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SBC CP gifts ahead of last year's pace

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NASHVILLE — Year-to-date contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program are 1.06 percent ahead of the same time frame in 2005, according to a news release from SBC Executive Committee President Morris H. Chapman.

As of Nov. 30, 2006, the year-to-date total of \$31,129,891.03 for Cooperative Program (CP) missions is \$327,140.36 ahead of the \$30,802,750.67 received at the same point in 2005. For the month, receipts of \$15,770,935.48 were 5.73 percent, or \$854,827.32, above the \$14,916,108.16 received in November 2005.

Designated giving of \$6,647,078.43 for the same year-to-date period is 3.93 percent, or \$271,679.99, below gifts of \$6,918,758.42 received at this point last year. The \$3,758,207.70 in designated gifts received last month is \$391,697.75 above the \$3,366,509.95 received in November 2005, an increase of 11.64 percent.

For the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, the year-to-date total of \$31,129,891.03 is 95.32 percent of the \$32,658,070.43 budgeted to support Southern Baptist ministries globally and across North America.

During the Southern Baptist Convention's last fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, Cooperative Program gifts topped the \$200-million mark for the first time, with the 2005-06 fiscal year's total of \$200,601,536.29 marking a 2.37 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' method of supporting missions and ministry efforts of state and regional conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. □

S. Africa legalizes 'gay marriages'

Baptist Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — South Africa became the fifth country to legalize "gay marriage" Nov. 30 when Acting President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka signed a landmark bill into law.

South Africa is the first African country to redefine marriage. Worldwide, Canada, Spain, Belgium, and the Netherlands also recognize "marriage" between homosexual couples.

"We see this as a victorious movement for the gay and lesbian community in South Africa, especially in a continent that is still scornful towards homosexuals," Vista Kalipa, media coordinator with the South African homosexual group Triangle Project, told Reuters. "We hope that

other countries in Africa will actually begin to see this as a positive thing, reaffirming that homosexuality is indeed African."

Christians in the nation, though, saw it otherwise.

"The Civil Union Bill justifies immorality and by inference calls sexual perversion a legitimate alternative lifestyle that should be openly accepted," the South African Christian Action Network said in a statement. "It calls immorality and perversion true virtue and commendable freedom."

The new law redefines marriage to include "the voluntary union of two persons." It became law one year after the nation's highest court interpreted the constitution to require "gay marriage" to be legalized. The justices gave the African National Congress government one year to implement its decision. □

Sullivan pledges 'teetotaler' trustees

Baptist Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Citing embarrassment over having spent more than 30 minutes debating the issue of whether trustees of Southern Baptist Convention entities should be limited to those who abstain from alcohol, John Sullivan, the executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, says he intends future action in the FBC "on this very issue."

Ironically, Sullivan's remarks came after a convention speaker said the Bible does not say a person can not take a drink.

"We are not going to have people on our boards of trustees that do not believe in total abstinence," Sullivan said to the loud applause of messengers to the Florida Baptist State Convention, which met in Fort Myers at McGregor Baptist Church for its Nov. 13-14 annual meeting.

In June in Greensboro, N.C., messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting engaged in a lengthy debate on a recommendation concerning the use of alcoholic beverages. Messengers passed with more than a four-fifths majority a resolution not only opposing the manufacture and consumption of alcohol but also urging the exclusion of Southern Baptists who drink from election to the convention's boards, committees, and entities.

Sullivan, speaking in a time-slot dubbed "Concerns of Florida Baptists," told FBC messengers he supported the SBC amendment that specified trustees should not be "anything other than a teetotaler."

Earlier in the convention Voddie Baucham, a Houston evangelist, delivered a message which referenced alcohol use. Speaking from Ephesians 5 and Titus 1, Baucham referred to the biblical instruction for pastors to teach and lead their own families. Baucham said there is

irony in the way people apply those passages.

"That text does not say the man can't take a drink," Baucham said. "It says he can't be a drunkard."

"I don't drink, don't want to, don't need to. That's not my point. But I can't make that text say that the man can't take a drink," Baucham added. "But you and I both know that the man who takes a drink, even if he takes a drink socially, he's not gonna get a job as a pastor if he admits that."

Bemoaning pastors who don't take care of their wives or children, Baucham said, instead, "we beat our chests because we refuse to take a drink of alcohol."

"Shame on us. And I'm not suggesting, I didn't even say that we need to lower the other — that's not what I said. Don't you go lying on me and saying that I said that. That is not my point," Baucham said. "Our homes are a wreck, from the top down. Our culture is a wreck from the top down. People don't know how to be married, they don't know how to raise kids and unfortunately, the pulpit is not a place that they can look to get answers because our homes are no better off than theirs are."

Baucham concluded by pointing out that God has outlined in Scripture the qualifications for leading a family.

Barbara Denman, public relations director for the Florida Baptist Convention, confirmed that Sullivan had planned his remarks prior to Baucham's talk.

Said Sullivan, "I listened very closely to what Dr. Baucham had to say. I loved what he had to say about the family. I agree with that. I do believe we have responsibilities to our families first and foremost." □

Law enforcement officials receive report from BGCT

Baptist Press

DALLAS — Three Rio Grande Valley pastors whose alleged misappropriations of Baptist General Convention of Texas funds once were the subject of an FBI investigation may face further legal scrutiny in the near future, according to a BGCT news release Nov. 29.

BGCT executive board members received a report Oct. 31 detailing how Otto Arango, Aaron de la Torre, and Armando Vera falsified records and circumvented accountability standards in order to obtain church starting funds. The BGCT news release did not specify which "law enforcement officials" were being approached to determine their interest in the BGCT report and related documentation.

The full text of the BGCT's Nov. 29 news release follows:

"Baptist General Convention

of Texas Executive Director Charles Wade is going to law enforcement officials complete copies of a BGCT-commissioned investigative report all relevant exhibits regarding alleged misuse of church-starting funds in the Grande Valley.

"BGCT leaders are attempting to schedule a meeting with law enforcement officials in an effort to gauge their interest in the documents. Convention leaders will share the investigators' findings in order to explain to the authorities the possibility of them doing a full investigation," Wade said.

"The BGCT-commissioned report is 42 pages long and contains the names of people accused of wrongdoing. Investigators examined more than 10,000 pieces of evidence in their efforts."

"The investigation report indicates a portion of \$1.3 million in BGCT church-starting funds was misused from 1995 to 2005 by three pastors in the Grande Valley — Otto Arango, Aaron de la Torre, and Armando Vera."

"BGCT spokesman Foster said convention leaders are taking what they feel is appropriate action. 'We will work with authorities to ensure justice is done.'

"Convention leaders are considering options to recover funds that were allegedly misused."

According to the investigation report, the FBI initially was contacted about the pastors' activities in late 2000 and the investigation continued until 2003.

LifeWay, IMB to partner on camp

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — In an effort to mobilize more youth around the country for worldwide missions, the International Mission Board is partnering with LifeWay Christian Resources' rapidly expanding camp program.

Since 1979, Centrifuge camps have ministered to thousands of youth around the country. Through the years, LifeWay added new camp programs such as (Mission) M-Fuge, M-Fuge International — to provide students with mission projects, training, and opportunities to give to missions.

Now, through a new partnership with the International Mission Board, all "Fuge" camps can track where their mission gifts go — even following them straight to the field.

"We want to go a little deeper," said Joe Palmer, director of the student events department for LifeWay Christian Resources.

"They actually go and minister in the same place where their money [goes]."

Palmer announced the partnership Nov. 15 in a chapel service at the International Mission Board. □

LifeWay panel

Holidays not always happy for ministers' wives

Chris Turner
LifeWay news office

ASHVILLE — Shirley Cross knows it's like to not be "Patty Perfect" — will survive.

It's been an interesting season each year to go through because each year has the different stresses," said Cross, a pastor's wife, employee of LifeWay Christian Resources, former missionary, and mother of two. Her husband, Jim, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Donelson.

How do you handle prioritizing the holiday parties and the family time? Cross said with going to see family also was a stress because you had to find time. And a lot of times, you not only have concern about 'is there time to go out [also] 'is something going to happen with a church member in the area?' [when you leave]?"

The last six weeks of every year are considered to be the most festive times of the year, especially for Christians. Families gather for big Thanksgiving meals and a few weeks later gather again to celebrate the birth of Christ.

The herald angel ushered in Jesus' birth with, "Behold, I bring you good news of great joy." Unfortunately, many ministers' wives, the only good news they hear during the holiday season is that they have almost made it through to January. The stress of balancing the realities of their lives

against the expectations of other people can sap them of the great joy they long to experience during the holidays.

Cross was part of a panel discussion recently recorded for an episode of Inside LifeWay, the official news podcast of LifeWay Christian Resources. Cross joined Barney Self, Chris Adams, and Inside LifeWay host Brooklyn Noel to discuss the great stress ministers' wives face around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Self is a licensed family counselor and a member of LifeWay's pastoral ministries team. Adams is the women's enrichment and ministers' wives specialist in the training and events area of LifeWay's church resources division. She formerly served as a special ministries coordinator at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

Ministers' wives often feel the pressure to be "Patty Perfect" during the holiday season, being the perfect hostess or guest, or providing the perfect gift — for everybody. Unfortunately, while ministers' wives may be smiling on the outside, the panel said, inside they are "probably screaming," hoping to survive until January.

"They can't always afford to go and visit family, or because of church responsibilities they're not able to leave

and go be with family," Adams said. "So sometimes it can be really lonely for them.

"There is also the issue of finances," she said. "Who do you buy presents for? Do you try to have something at your home, a little gift of some sort to give to those who come by your home? Where do you stop the gifts? Is it with other staff members? Is it with other congregation members?"

Adams also said the expectation to be at so many Sunday School parties or other gatherings can be a financial burden for those ministers' families with smaller children, which translates into a considerable expense for babysitting. Self said the expectations "are ubiquitous."

"There is a significant need for ministers' wives and ministers to show a graceful balance and say, 'yes, we love you but no, we are not coming to your party,'" Self said. "That is a way to affirm those who are inviting but it is also a way to draw the line as well.

"I think the ministers themselves can help their wives by defining for the church what's appropriate," Self added. "Very often the minister doesn't do that. He just sort of plays a passive role and takes it as it comes. Which means he brings home the list of Sunday School parties and there's an expectation that they're going to go to all of them."

Cross acknowledged wives have the

fear that people don't want to hear "no." She said ministers' wives often fall prey to wanting to be people pleasers and fear saying no will offend church members. But, she said, saying "no" is a learning process, and one that is a necessity if wives are going to enjoy the season and help create a meaningful time for their own families.

"In order for balance to occur there needs to be an awareness of both sets of needs and expectations," Self said. "If you try to meet all of the needs it will not work. Often ministers' wives ignore their own needs and focus on the needs of others. This is a set-up for trauma in the family of the minister."

Adams said church members can look for ways to minister to their ministers' families by praying for them and doing something special for ministers' wives to acknowledge their contribution to the ministry. Self added that this is a difficult time of the year emotionally for many people in the church and it adds extra stress on ministers and their families.

"I think it's critical for the ministry body to be lifted up in prayer by the congregation and certainly by specific groups within the church that are really committed to the church life being the best it can be," he said. "I think bathing ministers and their families in prayer, especially during this season, is vital because the pressures on them are greater." □



CROSS

LifeWay store employees encourage spiritual emphasis on Christmas shopping

Benny Rice
LifeWay news office

ASHVILLE — With tight budgets, overwhelming schedules, frustrating traffic, politically correct retailing replacing "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays," it's common to hear "Bah, humbug" more often than "Jesus is the reason for the season."

LifeWay Christian Stores wants to put the focus of Christmas back into Christmas shopping.

"Our gifts this year are based on the theme 'Jesus, Blessed Be the Name,'" said Stacey, buyer for LifeWay Christian Stores. "We want there to be no doubt when someone walks into our stores that Christ is the main focus."

Whether ministering to customers in the store or helping shoppers select gifts with a spiritual emphasis, LifeWay employees see the potential for eternal impact in Christmas shopping and giving.

Ministry inside the store

The Christmas season at LifeWay Christian Stores employees increased opportunities to witness and

encourage customers.

"This is the most important time for us to make an impact," said Richard Mencer, Amarillo (Texas) LifeWay Christian Store manager. "So many come into the store during this time who are not Christians or who are dealing with things such as losing loved ones. This is our opportunity to share Christ and minister to those who are hurting."

Prayer boxes are located in every LifeWay Christian Store for customers to submit prayer requests lifted up by store employees each morning during staff devotional time.

LifeWay Christian Store employees also look for ways to share Jesus with those who enter the store.

"The church does a great job of ministering to people during this season," Mencer said. "We are open many times when the church is not, so we can minister to people as well."

Ministry outside the store

The potential for spiritual impact does not reside within the four walls of a LifeWay Christian Store. Mencer encourages shoppers to focus on Christ while shopping this Christmas season.

"As in everything, pray before you shop," Mencer suggested. "Ask God for direction on what to buy and for guidance in your shopping."

Customers are not the only ones praying. Before each Christmas season, LifeWay Christian Store gift buyers pray for God's guidance in selecting themes for gifts offered to customers.

"As we prayed about this year's themes, we decided that we wanted to focus on His name," Stacey explained. "You can see 'inspirational' products in the mass market, but we wanted to make sure our gifts have Christ's name or are based on Scripture."

Three themes emerged from the overriding "Jesus, Blessed Be the Name" premise, Stacey explained: a traditional Nativity theme based on Matthew 1:23; the Believe collection based on I John 3:23; and a whimsical gift line based on the song, "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know." Many of the gifts are exclusive to LifeWay.

"The messages on the products can encourage other Christians or provide an opportunity to share your faith with non-Christians," Stacey said. □

Seminary extension ...

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Seminary extension courses are also helpful to laypeople, particularly Sunday School teachers, deacons, and others who serve in leadership roles, Buttrey said.

"More than two-thirds of our current students are laypeople," she estimated.

Pulley noted he has had lawyers, business management, and even college deans take courses. "We have had a variety of people in seminary extension classes," he reflected.

People can get a quality education at a nominal cost, Pulley continued.

Buttrey noted they have had college students take one or two courses and transfer them for college credit to complete a degree. "Courses are transferable at the receiving college's discretion," Buttrey stressed.

In fact, Judson College, a Baptist-school affiliated with the Alabama Baptist Convention, will accept 30 hours of Seminary Extension courses in their extended degree program, Buttrey said. "Students can transfer these courses to Judson at no cost," she added.

Seminary Extension is accredited by Distance Education and Training Council. In addition, many SE diploma courses have been evaluated and recommended for college credit by the ACE College Credit Recommendation Service.

Seminary Extension also is authorized by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

Seminary extension classes can meet the needs of almost everyone, Buttrey observed. "A person can study anytime, anywhere, any way they choose."

Buttrey, a member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Nashville, says

her position with Seminary Extension allowed her to "fulfill a call to full-time Christian vocation that she felt as a teenager."

