed. That part of the route "was one big hill," he noted. "It was a hard ride."

Jones' sons, Matthew and Daniel, rode part of the route and another church member, Kurt Phifer rode 50 miles before having to leave to meet an appointment.

"We accomplished our goal of emphasizing the need to take care of yourself both spiritually and physically," the pastor said.

"If we encouraged a few people to begin an exercise routine, that would be a bonus," Jones added. □

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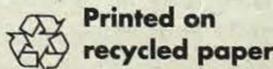
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**'Religious Right'  
leader Ed McAteer  
dies in Memphis**

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MEMPHIS — Ed McAteer, who played a leading role in birthing the Religious Right movement, died here Oct. 5.

McAteer, who was 78, aided Jerry Falwell in founding the Moral Majority during the 1970s, played a key role in introducing evangelicals to Ronald Reagan in 1980, and remained a leading figure in the Religious Right over the years.

Also a resolute supporter of the state of Israel, McAteer was featured in a "60 Minutes" segment on "Zion's Christian Soldiers" and, in 2001, was touted for the post of U.S. ambassador to Israel.

McAteer, a former sales executive with Colgate-Palmolive who left the business world after nearly 30 years to become a Christian activist, was a Memphis native who accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of 14.

He had been improving after treatment for cancer but died unexpectedly amid a lighthearted exchange with his wife, Faye, at their home, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* reported.

Adrian Rogers, McAteer's longtime pastor at Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, said in a statement to Baptist Press:

"Ed McAteer was one of the most remarkable men that I have ever met. A man is known by what he loves. Ed McAteer loved his Lord, loved his wife and family, loved his nation and loved the nation Israel.

"His enthusiasm, zeal and convictions were contagious," Rogers said. "We are going to miss him, but his influence will go on and on until it touches the shore of eternity." □

**NAMB trustees set  
guidelines for  
church starts**

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Trustees of the North American Mission Board approved a 34-page document Oct. 6 that will serve as a guideline for what constitutes a New Testament church. NAMB starts 1,500 new Southern Baptist churches each year.

"It is important that the North American Mission Board have a very clear statement of what we see to be a Baptist church," said NAMB president Robert E. (Bob) Reccord. "We are not planting 'baptistic' churches. We are not planting churches that resemble what Baptists are.

We are planting Southern Baptist churches that reflect what a biblical New Testament church is."

Speaking to trustees during their regularly scheduled meeting, Reccord said the document was needed because of the rapid proliferation across the country of some non-biblical church models including the "family" or "simple" church networks.

"In many parts of North America, an errant theology of church has begun to spread, especially in a few younger church planters, because these non-biblical models sound good and it's easy to get sucked in," he said. "A church cannot be myself and my wife meeting in our home, and it's we two and no more. That is not a church. What we're doing with this document is giving guidelines to ensure that Southern Baptists are starting biblically sound New Testament churches."

The document, titled "Ecclesiological Guidelines to Inform Southern Baptist Church Planters," was written by Stan Norman, associate professor of Theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Norman also serves as director of the Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry and occupies the Cooperative Program Chair of SBC Studies at the seminary.

The paper reviews and comments on such issues as the authority of a Baptist church, classic marks of a true church, congregational polity, autonomy, and the offices, ordinances, and mission of a New Testament church.

Richard Harris, NAMB's vice

president of church planting, initiated development of the guidelines "to ensure that churches we help start throughout North America are Southern Baptist."

**David Thompson, chairman of NAMB's church planting committee and pastor of Northpointe Community Church in Old Hickory,** said, "I'm very passionate and excited about this document. One hundred years from now, much of what we do won't matter, but I believe this document will."

The complete document is available for review at [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net).

In his report to trustees, Reccord outlined six major goals that will guide NAMB's priorities through 2010: equip for evangelism, assist in church planting, mobilize Christians, deploy missionaries, penetrate the cultures, and develop leaders.

In other business, trustees approved a 2005 budget of \$120.7 million, a 2 percent increase over the 2004 budget. □

**Amendment issue  
stays on ballot  
in Arkansas**

Baptist Press

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Oct. 7 that a constitutional marriage amendment can remain on the ballot, despite objections from the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ruling means that Arkansas citizens will vote Nov. 2 on an amendment that bans

both same-sex "marriage" and Vermont-type civil unions.

The ACLU had argued the ballot title — the last included on the ballot — is misleading and does not disclose the fact that it bans more than same-sex "marriage."

But in a 5-2 vote, the court disagreed.

The amendment made the ballot when the Arkansas Marriage Amendment Committee submitted 200,000 signatures to the secretary of state this summer — more than double the 80,000 signatures required.

The case in Arkansas is the latest in a nationwide effort. Having lost every statewide election concerning same-sex marriage, homosexual activists have filed lawsuits in several states, seeking to take marriage amendments off the ballot. The amendment failed to keep the ballot in Louisiana, Alabama and Oregon. A case pending in Georgia. As many as 11 states could have marriage amendments on the ballot.

Two states already passed such amendments. Missouri voters passed a marriage amendment with 71 percent of the vote in August, and Louisiana voters passed with 78 percent of the vote in September.

But the Louisiana amendment was tossed out Oct. 7. A Louisiana judge who ruled it was unconstitutional but it dealt with two separate issues — same-sex "marriage" and Vermont-type civil unions. The ruling is being appealed. □

**Pinckney's SBC resolution expected to surface  
in 10 state conventions, including Tennessee**

Associated Baptist Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Although a resolution urging Christians to pull their children from public schools failed to gain approval of the Southern Baptist Convention last summer, the issue is expected to come to a vote in as many as 10 state Baptist conventions this fall.

T.C. Pinckney of Virginia and Bruce Shortt of Texas were unable to muster support from their denomination's resolutions committee to bring their proposal before voting messengers last June in Indianapolis. Generating considerable pre-convention publicity, the resolution decried the secular condition of public or "government" schools, as Pinckney describes them. The measure urged parents to "remove their children from 'godless' and 'anti-Christian government schools and see to it they receive a thoroughly Christian education."

The issue is expected to resurface at nine state Baptist conventions and one multi-state convention, according to Exodus Mandate, a group advocating a Christian departure from public education.

Those state conventions are in California, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The Baptist Convention of New England, representing Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, is also expected to have the resolution introduced at its annual meeting. The executive directors of three of these conventions — Illinois, Missouri and New England — were unaware of the movement to intro-

duce the resolutions at their annual meeting.

Last June, the SBC resolutions committee declined to act on the anti-schools resolution. Pinckney's attempt to add the anti-school language to an SBC resolution on secularization in America failed on a show-of-hands vote.

Pinckney, a retired brigadier general from the U.S. Air Force and a former second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said he does not expect the resolution to pass in one state convention. But raising the issue is necessary, he said, to build awareness for the future. "To deal with an issue like this takes time while because you're dealing with basic assumptions that people have made," he said.

Pinckney, who went through the public school system and sent his three children to public schools, said he used to be one of those people who saw no real harm in public education. He no longer believes that, he said, and his 12 grandchildren are all home-schooled. "We are creating the overall system of government schooling that is not being biblical," he said.

Larry Reagan, pastor of Adam's Church Baptist Church, Dresden, said he and another co-sponsor are revising the language of the resolution so it's not as confrontational as the one rejected by the SBC. He will bring it to the Tennessee Baptist Convention's annual meeting Nov. 10 in Sevierville. Reagan's goal is also to raise awareness, with an eye toward encouraging Christian churches to start their own schools.

# Tennessee Baptists have impacted Rio, leaders ...

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 ... went by, they got better, by Friday, they were doing excellent job of witnessing, child said.  
 ... reason for the improvement is volunteers get plenty opportunities to share their Faith, Fairchild noted.  
 ... a medical clinic, a volunteer will present the gospel at 30 times a day or 150 a week, he observed.  
 ... would take two to three weeks to get that much verbal experience in the United States, he predicted.  
 ... Fairchild related there are areas in which volunteers come to Rio, gained confidence in their ability to share the gospel, and then returned home and led family members and friends to Christ.  
 ... There are long-lasting effects," he said.



**MISSIONARY RAY FAIRCHILD**, right, visits with members of *Second Igreja Batista em Bonsucesso*, as they prepare to visit in their neighborhood on a Saturday morning in Rio. Tennessee Baptists have had a major role in motivating Baptists in Rio to do more hands-on evangelism, according to Fairchild.

... his wife agreed.  
 ... There is nothing greater than seeing someone come to the field and share their faith lead someone to the Lord," Sharon Fairchild.  
 ... He noted that a country as Rio helps Americans have a clearer vision of people who are lost without Jesus Christ.  
 ... When you come to a place like Rio, "lostness" is so much more evident because of the masses of people, she said.  
 ... When you come to the realization that every person you are in contact with will spend eternity in heaven or hell, lostness becomes real," she said.

"I believe volunteers take that vision home with them and will become better church members, and for sure, stronger witnesses," she predicted.

### Examples

Two Rio churches that are reaching people for Jesus Christ are Igreja Batista no Monero and Second Igreja Batista em Bonsucesso.

Both of these churches have blossomed with the help of Tennessee Baptists, Fairchild said.

The Monero church has been assisted for several years by First Baptist Church, Clarksville.

The Rio church had been

meeting in a small facility before buying its present property. Members reached a point where they were "stone broke," Fairchild said.

Clarksville members provided some funds and a lot of labor and soon the Monero church had a facility to seat about 400 people and "it filled up," Fairchild said.

In addition to helping the church get its building ready for the influx of members, Bill Graham, missions minister at First Baptist Church also helped Pastor Edinaldo da Costa Pereira get a discipleship program started and helped the church begin planning for the future.

While Fairchild is convinced the Monero church would have gotten to where it is today eventually, he believes Tennessee Baptists helped move it ahead by three to four years.

This church is a good example of what is needed in Rio, Fairchild explained.

"We really don't want our churches to be dependent on Tennessee. We want them to be able to function after the partnership ends and the volunteers leave.

"We don't want the work to stop. We want it to multiply out."

At the Second Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Sevierville, has played a major role, Fairchild said.

This church has been doing social ministry and the Tennessee partnership helped them to begin including an evangelistic thrust to the ministry they already had in place, Fairchild said.

"The Tennessee partnership has been a real blessing to this church," said Pastor Joao Canellids Filto.

Fairchild noted that prior to the partnership, Brazilian Baptists did very few home visits.

"The Tennessee partnership has played a major role in motivating them to go out and do evangelism."

Throughout his ministry as a missionary with the International Mission Board, Ray Fairchild said he has heard the question, "Why go so far away to serve when there are so

many needs at home?" Fairchild said his standard reply is, "The light that shines the farthest, shines the brightest up close."

He noted that a church "that grows and develops is the one that tries to reach the world for Jesus Christ."

### Changed lives

Both Sharon Fairchild and Margrave noted a number of volunteers have gone on to increased involvement in missions as a result of their experience in Rio.

"I don't know how many journeymen are on the field as a result of this partnership," Fairchild said.

Margrave agreed. "We have had a number of volunteers who went to Rio for the first time and are now serving in missionary roles," she said.

These people who have made changes in their lifestyle and followed God's call are a true mark of success for Tennessee Baptists, she related.

The impact of the Tennessee/Rio partnership is evident in all the people who have come in contact with it, said Tim Bearden, leader of the TBC Missions Mobilization Group.

"The volunteers are changed, the missionaries are changed, thousands of people have been physically healed through medical clinics, but most of all, thousands of people now have Christ in their hearts," he said. □

# Tennessee Baptists collect 920 food boxes

**BRENTWOOD** — More than 920 food boxes were collected by Tennessee Baptist associations and churches to supply Hispanic and Haitian cultural families in Florida, who were victims of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Ivan, according to Lloyd Black-

well, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief coordinator.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief joined with other SBC State Baptist Conventions to supply and deliver the food boxes to Sarasota, Fla. Doug and Tawana Flatt, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Service and Delivery drivers and members of Gladeville Baptist

Church, Gladeville, left Oct. 8, to transport the boxes to Florida.

The Food Box items will supply a family of four for a week when packed in a 14"x14"x14" box. Drop off centers across the state for the boxes were: West, Madison-Chester Baptist Association, Jackson; Middle, Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood; and East, Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief has been in continuous operation for 54 days since Friday, Aug. 13, with the mobilization response to Hurricane Charley.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief is accepting donations to help serve hurricane victims. Donations may be sent to: Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN, 37024-0728. Please designate your check to: Hurricane Response Fund.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief is a ministry of 3000 Southern Baptist churches in Tennessee. □ — Marcia Knox



**BAPTISTS IN Knox County Baptist Association churches collected 270 boxes of food for disaster relief efforts in Florida, plus eight more boxes of miscellaneous supplies. Finding room for the boxes are Millie Badgett, left, administrative assistant, and Linda Taylor, wife of Knox County Director of Missions Walter Taylor.**

# Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief closes down response to Ivan

**Baptist and Reflector**

Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.

**BRENTWOOD** — Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief will stand down Wednesday, Oct. 13, and conclude its Hurricane Ivan response at Atmore First Baptist Church, Atmore, Alabama, according to Lloyd Blackwell, Tennessee Baptist State Disaster Relief coordinator.

"However, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief cleanup teams who want to serve can work through Alabama and Florida Disaster Relief operations," said Blackwell. Contact Blackwell for information on serving.

Presently, the Tennessee State Shower Unit remains at Atmore First Church for use by recovery teams. Curtis Fowler, a member of West Lonsdale Baptist Church, Knoxville, is serving as recovery operations coordinator in Atmore.

Several Tennessee recovery teams worked last week in Atmore and also at Olive

The Tennessee feeding units have served 161,892 meals since Friday, Sept. 17. Volunteers have also completed 755 cleanup jobs, provided 2,477 showers, and done 698 laundry loads. In addition, 1,883 people have been counseled.

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# What people wear to church is still a matter of debate

from both sides of the pulpit



By Johnnie Godwin

In the 21st century, what people wear on both sides of the pulpit is still a matter of concern and debate. The subject is worth thinking about because some principles related to worship are involved.

## Overdressed?

As interim pastor, I listened to layman David Freeman's fine children's message one Sunday morning. Now, David is in a suit. I've even seen him weeding his mother-in-law's yard in a suit. With children gathered around him, David directed the children's attention to the back row of the church and short-sleeved deacon Claude Hailey. Then he asked, "What do you think about the difference in the way we're dressed?" A moment of silence occurred while the question sank in and the children looked back and forth. Then a little girl piped up in full voice, "I think you're kind of overdressed."

The unexpected response brought down the house, so to speak. David joined the laughter and then went on to read I Samuel 16:7: *The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*

## Suited or unsuited?

In another church, I myself walked in where fools fear to tread. I showed up nicely dressed but not suited and tried to preach an evening message. I happened to mention I had forgotten to ask whether casual dress was OK. Mostly people just laughed, but a few didn't. Afterward, one of the laymen smilingly told me that some folks in the church had recently debated the suited-unsuited question.

I wished I had remained silent about the matter, but I had already put my foot in my

mouth. Without wanting to debate the suited-unsuited question, I respect both sides of the matter. I can still tie a Windsor knot that would be the envy of the Duke of Windsor, and I tend to like to wear a suit when I preach a morning service. On the other hand, I don't let false guilt cause me to re-enter the suited, necktie world when I decide to worship in clothes other than a suit and necktie. I don't believe Jesus ever wore either of those, and He was the worshiper par excellence. So, for me, the suited-unsuited question deals with matters of custom, taste, context, appropriateness, and personal choice.