She noted that the thing she enjoys most about her role is "seeing results of people who take seminary extension courses and how God has blessed them in their ministries."

Buttrey also has developed lasting friendships with untold numbers of "telephone" friends, people she has never met, but communicates with on a regular basis.

"Vivian is beloved by people who have not met her other than on the telephone," Pulley noted. "Every place I go people speak very highly of Vivian. She is more knowledgeable of Seminary Extension than anyone in the SBC," he added.

For more information about Seminary Extension, call (615) 242-2453. □



BUTTREY

Producer's dream brings nativity story to the big screen

By Laura Erlanson
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Ironically, production of "The Nativity Story" took about as long as the period of time the movie portrays — from just before Christ's immaculate conception to just after His miraculous birth. That such a breakneck production schedule actually worked and the movie opened Dec. 1 is its own little miracle, the film's producers say.

"It's the fastest movie from soup to nuts that I've ever been involved with," producer Wyck Godfrey said in a telephone interview with Baptist Press.

Godfrey, 38, who has produced recognizable movies like "Daddy Daycare," "I, Robot" and "Behind Enemy Lines," didn't begin his work on The Nativity Story until March of this year.

Godfrey left a comfortable position at Hollywood's Davis Entertainment to form Temple Hill Productions with longtime friend Marty Bowen.

Bowen had been a talent agent with United Artists Agency. One of his clients was writer Mike Rich, an award-winning screenwriter ("The Rookie," "Radio," "Miracle") and devoted believer.

Bowen had encouraged Rich to explore writing a biblical story. "Write what's important to you," he told him. Soon, he learned of Rich's plan to write a screenplay on the birth of Christ. Bowen mentioned it to Godfrey, who said half-joking that he'd quit his job to produce the movie.

Godfrey recalls, "Six months later [Bowen] called and said, 'Well, here it is — you want to quit your job to do it?' It was God knocking me on the head, going, 'Alright, this is your chance.'

"I'd had a great run with my old company and made a bunch of movies for my old boss and had growingly felt that it's either time to make the movies that will define you or just work for him forever."

Godfrey got that call from Bowen in December 2005, left his job in March 2006 and was on a plane the next day to Italy, where the film was shot.

Bowen had shown the script to New Line Cinema ("The Lord of the Rings") in February. They embraced it instantly and wanted it for this Christmas, an almost unheard of deadline in a business where films can take years from start to finish.

Why was this particular film so attractive to Godfrey that he would quit his job, start a brand new company, and begin a whirlwind production and promotion schedule?

"It was kind of a dream come true," he said.

Since the movie's writer and producers are Christians, biblical accuracy for The Nativity Story was of utmost importance.

"That was our sole intention — to get it right," Godfrey said. "From a script standpoint, Mike [Rich] really focused on just the Scripture and looking at areas where in between the Scripture you could insert extra-biblical stuff that wouldn't be an affront to the Scripture."

In addition to biblical accuracy, the filmmakers strived for historical authenticity as well, hiring Jewish scholars to dictate everything from costuming to food to when the characters should pray and wash their hands.

They also involved historians to consult with them about architecture and King Herod

The Nativity Story — 'Wow,' not 'ugh'

By Laura Erlanson
Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Sad to say, "Christian" films often do one (or both) of two things — they either make Christians look silly or they misinterpret the Bible.

When I was invited to an early screening of "The Nativity Story" in mid-October, I wasn't sure what to expect.

Thankfully, the feature film about the events of Christ's birth, which opened nationwide Dec. 1, portrays "the greatest story ever told" with compelling acting, beautiful cinematography, moving music, cultural authenticity and, best of all, biblical accuracy.

It's a Christian film with all of the "wow" factors you want from a Hollywood production (realistic costumes, impressive locations, believable characters, and dialogue) and none of the "ugh" factors you often find in films of the genre (sappy dialogue, cheesy costumes, preachy/melodramatic characters).

Both the Mary and Joseph characters were complex and fallible — necessary qualities in a good protagonist. They're not perfect, which makes their accomplishments all the more inspiring.

I found myself reciting the biblical account several times during the action and even the dialogue.

One example of the film's beauty is Mary's

visit to her cousin Elisabeth, who is expecting her own child, John the Baptist. In the film, Elisabeth is facing the camera as Mary approaches her house and calls her name. Immediate thought of Luke 1:41: "... when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Ghost." I was not disappointed by the film's portrayal of this reaction.

Ever since I was a young girl, I've wondered what Mary must have gone through during pregnancy. Did she try to convince anyone she was telling the truth or did she just accept she'd be an outcast? Did her own parents believe her? Or any of her friends? Surely Elisabeth must have been such a comfort to her, if only to assure her that she wasn't crazy.

The film does a masterful job of dealing with all of these emotions, yet with admirable faithfulness to Scripture. So many snippets of the biblical account we've all heard so many times popping into my mind during the film. It's what the filmmakers wanted this to happen.

The film truly does bring the biblical story to life, and it does so without downplaying the supernatural (Jesus' deity, Elisabeth's advantage) or overplaying its audience — a fine line that the filmmakers walk successfully.

I can't recommend the film highly enough as a great opportunity to share the story with unbelievers (without risking embarrassment) and to relive the story yourself. □

and his relationship with the Romans.

They even enlisted a dialect coach, Jessica Drake ("Memoirs of a Geisha"), who took actors from all over the world (France, Morocco, Africa, England) and worked with them tirelessly for weeks to give them all the same dialect — something she called ancient Middle Eastern Hebrew.

Godfrey said they paid such attention to detail because the subject matter was so important.

"For the writer and Marty and I — we felt it from the

beginning," he said. "This is something we had to write. We wanted it to be scriptural. We wanted the movie to reflect well on God."

Godfrey said even though the actors were diverse, the weight of the material was sometimes palpable on the set. "We had actors from every religious background — Catholic, Muslim, everything. Yet the spiritual tenor of the set was really still when we had the scene with Mary returning home pregnant and having to face her parents. And you could hear a pin drop on

the set when we were shooting the scene with Christ's birth.

What about audiences? Have they been responding far?

"Fantastic," Godfrey said. "I don't think any of us could have hoped for a more enthusiastic response — across denominations. And even more so, screenings have gone really well."

Similar to the lead-up to "The Passion of The Christ," many churches are hosting private screenings of the film, or at least encouraging their members to go. □

Union conference explores Baptist identity

Union University news service

JACKSON — Frank Page, Paige Patterson, Timothy George, Thom Rainer, and David Dockery will be among the speakers at Union University's second "Baptist Identity Conference" here Feb. 15-17. The conference will address the theme "Convention, Cooperation, and Controversy."

"Baptist Identity II is a much needed conversation for Southern Baptists as we seek to better understand our history and heritage in order to build a new sense of cooperation for our shared service in the 21st century," said Dockery, president of Union University. "The conference speakers will be outstanding. Each is prepared to address a key issue facing Southern Baptists at this time in our history. I would strongly encourage pastors, denominational leaders, and key laypersons to make plans to attend."

Speakers and their topics for the conference are as follows:

- Patterson, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, "What Contemporary Baptists Can Learn from Anabaptists."
- George, dean of Beeson Divinity School, "The Future of Baptist Identity in a Post-Denominational World."
- Rainer, president of LifeWay Christian Resources, "Evangelism and Church Growth in the Southern Baptist Convention."

- Dockery, president of Union University, "The Southern Baptist Convention since 1979."

- Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, "The Role of the Cooperative Program in the 21st Century."

- Russell Moore, dean of the School of Theology and senior vice president for academic administration at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, "T.T. Eaton: Drawing on 19th Century Baptist Models."

- Steve Gaines, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, "The Future of the Traditional Church."

- Greg Thornbury, dean of the School of Christian Studies at Union University, "The Angry Young Men of the SBC."

- Ed Stetzer, missiologist and research team director at the North American Mission Board, "The Influence of the Emerging/Missional Church."

- Mike Day, director of missions for the Mid-South Baptist Association in Memphis, Tenn., "The Future of Baptist Associations and State Conventions."

The conference will begin at 2 p.m. Feb. 15, with the last session scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Feb. 17. Cost for the conference is \$50, which includes three meals. Register online at www.uu.edu/events/baptistidentity. For more information, call (731) 661-5162. □

New convention president

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A pastor who does not have those priorities in order can have his ministry hindered, Stewart observed.

He noted that the most important person in his life is his wife, Becky, who he described as the "ideal pastor's wife."



STEWART

Stewart said his wife and entire family were supportive of his decision to serve as president of the convention if elected.

His family includes two daughters — Tracey Stewart of Atlanta and Terri Stewart Rose of Knoxville — and two sons — Todd and Trent Stewart — and eight grandchildren.

Both sons are ministers. Trent serves as youth pastor

at Grace Baptist while Todd is pastor of Mosaic Community Church in the inner-city of Knoxville.

Stewart is looking forward to his year as convention president. "I didn't seek the position and didn't need it, but I sense God is up to something in the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

Again, he is convinced more than ever that "God wants to use the churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention to make a difference in our state and around the world."

"Whatever God does will come through the local churches," Stewart said.

"If we get our churches involved cooperatively in what God is doing, we (the convention) get to be on the front lines," the new president continued.

"I want to be a part of what God is doing," Stewart affirmed. □

The Christmas season — a time of self-denial



By Wanda Lee

letter from Lottie Moon, onary to China, was publ in the *Foreign Mission al* in 1887 urging South-aptist women to take seri- their role in reaching the for Christ. In today's busy h life, we sometimes forget all to prayer, sacrificial giv- and self-denial. As we begin celebration of Christmas, remember the words of Lot- herself:

a former letter I called tion to the work of Southern odist women, endeavoring it as an incentive to stir up omen of our Southern Bap- churches to a greater zeal in ause of missions. I have been reading the minutes e ninth annual meeting of oman's Board of Missions, South and find that in the ending in June they raised xty-six thousand dollars. m convinced that one of the reasons our Southern Bap- omen do so little is the lack ganization. Why should we learn from these noble



That all peoples may know Him

**Week of Prayer
for International Missions and
International Mission Study**

Dec. 3-10, 2006

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
National Goal: \$150 million

Methodist women, and instead of the paltry offerings we make, do something that will prove that we are really earnest in claiming to be followers of Him who, "though He was rich, for our sake became poor?" How do these Methodist women raise so much money? By prayer and self-denial. Note the resolution "unanimously approved" by the meeting above:

"Resolved, That this Board recommend to the Woman's Missionary Society to observe the week preceding Christmas as a week of prayer and self-denial."

Need it be said, why the week before Christmas is chosen? Is not "the festive season when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of The Gift laid on the

altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

I wonder how many of us really believe that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." A woman who accepts that statement of our Lord Jesus Christ as a fact, and not as "impractical idealism," will make giving a principle of her life.

To live the call means we must seek God's direction in all aspects of our lives, including stewardship. If we are serious about the mandate to "Go into all the world," the giving of our resources will match the biblical

teaching of our Lord. The admonition from Lottie Moon to organize the women and rally their missionary spirits is just as critical today as it was in 1887. WMU did organize the following year, and Lottie's prodding was the impetus for Southern Baptist women to establish the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions.

May the needs of the world and our love for our Savior this Christmas call forth a new generation of women committed once again to prayer, sacrificial giving, and self-denial so all the world may know Him! □ — Lee is executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, based in Birmingham, Ala.



By Lonnie Wilkey, editor

Poor advice

An article in the Nov. 29 issue of *The Tennessean* in Nashville has created a stir not only in Middle Tennessee but across the state as well.

In that article a professor from David Lipscomb University said Christians must "let go" some of their beliefs in order to have peace with Muslims and Jews. He went on to say that Christians must shed the idea that they need to promulgate a worldwide Christianity, according to *The Tennessean* article.

Hmmm. I wonder if this theologian ever read Matthew 28:19-20?

Lee Camp, the Lipscomb professor, also said, "If I hold to a model of Jesus ... what I've committed to in my baptism is loving my enemy. I'm not committed to killing you, but to serving and honoring you. It's an exclusive commitment to the way of Christ, not to the exclusive authority of Christ."

Hmmm. I wonder if Mr. Camp has ever read, "I am the way, the truth, the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). I would call that exclusive authority.

But what do I know? I am no theologian. I am just a Christian layman saved by God's grace and only by His mercy.

I do, however, know flawed logic when I see it. It is flawed to think that there will ever be true world peace before Jesus returns. The Bible says it won't happen.

We are destined to live in a world of strife. John 16:33 says it like this: "In me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Don't misunderstand. We need to co-exist with other religions, but asking Christians to "let go" of their beliefs is a ridiculous piece of advice. I notice he didn't call for Jews or Muslims to give up the tenets of their beliefs.

Professor Camp said, "We need to forsake the Christendom model. The most basic Christian commitment ... is that we say we believe in the Lordship of Jesus. But, if we claim that, how can a Muslim or Jew trust us, if we say Jesus is the Lord of all Lords?"

Read II Timothy 2:12: "... if we deny Him, He also will deny us."

I don't know about you, but I would rather take my chances being mistrusted by Muslims and Jews than denying Jesus Christ. After all, He is the ONLY "way, the truth, and the life." May we never be ashamed to proclaim it! □

letters to the editor

ers plan

aving just returned from the I came away, as I usually do, a bit of chagrin because of report of the Committee on sels.

he method used to select per- for the various boards and ittees needs to be addressed a serious manner. A glance at isting of persons newly elect- ows a propensity to select e from a limited number of sations. Notably, for exam- n the board of Carson-New- ollege, four of the nine are Knox County. Are we to e that only persons in the r County Association were ed as suitable? Likewise, n University has 10 trustees a two are from Madison- ter, three are from Mid- a, and two are from ville.

is disheartening, to say the to read over the list and see ame associations, year after extended preference. And h the chairman of the com- e noted that many associa- never submit any names, I for certain that for the past years I have submitted s, none of which have ever ved so much as a wink or a Small wonder, then, that so associations don't bother.

ow can we fix it? Simple. persons from each associa- should be selected each year l slots on the many boards committees. If there aren't gh persons selected that

way, then the selections can be broadened to regions (so that, for instance — four additional persons from the East, from the Middle, and from the West are chosen). To ensure equity no one association should have more than one person on any board or committee.

If something isn't done I think fewer and fewer people will bother to submit suggestions. After all, why should they? The "good ole boys" will simply continue to appoint whomsoever, as-soever they wish.

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Go all the way

Thanks to Clayton Hicks (B&R, Nov. 8) for his astute observation in the last paragraph of his good letter, "Go all the way or don't try to single out just one ..."

So, now let's apply that to the recent victory where Tennesseans beat back that monstrous challenge to the sanctity of marriage, the so-called "marriage amendment." To "go all the way" with this issue, what are we going to do to attack perhaps the biggest challenge to marriage, DIVORCE (I can hear that country singer singing it now, can't you?)? Will those among our legislative bodies here in TN propose an amendment to stamp out this curse? And what about heterosexual couples living together without taking marriage vows? And even worse, what about

unwed folks who have children?