## Changing times

When I was a boy in West Texas, what people wore on both sides of the pulpit was quite different from a lot we see today. Men and boys usually wore dark suits, white shirts, and neckties. Women wore colorful, modest dresses of the times and big old hats that were hard to see past. Some wore gloves, but they didn't wear pants. Earrings and colored hair were for women only. Women wore other jewelry and makeup too, but not anything gauche. One woman in my home church did wear extreme makeup, however, which led Dad to greet her as "Gaudy." She liked Dad despite his nickname for her.

My, how times and dress have changed! Depending on which church you go to, almost anything goes. Instead of conformity, individual preference seems to rule. Men and women may dress formally, casually, or sometimes even in shorts. Pastors mostly seem to be suits in the morning but maybe open-collared at night. Some wear robes.

Depending on a church's history, location, and age make-up, various ones in the church may be appalled at how others dress. Some of the "overdressed" tend to look down their noses at the "underdressed." Others haven't followed Adam and Eve's lead in putting on clothing to cover their nakedness (see Genesis 3:7-8). I notice critics tend to be

older than those they criticize, but I suppose it's always been that way.

## Judging others

Some time ago a single mother showed up at our church with her daughter. The pastor had discovered the young woman in the dark night of her soul. He got her a secondhand refrigerator to keep milk in, and he invited her to church. Everyone noticed the woman because she was dressed in blue jeans, and it was still the era of formal attire for churchgoing. The single mom had come from the pits of life wearing all she had. The church didn't judge her but followed the pastor's lead in helping her.

Finances improved for the woman. Soon she and her daughter wore better clothes. More importantly, the woman came to know Christ, joined Sunday School, and joined the choir. When she got right with God inside, it showed up outside. She received the church family's love, help, and tutoring. The last I heard, she was deeply involved in ministering to women prison inmates in another state. Loving her — not judging her — was the key here.

The book of James has a similar teaching about how to welcome a shabbily dressed person who comes into a church of well-dressed people (James 2:1-7). James told the people not to be respecters of persons — literally, "face-receivers" (v. 1). He warned against judging and prescribed love. Dress doesn't determine or reveal who is "rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom" (James 2:5; see also II Corinthians 5:12).

## Bridging gaps

Over the past two or three generations, our society has experienced a choice explosion in most areas of life. Options galore challenge our decision making. Churches caught up in radically changing times try to bridge gaps. Their priority is to please God, but they join His Son in trying to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). They understand what Paul meant about becoming all things to all

people to share the gospel and win them (I Corinthians 9:22-23). So churches try to bridge gaps when clashes occur between generations and varied lifestyles. Churches focus on those who need to know Christ even if they choose to dress and worship differently. It's a tough assignment.

Basically, I suppose churches with multiple services or multiple lifestyles within one service do their best to provide for the traditional and the contemporary. People tend to be more at home in one kind of service than in another. Traditional folks tend to wear traditional clothes. Non-traditionally dressed people may worship in a traditional service, or they may have their own service that isn't traditional. One way is not necessarily better than the other. We recognize cultural differences in dress and worship. We would do well to also recognize social differences in dress and worship.

Our church even has a customized service in the chapel to reach out to folks in a specialized way. The service includes video and other special features. I see people both suited and unsuited choosing that same service. I know: it's not about us; it's about God. But God is about loving and winning the lost. So churches do well to try to bridge gaps.

## What goes and what doesn't go?

Are there any guidelines left? Any prohibitions? Yes. Phyllis and I got guidelines for a mission trip to Japan we went on this year: "Cover up and don't wear anything too tight." Although the target culture was Asian, the rules would serve well elsewhere (see I Timothy 2:9-10). Biblical dress varied greatly, but dress for worship usually was special (see *The Holman Bible Dictionary*). But dressing well for worship has less to do with money for special clothes than it does with using common sense.

In honor of God and reverence for Him, we should dress with respect for the One we come to worship. Besides dress-

ing for God, though, our shouldn't distract anyone from worshipping God. Possibilities are too numerous to list. Further, some people are easily distracted as easily as their feelings hurt. So, in talking everyday sense, the matter of not distracting others.

Men can usually choose dress more easily than women. Still, their clothes should be clean, appropriate, and smell like mothballs or something else. Women can dress attractively but in a way that doesn't attract attention to themselves. I suppose men would do well to get ready for church, look in the mirror, and ask ourselves whether we think God will be happy with our dress for His worship.

One thing a mirror would tell you is let you know what others see and smell. A sign that my sister Marylyn came unglued when she saw a cobweb in grandmother's hair. Get someone to look you over before you go to church. Also, get someone with a good nose to tell you about your perfume or cologne. One woman who used to sit near our out pew wore Overwhisper Gardenia every Sunday. The thought of having to sit on a new pew allowed me to breathe the scent. Well, that's enough. On to the main thing.

## Put on a happy faith

No matter what you wear, it's always better to go to worship wearing a happy faith (see I Peter 3:3-4). The best-dressed people I ever saw at church ruined their appearance when they opened their mouth or narrowed their eyes. Good attire for worship works inside out. Prepare the heart, soul, and mind; then prepare the body with thoughtful clothes. Such purposeful preparation for church reflects itself in smiling faces, pleasant conversation, and a gracious spirit. Dress well, but above all, put on a happy faith. □ — Copyright 2004 by Johnnie C. Godwin.

# With the fall season here, take time to plan family activities

a parent speaks



By Carolyn R. Tomlin

It's that time of year when the hours of daylight and darkness are almost the same. Throughout the summer, children stayed outdoors playing with neighborhood friends and enjoying sports. Now, with evening coming early, most children will venture indoors. Make this a house rule: Never allow early darkness to interfere with family fun. Instead, think of

ways your brood can spend even more time together. Perhaps these fall activities will bond your household even closer.

(1) Make family games fun. The old adage, "The family that plays together, stays together," isn't far from the truth. When parents engage in playing games, they send a message that says, "You are important to me. We, as parents, like to spend time with our children."

(2) Take an evening walk with flashlights. Look for small nocturnal animals only seen after dark.

(3) Prepare a meal with foods from another culture or ethnic group. Check with mission organizations in your church for recipes from foreign countries.

Involve children in research on the location, such as types of clothing worn, customs or traditions, and foods native to the area. Record the places you've been on your imaginary journey by placing a world map on a wall. Circle the focus country and note the neighboring region.

(4) Adopt a college student. If there's a Baptist college in your area, check with the administration for ways to help a student far from home. Missionary kids (MKs) need a place to stay over the holidays. Others, too far to return home regularly, appreciate a home-cooked meal. Not only will you help a lonesome student; your children will benefit from this friendship.

(5) Use the fall season to up-

date your photo albums. As you look at pictures, relate family stories of "Remember when ... ." Children enjoy hearing tales of special events, birthdays, or family vacations. Keep the album current by adding new images.

(6) Organize a scrapbook for each child. Start each school year with a letter-size box. Help your youngster select favorite projects and papers to be placed in the scrapbook. If you started this earlier, return to former years and reminisce about when they were younger.

(7) Work crossword puzzles together. Turn off the television and concentrate on word play. Planned for all ages, books of word puzzles make a good investment. Younger children

need simple items that present a challenge, yet not too difficult to lose interest. Older children can work along with adults by trying to supply the needed letters. Many newspapers include daily puzzle.

(8) Read books and newspapers daily. Children, who grow up in homes where reading is part of each day, see the importance their parents place on the written word. Good readers make good students. Reading is the foundation for school success.

(9) Pray together as a family. Thank God for homes where the Bible is taught. □ — Tomlin writes for numerous publications. Her husband, Matt, is pastor of Ward's Grove Baptist Church, Jackson.