The battle is just beginning, fellow Tennesseans. Can we Baptists take the lead?

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Agrees with writer

In reference to the resolution submitted at the September TBC Executive Board meeting concerning Wal-Mart joining the National Gay/Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, I agree with Mr. Clayton Hayes' letter to the editor in the Nov. 8 issue

The people who invest with GuideStone should be aware that GuideStone as of their Semi-Annual financial statement dated June 30, 2006 has in excess of \$12 million invested in Wal-Mart.

If the GuideStone investors boycott Wal-Mart, you are boycotting one of the companies that you own stock in.

Check some of the other companies that Mr. Hayes listed. You will find there are several of these companies GuideStone invests in also supporting the NGLCC.

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Why they leave

I disagree with a letter to the editor in the Nov. 8 issue and the overall idea that it represents among our churches. People do not leave our churches because of a lack of commitment. In fact, I would say they leave our churches because of commitment.

I offer this explanation of my

opinion. The letter used the all-too-often cited example of sports teams and how people never say they don't have time for those types of activities in their lives but will say that about church. And I agree. People want to give their time and ultimately their lives where they feel part of a team. With that in mind, we must examine what makes a successful team and the answer becomes obvious; a winning team has a clear goal and vision for the future. No team ever starts out to lose, they start out to win. No team ever starts out to finish mid-pack but to win championships.

If we want church members to be committed to the church, we must lead in a way that reflects what they are drawn to and must do what it takes to get people excited about being on our team. To do that, we must have a clear goal and vision for the future. People are committed, they just aren't committed to our churches when they don't feel like they are part of a winning team.

If we want church members to be committed to the church, we should stop blaming them and start looking in the mirror to examine our leadership of the "team" God has given us. After all, Proverbs tells us where there is no vision, the people are in disarray. If our people are committed to the wrong causes, it's likely because they have no vision to follow and consequently no team to join.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOURTH QUARTER

November 1, 2005 - October 31, 2006

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
GIFTS AND OTHER INCOME				
Cooperative Program:	35,553,884			35,553,884
Designated to SBC/TBC Institutions		2,276,743	3,651,323	5,928,066
Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions		10,544,379		10,544,379
Annie Armstrong Offering for N. American Missions		4,099,692		4,099,692
Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions			1,493,665	1,493,665
CP/Designated gifts received from the Tennessee Baptist Foundation	323,024	67,498	42,460	432,982
Other Special Gifts			493,268	493,268
Total Gifts	35,876,907	16,988,313	5,680,717	58,545,937
Other Income (Guidestone, NAMB, LifeWay, Conference Centers, interest, refunds, B&R advs./subscriptions)			4,144,641	4,144,641
Total Receipts	35,876,907	16,988,313	9,825,358	62,690,578

ALLOCATIONS

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION				
International Missions	7,175,382	11,574,341		18,749,722
North American Missions	3,271,974	4,255,572		7,527,546
Six Seminaries	3,099,765	467		3,100,231
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	215,261	67		215,328
Guidestone	114,806	67		114,873
Other SBC Gifts	473,575	1,157,801		1,631,376
Total SBC Gifts	14,350,764	16,988,313	0	31,339,077

TENNESSEE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Evangelism	2,149,101		846,462	2,995,563
Missions	1,935,334		272,757	2,208,090
Discipleship	1,985,287		59,389	2,044,676
Ministry	1,353,794		235,570	1,589,364
Worship	588,179		17,595	605,774
Prayer	495,096		14,811	509,907
Fellowship	548,190		16,399	564,589
Associational Support	1,276,371		39,692	1,316,064
Administration	573,311		252,744	826,056
Total TN Missions and Ministries	10,904,662	0	1,755,420	12,660,082

CONVENTION OPERATIONS

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Baptist and Reflector	406,611		10,415	417,025
TBC Meetings & Committees	377,687		9,493	387,181
Church Annuity Plan	1,425,779		36,748	1,462,526
TBC Conference Centers	163,445		4,110	167,555
Cooperative Program Promotion	89,779		2,362	92,141
TBC Audits	122,168		3,198	125,367
Total Convention Operations	2,585,469	0	66,326	2,651,795

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Belmont University			109	109
Carson Newman College	2,766,192		215,887	2,982,079
Union University	2,766,192		78,100	2,844,292
Harrison Chilhowee	492,911		38,212	531,122
Historical Archives	13,640		387	14,026
CRV Scholarships	68,197		1,742	69,939
Total Christian Education	6,107,131	0	334,436	6,441,567

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
TN Baptist Adult Homes	272,721		251,973	524,694
TN Baptist Children's homes	1,323,250		2,769,476	4,092,725
TN Baptist Foundation	332,910		9,818	342,728
Total Christian Services	1,928,881	0	3,031,267	4,960,148

OTHER SPECIAL GIFTS

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
American Bible Society			175	175
Tenn. Drug Awareness Council			47,183	47,183
Disaster Relief			412,562	412,562
Other Special Gifts			33,348	33,348
Total Other Special Gifts	0	0	493,268	493,268

Total Allocations

	Cooperative Program	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Total Allocations	35,876,907	16,988,313	5,680,717	58,545,937
Other Income (Guidestone, NAMB, Lifeway, Conference Centers, interest, refunds, B&R advertisement/subscription income)			4,144,641	4,144,641
Total Allocations	35,876,907	16,988,313	9,825,358	62,690,578

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC
Southside Msrny	0	0	100
Tomlin Chpl	0	0	0
Twin Oaks	1,158	0	125
Union	9,191	2,380	798
Union Grove	6,023	2,382	1,096
Wildersville	3,929	553	1,094
Total	372,716	97,841	48,017
Beech River Baptist Association			
Alamo	2,010	0	0
Aldridge	200	0	0
Antioch	1,881	1,227	472
Antioch	0	0	0
Bethel	0	0	0
Blessed Hope	1,483	821	145
Broadway	1,200	1,275	0
Calvary	16,875	2,090	609
Casa de Gozo	0	0	0
Cottonwood	1,200	584	0
Cottonwood Grove	2,339	0	1,313
Crosswind	1,200	0	0
Cypress Creek	0	0	0
Fairview	1,197	1,191	699
Greater Hope	50	0	0
Hornbeak	3,204	1,393	476
Johnson Grove	1,051	0	0
Lake Road	2,400	999	200
Lakeview	444	715	264
Macedonia	6,272	1,516	540
Martin 1st	115,521	40,670	10,766
McConnell	4,032	1,577	749
Mt Moriah	300	100	0
Mt Olive	4,021	766	567
Mt Pelia	16,639	1,977	281
New Concord	1,102	878	405
New Home	1,766	6,965	3,193
New Salem	8,282	2,199	1,433
Obion 1st	6,770	1,752	1,212
Phillippy	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill (M)	10,417	9,554	1,755
Pleasant Hill Rives	9,339	3,082	1,329
Reelfoot	3,088	0	0
Ridgely 1st	20,349	5,402	4,385
Samburg	4,903	0	226
South Fulton	53,339	6,593	3,757
Sunswept	12,478	646	20
Tiptonville 1st	10,187	2,668	575
Troy 1st	24,153	4,701	1,205
Union City 1st	54,635	17,575	5,553
Union City 2nd	111,861	12,746	3,446
Walnut Log	0	0	0
Willingham Mem	0	0	0
Woodland Mills 1st	39,214	20,008	7,797
Wynburg	6,205	981	500
Total	561,605	152,649	53,871
Big Emory Baptist Association			
Beech Park	28,325	2,041	0
Bethel	0	0	0
Big Emory	6,670	2,235	0
Big Ridge Road Msrny	1,966	865	100
Calvary	1,800	1,016	1,217
Calvary Msrny	0	0	0
Caney Ford	4,398	2,090	3,422
Cardiff	2,179	1,985	869
Cedar Grove	28,259	39,231	1,352
Central	3,694	3,335	605
Chapman Grove	2,925	1,689	0
Childs Mem	6,893	2,933	737
Clymersville	10,328	2,075	1,940
Coal Hill Msrny	993	0	55
Crab Orchard	849	300	300
Daysville	3,200	3,560	2,109
Deer Lodge	4,545	1,503	2,500
Dyllis	6,260	689	0
East Robbins Msrny	0	0	0
Elizabeth	1,730	0	452
Emmanuel Msrny	0	0	0
Eureka	7,307	6,489	3,511
Fairview Msrny	2,269	4,381	546
Faith Msrny	2,118	207	114
Glenmary Msrny	0	0	0
Huntsville 1st Msrny	2,565	1,414	1,151
Ivy Grove Msrny	0	0	0
Kellytown	10,400	0	381
Kingston 1st	5,451	37,240	6,633
Lakeview	3,068	1,865	370
Laurel Bluff	1,707	300	300
Lee Village	1,776	1,480	3,318
Liberty	24,777	7,304	2,072
Low Gap Msrny	1,429	400	0
Middle Creek	14,529	7,380	710
Mossy Grove	5,520	6,026	3,147
New Haven Msrny	12,911	7,464	180
New Heights	4,241	0	0
Nicks Creek Msrny	0	0	0
Norma Msrny	0	0	0
Oakdale 1st	8,678	1,887	2,173
Oneida 1st	52,127	8,869	952
Orchard View	2,776	1,149	100
Petros	10,852	4,241	1,071
Pine Orchard	11,774	4,985	2,528
Pine Ridge Msrny	10,699	2,322	1,061
Piney	25,771	6,766	274
Piney Grove	4,228	3,096	1,189
Pleasant Grove	14,717	2,141	50
Pond Grove	3,141	221	66
Potter's House	1,290	0	0
Riggs Chpl	2,329	254	225
Riverside	28,106	5,566	4,092
Riverside Msrny	0	0	0
Robbins 1st Msrny	1,953	573	233
Rockwood 1st	49,225	27,551	6,683
Rockwood 2nd	1,965	255	223
Shiloh	19,000	9,283	1,542
Smokey Creek Msrny	0	0	0
South Harriman	70,883	34,728	5,263
Sunbright 1st	13,893	3,923	228
Trenton Street	23,050	5,020	1,240
Union	5,917	1,228	519
Union Chpl	2,860	1,000	1,000
Walnut Hill	8,857	2,448	2,261
Wartburg 1st	31,435	3,905	807
Westel	2,816	1,051	210
White's Creek	5,785	3,814	2,203
Winfield	0	0	0
Total	628,889	283,772	74,283
Big Hatchie Baptist Association			
Ashport	2,215	1,073	1,122
Beaver	4,800	3,999	398
Brighton 1st	30,441	7,035	3,229
Calvary	4,842	893	1,054

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total	Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Alpha Baptist Association									
Bon Aqua	3,637	3,158	1,290	8,085	Chapel Hill	9,260	2,975	788	13,023
Bread Of Life	3,739	1,339	0	5,078	Corinth	1,200	2,000	1,100	4,300
Centerville 1st	9,539	3,776	295	13,610	Crossroads	1,975	0	0	1,975
Cross Roads	4,447	1,100	2,740	8,287	Cub Creek Hall	456	380	125	961
East Hickman	1,351	223	259	1,832	Darden Msrny	100	0	0	100
Edgewood	650	550	1,550	2,750	Decaturville 1st	6,433	3,154	2,935	12,522
Fairfield	17,104	2,049	2,124	21,277	Flatwoods	6,519	1,150	1,313	8,982
Garrett	1,341	621	0	1,962	Flwshp	0	0	0	0
Highland	3,827	1,192	348	5,367	House Of Worship	145	0	108	253
Hohenwald 1st	49,911	7,794	2,807	60,513	Huron 1st	330	0	755	1,085
Lick Creek	1,109	496	147	1,752	Judson Msrny	400	1,000	625	2,025
Linden 1st	9,601	928	50	10,579	Lexington 1st	177,975	36,085	5,335	219,395
Lobelville 1st	2,400	2,126	990	5,516	Luray Msrny	0	132	0	132
Maple Valley	681	0	0	561	Mt Ararat	4,427	2,772	1,693	8,891
New Beginnings Msrny	569	183	1,267	2,138	Mt Gilead	6,530	1,481	1,405	11,431
New Hope	0	600	250	850	Mt Zion	565	3,297	300	2,146
Only	225	100	0	325	New Beech Grove	0	0	0	0
Pine Grove	2,016	362	293	2,671	New Chpl	0	115	100	215
Pinewood 1st	6,010	1,180	117	7,756	New Hope	750	1,680	0	2,830
Piney	1,432	155	565	1,702	Parsons 1st	31,702	2,808	0	34,510
Tom's Creek	6,372	1,092	3,960	11,424	Perryville 1st	1,191	194	0	1,385
Wrigley	2,996	0	0	2,996	Pine Grove	12,344	2,384	5,148	19,875
Total	128,955	29,025	19,052	177,032	Pop				

CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
3,466	1,025	1,084	5,575
11,710	583	0	12,293
9,070	3,149	1,433	13,652
118,510	36,992	8,552	164,053
0	0	0	0
3,524	0	0	3,524
1,881	400	635	2,916
164	332	41	537
7,084	4,578	1,296	12,958
16,696	2,406	241	19,343
3,510	0	0	3,510
821	543	738	2,102
20,203	3,349	4,667	28,218
26,773	7,726	873	35,372
11,483	1,851	1,580	14,914
0	0	323	323
0	0	1,500	1,500
17,292	2,250	250	19,792
4,210	13,611	5,868	23,689
513	214	161	889
3,763	1,445	400	5,608
5,180	1,702	75	6,957
41,801	4,006	8,580	54,386
37,452	13,856	2,318	53,626
1,483	137	1,111	2,731
18,864	3,834	1,151	23,849
774	100	250	1,124
42,638	17,788	2,988	63,414
0	0	0	0
872	1,290	145	2,307
45,856	8,689	3,709	58,254
0	0	484	484
10,753	68	175	10,996
1,518	0	0	1,518
5,454	249	440	6,143
5,403	2,830	3,341	11,573
700	465	50	1,215
400	1,125	955	2,480
522,119	149,592	61,219	732,929
Bledsoe Baptist Association			
0	0	0	0
763	523	250	1,536
355	2,490	0	2,845
1,033	1,201	630	2,864
0	0	0	0
100	179	0	279
48,631	1,125	1,282	51,038
160	100	0	260
0	0	0	0
6,843	0	1,457	8,300
0	1,000	700	1,700
360	0	0	360
23,828	33,548	13,313	70,690
6,737	1,146	1,571	9,454
25,211	13,977	2,103	41,291
607,811	179,071	20,841	807,723
0	50	150	200
2,625	0	0	2,625
9,078	2,149	190	11,417
751	561	182	1,494
2,538	1,575	369	4,482
500	1,324	0	1,824
16,202	5,629	3,162	24,993
141,714	172,013	12,321	326,049
900	535	0	1,435
3,047	1,295	1,000	5,342
3,091	240	0	3,332
93	65	104	262
2,338	2,062	2,273	6,673
1,829	334	100	2,263
1,190	680	627	2,497
2,633	361	305	3,299
3,045	0	50	3,095
36,238	19,450	11,489	67,177
768	0	0	768
0	591	0	591
2,100	202	0	2,302
14,882	5,801	1,609	22,292
3,622	180	0	3,802
10,883	660	323	11,866
981,900	450,118	76,402	1,508,420
Bradley County Baptist Association			
0	0	0	0
1,344	0	0	1,344
27,059	884	755	28,698
16,487	5,568	305	22,360
2,700	885	911	4,496
2,314	2,426	1,706	6,445
8,043	0	0	8,043
23,399	111,065	3,570	138,035
0	0	859	859
0	0	0	0
7,279	1,658	1,491	10,429
0	0	0	0
282,881	113,324	29,658	425,863
5,000	1,000	0	6,000
0	0	1,920	1,920
1,697	0	0	1,697
1,635	0	0	1,635
5,278	721	0	5,999
704	333	1,501	2,538
1,200	200	0	1,400
0	0	0	0
3,454	300	399	4,153
1,800	0	800	2,600
0	0	556	556
0	0	0	0
0	15	0	15
1,796	0	0	1,796
2,123	650	978	3,751
7,923	4,622	2,893	15,438
0	0	0	0
3,000	0	0	3,000
3,632	950	1,076	5,659
6,482	914	514	7,910
1,686	0	0	1,686
12,225	2,133	150	14,508
5,377	489	752	6,618
10,446	14,203	3,173	27,822
14,112	3,485	1,244	18,841
0	0	0	0
700	0	0	700
12,968	7,745	125	20,838
0	0	0	0
4,267	1,060	130	5,457
83,501	34,716	6,375	124,592
2,378	1,191	350	3,919
5,754	1,648	459	7,861
33,911	11,330	5,444	50,686
125	0	0	125

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Samples Mem	200	400	739	1,339
Stuart Park	1,200	1,297	407	2,904
Tasso	2,506	655	0	3,161
Thompson Springs	4,981	1,319	2,052	8,352
Union Msnry	375	640	100	1,115
Valley View	14,668	2,412	804	17,883
Walker Valley	0	0	0	0
Washington Ave	0	0	500	500
Waterville	9,907	11,324	1,828	23,059
West Cleveland	2,850	1,885	840	5,575
Westwood	181,245	21,994	4,195	207,434
White Oak	0	1,272	1,747	3,019
Total	822,613	366,713	81,306	1,270,632
Campbell County Baptist Association				
Alder Springs	1,467	0	2,056	3,523
Bethlehem Msnry	0	8,745	1,105	9,850
Calvary	300	2,618	811	3,729
Caryville 1st	9,768	2,326	425	12,519
Cedar Hill	2,310	6,658	1,680	10,648
Central	0	0	939	939
Coolidge 1st	5,863	1,165	1,009	8,037
Crouches Creek	1,200	420	271	1,891
Demory	360	2,167	300	2,827
Eagan	471	0	0	471
East Jacksboro	1,809	5,381	6,082	13,272
East LaFollette	4,928	3,009	3,044	10,982
Elk Valley 1st	1,200	0	0	1,200
Glade Springs	2,343	320	5,381	8,044
Hillcrest	5,118	700	0	5,818
Indian Creek	0	0	0	0
Indiana Ave	14,891	777	2,186	17,854
Jacksboro 1st	10,730	18,034	4,465	33,230
Jellico 1st	9,206	2,792	2,201	14,199
LaFollette 1st	11,395	19,493	1,421	32,309
Lake View	1,800	1,402	705	3,907
Little Cove Creek	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	0	0	0	0
Midway	0	0	0	0
Morley	250	283	0	533
New Horizon	15,197	4,977	0	20,174
Newcomb	5,310	6,068	517	11,895
Oak Grove	0	2,106	1,701	3,807
Pruden	0	0	0	0
Stinking Creek	0	0	0	0
West LaFollette	4,285	1,631	1,016	6,932
White Oak	0	0	0	0
Total	110,201	91,071	37,316	238,588
Carroll-Benton Baptist Association				
Atwood 1st	9,238	3,475	3,370	16,083
Bethel Msnry	4,352	0	196	4,548
Bruceton 1st	8,638	8,208	3,547	20,393
Camden 1st	76,071	10,604	3,217	89,891
Carroll-Benton	0	0	2,075	2,075
Chalk Level	5,004	1,939	873	7,816
Concord	0	0	0	0
Coopers Chpl	370	172	0	542
Eagle Creek	2,063	800	140	3,002
East Side	5,158	2,235	1,531	8,924
Eastview	3,816	757	0	4,573
Eastwood	921	0	455	1,377
Enon	1,200	1,000	384	2,584
Eva	2,592	455	448	3,494
Fairview Msnry	150	1,009	543	1,702
Faith	1,685	2,540	450	4,676
Grace	0	0	0	0
Holladay	600	515	700	1,815
Hopewell	2,489	906	823	4,218
Howse	9,026	1,929	1,305	12,260
Huntingdon 1st	44,904	40,627	3,547	89,078
Liberty Hill	395	0	100	495
McKenzie 1st	58,328	22,402	8,578	89,308
McLemoresville	5,727	575	95	6,397
Msnry Grove	12,097	7,140	776	20,013
Mt Nebo	3,117	1,799	671	5,587
Natchez Trace	6,991	2,817	1,505	11,313
Prospect	6,587	535	304	7,426
Republican Grove	471	0	117	588
Sugar Tree Chpl	1,843	589	175	2,607
Tennessee River	660	0	0	660
Trezevant 1st	15,938	2,440	664	19,042
Union Academy	2,936	353	187	3,476
Total	293,366	115,821	36,774	445,961
Central Baptist Association				
Barren Fork	480	721	222	1,423
Bethel Hill	1,660	1,611	483	3,754
Brown Chpl	0	34	0	34
Central	0	0	789	789
Cornerstone	0	3,100	720	3,820
Eastside	2,555	4,299	50	6,904
Faith	0	0	0	0
Fall City	1,954	1,783	0	3,738
Forest Park	1,302	330	330	1,962
Gath	7,884	5,537	2,576	15,997
Irving College	3,355	629	250	4,233
Madison Street	3,875	3,231	932	8,038
McMinnville 1st	48,207	29,983	12,358	90,548
McMinnville 1st Hisp	1,807	689	412	2,908
Morrison 1st	6,400	2,135	1,185	9,720
Mt Elim	1,199	150	125	1,474
New Beginnings	0	0	0	0
Northside	8,181	12,159	0	20,340
Pioneer Comm	7,484	2,225	0	9,709
Shellsford	7,141	2,007	621	9,769
Smartt 1st	926	737	230	1,893
Trinity	1,734	556	463	2,753
Welchland	1,662	0	0	1,662
Westside	2,835	2,000	500	5,335
Total	110,641	73,915	22,245	206,800
Chilhowee Baptist Association				
Alcoa 1st	90,510	33,003	9,247	132,760
Alcoa Way	143	387	0	530
Allegheny	0	0	0	0
Armona	24,379	10,178	1,996	36,552
Beech Grove	97,093	24,581	6,133	127,807
Bethel	15,198	4,718	1,442	21,359
Birchfield	0	100	50	150
Broadway	46,779	15,665	2,175	64,620
Cades Cove	4,308	2,816	613	7,737
Calvary	37,218	6,407	85	43,710
Carpenters	0	0	0	0
Carson Island	2,447	400	0	2,847
Caylors Chpl	2,193	445	457	3,095
Cedar Grove	2,113	1,953	1,611	5,676
Centenary	2,652	1,107	1,034	4,793
Central Alcoa	11,946	1,384	3,463	16,792
Central Point	26,309	500	760	27,569
Cold Springs	1,808	2,646	815	5,269
Crossroads Comm	1,000	0	0	1,000
Crossroads Msnry	0	0	0	0
Dotson Mem	58,195	34,841	9,193	102,228

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
East Alcoa	659	0	0	659
East Maryville	38,700	46,355	16,482	101,537
East Walland	3,440	1,000	1,232	5,672
Ellejoy	0	0	0	0
Everett Hills	37,151	21,881	8,492	67,524
Forest Hill	42,352	10,058	30	52,440
Four Mile	10,258	1,530	5,400	17,188
Friendly Hill	2,312	0	0	2,312
Friendship	15,629	5,093	430	21,152
Friendsville 1st	25,762	4,884	1,908	32,554
Grace Comm	1,150	450	0	1,600
Grandview	11,179	4,142	2,067	17,387

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Eagleville	5,270	1,891	602	7,763
FBC Smyrna	136,094	18,922	3,129	158,146
Florence	2,497	0	100	2,597
Flwshp	576	0	0	576
Fosterville	5,766	2,410	290	8,466
Giles Creek	6,484	3,770	0	10,666
Grace	4,726	1,340	752	6,818
Green Hill (M'boro)	9,832	2,102	684	12,618
Greystone	4,334	447	0	4,781
Harvest View	7,527	0	0	7,527
Hillview	4,233	2,986	1,462	8,681
Hisp	0	0	0	0
Holly Grove	3,837	1,982	3,861	9,680
Immanuel	12,407	3,370	720	16,497
King's Chpl	0	0	0	0
Korean 1st	290	0	0	290
Lascassas	14,382	13,013	3,536	30,931
LaVergne 1st	18,229	3,466	651	22,346
Living Springs	12,336	2,491	1,640	16,466
Marshall Knob	521	71	0	592
Midland	2,356	411	200	2,967
Milton	1,699	535	635	2,869
Miracle	34,679	4,943	2,911	42,533
Mt Carmel	200	425	786	1,411
Mt Hermon	18,394	794	657	19,845
Mt Pleasant	8,119	2,903	864	11,886
Mt Zion (Smyrna)	0	0	0	0
Murfreesboro 1st	25,289	15,350	26,467	67,107
Murfreesboro 3rd	139,552	25,293	6,323	171,168
Murfreesboro Comm	1,070	114	1,112	2,296
New Hope	1,626	250	108	1,984
New Life Laotian	1,709	0	0	1,709
New Vision (Mboro)	104,117	2,627	0	106,744
Nolensville	10,737	1,110	1,300	13,147
Northside	128,468	33,263	7,696	169,427
Oaklands	1,813	2,469	670	4,952
P. I. B. (Smyrna)	0	0	0	0
Parkway	48,934	9,301	1,882	60,117
Patterson	1,027	0	1,407	2,434
Powell's Chpl	10,880	2,941	1,220	15,041
River Rock	7,244	3,044	990	11,279
Riverdale	7,931	495	586	9,012
Rock Springs	11,270	428	0	11,698
Scenic Drive	3,494	2,330	0	5,824
Southeast	55,380	4,347	935	60,661
Stonebrook	4,248	0	0	4,248
Stones River	51,532	6,249	898	58,679
Taylor's Chpl	400	1,000	790	2,190
Unity	2,090	0	140	2,230
Vessels of Mercy	3,450	0	0	3,450
Walter Hill 1st	15,004	5,702	4,714	25,420
Ward's Grove	5,415	1,635	752	7,803
Westwood	19,277	11,605	2,328	33,210
Woodbury Road	2,622	640	485	3,747
Total	1,367,824	305,836	100,779	1,774,439

Copper Basin Baptist Association

Bethlehem	0	455	200	655
Coletown	5,172	2,111	1,560	8,843
Isabella	1,150	245	200	1,595
Maple Grove	0	275	350	625
Mine City	11,685	3,674	1,975	17,334
Mt Harmony	0	325	325	650
Mt Vernon	0	0	800	800
Mt Zion	2,739	660	864	4,262
New Zion	6,220	2,000	2,000	10,220
Pleasant Hill	3,998	603	200	4,801
Turtletown Msnry	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	4,848	1,285	500	6,900
Total	35,812	11,633	9,241	56,686
Crockett County				
Alamo 1st	27,142	33,843	0	60,984
Barkers Chpl	1,262	946	0	2,208
Bells 1st	24,771	36,948	4,000	65,719
Cairo	6,222	1,957	840	9,019
Cross Roads	5,608	4,198	363	10,168
Friendship	8,139	1,261	845	10,245
Gadsden 1st	10,580	7,508	0	18,088
Johnson Grove	900	870	425	2,195
Maury City 1st	12,142	3,861	260	16,263
Midway	1,536	300	400	2,236
Nuevo Desafio	360	0	0	360
Providence	977	8,096	625	9,697
South Fork	3,433	2,440	1,625	7,497
Three Way	100	184	190	474
Walnut Hill	7,207	6,236	832	14,275
Total	110,378	108,647	10,404	229,430

Cumberland Baptist Association

1st Canaan	2,139	1,470	710	4,319
24	14,453	0	0	14,453
Alva	0	0	0	0
Bethel	12,515	1,350	0	13,865
Blooming Grove	4,484	300	300	5,084
Charlotte 1st	3,414	1,844	503	5,761
Clarksville 1st	429,850	172,427	11,284	613,561
Cross Creek	6,447	1,036	140	7,623
Crossing	0	878	1,622	2,500
Crossland Ave	174	125	100	399
Cumberland City 1st	1,078	200	233	1,511
Dotsonville	5,044	2,010	2,615	9,669
Erin	21,717	13,353	11,525	46,594
Excell	22,557	8,268	1,481	32,307
Flwshp Msn	0	0	0	0
Greater Msnry	4,932	0	100	5,032
Greater Saint James	1,400	0	0	1,400
Gum Springs	13,672	2,001	2,609	18,282
Harmony	5,026	0	851	5,877
Hillcrest	30,067	7,091	4,105	41,263
Hilldale	157,629	61,474	11,527	230,630
Kenwood	7,445	1,154	1,593	10,192
Kirkwood	2,200	924	214	3,338
Legacy	2,619	85	447	3,151
Little Hope	37,129	4,696	55	41,880
Little West Fork	3,000	3,924	1,297	8,221
Living Waters Flwshp	2,030	107	158	2,295
Lone Oak	3,065	1,545	861	5,471
Memorial	3,861	1,546	883	6,290
Mt Hermon	5,067	3,287	3,040	11,394
New Light Msnry	2,642	0	100	2,742
New Providence	5,547	1,154	298	6,999
Northeast	5,535	16,562	1,569	23,667
Northside	3,294	830	659	4,783
One Heart	0	0	0	0
Parkview	1,529	427	0	1,956
Pleasant View	19,030	6,336	2,639	28,005
Saint Bethlehem 1st	64,965	10,014	1,259	76,238
Spring Creek	23,655	1,204	748	25,607
Tabernacle	1,100	1,000	0	2,100
The Planting	4,831	715	0	5,546
Trinity	12,809	7,022	1,040	20,871
Trinity Hisp	584	0	0	584