# relationship, ties with Belmont are worth preserving

## Reflections



Lonnie Wilkey, editor

rently relates to the convention. When the TBC Executive Board met in September, the board voted for its Education Committee to hold dialogue with Belmont officials and to initiate a "prayer vigil" for the institution.

The Executive Board of the convention is sincere in its desire to continue a long lasting relationship with Belmont.

Belmont has been a valued member of the TBC family since 1951. The college has produced many graduates who now serve in leadership positions, including the role of pastor, in our churches here in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Baptist Con-

vention has made a major financial commitment to Belmont University since 1951, providing the institution with more than \$53 million in Cooperative Program funds. This amount does not take into account other funds channeled to the school by individual Tennessee Baptists and churches.

Belmont's proposal takes into account the changing climate within Christian higher education and the need for the school to pursue outside funding. Keep in mind that Belmont's CP allocation amounts to less than 3 percent of its budget.

As Tennessee Baptists we must not jump to conclusions and make rash statements.

The fact Belmont has not yet taken action as a full board to implement its "proposal" tells me the institution does not want to cut ties with the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Belmont's trustees also have shown a willingness and desire to meet with the Education Committee. We need to let these entities meet, discuss, and meet again as many times as needed to forge a covenant that is agreeable to both Belmont and the convention.

Belmont's proposed covenant states emphatically that its "purpose has been and remains to be a faith-based institution" and that it "emphasizes the spiritual and intellectual quali-

ties that are the mark of a Christian, thus developing mature individuals who will bring to their chosen careers the abilities, attitudes, and resources to succeed in accordance with Christian precepts."

While there are Tennessee Baptists who disagree with Belmont's proposed covenant, I think most will agree with the school's purpose.

We have a long heritage with Belmont — a heritage and relationship worth preserving.

In the meantime, let's do what the Executive Board has called upon Tennessee Baptists to do — put the matter before God in prayer and allow Him to work. □

In recent weeks the *Baptist Reflector* has provided coverage about a proposed covenant from Belmont University that would alter the way Belmont relates to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The key word here is "proposed."

At this point, Belmont has not taken any action which changes the way the school cur-

# change is never easy, but it's essential for evangelism

## Living Churches



By Jerry Essary

change on people. They themselves did not see the change coming until it was upon them. Or perhaps they waited too long before they started addressing the changes that would need to be made to reach the lost people in their area. Whatever the reason we should never spring change on people.

Everett Rogers in his book *Diffusion of Innovations* (Fourth Edition) states there are five stages that come with any innovation or change. The first is knowledge. This is when people are first introduced to the innovation or change and begin to gain some understanding of how it will look or function. Second, persuasion comes into play. This is when people will begin to form a favorable or unfavorable attitude toward the innovation or change. Third, is decision. The people engage in activities that lead to a choice to adopt or reject the innovation or change. Fourth, is implementation. The people put the innovation or change into use. The fifth and last step is confirmation. The people will seek reinforcement for the innovation or

change they have made.

A pastor I worked with several years ago had a great way to help reduce the stress of dealing with change. It was called information. He had a saying that he challenged his staff and other leaders he mentored that went something like this — When all the people are given all the information all the time, 99.9 percent of the time they will make the right decision. However if you ever give them the impression you are holding out on them, you are dead in the water. Information is absolutely essential in helping to make change. People need all the information, good or bad. This helps them make clear decisions.

What would be some of the changes that would need to be made when building an intentional strategy for evangelism? One of the first things that come to mind is a change of attitude.

Even though most people will say they want to reach the lost this does not always come across in their attitude. Dr. Herschel York preached a sermon from Luke 15 at the 2003 Pastor's Re-

training people to share their faith, a new outreach program, and a new philosophy of what evangelism really entails and how people can be involved. You may change from a totally harvest oriented model of evangelism to one that helps people plant, water, and harvest. I would like to say at this point not to change things just for the sake of change. Make sure the changes that present themselves are worthy changes. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. If what you are doing is working and the lost are coming to Christ and being baptized, keep doing it. However, I would encourage you to evaluate what you are doing and if it needs to be changed make the changes necessary.

There are too many lost people in Tennessee for us to keep on doing what we have always done expecting new results, and not seeing anything happen. Change is never easy but necessary if we are to carry out the Great Commission effectively. □ — Essary is evangelism specialist for the TBC Evangelism Strategies Group.

Third, we should prepare to search. We must search diligently. The real value of a lost item depends on how hard we search for it! The search is not about us but those who are lost and unchurched. Fourth, we should prepare to succeed.

Editor's Note: This is the fourth of seven columns based on the "Evangelism Tackle Box: Finding Intentional Strategies for Evangelism," written by Jerry Essary.

One of the difficult parts of building an intentional strategy for evangelism is dealing with change it produces. Change is not always bad. Usually how we deal with the change is what gets us in trouble. One thing I know about change is it always requires action. As you begin to plan one to three years in advance it will help you see things that need to change well in advance. This will help you in dealing with necessary changes in an orderly fashion. One of the reasons many people get in trouble when trying to deal with change is they spring

# Studies show children who get more sleep fare better on tests

## Families Matter



By Paul Barkley

I have been teaching developmental psychology for many years now. One of the areas that apparently always tends to be a surprise to my students is the amount of sleep that children need. I know many children who stay up with their parents until the parents go to bed. Then the parents can't understand why they have so much trouble getting them up in the morning to go to school.

Contrary to the report of most new mothers and fathers, the newborn will sleep as much as

18 to 20 hours a day. He just seldom does it at one stretch. When you say, "I slept like a baby last night," you really mean, I slept two hours and woke up to eat, slept two hours and went to the bathroom, etc. Most people today are aware that studies on adults have shown that significant sleep deprivation has a significant negative effect on the brain's "executive control system."

By the time the child reaches the age of three, the will of the child is already beginning to assert itself. This is healthy for good self-esteem, but must be managed by parents to keep the child safe and healthy. Few children want to take baths, but they need them. Not many children beg to go to the dentist, but they need the preventative dental care. At about this age most children also start resisting the mid-day nap and bedtime.

It is my opinion that children need the mid-day nap until they go to school. I can remember taking a mat to school for the first couple of years when I was a child to take that nap.

I remember when I was a pastor one of the things that I looked forward to each year was taking the second through sixth graders to camp for a week. The very first group I took as a young pastor questioned me about the bed-time we had set. I caved. I told them that as long as they stayed in their cabins and did not bother the other campers they could stay up as late as they wanted. Some of them made little cabins out of their sleeping bags on the bunk beds and used flash lights to stay up and party most of the night. We got home on Friday evening about three and their parents picked them up at the

church. Those parents also accosted me on Sunday about what I had done to their children. They went home on Friday at 3 p.m. and went straight to bed. Their parents had to get them up for supper the next evening. Children do need their rest.

With all the concern recently over sleep deprivation, I read an article that quoted a study published in the journal *Child Development*. The researchers had studied fourth to sixth graders to determine if the moderate change of even one hour of sleep would affect the child's scores on a variety of performance tests. The children were allowed to sleep their normal times for two days and then for the next three days, half the parents were asked to put their children to bed an hour earlier and the other half were asked to allow their children to stay up an hour lat-

er. The researchers found that the children who got extra hours sleep performed better on the performance tests, and the children with the hour less sleep performed more poorly.

That particular study did not address the very sensitive issue of just how much sleep a child needs. Other studies have revealed that the normal healthy grade school aged child needs a minimum of nine hours of sleep. Some might even need more and rare exceptions might need slightly less. It usually surprises my students to learn that preschool children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep a day.

The next question is, "How do you get them to sleep?" I will deal with that topic in another article □ — Barkley is associate professor of psychology and religion at Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis.