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Willow Bend	1,812	0	0	1,812
Woodlawn 1st	13,667	497	614	14,778
Total	964,015	336,856	67,178	1,368,049
Cumberland Gap Baptist Association				
Alanthus Hill	296	0	182	478
Bethel	110	0	265	375
Big Spring Union	0	0	150	150
Blairs Creek	0	0	1,056	1,056
Brooks Mem	0	0	0	0
Butcher Gap	0	0	0	0
Calvary	0	0	0	0
Carrs Chpl	6,936	1,117	1,100	9,153
Cave Springs	100	600	400	1,100
Cedar Fork	0	0	2,214	2,214
Cedar Grove	4,016	480	0	4,496
Chadwell Station	2,442	0	0	2,442
Chittum Chpl	0	0	0	0
Clouds Mem	0	0	0	0
Cumberland Gap 1st	500	470	405	1,375
Dogwood Heights	2,607	848	879	4,334
Duncan Chpl	167	0	500	667
Fairview	78	0	0	78
Forge Ridge	100	0	100	200
Gap Creek	4,032	1,280	1,301	6,612
Gibson Station	0	50	151	201
Goins Chpl	0	0	0	0
Good Samaritan	477	0	0	477
Greer's Chpl	303	74	183	560
Harmony Msnry	0	0	1,004	1,004
Harrogate 1st	6,834	4,650	450	11,934
Haynes Flat	2,535	2,638	2,510	7,683
Head Of Barren	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	0	600	300	900
Howards Quarter	0	0	428	428
Indian Creek	360	1,232	1,114	2,706
Liberty	0	0	383	383
Liberty Hill	180	214	211	605
Little Barren	0	0	0	0
Little Creek	0	0	0	0
Little Mulberry Msnry	3,433	1,462	198	5,092
Little Sycamore	0	0	0	0
Little Valley	0	0	235	235
Lone Holly	0	0	0	0
M C M	0	0	0	0
Meyer Grove	0	0	0	0
Midway	11,546	4,340	281	16,166
Mt Gilead	100	0	110	210
Mt Pleasant	0	0	0	0
Mt Zion	4,952	600	900	6,452
New Beginning	3,878	1,884	2,914	8,676
New Hope	0	0	0	0
New Salem	132	600	500	1,232
New Tazewell 1st	26,918	11,522	1,778	40,219
Oak Grove	148	200	224	572
Pine Grove	0	0	0	0
Pleasant View	1,525	0	5,078	6,603
Poplar Grove	0	0	0	0
Pump Hollow	0	0	0	0
Pump Springs	41,527	4,286	0	45,813
Raven Hill	0	0	0	0
Red Hill	198	854	305	1,357
Riley Mem	100	25	100	225
Riverside	0	0	550	550
Shady Grove	0	0	0	0
Shawnee	11,124	3,622	3,699	18,445
Speedwell Academy	0	0	0	0
Springdale	175	0	301	476
Springfield	500	200	2,396	3,096
Straight Creek	0	0	0	0
Sugar Grove	0	0	0	0
Summey Bridge	0	0	0	0
Sunrise	0	0	0	0
Tazewell	8,009	2,264	900	11,173
Town Creek	0	0	0	0
Underwood Grove	2,715	1,573	1,855	6,143
Union Chpl	0	0	414	414
Walnut Hill	1,944	400	600	2,944
Wolfenbarger Chpl	0	478	0	478
Youngs	0	0	0	0
Total	150,996	48,565	38,622	238,183

Cumberland Plateau Baptist Association

Bethlehem	19,448	2,764	1,426	23,638
Breckenridge Lake Comm	473	0	0	473
Calvary	1,448	822	410	2,680
Central	81,247	36,952	5,444	123,643
Clear Creek	0	0	0	0
Crossville 1st	24,073	11,682	14,515	50,269
Cumberland Flwshp	4,686	1,135	2,564	8,385
Cumberland Homesteads	29,080	3,843	1,990	34,913
Cumberland Home	50	0	0	50
Emmanuel	2,366	647	300	3,313
Fairfield Glade 1st	25,568	20,430	5,694	51,692
Fairview	0	0	0	0
Fredonia	4,701	1,496	2,014	8,211
Friendship	0	0	100	100
Haleys Grove	3,686	421	582	4,689
Isoline	4,335	520	1,490	6,345
Lantana Road	19,560	7,275	277	27,111
Mayland	3,447	200	100	3,747
Memorial	20,617	8,307	3,027	31,951
Meridian	0	450	1,200	1,650
New Life	2,197	0	205	2,402
Oak Hill	8,526	2,541	1,823	12,890
Oaklawn	6,618	796	7,914	15,128
Pine Eden	28,185	4,780	3,886	36,850
Plateau	1,710	310	133	2,153
Pleasant Hill 1st	1,278	0	0	1,278
Slate Springs	1,192	0	120	1,312
Southwest	1,132	152	20	1,304
Total	295,621	105,524	47,819	448,963

Duck River Baptist Association

Air View	1,059	525	0	1,584
Altamont	2,075	0	0	2,075
Beech Grove	808	1,000	600	2,408
Belvidere 1st	0	0	0	0
Boynton Valley	1,336	696	488	2,520
Broadview Msnry	600	44	0	644
Center Grove	4,504	206	0	4,710
College Street	2,611	900	568	4,079
Cowan 1st	21,038	3,577	637	25,252
Cross Roads	3,996	370	770	5,136
Cumberland	1,529	1,337	269	3,135
Decherd 1st</				

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Abraham	1,375	938	0	2,313
Abraham	175,071	64,523	20,975	260,569
Gibson Baptist Association				
Abraham	28,585	12,010	2,682	43,278
Abraham	5,273	891	618	6,782
Abraham	4,696	2,429	2,123	9,248
Abraham	360	0	0	360
Abraham	7,463	1,274	1,006	9,743
Abraham	7,837	1,524	1,823	11,184
Abraham	14,461	2,031	665	17,157
Abraham	7,223	860	716	8,799
Abraham	5,287	1,787	150	7,224
Abraham	420	300	150	870
Abraham	36,730	11,462	1,013	49,205
Abraham	1,782	374	177	2,333
Abraham	3,318	600	269	4,187
Abraham	37,612	10,360	1,615	49,587
Abraham	3,406	1,920	276	5,602
Abraham	9,487	4,504	1,586	15,577
Abraham	4,793	1,064	310	6,167
Abraham	6,814	241	203	7,258
Abraham	3,818	2,027	510	6,355
Abraham	508	300	0	808
Abraham	174,887	36,373	6,525	217,785
Abraham	4,306	400	988	5,693
Abraham	852	162	0	1,014
Abraham	434	185	116	735
Abraham	38,626	5,875	7,301	51,802
Abraham	2,000	361	371	2,732
Abraham	907	373	0	1,280
Abraham	500	20	0	520
Abraham	4,123	1,007	590	5,720
Abraham	1,359	0	64	1,423
Abraham	27,727	5,451	2,254	35,432
Abraham	2,114	260	336	2,710
Abraham	124,888	24,920	6,682	156,490
Abraham	2,684	1,272	782	4,738
Abraham	13,664	8,811	2,145	24,620
Abraham	13,929	3,159	1,958	19,046
Abraham	7,593	7,366	3,804	18,763
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	19,261	15,491	3,877	38,629
Abraham	1,904	1,647	873	4,424
Abraham	2,809	295	257	3,361
Abraham	363	163	50	576
Abraham	6,123	2,282	4,774	13,179
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	13,800	3,506	4,736	22,042
Abraham	13,016	8,937	4,266	26,218
Abraham	2,788	3,889	3,059	9,736
Abraham	0	0	84	84
Abraham	4,229	891	740	5,859
Abraham	60,399	9,201	5,593	75,192
Abraham	750	1,029	221	2,000
Abraham	206	475	0	681
Abraham	34,564	10,854	4,686	50,104
Abraham	770,678	210,612	83,022	1,064,312
Giles County Baptist Association				
Abraham	1,635	1,260	260	3,155
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	0	0	61	61
Abraham	1,262	162	215	1,639
Abraham	0	100	50	150
Abraham	6,087	1,221	428	7,736
Abraham	2,126	661	1,125	3,912
Abraham	888	614	0	1,502
Abraham	600	0	788	1,388
Abraham	6,132	3,157	3,542	12,831
Abraham	240	660	0	900
Abraham	699	0	0	699
Abraham	8,789	5,721	1,000	15,509
Abraham	0	1,263	1,224	2,487
Abraham	44,050	11,393	4,738	60,181
Abraham	100	474	730	1,304
Abraham	1,260	200	200	1,660
Abraham	0	0	2,683	2,683
Abraham	4,159	1,470	600	6,229
Abraham	532	300	200	1,032
Abraham	5,991	1,414	604	8,009
Abraham	0	1,200	1,000	2,200
Abraham	397	125	0	522
Abraham	2,400	328	762	3,490
Abraham	1,100	0	0	1,100
Abraham	325	0	1,300	1,625
Abraham	88,772	31,722	21,511	142,005
Grainger Baptist Association				
Abraham	0	2,829	1,113	3,941
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	7,615	2,805	1,217	11,637
Abraham	5,718	1,202	688	7,608
Abraham	7,202	1,536	866	9,604
Abraham	29,073	5,693	1,913	36,679
Abraham	5,242	2,950	1,924	10,116
Abraham	0	820	410	1,230
Abraham	826	452	429	1,707
Abraham	3,424	3,677	1,776	8,877
Abraham	8,574	0	0	8,574
Abraham	288	91	62	441
Abraham	5,075	3,409	6,160	14,643
Abraham	10,008	3,286	1,736	15,030
Abraham	4,079	852	812	5,743
Abraham	1,369	1,022	0	2,391
Abraham	2,430	3,673	0	6,103
Abraham	10,735	6,314	1,693	18,741
Abraham	0	822	1,190	2,012
Abraham	2,102	885	558	3,544
Abraham	7,384	6,044	1,967	15,395
Abraham	4,448	1,932	1,862	8,241
Abraham	514	600	300	1,414
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	33,245	7,385	1,616	42,246
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	0	0	158	158
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	0	0	0	0
Abraham	725	1,335	581	2,641
Abraham	3,011	673	138	3,822
Abraham	464	688	0	1,151
Abraham	2,108	1,464	585	4,157
Abraham	155,658	62,437	29,751	247,846
Hamilton County Baptist Association				
Abraham	1,125	0	0	1,125
Abraham	4,850	790	0	5,640
Abraham	10,742	12,357	682	23,781
Abraham	913	874	0	1,787
Abraham	6,316	3,753	300	10,369
Abraham	142,719	59,044	12,933	214,696
Abraham	8,400	13,184	175	21,759
Abraham	186,741	147,527	20,213	354,481

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Brainerd Hills	126,927	50,297	208	177,432
Cambodian Brainerd	478	0	56	534
Central	10,000	15,637	500	26,137
Centro de Recurso Hispano	0	0	0	0
Chamberlain Mem	5,896	4,169	821	10,886
Charity	0	0	0	0
Chattanooga 1st	27,419	14,337	3,445	45,201
Chattanooga 2nd	3,676	573	1,450	5,699
Christway Comm	13,632	13,584	195	27,411
Clifton Hill	1,000	10	235	1,245
Comm Msnry	0	0	0	0
Concord	86,733	44,784	6,429	137,946
Covenant	4,800	4,887	1,481	11,168
Cross Roads	1,978	1,085	500	3,563
Crosspoint Comm	1,092	606	126	1,824
Dallas Bay	37,950	13,162	93	51,205
East Brainerd	5,689	1,123	336	7,148
East Ridge	78,082	34,021	9,516	121,620
Eastwood	0	0	0	0
Edwards Point	0	0	0	0
English Ave	0	0	0	0
Fairview	6,482	1,982	1,210	9,675
Faith United	14	0	10	24
Falling Water	32,730	3,411	220	36,361
Falling Water Tabernacle	0	0	0	0
Frawley	7,651	971	879	9,500
Grace Ave	0	0	0	0
Greenwood	0	260	0	260
Guild 1st	0	0	250	250
Hickory Valley	4,267	3,567	940	8,773
High Point	0	0	0	0
Hilltop	0	0	0	0
Hixson 1st	53,984	43,829	7,013	104,826
Johns Mem	0	0	0	0
King's Point	0	205	401	606
Korean Chattanooga	2,489	105	0	2,594
Lakeway	0	0	800	800
Lookout Mtn	0	0	40	40
Lookout Valley	23,301	15,642	2,578	41,521
Love Flwshp	2,500	484	0	2,984
Maple Grove	9,708	9,710	0	19,418
Meadowview	20,760	1,060	1,036	22,856
Memorial	2,213	6,128	465	8,805
Middle Valley	11,705	11,850	5	23,560
Morris Hill	77,061	24,580	1,041	102,681
Msn Oaks	1,420	0	0	1,420
Mt Carmel	23,042	10,719	85	33,846
Mtn Creek	0	1,053	6,186	7,239
New Bethel	4,542	2,411	307	7,260
New Liberty	3,242	0	0	3,242
New Salem	30,056	5,006	695	35,757
New Shepherd Hill	0	0	895	895
New Union	2,346	1,000	1,469	4,815
North Red Bank	1,615	0	0	1,615
Northside	2,833	994	244	4,071
Oak Grove	1,149	100	135	1,384
Oak Street	8,034	1,278	4,099	13,411
Oakwood	47,039	11,204	3,569	61,811
One Accord Comm	3,939	375	330	4,644
Ooltewah	34,370	17,011	3,233	54,614
P. I. Red Bank	585	342	1,382	2,309
Philippine	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim's Rest	1,221	0	600	1,821
Pleasant Grove	19,747	2,865	1,120	23,732
Providence	8,421	200	0	8,621
Rehoboth	0	3,703	3,361	7,064
Red Bank	261,794	126,785	7,969	396,548
Ridgedale	190,579	125,635	23,452	339,666
Ridgeview	0	2,052	1,895	3,947
River City Comm	0	0	0	0
Riverside	2,200	1,213	100	3,513
Saint Elmo Ave	8,311	0	0	8,311
Signal Mtn	966	5,928	925	7,819
Silverdale	295,223	58,105	4,495	357,823
Soddy Daisy 1st	43,447	17,176	450	61,072
South Seminole	59,187	7,018	338	66,543
South Soddy	1,963	95	0	2,058
Spring Creek Road	31,474	12,541	3,190	47,205
Standifer Gap	0	0	0	0
Stuart Heights	114,567	38,815	8,460	161,842
Temple	0	0	0	0
Timesville Ave	0	0	250	250
Tremont	2,818	1,620	30	4,468
United Comm	300	658	0	958
Westview	1,200	614	0	1,814
White Oak	41,234	10,426	2,755	54,415
Whiteside	591	130	120	841
Woodland Heights	4,377	410	310	5,097
Woodland Park	5,004	105	0	5,109
Total	2,280,858	1,027,174	159,032	3,467,064
Hardeman County Baptist Association				
Bethlehem	0	0	360	360
Bolivar 1st	46,306	17,363	4,519	68



Church Health Matters

"Building healthy churches empowered by the presence of God."

The Cooperative Program Is the Financial Foundation for Missions

By Gary Rickman

In this issue of the *Baptist & Reflector* is reported your church's Cooperative Program gifts. Since 1925 the Cooperative Program has been the foundational financial support for Southern Baptists in carrying out the mission mandate of Acts 1:8.

We are now in the fifth generation of church leaders since the beginning of the Cooperative Program. Each generation teaching the next about cooperative missions has propelled Southern Baptists into the strongest missionary sending denomination of the 21st century.

However, for this to continue church leaders must continue to give attention to the teaching of cooperative missions and cooperative giving to those who come to be members of Southern Baptist churches. Each year your state convention makes resources available to you to help teach mission education in your church. Several of these resources deal with teaching about the Cooperative Program and are usually free to your church; all you need to do is request these resources.

Usually your church receives the information about what is available to be used early in January. This year because of the budget issues that took

place at the state convention in November, these resources will not be available for you to order until March. Be watching your mail and the Tennessee Baptist Convention web site for the announcement of what is available.

For those of you that use Missionary Moments, these are now available. To get your Missionary Moments just e-mail tharris@tnbaptist.org, or call 1-800-558-2090, ext. 7912, and request your copy.

If you would like someone to come and speak to your church or a group in your church about the Cooperative Program, call Gary Rickman at 1-800-558-2090, ext. 2020, or e-mail him at grickman@tnbaptist.org.



Volunteer Construction Mission Opportunities

Baptist Builders

Baptist Builders exist to assist local congregations with construction needs. This include some or all of the planning, construction, and occupancy needs.

Volunteers are also helping individuals and families impacted by a variety of disaster recover from their loss and discover God's love in the process.

Adult volunteer groups and individuals are annually matched with hundred requests for church construction assistance. Many of these projects are located in Tennessee. Churches receive the necessary assistance that enables them to focus on growing the kingdom of God.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed in areas such as painting, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, roofing, brick and block laying, landscaping, handy services, and others. Helpers, assistants, and other support workers are also needed as essential parts of the team.

For further information about Baptist Builders and projects in Tennessee, call E. Acres, TBC Disaster Relief director, volunteer construction, 1-800-558-2090 ext. 7 or (615) 371-7927, or e-mail him at dacres@tnbaptist.org. He can also assist in submitting requests for a building project for a local church.

Gulf Coast Rebuild

In March 2005, the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Metro Baptist association in Nashville, Mid-South, Chilhowee, Bradley County, and Knox County, formed a partnership with the Gulf Coast Baptist Association in Gulfport, Miss.

This began a two-year commitment to provide a recovery and rebuilding ministry for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area. The partnership coordinates volunteer teams from Tennessee Baptist churches working in the Mississippi Gulf Coast area to assist homeowners and churches rebuild, repair, and clean up damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to rebuild and repair homes and to provide spiritual support to those affected by hurricanes.

Types of jobs available are: design, demolition, concrete, framing, roofing, electrical, plumbing, drywall, masonry, painting, flooring, and carpentry.

There are many ministry opportunities on the Gulf Coast including block parties, Backyard Bible Clubs, Vacation Bible Schools, revivals, and prayer walks. Teams work through a local church planter to coordinate these events with local churches or Bible study groups.

Churches or associations wanting to bring a rebuild or ministry team to Gulfport may contact the Gulf Coast Rebuild office at (228) 328-0534 or gcrelief@tnbaptist.org.

Operation Noah (New Orleans Area Hope) Rebuild

Operation Noah Rebuild is a two-year project in the New Orleans, La., area that utilizes volunteer labor to rehab more than 1,000 homes and 20 churches.

It is a partnership project between the North American Mission Board (NAM), Louisiana Baptist Convention, New Orleans area associations and churches, the Salvation Army, and Promise Keepers.

Skilled and unskilled workers are needed to help with roofs, drywall installation, electrical work, plumbing, painting, building, etc. Teams from Southern Baptist organizations are invited to volunteer. This includes church groups, student groups, campus groups, etc. Teams should consist of four members. Larger groups are welcomed and may be given multiple job assignments.

For information on Operation Noah, call (504) 362-4604, or toll free at 1-877-908-0808, or e-mail noah@namb.net.

Volunteer Missions Opportunities

Project Location	Project ID	Project Description	Dates
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Rio-07-15	Doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, eye doctors, helpers are needed to work in medical/evangelism clinic.	Sept. 7-16
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Rio-07-20	Doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, eye doctors, helpers are needed to work in medical/evangelism clinic.	Oct. 12-21
Denison, Iowa	IA-07-05	Team to help church that flooded with light repairs, new retaining wall, landscaping, etc. Church has asked the volunteers help with providing materials for project.	open
Grimes, Iowa	IA-07-04	Teams to do Backyard Bible Clubs, evangelism, and outreach. Two teams of seven each week.	ad
Norwood, Iowa	IA-07-03	Team to conduct Vacation Bible School, painting, repair work, and some carpentry.	June 9-16
Sioux City, Iowa	IA-06-03	Adopt an area to help start a church.	open
Sioux Rapids, Iowa	IA-07-01	Team to do various repair work on church building that is in need of repair.	ASAP
Quimby, Iowa	IA-07-06	Team to paint and carpet sanctuary. Block parties and BYBC can also be done. Church asks if team could help provide financial support.	open
Alzada, Montana	MT-07-11	Team of no more than 11 to help repair community center. Specific activities would include painting and carpentry. Purpose of project is to reach out and connect with unchurched members in community. Church asks that team help pay for paint and construction supplies.	Late summer or fall 2007
Alzada, Montana	MT-07-12	work.	Late summer or fall 2007
Bozeman, Montana	MT-07-07	Teams to help with remodeling. Teams would add extra walls, doors, windows, laying carpet, etc. Church asks that teams help with some funding if possible.	June 1-July 30, 2007
Choteau, Montana	MT-07-09	Team to repair and paint youth building.	open
Choteau, Montana	MT-07-10	Team to help with VBS.	To be determined
East Helena, Montana	MT-07-01	Team of 4-10 to help with VBS.	July 7-14, 2007
East Helena, Montana	MT-07-02	Team of 4-10 to help conduct block party for community.	June 10-17, 2007
East Helena, Montana	MT-07-03	Team of 4-10 to canvas community.	June 24-30, 2007
Lewistown, Montana	MT-07-14	Teams to help build new church building.	Summer
Marysville, Montana	MT-07-05	Church would like to start a Sunday afternoon worship time on ski slopes and would like a team of at least 10 to come and help start this ministry.	Weekend in Jan. or Feb.
Gatlinburg, Tennessee	TN-07-01	Groups to conduct 4-5 camps in campgrounds Mon-Fri. In the evening, the group will perform a Family Evening program in a campground. 20-40 people each week are needed.	June 3-9, June 10-16, July 22-28, July 29-Aug. 4
Jefferson City, Tennessee	TN-07-02	Appalachian Outreach is a poverty relief ministry in partnership with the community. They provide a spectrum of care including home repair, food pantry, clothing ministry, educational programs, and shelter. Individuals and teams are needed to work in these different areas.	Year Round

Minister of Missions Affinity Team Helps Churches Help Churches

by Kim Margrave

We often hear in the volunteer missions area if only there was someone to help us, someone who has tried this project or mission trip before us.

Early this year, the Tennessee Baptist Convention formed a Minister of Missions Affinity Team.

What does that mean? Well, those are the TBC staff who serve on this team have chosen to serve, because of their passion for missions in the local church. The Minister of Missions Affinity Team meets quarterly in each region of our state.

Who comes? It is open to any church missions minister or missions committee chairperson.

How do you find out about the meetings? Contact the TBC volunteer missions office.

What is the purpose of this affinity team? The purpose is to provide a network or forum for churches to learn from and share with each other about missions in their local setting. Topics we included an applications process

to how to do a missions budget, and mission trip scholarships to local church planting.

The most important thing that takes place is churches discovering what each other is doing; who is doing what where; what works; sharing of resources; and how we can support each other.

For example, churches are sharing mission personnel during their church wide missions events.

Another example appeared at the first Middle Tennessee meeting when one of the churches shared with the group about an opportunity to connect with some international students from a closed country. We learned that some of the churches in the Middle Tennessee area had experience working with this people group. In fact, one church had started a church among this people group in the Nashville area.

The opportunities for churches to help churches are endless.

Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary Potential Teaching Opportunities

January 2007 (1 week intensives, Jan. 8-12)
Elective

Spring 2007 (semester, mid-Jan. – beg. of May)
Intro to Christian Thought (college)
Writing & Research (college)

Fall 2007 (semester, end of Aug. – mid-Dec.)
Youth Education (seminary)
Baptist History & Beliefs (college)
Cross Cultural Evangelism (college)

January 2008 (1 week intensives, Jan. 8-12)
Elective
Worship (seminary)

Spring 2008 (semester, mid-Jan. – beg. of May)
The Teaching Church (college)
Music & Worship (college)
Classics of Christian Literature (college)
History of Western Civilization (college)
Music Appreciation (college)
Missiology (seminary)

Summer 2008 (1 week intensives, mid-May – mid-June)
Electives
Preaching I (seminary)

For information about these teaching opportunities and a list of required qualifications, contact Kim Margrave at (800) 558-2090 ext. 2021, or e-mail kmargrave@tnbaptist.org.

Construction Request:

Teams are needed to repair eight of the two-bedroom student housing units on campus that are in need of serious repair. The foundation will need to be repaired and rebuilt to Canadian specifications. This project is very labor-intensive, and teams will need to have some people that know how to jackhammer.

The project can be done at any time during the academic year. If you are interested, contact Kim Margrave at (800) 558-2090 ext. 2021, or e-mail kmargrave@tnbaptist.org.

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Bentley's Chpl	450	815	282	1,547
Bethel	2,697	590	1,171	4,459
Big Creek	1,010	2,367	1,319	4,696
Burem	81	1,524	2,204	3,809
Caney Creek Msny	5,829	1,302	556	7,687
Cave Springs	1,673	0	628	2,301
Choptack	3,606	3,697	561	7,864
Christians Bend	0	0	0	0
Church Hill 1st	45,833	35,875	13,605	95,314
Compromise	0	0	300	300
Cool Branch	0	0	0	0
Duck Creek	0	0	0	0
East Rogersville	56,956	14,995	4,944	76,895
Elm Springs Msny	300	600	100	1,000
Fishers Creek	0	0	0	0
Gills Chpl	6,719	7,076	1,950	15,746
Henards Chpl	36,812	12,540	2,171	51,523
Hickory Cove	20,637	4,616	4,977	30,230
Holston Valley	0	0	4,919	4,919
Howes Chpl	1,013	2,087	2,162	5,262
Independence	0	0	0	0
Indian Ridge	3,376	3,277	673	7,326
Keplar	0	0	0	0
Kyles Ford	1,226	0	2,047	3,273
Lone Oak	240	0	1,850	2,090
Looneys Chpl	1,681	1,008	727	3,416
Lyons Park Msny	400	0	400	800
Maple Hill	2,009	0	0	2,009
McCloud	0	385	326	711
McKinney's Chpl	445	700	956	2,101
McPheeters Bend	3,961	4,603	406	8,970
Mooreburg	830	400	400	1,630
Morrisetts	4,619	3,750	2,597	10,966
Mt Pleasant	0	0	0	0
New Hope	52	532	314	898
North Fork	2,045	0	500	2,545
Oak Grove	74,031	32,692	9,755	116,478
Persia	28,402	10,381	1,036	39,818
Pleasant Hill	0	0	528	528
Prices Grove Msny	1,579	0	0	1,579
Ridgeview	29,359	9,338	674	39,372
Rogersville 1st	61,524	33,212	8,477	103,213
Shady Grove	250	1,000	500	1,750
Shepard's Chpl	1,423	12,906	8,639	22,968
Sneedville 1st	23,862	6,225	2,181	32,268
Speedwell	130	500	250	880
Surgoinsville 1st	8,089	7,565	3,353	19,007
Tar Pine Valley	438	0	0	438
Tunnell Hill	6,871	1,120	570	8,561
Valley View	0	2,479	1,363	3,842
War Creek	624	176	0	800
West View	5,104	485	152	5,741
Total	449,784	221,858	90,524	762,165

Indian Creek Baptist Association

Bethlehem	1,688	5,244	174	7,106
Calvary	0	0	0	0
Calvary (W)	4,189	1,664	887	6,740
Cedar Grove	0	1,000	0	1,000
Clifton 1st	2,566	2,449	2,265	7,281
Collinwood 1st	1,911	137	0	2,048
Eastview	250	0	89	339
Friendship	447	40	140	627
Grace	405	0	417	822
Green River	28,678	8,917	3,019	40,614
Houston	1,593	1,079	0	2,672
Kelleys Chpl	9,698	11,300	4,500	25,498
Leatherwood	300	550	0	850
Lutts	581	25	30	636
Memorial	0	0	0	0
New Life	720	0	0	720
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	5,732	11,090	1,630	18,452
Rays Chpl	1,730	500	410	2,640
Upper Green River	719	200	200	1,119
Waynesboro 1st	9,317	786	734	10,838
Zion	3,423	1,029	128	4,580
Total	73,948	46,010	14,623	134,581

Jefferson County Baptist Association

Antioch	0	1,500	1,000	2,500
Beaver Creek	4,265	9,196	5,693	19,154
Bethel Msn	0	1,136	1,310	2,446
Buffalo Grove	3,034	1,048	540	4,622
Central Heights	4,089	1,788	61	5,938
Dandridge 1st	61,836	70,881	19,138	151,855
Deep Springs	5,553	5,083	935	11,571
Dumplin	1,834	4,535	1,259	7,628
East Ridge	1,620	497	554	2,671
Emmanuel	2,181	855	361	3,398
Flat Gap	2,843	510	455	3,808
French Broad	8,000	11,459	2,103	21,562
Good Hope	750	1,871	1,346	3,967
Hilltop	1,481	0	0	1,481
Holston Mem	3,491	4,298	2,003	9,792
Jefferson City 1st	2,273	3,167	32,461	37,901
Jefferson County	0	0	436	436
Mansfield Gap	0	0	0	0
Mill Springs	12,307	22,529	30	34,866
Mtn View	0	535	0	535
Mullins Chpl	0	0	0	0
Nances Grove	1,000	3,632	810	5,442
New Heights	3,092	550	0	3,642
New Hope	2,689	812	0	3,500
New Market	36,325	12,030	1,367	49,722
Nina	4,410	7,509	2,384	14,303
Oak Hills	1,000	650	632	2,282
Piedmont	3,155	5,470	2,508	11,133
Pleasant Grove	534	1,798	362	2,694
Pleasant Grove Piney	12,127	9,766	4,341	26,234
Rocky Valley	0	3,030	2,139	5,168
Strawberry Plains 1st	10,606	6,265	4,631	21,502
Swanns Chpl	3,690	6,873	2,086	12,649
Talbot	0	6,518	6,908	13,426
White Pine 1st	15,840	13,378	2,323	31,541
Total	210,024	219,170	100,175	529,369