# Hendersonville athlete to raise money for TBCH

By Connie Davis  
Baptist and Reflector

**HENDERSONVILLE** — Mark Evans, 44, describes himself as a “weekend warrior.” Most of the time he is busy being

a dad to two teenagers, a member of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, and controller for a company which services laser printers. He formerly was minister of administration and senior adults, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, for eight years.

Evans also finds time to train for and compete in triathlons. He competes in the most demanding triathlons — 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike race, and 26.2 mile run.

Evans does it for his health, and on Saturday, Nov. 6, for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. As part of the Florida Ironman competition, he can choose a charity and accept pledges from people for that charity which they will give if he finishes the competition.

In addition, if the competitor/

fundraiser is among the top five fundraisers of the race, Janus Funds, a financial investment company, will give from \$2,000-\$10,000 to the charities.

Evans is currently in sixth place with donations of about \$3,800 but he's “not satisfied with that,” he said. “I would like to raise more and bring more awareness to the ministries at the TBCH throughout the state.”

Evans learned about the ministries of the TBCH while growing up in Williamson County and attending Grassland Heights Baptist Church, Franklin. Residents of the TBCH, Franklin Campus, attended the church.

His father-in-law, Verlon Moore, retired pastor, Hilldale Baptist Church, Clarksville, served on the TBCH board for many years and his family supports the TBCH through its gifts to churches through the Cooperative Program, he noted.

During the past several years Evans has served as a TBCH volunteer for its Run4Kids and Kids Fun Run. Bryant Millsaps, TBCH president who is a long-time friend, asked Evans to help with the events since he has experience in races.

Evans became interested in exercise in 1998 when he was 38 years old and “a fat, globby dad,”

he described, who was worried about the example he was setting for his children, Wade and Mackenzie. He began running to “get in shape,” and because of the influence of a friend who ran and entered races.

Then Evans learned about triathlons. He didn't really know how to swim, he said. His dad taught him “the old fashioned way.” But he jumped in a pool and started swimming. “It was not a thing of beauty,” joked Evans. He didn't own a bike. So he bought a “beginners” bike and started riding.

He “did okay,” in his first triathlon in 1999, said Evans, and “loved” the fact he could do something most people hadn't.

Soon he had enlisted a swimming coach and was learning from other athletes. First he competed in sprint distances, then Olympic distances, half Ironman races, and finally, full Ironman competitions. He credits his wife, Debbi, for his success because of her love and support.

Evans has heard many different reactions to his sport. “You

ran how far?” “You rode a bike for six hours. I can't ride a car that long.” His favorite “and you pay people to let you do this to yourself!”

Evans explained, “The great thing is you challenge yourself in all aspects — physically, mentally, emotionally. I have many great weekend warriors over the past six years I have been doing this.

He introduces people to sport “almost weekly,” he said. “It's a great way to stay in shape too. My weight is under control and the kids don't have fat ole dad.”

To help him in the No. 1 competition, he will wear a shirt in the last portion of the 26.2 mile run, which will bear the signatures of some of the children who are residents of the Franklin Campus. It will help to “remind me why I am doing this,” he said.

For more information, on competition, call Evans at (615) 477-4621 or visit [www.uscharitychallenge.com](http://www.uscharitychallenge.com), to see how to donate, and type Evans.

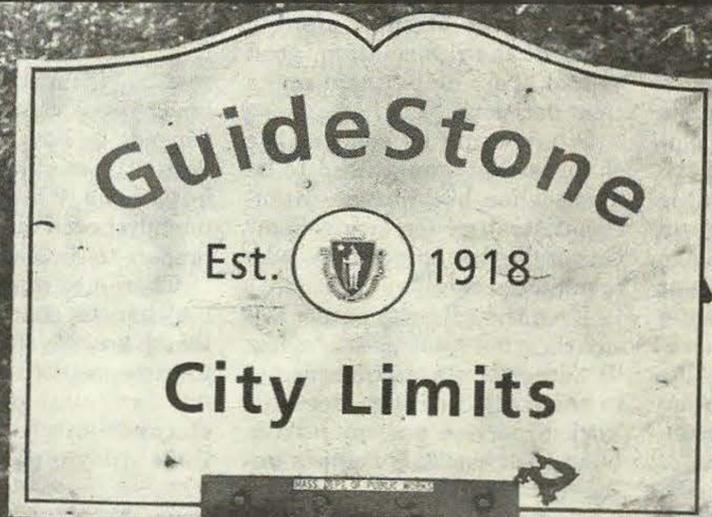
To watch Evans race on Nov. 6, visit [www.ironman.com](http://www.ironman.com). He has 17 hours to complete the competition, which starts at 7 a.m. He hopes to finish in 12 hours, by 7 p.m. Florida time. □



**MARK EVANS**, center, a member of First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, competes in a triathlon in Guntersville, Ala., in 2003.



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National COM Volunteers of the Year

Camden couple serves as 'campers on mission' full-time

Donnie Davis  
Staff Writer and Reflector

FRANKLIN — In the late 1980s Fred and Sheila Cron (pronounced Kr-oh-n) lived in Peoria, Ill. He worked at Monsanto Chemical Company and she drove a school bus. They were active members of a small Baptist church.

They read about Campers on Mission in the *Illinois Baptist* and became involved.

The couple, who had a small camper, began participating in Campers on Mission on weekends and vacations and loved it.

Everyone was so sweet and kind to us right away," recalled Sheila. "We've never been hugged so much in our whole life."

At COM, Sheila started using her clowning skills more and more, both used and learned clowning skills. Fred had learned clowning skills from an uncle and a friend from her father, a bricklayer who worked on mission projects. Mission work was needed in Illinois, which had few Campers then, Sheila noted.

The COM members "parented" Sheila as Campers on Mission," Sheila noted, referring to the fact that many were older than she.

In 1997 Fred was offered early retirement from Monsanto at age 56. He accepted the offer

without consulting Sheila. He knew what God wanted them to do. They had discussed it many times.

They would sell their home, replace their camper with a travel trailer, and become "campers on mission" full-time. They would use Sheila's mother's place in Camden as a base of operations.

The couple did just that. A few months later they were building a garage for their vehicles when Fred suffered a stroke. He was told by doctors he may never walk again.

As he recovered, Fred would tell the nurses the Lord could fix him or "give me the will to do what he wanted me to do," he recalled. But he always wanted to be involved in the construction ministry.

About a month later Sheila took Fred, who was wheelchair-bound, home. She was upset.

"I can't handle you and all of this," Sheila told him. "How can we have our dream?"

Fred assured her that God was in control. And as weeks passed he continued to be optimistic. "If he's the who is affected and he can have this attitude, then how can I question him," she said.

Fred improved. He demanded more physical therapy than was



**CAMPERS ON MISSION** install a light in a bedroom of a cottage of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin Campus, with help from Jerry Dyer, left, houseparent. They are, from left, Bob Ingram, Cleveland; John "Red" Bowen, Winchester; and Fred Cron.



**SHEILA AND FRED CRON** are based in Camden but live full-time on the road doing missions work. They pause during work at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin Campus.

usually provided by the rehabilitation center and insurance and he received it.

In 1999, they committed to their first missions project in Tucson, Ariz. They learn of mission needs from the North American Mission Board via the internet and personal contacts. They "didn't end up in Canada" and didn't have any major problems, they recalled. They realized they had come "a long way," said Sheila.

Fred walks with a cane and can use his left hand and arm to do almost everything he used to

do with both arms.

Sheila drives now, but that is natural because she was a school bus driver. Because Fred always was a good navigator, he has adjusted to that role. Sheila has learned how to set up the fifth wheel trailer while Fred helps with instructions. Fred also vacuums now.