Judson Baptist Association

Burns	300	150	50	500
Eastside	9,348	5,212	622	15,182
Faith	1,603	232	835	2,670
Liberty Msny	240	0	55	295
Maple Grove	1,200	0	70	1,270
Msny Ridge	840	244	278	1,362
Mt Zion	55	63	0	118
New Hope	4,800	2,000	2,854	9,654
New Life Comm	0	0	0	0
Old New Hope	1,508	1,470	987	3,965
Parkers Creek	2,100	5,637	1,809	9,547
Rolling Hills	1,830	170	789	2,790
White Bluff	1,200	939	755	2,894
Total	25,025	16,117	9,104	50,246

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Adventure	1,114	0	0	1,114
Alice Bell	28,085	18,301	3,230	49,616
Arlington	57,105	39,948	5,845	102,898
Atkins	2,171	4,669	1,484	8,324
Ball Camp	805	75	0	880
Basswood	0	0	0	0
Beaumont Ave	225	981	513	1,719
Beaver Dam	121,927	35,968	4,320	162,215
Belmont Heights	13,286	4,589	2,044	19,919
Bethany Msny	0	0	142	142
Black Oak Heights	46,260	35,063	0	81,324
Blount	0	0	0	0
Bluegrass 1st	0	2,841	0	2,841
Bon View	0	0	0	0
Branville	300	1,152	0	1,452
Bridgewater	12,000	0	1,200	13,200
Broadway	839	2,151	2,880	5,870
Buffat Heights	18,725	16,613	0	35,338
Burnetts Creek	0	0	2,037	2,037
Callahan Road	2,987	2,767	0	5,754
Calvary	38,500	23,740	0	62,240
Cedar Bluff	1,200	0	0	1,200
Cedar Ford	10,146	2,243	590	12,979
Central Bearden	19,128	59,133	107,383	185,645
Central Fountain City	30,226	44,838	35,812	110,876
Chilhowee Hills	0	0	0	0
Churchwell Ave	1,400	0	100	1,500
City View	1,250	5,746	1,393	8,389
Clear Springs	20,093	3,745	2,680	26,518
Comm	0	0	0	0
Concord 1st	65,000	835,959	5,417	906,375
Cornerstone (M)	474	500	200	1,174
Corryton	49,167	5,420	0	54,587
Corum Road	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	17,095	16,406	1,059	34,559
Cumberland Korean Msn	3,432	0	0	3,432
East Sunnyview	0	0	0	0
East Wind	0	0	0	0
Eastwood	1,040	0	107	1,146
Ebenezer	11,000	16,709	1,436	29,145
Elm Street	0	0	0	0
Fair Havens	2,990	2,720	0	5,710
Fairview	3,600	2,687	0	6,287
Farragut 1st	185	960	623	1,768
Fifth Ave	1,904	4,096	951	6,951
Flint Gap	784	200	0	984
Flwshp	2,446	2,659	0	5,105
Fort Hill	4,352	0	0	4,352
Fountain City 1st	4,666	7,206	109	11,981
Friendship	2,500	1,514	168	4,182
Galilee	18,925	9,680	1,615	30,220
Gallaher Mem	0	0	0	0
Gayland Heights	601	731	0	1,332
Gillespie Ave	14,447	1,456	125	16,028
Glenwood	4,970	6,231	1,567	12,768
Grace	250,000	29,703	15,086	299,789
Grace Covenant	0	1,388	0	1,388
Grassy Valley	523	2,024	1,245	3,792
Graveston	8,253	1,296	429	9,979
Greater Bush Grove	0	0	0	0
Greenway	3,850	7,365	200	11,415
Grove Heights	0	0	0	0
Hillcrest	0	732	0	732
Hoitt Ave	0	0	0	0
Holston	13,063	6,152	0	19,215
House Mtn	150	0	550	700
Imani African Flwshp	0	0	0	0
Immanuel	5,946	1,551	458	7,954
Inskip	7,551	8,178	2,756	18,485
Island Home	4,600	560	0	5,160
John Sevier	9,586	12,000	0	21,586
Knoxville 1st	3,992	49,814	13,841	67,647
Knoxville 1st Korean	780	30	0	810
Knoxville 2nd	2,964	0	0	2,964
Kodak Comm	4,372	0	0	4,372
Lakeview	0	0	0	0
Lincoln Park	11,344	100	1,318	12,762
Linden Ave	0	540	0	540
Little Flat Creek	1,859	0	11	1,870
Lonsdale	0	0	0	0
Loveland	4,412	3,678	0	8,090
Lyons Creek	25,212	9,884	0	35,096
Marble City	1,634	3,425	1,417	6,475
Marbledale	5,998	1,311	0	7,309
Mars Hill	0	277	0	277
Mascot	9,012	1,943	439	11,394
Meadow View	745	600	0	1,345
Meridian	52,427	14,500	4,221	71,148
Middlebrook Pike	2,315	545	0	2,860
Mooreland Heights	446	0	300	746
Mosaic Comm	4,230	0	0	4,230
Mt Carmel	4,619	2,186	121	6,927
Mt Harmony	13,294	19,917	3,200	36,411
Mt Olive (East)	600	0	100	700
Mt Olive (South)	81,031	28,091	6,079	115,201
Mtn View	759	601	0	1,360
New Covenant	4,423	0	360	4,783
New Hopewell	25,021	20,544	0	45,565
New Mt Calvary	0	0	0	0
New Salem	0	0	0	0
New Sevier Home	2,713	3,433	1,443	7,589
North Acres	17,208	0	0	17,208
North Hills	140	0	0	140
North Knoxville	16,753	10,829	422	28,004
North Side	0	0	0	0
Northwest	0	0	0	0
Norwood	28,615	8,114	2,815	39,544
Oakwood	5,850	92	0	5,942
Parkway	37,564	31,274	0	68,838
Peace And Good Will	0	0	0	0
Piney Grove	0	7,000	800	7,800
Powell 1st	0	161,065	87,001	248,066
Ramsey Heights	0	0	0	0
Reunion	3,779	1,599	3,450	8,828
Ridgedale	10,526	467	1,442	12,435
Ridgeview	1,830	5,863	2,389	10,082
Ridgeway	0	0	0	0
Riverdale	11,040	5,891	1,234	18,165
Riverview	3,750	421	310	4,481
Rocky Hill	21,276	5,818	2,139	29,233
Roseberry	10,285	6,348	0	16,633
Salem	100,993	20,571	5,866	127

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Jenderson 1st	29,025	10,008	1,350	40,383
Highland Park	2,891	3,015	0	5,906
Jillcrest	28,927	3,866	4,124	36,917
Jispana Poplar Heights	3,512	3,023	0	6,535
Jackson 1st	114,312	51,051	6,092	171,455
Corean Jackson	600	0	0	600
Liberty Grove	22,216	6,637	1,635	30,489
Madison	19,845	4,117	4,336	27,797
Malesus	45,772	9,812	850	56,434
Maple Springs	11,394	5,214	4,118	20,726
Mason Wells	0	0	0	0
Mercer	2,400	1,673	2,020	6,093
Meridian	61,206	67,257	3,036	131,499
Middlefork Road	10,871	4,930	1,894	17,695
Mifflin	930	100	100	1,130
Mitchell's Chpl	0	0	0	0
North Jackson	1,500	1,948	20	3,468
Northbrook	1,100	1,451	1,500	4,051
Oakfield	8,671	1,831	674	11,175
Oaklawn	910	482	180	1,572
Old Friendship	2,014	1,343	3,021	6,378
Palestine	1,000	0	0	1,000
Parkburg	29,013	9,692	4,194	42,899
Parkview	12,394	1,814	963	15,171
Pinson	10,099	1,766	635	12,500
Pleasant Hill	5,013	1,992	1,043	8,048
Pleasant Plains	5,571	4,782	200	10,553
Poplar Corner	3,245	2,746	2,260	8,251
Poplar Heights	57,922	44,795	475	103,192
Sanford Hill	31,470	11,439	1,355	44,264
Southside	1,063	1,974	0	3,038
Spring Crk of Madison County	9,650	879	444	10,974
Unity Msny	15,319	4,554	1,365	21,238
Wards Grove	7,909	834	220	8,963
West Jackson	326,505	68,217	52,553	447,275
Westover	400	0	0	400
Woodland	20,719	7,169	1,915	29,803
Total	1,304,543	472,813	139,101	1,916,457

Maury Baptist Association				
Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Allensville	3,029	1,045	1,470	5,544
Calvary	0	0	0	0
Columbia 1st	123,843	22,099	9,706	155,648
Columbia 1st Hisp	900	0	0	900
Cornerstone	2,860	0	0	2,860
Cross Bridges	3,447	3,290	951	7,688
Friendship	9,389	1,239	627	11,255
Grace Park	7,755	566	273	8,594
Hampshire 1st	5,453	456	60	5,969
Highland Park	14,845	5,712	785	21,342
Hillsboro	0	394	0	394
House Of Prayer	411	0	100	511
Johnson Chpl	0	0	0	0
Knob Creek	4,192	1,261	500	5,953
Leasa	150	0	0	150
Liberty	4,433	541	423	5,397
MBA Hisp Msn	691	0	0	691
Mooreville	4,206	210	0	4,416
Mooreville-Pike	981	0	100	1,081
Msn Chpl	0	0	400	400
Nt Pleasant 1st	15,202	6,151	2,932	24,285
New Life	2,389	320	0	2,709
New Song	0	0	159	159
Northside	25,786	6,595	4,193	36,574
Onasis Family	204	0	0	204
Pleasant Heights	94,147	25,741	5,183	125,070
Riverview	6,497	563	157	7,217
Rock Springs	6,324	3,784	1,913	12,021
Santa Fe	750	1,772	1,396	3,918
Servant's Heart	654	64	0	718
Servant's Heart - Countryside	30	0	0	30
Southside	2,700	4,247	2,963	9,910
Spring Hill 1st	21,346	8,068	2,216	31,629
Twan Creek	1,800	1,525	1,825	5,150
Theta	0	0	817	817
Viola	0	460	1,695	2,155
West End	12,945	4,361	2,919	20,225
Williamsport	0	0	201	201
Total	377,357	100,464	43,963	521,784

McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association				
Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Antioch	0	4,055	500	4,555
Athens 1st	74,073	80,001	4,482	158,557
Bethel Springs	500	0	0	500
Bethsada	250	1,000	750	2,000
Brookhill	1,022	260	0	1,282
Calhoun 1st	27,970	11,315	6,301	45,586
Calvary	4,334	1,067	1,094	6,495
Calvary Msny	200	390	2,301	2,891
Cambria	0	0	300	300
Central	18,844	17,568	3,958	40,370
Clay Hill	0	0	0	0
Clear Springs	4,902	2,000	3,666	10,568
Clearwater	25,000	3,382	840	29,221
Cog Hill	3,826	1,079	1,133	6,038
Conasauga	2,423	1,000	554	3,977
Cottonport	1,545	200	0	1,745
Decatur 1st	28,004	11,601	6,913	46,519
Dixon Ave	0	4,757	2,146	6,903
Double Springs	10,070	6,333	827	17,230
East Athens	67,707	26,472	5,643	99,822
East Niota	1,839	2,571	81	4,491
Eastannailee	133,266	12,764	2,889	148,919
Eastview	0	0	0	0
Englewood 1st	10,969	5,008	1,048	17,025
Etowah 1st	3,000	6,020	3,568	12,588
Five Point	0	0	603	603
Good Hope	1,673	0	200	1,873
Goodsprings	20,096	8,015	7,168	35,280
Hiwassee	1,452	501	347	2,300
Idlewild	1,558	3,710	2,117	7,385
Lakeside	0	1,667	1,583	3,250
Lakeview	2,859	350	477	3,686
Lamontville	110	200	121	430
Liberty	0	25	0	25
Manilla Chpl	0	0	138	138
Marshall Hill	3,778	4,474	3,580	11,832
McMahan Calvary	3,404	1,124	1,551	6,079
McMinn-Meigs	0	0	100	100
Mt Harmony (N)	13,143	3,653	3,360	20,156
Mt Harmony (R)	1,643	8,833	8,523	19,000
Mt Pisgah	9,132	3,255	1,275	13,662
Mt Verd	400	1,393	634	2,427
New Bethel	0	647	148	795
New Hopewell	884	0	0	884
New Zion	2,963	345	2,232	5,540
Niota 1st	6,832	3,938	1,429	12,198
North Athens	750	21,186	1,330	23,266
North Etowah	26,997	71,564	1,330	99,890
Oak Grove	8,181	3,350	1,500	13,031
Old Salem	5,314	2,170	1,501	8,985
Parkway	260	0	0	260

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Pond Hill	0	1,000	1,000	2,000
Pope Ave	0	0	268	268
Riceville 1st	5,403	2,275	762	8,440
Rockview	4,990	0	0	4,990
Rocky Mt	4,876	1,594	518	6,989
Rogers Creek	10,126	2,120	847	13,093
Sanford	2,656	0	1,000	3,656
Shiloh	2,400	590	0	2,990
Short Creek	4,977	19,156	3,860	27,993
South Liberty	6,524	100	844	7,468
Stephensville	0	0	0	0
Union Grove (D)	900	375	900	2,175
Union Grove (N)	6,404	991	564	7,958
Union McMinn	6,000	6,875	5,200	18,075
Valley Road	0	0	300	300
Valley View	719	0	2,784	3,503
Walnut Grove	6,471	500	0	6,971
West End	4,134	1,068	528	5,729
Westview	2,213	3,051	2,695	7,959
Wildwood	14,110	3,063	2,380	19,553
Zion Hill	13,329	4,411	435	18,174
Total	627,405	386,411	115,606	1,129,421

Midland Baptist Association				
Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Beaverdale	3,701	1,558	1,567	6,827
Bells Campground	24,750	11,512	4,702	40,964
Bethany	476	745	300	1,521
Bethel	0	0	0	0
Bishopville	1,780	0	0	1,780
Black Oak Ridge	5,514	1,251	152	6,917
Calvary	0	0	0	0
Cedar Grove	0	0	1,344	1,344
Central View	4,439	3,050	797	8,285
Clear Springs	19,139	7,260	0	26,399
Deep Springs	350	220	0	570
Grace Msny	0	0	0	0
Highland	4,004	604	0	4,607
Hillvale Msny	525	1,394	0	1,919
Hinds Creek	1,408	0	2,088	3,496
Hines Creek	1,515	0	348	1,863
New Beginning	1,100	365	183	1,648
New Beginning	0	0	0	0
New Hope	5,757	0	0	5,757
New Liberty	1,202	0	0	1,202
Old Beverly Msny	618	3,065	0	3,683
Pleasant Hill	825	0	0	825
Pleasant Hill	1,402	0	550	1,952
Rest In Christ	1,421	102	52	1,575
Riverview Msny	275	0	0	275
Solid Rock	300	100	100	500
Stedfast	0	0	0	0
Texas Valley	1,983	0	335	2,317
Third	0	0	0	0
True Faith Msny	0	0	250	250
Union	16,819	11,005	100	27,924
Total	99,302	42,009	12,867	154,179