On projects, Fred has found many ways to contribute. He can instruct workers on nearly any building project, reported fellow Campers on Mission at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Franklin Campus, where

the Crons worked Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 (see page 12). For instance, Fred helped some volunteers hang a door who didn't know how. He also can read blueprints.

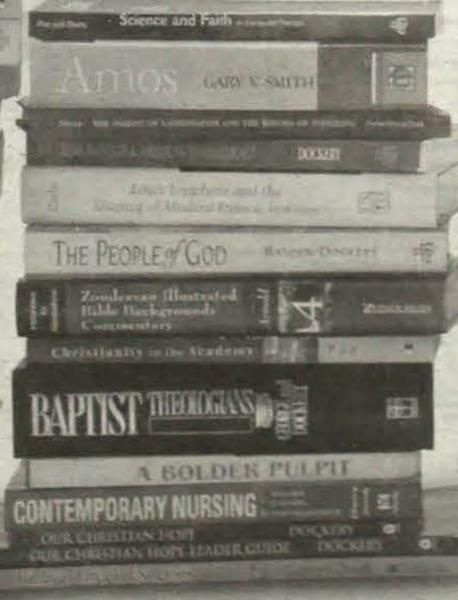
There are many people who can't do something "but they can tell other people how to," he said.

The couple has worked in seven states the five years they have been Campers on Mission full-time. They were named National Campers on Mission Volunteers of the Year by NAMB in June. They are members of Natchez Trace Baptist Church, Camden.

"As long as we can still be useful, then we'll do this," said Sheila. □

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## SBC CP giving increases by 3.64 percent for year

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Cooperative Program giving in the 2003-04 fiscal year reached a record level, increasing more than 3.64 percent, compared to a 0.48 percent increase recorded in 2002-03.

Founded in 1925, the Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' method of supporting missions and ministry efforts of state and regional conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, receipts to the Cooperative Program totaled \$189,865,254.85, an increase of \$6,663,560.71 over the 2002-03 amount of \$183,201,694.14 and the largest increase since the 1999-2000 fiscal year. For the month, CP receipts of \$13,395,514.98 were 5.35 percent, or \$756,968.20, below the \$14,152,483.18 received in September 2003.

The marked increase over the previous year is a significant development. Cooperative Program giving has reached record levels in recent years, but has not kept pace with inflation or needs.

Last year the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee adopted a report warning of a future financial "crisis" unless giving increased. The report disclosed a decades-old trend showing a gradual decline in giving as a percentage of ability — by individuals to churches and by churches to the Cooperative Program — and warned against "celebrating in-

cremental gains in income when real giving is dropping."

Earlier that year both mission boards reduced staffing and lamented the anemic growth in support that meant holding back missionaries who were willing and trained but could not go into the field because of shortfalls in giving.

Designated giving for fiscal year 2003-04 totaled \$189,010,267.59, 13.87 percent, or \$23,024,301.02, above gifts of \$165,985,966.57 received for 2002-03. The \$3,773,096.70 in designated gifts received last month is \$654,052.07 above the \$3,119,044.63 of September 2003, a 20.97 percent increase.

In releasing the end-of-year figures for 2003-04, Morris H. Chapman, president of the SBC Executive Committee, thanked Southern Baptists for the marked increase in giving to support to SBC causes.

"We are thankful for the increases in missions giving by Southern Baptists in this year both through the Cooperative Program and the special mission offerings.

"The 19.65 percent growth in Lottie Moon receipts is especially noteworthy and, I believe, is an indication of our churches' heart for missions. When they were made aware of the delay in deployment of some of our missionaries due to a financial shortfall, they responded enthusiastically. The 3.64 percent increase in CP is the highest in four years."

Chapman also encouraged Southern Baptists to set challenging goals in their support of the Cooperative Program, which is the primary funding mechanism for all SBC causes here and abroad, as well as ministries of cooperating state Baptist conventions. □

## Baptist worker in Honduras survives bullet wound

Baptist Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Baptist worker Patsy Dietz is in good condition after being shot during a robbery in Honduras.

Dietz and her husband, Raymond, have served as North Carolina Baptists' on-site partnership coordinators for southern Honduras since disaster relief efforts began there following Hurricane Mitch in late 1998.

On Sept. 23, the Dietzes were driving two separate vehicles as they transported a group of volunteers from the airport in Tegucigalpa to the southern city of Choluteca, where the Dietzes have a home and host volunteers in a backyard bunkhouse. Most of the volunteers were from a church in Virginia, though the team leader was Chuck Headden, a member of Cape Carteret Baptist Church in North Carolina's Atlantic Baptist Association.

Choluteca is a three-and-a-half to four-hour drive south of Tegucigalpa, down a narrow and winding mountain road where slow-moving trucks and buses are common. Raymond Dietz, three men, and much of the team's luggage traveled in a truck-type SUV. Patsy Dietz and eight other volunteers, both men and women, followed in a van.

About halfway through the journey, the vehicles became separated by traffic. A truck carrying three armed bandits forced Raymond Dietz's truck off the road, according to Richard Brunson, executive di-

rector for North Carolina's Baptist Men and partnership missions. The bandits then robbed Dietz and the three male volunteers at gunpoint.

Patsy Dietz and the other volunteers slowly approached the scene in the van and then sped up when she realized what was happening. One of the bandits fired a shot through the rear window. The bullet missed all the passengers but struck Dietz on the back of her head. According to Brunson, the bullet traveled beneath the skin and exited through her jaw without breaking any bones. Dietz remained conscious and managed to stop the van safely. As other vehicles approached, the robbers fled without robbing any of the van's passengers.

Dietz was driven to a town where an ambulance was available, then taken to the North American Hospital in Tegucigalpa. The volunteer team followed the ambulance back to Tegucigalpa and returned home the next day. Dietz was released from the hospital Sept. 30, Brunson said. □

same-sex "marriage" and non-type civil unions.

Amendment supporter they will appeal. The amendment was approved Sept. a margin of 78-22 percent.

Gene Mills, executive director of the Louisiana Family Forum, said it is ironic the amendment intended to ti hands of judges was in th struck down by a judge.

Louisiana law provic small window of opportu challenge amendment's they pass in an election.

"We're obviously sho Mills told Baptist Press. anticipated a favorable r This is not a difficult or co cated matter. It's not one the people were unsure o clear about — the questi multiple objects."

As many as 11 states vote on constitutional mar amendments Nov. 2. Ea this year, Missouri v passed a marriage amend in that state by a margin 29 percent. □

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## Leaders

**Max Walker**, pastor of Baptist Church, Selmer, announced his retirement, effective Jan. 9, 2005. Walker has been pastor of the Selmer church for 22 years. His ministry spans the last 44 years. A graduate of Tennessee and graduate of Union University and Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Walker began his ministry as associate pastor of First Baptist, Henderson, serving as pastor of its son, Sanford Hill. He also served Lavinia Baptist Church, Lavinia, and First Baptist Church, Newbern, before moving to Selmer. He has served on numerous boards and committees in Tennessee, including the Executive Board and trustee of a University. He has authored two tracts which he has published and distributed, "Someone is Knocking on our Heart's Door" and "Promises to Christians." Walker and his wife, Ann, plan to move to another town. They plan to spend time with their grandsons. Walker intends to remain active in the pastoral ministry, including leading studies, conferences, retreats, and perhaps writing. Michael Viles has been



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called as pastor, Clear Branch Baptist Church, Luttrell. Viles is the son of Mike Viles, director of missions, Northern and Midland Baptist Associations, based in Maynardville.

◆ **Mickey Basham**, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, LaVergne, and member, Tennessee Army National Guard, has been deployed to Iraq. He is a sergeant with an engineer brigade based in Jackson. The brigade, which does road work, has 132 soldiers.

◆ **Ashport Baptist Church**, Ripley, has called **Hugh Pennell** of Halls as interim pastor.

◆ **Independence Missionary Baptist Church**, Eidson, has called **Howard Sheets** as pastor.

◆ **Dennis Jones**, pastor, Gateway Baptist Church, Atoka, has been called to serve as pastor of a church in Illinois.

◆ **Jeremy Barrett** has resigned as pastor, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Trenton.

◆ **Mitch Burke** was called as pastor, Little Mulberry Baptist Church, Tazewell, Sept. 5.

## Churches

◆ **East Union Baptist Church, Jackson**, will hold its annual homecoming Nov. 7. For more information, contact John Adams, interim pastor, at jadams0@aol.com.

◆ **Oakfield Baptist Church, Oakfield**, will hold

"The 40 Days of Purpose" using *The Purpose Driven Life* book Oct. 10 - Nov. 27. For more information, call the church at (731) 427-3250.

◆ **First Baptist Church, Monteagle**, will hold a benefit waffle supper Thursday, Oct. 14, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. to help Chelsea Schaerer, 16, who was hurt in a car accident. Two other girls were killed in the accident. For more information, contact Janie Stewart or Eddie Miller, pastor, at (931) 924-4190.

◆ **Stewart's Chapel Baptist Church, Flintville**, will hold its 23rd Scare Mare Oct. 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30. About 5,000 people visit the presentation each year which presents the "harsh reality of the world we live in" as they tour a house, reported Jerry Foust, pastor, in contrast to a haunted house. Visitors also hear the gospel message. For more information, call the church at (931) 937-6226.

◆ **Liberty Baptist Church, Covington**, held its 131st homecoming Oct. 10.

◆ **Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Murfreesboro**, will hold a Community-wide Light the Night Festival Saturday, Oct. 30 from 4-8 p.m. Participants can enjoy carnival-like booths, games, activities, entertainment, trunk or treat, free food, and door prizes. For more information, call the church at (615) 893-4885.

## Associations

◆ **Senior adults of Concord Baptist Association**, based in Murfreesboro, will tour Nissan Tuesday, Nov. 9. They will meet at the automobile assembly plant in Smyrna at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. They also will gather at Living Springs Church for entertainment. For more information, call (615) 895-4295.

## Events

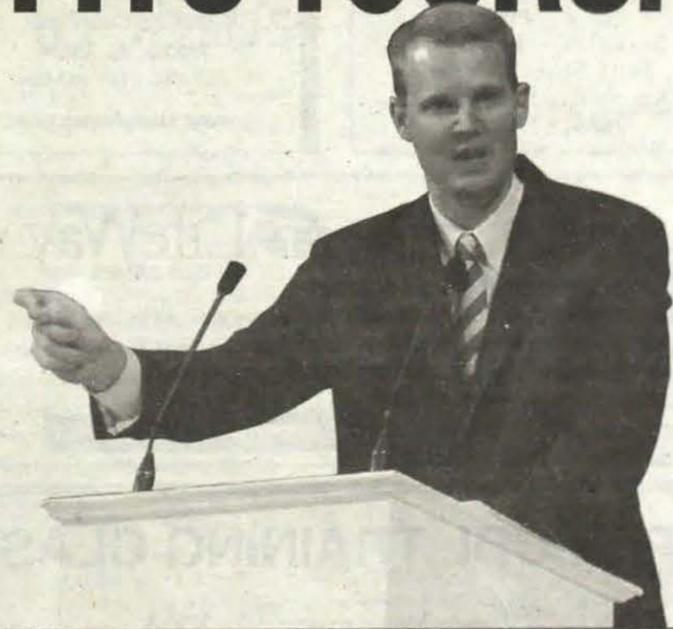
◆ **Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary**, currently located in Germantown, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony in Cordova Oct. 28 at 12 noon. The ceremony will be held on the seminary's new property located adjacent to Bellevue Baptist Church. For more information, contact Michael Haggard at mhaggard@mabts.edu.



**JOHN E. WESTERMAN**, left, long-time deacon of Sylvia Baptist Church, Dickson, holds gifts received Sept. 19 from Steve Slate, chairman of deacons. Westerman has served as a deacon from 1976-2004. He was given a pocket watch and key chain engraved with his name.

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## SBC relief effort prepares 2.1 million meals

Baptist Press

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Since mid-August, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers have prepared more than 2.1 million meals in the wake of four hurricanes that have battered Florida and neighboring states along the Gulf Coast and Atlantic Seaboard.

Typically, in disaster relief responses, Southern Baptist volunteers prepare most of the meals distributed by the American Red Cross. Southern Baptists are the third-largest disaster relief agency in the country behind the Red Cross and Salvation Army, with more than 28,000 trained volunteers on call for local, state, and national emergencies.

Jim Burton, director of the North American Mission Board's volunteer mobilization team, said he expects Southern Baptist's national disaster relief response, which has been in continuous operation for nearly two months, to eclipse the record of 2.5 million meals prepared in the wake of Hurricane Andrew, which blasted south Florida and parts of Louisiana in August 1992.

Mickey Caison, manager of NAMB's Disaster Operations Center near Atlanta, said he expects that most of the mobile kitchen units will shut down op-

erations in about a week as electricity is restored across Florida. All mobile kitchens operating across Alabama in the wake of Hurricane Ivan, which made landfall Sept. 16, shut down Oct. 2.

In the wake of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief officials conservatively estimate the value of the labor provided by more than 8,000 Southern Baptist volunteers at about \$5 million. To date, more than 6,300 cleanup and recovery projects have been completed by volunteers from 30 states.

Caison said long-term disaster relief efforts currently are being planned and rebuilding efforts should be underway across southwest Florida and the Panhandle before the end of the year. □

## Supreme Courts turns Moore away

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON — Roy Moore's long legal saga over the Ten Commandments, which began with a bang, has ended in a whimper.

The U.S. Supreme Court, be-

ginning its 2004-2005 term Oct. 4, declined without comment to hear Moore's appeal of an Alabama judicial panel's ruling that cost him his job as the state's chief justice.

The court's decision not to hear Moore's appeal means that the former judge has exhausted his last legal option in the case. However, nothing in Alabama law prevents him from running for the same office again in 2006, when the current chief justice's term expires. State opinion polls at the height of the controversy in 2003 showed that a large majority of Alabamians supported Moore's position.

Last April, the Alabama Supreme Court removed Moore from office permanently. A few months earlier, a state judicial panel had ousted him for ethical violations due to his behavior in the summer of 2003. In August, he made national headlines for defying a federal court's order to remove a two-ton granite

monument to the Protestant translation of the commandments from the state judicial headquarters building in Montgomery.

Moore had placed the monument at the center of the building's rotunda in 2001, shortly after he was elected on a campaign of support for such displays. He did so without the knowledge or permission of his fellow justices on the Alabama Supreme Court. □

## FBC, Greensboro, leaves SBC

Associated Baptist Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — One of North Carolina's most prominent churches has joined the list of congregations leaving the Southern Baptist Convention.

First Baptist Church of Greensboro voted Sept. 15 to remove all denominational affiliation from its bylaws and cut its

last funding for a Southern Baptist Convention agreement that moves effectively ends the church's formal ties with SBC.

About 225 people voted on the issues, said Ken Massey, the church's pastor. Three voted against the bylaw that took out the referendum operation with any special interest group. About 25 voted against removing funding from the International Mission from the church budget.

## CLASSIFIED

### MINISTRY — COMBINATION

Sylvia Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of full-time youth/music minister. Primary emphasis on youth, but must be able to conduct music program. Send resume to Youth/Music Search Committee, Sylvia Baptist Church, 1000 Sylvia Rd., Dickson, TN 37055.

A growing Southern church with blended worship in northeast Alabama seeks a minister of music and education to include leading vocalists, adult and children's choirs, oversight of adult and professional education. White Spring Baptist Church, 4411 Rainbow Rd., Rainbow City, AL 35906. Phone: (256) 442-2777. E-mail: whitespringsouth.net.

### MINISTRY — STUDENT

Accepting resumes for a student youth minister. Fairview Tabernacle, P.O. Box 100, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Youth Search Committee.

Part-time minister of student ministry for a new church. Current student roll of about 30. Mail resume to Dr. Neil Knierim at 545-4583 or send resume to Faith Baptist Church, 3311 Trial Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37057.

First Baptist Church is seeking a student pastor. Send resume to Search Committee, P.O. Box 538, Cambridge, TN 38320.

Full-time associate pastor for students needed for a conservative Southern Baptist church. Please mail resume to Boynton Baptist Church, 30736 Boynton Dr., Ringgold, GA 30736 or e-mail Gatorp@comcast.net.

### MINISTRY — DOMESTIC

The Lynn Association of Churches, located in Lexington, Kentucky, is accepting resumes for the position of director of ministries. Submit resume and inquiries to Rev. Kelvin Edwards, 2368 Aetna Grove Church Rd., Summersville, KY 42782. Phone: 270-324-2920.

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## Leaders

◆ **J.W. Rayburn**, pastor, Bethel View Baptist Church, Bristol, for 27 years, retired Oct. 10. He is available to serve churches part-time and can be reached at (423) 968-9490.

◆ **Ronnie Brashear** has been called as pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Gray. He is a graduate of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He also has studied at the Queen's College, Oxford University, Oxford, England.

◆ **Alden Jones**, deacon for 60 years, First Baptist Church, Baileyton, was honored recently.

◆ **Roger Ball** has been called as pastor, Greene Hills Baptist Church, Greeneville.

◆ **Jerry Crain**, pianist for 39 years, and **Richard Webb**, treasurer for 42 years, Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Jonesborough, were honored recently.

◆ **Jerry Hall** has resigned as pastor, Westerly Heights Baptist Church, Johnson City.

◆ **Sean Currier** has been called as minister of youth, Grace Baptist Church, Johnson City. He is a graduate of Anderson University, Detroit, Mich.

◆ **Richard Shinault** has resigned as pastor, River Bend Baptist Church, Bristol.

◆ **Craig Whitt** has been called as minister of education/outreach and associate

pastor, First Baptist Church, Milan.

◆ First Baptist Church, Rutherford, called **Clark Perkins** as minister of music, effective Sept. 19.

◆ Spring Hill Baptist Church, Trenton, has called **Jonathan Baine** as pastor.

◆ White Hall Baptist Church, Trenton, has called **William Perkins** as minister of music.

◆ **Dave Billington** has been called as membership missions pastor, NorthPointe Community Church, Johnson City.

◆ **Ben Dishner** has been called as minister of music/youth, Pump Springs Baptist Church, Harrogate. He recently served a church in the Murfreesboro area. He is a native of Kingsport.

◆ **Joshua Grizzle** has resigned as youth minister, Midway Baptist Church, Johnson City.

◆ **Ron Phillips** recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Hixson, in the Chattanooga area.

◆ **Susan Cox** has resigned as music director, Sunrise Baptist Church, Bluff City.

◆ South Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, has called **Tom Lee** as interim pastor. Lee is retired from LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, and his wife, **Liz**, is retired from the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff based in Brentwood.

◆ **Randy Bolden** has been called as pastor, Brooks Memo-

rial Baptist Church, Ewing.

◆ Maple Valley Baptist Church, Nunnally, has called **Earl Daniel** as pastor. Daniel was ordained to the ministry Sept. 26.

◆ **Jerry Day** has been called as youth minister, New Victory Baptist Church, Telford.

◆ **Paul Joshua Butler** has been called as pastor, Mt. Isabella Baptist Church, Tellico Plains. He was ordained to the ministry recently.

## Churches

◆ **Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church, Sweetwater**, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

◆ **Una Baptist Church, Nashville**, will hold its Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 23, from 2-5 p.m. It will offer games, a moon walk, dunking booth, candy, food, prizes, and more. For more information, contact the church at (615) 361-5775 or Sue Maynard at smaynard@xspedius.net.

◆ Five downtown **Murfreesboro** churches have joined **First Baptist Church** for a repeat of last spring's Operation InAsMuch. It will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Central Christian, First Baptist East Castle, and Antioch Primitive Baptist will work together. Volunteers will serve the Domestic Violence Center, Hope Center, Special Kids center, Habitat for Humanity, Primary Care and Hope Clinic, Family Resource Center,

Greenhouse Ministries, and Senior Assistance. They also will serve in nursing homes and host a community event which will include health screenings by the Rutherford County Health Department, activities, and food. For more information, contact Kristy Brown at (615) 893-2514.

◆ **Ninth Street Baptist Church, Erwin**, will celebrate 75 years of ministry Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m.

◆ **Milton Baptist Church, Milton**, will hold revival Oct. 24-27. Terry Cathey will speak and Tommy Nokes will lead the music.

◆ **Sunrise Baptist Church, Bluff City**, marked 55 years of service with a homecoming celebration on Sept. 26.

◆ **Southside Baptist Church, Johnson City**, celebrated homecoming and its 80th anniversary recently. Elmer Sellers spoke, two families joined, and two people were baptized.

◆ **Battle Creek Baptist Church, Coopertown**, celebrated its 159th year Oct. 3. Also O. Jewell Barrett was recognized for his 54th year in the ministry and his 12th year of service to the church. The trio, "In His Name," sang and a celebration dinner was held in the church's new Family Center.

## Schools

◆ **Belmont University, Nashville**, will host Dave Ramsey's Total Money Makeover Saturday, Nov. 13 from 1-6

## TBCH honors singer Faith Hill

BRENTWOOD — Singer Faith Hill was presented with the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes' first-Sheltering Hand Award during a ceremony at Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 10.

Hill received the award in recognition of her support for the children cared for by Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, which is based in Brentwood, Tenn.

"No single child should ever go unloved," Hill said at the ceremony, according to CMT.com. □

p.m. It will be held at a school's Curb Event Center. For more information, contact the school at www.belmont.edu or (615) 460-6793.

◆ **Union University** McAfee School of Business received recognition in Jackson ranked in the top 10 of the nation's best Christian business schools by *Business Reform* magazine. The list appears in the September/October issue. Union's business program also was listed in peer assessment by business deans across the nation and fifth for degree course offerings. "This honor is a wonderful recognition of Union University" and a tribute to the faculty and staff of the business school, according to Keith Absher, school de-

## About 80 Tennessee Campers on Mission work at TBCH, Franklin

Baptist and Reflector

FRANKLIN — About 80 Tennessee Campers on Mission

worked Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home's campus here. They did renovation, repair, and redecorating at the eight cottages or houses on the campus.

The Campers on Mission came in 36 rigs while others who

lived nearby commuted from their homes.

They were participating in the state COM fall state rally and work week. The members also have a work week in the spring and other work projects in regions of the state during the year.

The volunteers installed sid-

ing, did repair work, painted, wallpapered, and hung doors, light fixtures, and ceiling fans, reported Irene Guest, COM publicity coordinator of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage.

One participant, Ralph Tate of Parsons, participated although he must take dialysis

treatments often. The national COM Volunteers of the Year, Fred and Sheila Cron base Camden, also participated. Story on page 7.

For more information Tennessee COM, contact Ingram, president of Clinton, at (423) 479-7233 or bnping@aol.com. □



**ANN MAHON**, left, of Chattanooga, and **Frankie Watkins** of Smithville, install some newly painted kitchen cabinet doors in a cottage of the TBCH, Franklin Campus.



**JACK WATKINS**, left, of Smithville, and **Mark Bearden** of Murfreesboro, install some siding on the roof of a cottage at the TBCH, Franklin Campus.



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