Mid-South Baptist Association				
Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Agape	13,923	2,468	256	16,646
Ardmore Terrace	0	0	0	0
Arlington Flwshp	268	0	210	478
Audubon Park	30,578	16,400	4,800	51,778
Balmoral	25,053	10,408	2,893	38,354
Bartlett	145,381	32,000	7,430	184,812
Bartlett Hills	5,050	15,016	2,708	22,775
Bella Vista	0	0	204	204
Bellevue	338,947	61,616	32,200	982,763
Berclair	13,534	4,089	220	17,843
Big Creek	0	0	0	0
Braybourne	0	0	0	0
Briarwood	18,250	23,144	1,793	43,187
Brinkley Heights	2,745	0	2,745	5,490
Broadmoor	41,124	3,412	1,108	45,644
Brookside	5,821	3,846	414	10,082
Brunswick	2,902	4,583	200	7,685
Calvary	1,500	135	0	1,635
Cambodian Highland	693	0	0	693
CenterPoint	0	0	100	100
Charjean	1,800	1,957	376	4,133
Cherokee	35,235	16,760	3,490	55,485
Cherry Road	58,333	24,262	2,386	84,981
Chief Cornerstone	1,495	0	0	1,495
Christ Comm	4,323	0	0	4,323
Church Without Doors	0	0	0	0
Collierville 1st	130,453	228,055	3,460	355,049
Colonial	68,622	22,889	10,935	102,445
Comm	0	0	0	0
Cordova	13,747	4,314	3,355	21,416
Cordova 1st Chinese	1,000	7,043	0	8,043
Covenant	32,269	32,939	5,649	70,857
Crestview	1,200	0	0	1,200
Crosspointe	11,666	0	0	11,666
Crossroads	25,578	7,503	2,305	35,386
Divine Providence	0	0	0	0
Eads	3,769	1,610	300	5,679
East Acres	0	0	0	0
Egypt	1,266	0	0	1,266
Ellendale	76,553	68,759	7,566	152,878
Elliston	1,050	4,501	0	5,551
Emmanuel	13,721	4,655	2,759	21,135
Eudora	16,150	2,177	235	18,562
Faith	196,984	82,500	10,200	289,684
Faith Heritage	5,217	0	0	5,217
Faith Msn	200	0	0	200
Family Comm	200	0	30	230
Fisherville 1st	2,667	0	50	2,717
Flwshp	2,384	786	300	3,470
Forest Hill	0	0	100	100
Frayser	4,034	766	370	5,170
Georgian Hills	11,085	6,310	1,539	18,934
Germantown	174,867	177,580	29,051	381,497
Germantown Korean	0	0	0	0
Grace	385	0	0	385
Grace Flwshp	2,343	0	0	2,343
Grace Thru Faith	3,583	1,052	0	4,635
Graham Heights	3,543	2,612	3	

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Donelson 1st	91,566	22,367	5,039	118,972	Tulip Grove Hisp	0	0	0	0	Win	8,182	16,427	564	25,173
Donelson View	21,724	4,299	1,463	27,486	Tusculum Hills	198,498	16,945	7,179	222,622	Total	913,642	515,732	113,912	1,543,286
Eastland	15,938	2,763	4,506	23,206	Two Rivers	0	85,408	70,212	155,620	Northern Baptist Association				
Eastland Comm	5,209	0	252	5,461	Una	21,084	8,577	794	30,455	Alder Springs	0	0	2,781	2,781
Eastwood	0	0	0	0	Union Hill	3,240	3,571	1,840	8,652	Blue Springs Msry	0	0	0	0
Ecclesia	350	0	0	350	Unity Institutional Msry	0	0	0	0	Carrs Branch Msry	1,000	75	681	1,756
Edgefield	5,830	1,520	447	7,797	Valley View	3,711	2,039	583	6,333	Clear Branch	600	300	150	1,050
Fairview 1st	11,669	6,242	6,530	24,441	Vietnamese Msn	1,937	597	0	2,534	Fairview	0	0	500	500
Faith	12,190	0	0	12,190	Walker Mem	36,815	6,948	2,020	45,783	Hickory Valley	814	0	89	903
Faith Temple	0	0	0	0	Welch Bend Apts Hisp	0	0	0	0	Hubbs Grove	0	0	200	200
Forest Hills	207,589	147,141	21,030	375,760	West Franklin	50,623	29,497	11,663	91,783	Leatherwood	0	0	335	335
Friendship Comm	0	0	0	0	West Nashville	0	0	0	0	Lily Grove Msry	0	0	308	308
Glenwood	20,495	4,363	4,288	29,145	Westview	225	0	178	403	Lone Mtn	1,518	725	1,335	3,578
Goodlettsville 1st	26,510	30,252	15,030	71,791	Westwood	7,200	5,148	1,108	13,456	Maynardville 1st	6,537	4,071	6,167	16,775
Grace	98,560	16,834	7,194	122,589	Whitsitt Chpl	1,684	0	241	1,925	Milan Msry	3,917	4,400	3,215	11,532
Grace Comm	2,000	10,000	0	12,000	Woodbine	9,500	3,576	1,136	14,212	Nave Hill Msry	0	0	420	420
Grace Covenant	0	0	0	0	Woodbine Laotian	0	0	0	0	New Friendship Msry	492	459	2,130	3,081
Grace Evangelical	0	0	0	0	Woodcock Mem	0	0	0	0	Northern	0	3,554	50	3,604
Grace Korean	0	0	0	0	Woodmont	11,164	53,789	38,205	103,159	Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0
Grace Park-Tri-County	1,750	645	0	2,395	Total	3,555,913	1,586,418	578,496	5,720,827	Sunnyside	0	0	0	0
Grassland Heights	4,600	14,220	5,544	24,364	New Duck River Baptist Association					Taylor's Grove Msry	0	0	100	100
Grays Point	0	0	0	0	Belfast	0	288	384	672	Union	0	0	800	800
Green Hill	0	0	0	0	Bell Buckle	4,127	1,385	502	6,014	Union County	334	0	0	334
Haitian of Woodcock	0	0	0	0	Bethlehem	601	607	102	1,310	Valley Grove	0	805	0	805
Harmony Flwshp	1,610	1,355	0	2,965	Calvary	20,847	10,000	7,042	37,889	Warwick's Chpl	400	0	1,057	1,457
Harpeth 1st	831	0	0	831	Caney Springs	1,157	0	0	1,157	Willow Springs Msry	500	0	0	500
Harpeth Heights	61,624	44,186	4,796	110,605	Charity	400	600	600	1,600	Total	16,111	14,389	20,319	50,819
Harvest Fields	5,657	1,398	550	7,606	College Grove 1st	3,475	530	330	4,335	Polk County Baptist Association				
Haywood Hills	57,853	11,009	4,577	73,439	Cornersville	13,302	4,082	5,425	22,809	Antioch	2,377	50	500	2,927
Hermitage 1st	1,360	1,326	476	3,162	East Commerce	34,829	8,655	2,232	45,716	Ball Play	0	0	0	0
Hermitage Hills	302,453	50,556	15,081	368,089	Eastview	1,200	2,392	1,603	5,195	Beech Springs	1,333	3,267	500	5,100
Hickory Hills	2,989	411	0	3,400	Edgemont	23,317	3,015	977	27,309	Benton 1st	26,888	4,137	2,523	33,548
Hickory Hollow	4,725	2,119	1,663	8,507	El Bethel	10,404	880	598	11,883	Benton Station	4,627	1,758	1,521	7,906
Hillcrest	2,369	667	1,766	4,802	Fair Haven	20,431	3,763	346	24,541	Blue Ridge Temple	2,386	450	756	3,592
Hillhurst	12,767	1,531	668	14,966	Farmington	3,243	176	841	4,260	Boanerges	0	841	120	1,121
Hillview (F)	1,000	761	103	1,864	Friendship	480	250	0	730	Cedar Springs	6,576	2,262	2,346	11,184
Hillview (G)	2,400	2,117	75	4,592	Hannahs Gap	1,288	400	200	1,888	Chestnut	296	0	0	296
Hisp South Gate	0	0	0	0	Hickory Hill	4,025	696	1,119	5,839	Conasauga River	0	0	0	0
Hispana de Nashville	0	0	0	0	Holts Corner	9,735	844	0	10,579	Cookson Creek	0	0	0	0
Hope Christian Flwshp	0	0	0	0	Hurricane Grove	3,655	481	284	4,420	Covenant	0	0	0	0
I. B. Alcance Hispano	600	0	5,500	6,100	Immanuel	389	0	0	389	Crossroads	374	0	0	374
Immanuel	8,977	4,708	21,470	35,154	Lakeview	900	0	0	900	Delano	9,500	5,373	1,395	16,268
Independent Evangelical	0	0	0	0	Lewisburg 1st	30,865	10,685	3,632	45,182	Fairview	0	0	0	0
Inglewood	32,136	23,150	1,736	57,021	Lewisburg Hisp	170	0	0	170	Friendship	950	1,826	508	3,284
Intl Word of Life	0	0	0	0	Longview	3,275	542	75	3,892	Greasy Creek	0	0	100	100
Ivy Mem	250	121	0	371	Lynchburg 1st	4,883	1,237	949	7,069	Hiwassee Union	1,450	1,129	1,871	4,450
Japanese Nashville	1,318	272	63	1,653	Midland Heights	14,080	8,129	0	22,210	Mtn Springs	1,540	0	0	1,540
Joelton 1st	89,139	16,291	1,619	107,049	Mt Lebanon	135	0	0	135	Mtn View	0	0	0	0
Judson	113,665	48,184	15,843	177,692	Mt Moriah	4,400	3,064	0	7,464	Oak Grove	4,937	884	770	6,591
King Of Glory	0	0	0	0	New Bethel	0	1,417	471	1,888	Ocoee	0	0	0	0
Kol Dodi	3,088	0	0	3,088	New Hope	1,830	1,000	376	3,206	Old Ocoee	1,098	1,296	2,043	4,437
Korean Bridge Comm	1,590	150	700	2,440	Normandy 1st	3,417	390	545	4,352	Pine Ridge	0	0	0	0
Korean Han Mee	1,890	0	0	1,890	North Fork	18,018	2,830	50	20,898	Pleasant Grove	0	0	100	100
Korean Msn (HH)	0	0	0	0	Parkview	9,096	1,906	870	11,872	Polk County	0	0	6,011	6,011
Korean Msn (M)	0	0	0	0	Rover	11,446	462	700	12,608	Rock Creek	0	0	0	0
Korean Unity	4,200	960	0	5,160	Shelbyville 1st	96,147	4,120	3,016	103,283	Shady Springs	0	0	0	0
Lakeview	550	0	0	550	Shelbyville Mills	60,991	9,470	1,650	72,111	Shiloh	6,076	4,702	50	10,828
Lakewood	24,023	6,801	1,008	31,832	Short Creek	1,679	1,373	609	3,661	Smyrna	2,083	675	572	3,330
Liberty	1,799	380	90	2,269	Smyrna	11,000	5,018	1,650	17,668	Springtown	0	0	0	0
Life Comm	12,775	0	0	12,775	Southside	1,782	1,091	0	2,873	Welcome Valley	0	0	0	0
Lincovy Hills	11,218	3,721	3,618	18,556	Twin Oaks	346	0	200	546	Wetmore	2,500	1,981	1,414	5,895
Living Faith Flwshp	0	0	0	0	Unionville 1st	1,136	322	233	1,691	Zion	29,817	9,791	4,369	43,977
Lockeland	3,642	1,525	1,057	6,224	Wartrace 1st	11,477	3,300	3,407	18,184	Total	104,809	39,581	27,468	171,858
Madison 1st	0	0	47	47	Total	443,979	95,402	41,019	580,400	Riverside Baptist Association				
Madison Heights	8,695	509	0	9,204	Brush Creek	9,309	4,255	2,227	15,790	Allardt 1st	7,059	7,500	10,820	25,379
Messianic Congregation	0	0	0	0	Carthage 1st	16,401	9,788	3,255	29,444	Allons	6,485	5,168	3,111	14,764
Mill Creek	5,811	1,958	1,507	9,276	Carthage Road	1,568	250	382	2,200	Byrdstown 1st	12,274	28,714	9,720	50,708
Miracle	0	121	0	121	Gordonsville 1st	9,486	3,213	764	13,463	Celina 1st	4,979	1,983	713	7,675
Mitiku Adisu Ethiopian	0	0	0	0	Hickman	3,567	2,880	1,170	7,617	Clarkrange 1st	6,641	1,100	115	7,856
Mosaic	0	0	0	0	Lancaster	339	0	0	339	Columbia Hill	3,203	1,404	1,404	6,011
Mt. View	12,740	2,348	787	15,875	New Middleton	17,467	3,174	1,500	22,140	Etter	6,830	4,428	2,640	13,899
Nashville 1st	155,095	93,348	65,313	313,756	Peyton Creek	2,644	1,485	2,945	7,074	Falling Springs	0	0	0	0
Nashville 1st Haitian	0	0	0	0	Riddleton	1,373	630	445	2,448	Flwshp	5,963	735	284	6,982
Nashville 3rd	6,587	993	1,107	8,687	Rome	0	0	0	0	Friends Chpl	1,800	421	173	2,394
Nashville Chinese	600	0	0	600	Total	62,153	25,675	12,688	100,516	Hanging Limb 1st	0	0	244	244
Neely's Bend	2,250	506	253	3,009	Nolachucky Baptist Association					Hermitage Springs 1st	0	0	0	0
New Beginnings	0	0	0	0	Alpha	170,281	66,594	4,725	241,599	Hilham Msn	1,808	102	1,910	3,820
New Birth Ministries	0	0	0	0	Bethel	4,013	4,969	3,401	12,382	Jamestown 1st	43,948	11,166	3,073	58,187
New Faith	0	0	0	0	Beulah	16,980	8,741	2,493	28,214	Livingston 1st	71,722	13,378	5,506	90,606
New Hope	52,742	995	0	53,737	Bible's Chpl	16,198	23,064	5,614	44,876	Memorial	7,016	799	501	8,316
New Life	13,954	4,817	300	19,071	Briar Thicket	403	300	29	732	Mineral Springs 1st	80	180	520	780
North Pointe Comm	2,855	482	0	3,337	Brown Springs	12,343	5,178	2,400	19,920	Moodyville Msry	3,816	1,000	4,291	9,107
Northwood	1,229	780	605</											

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Salem Baptist Association				
Aburn	15,557	3,695	1,887	21,139
Art	9,070	888	293	10,251
Bivary	6,827	536	262	7,625
Center Hill	300	73	68	441
Chapel Hill	0	0	0	0
Chapel Hill	800	1,003	2,221	4,024
Clear Creek	1,308	1,428	100	2,836
Clear Creek Mem	10,226	7,955	5,780	23,961
Clear Creek Mem	3,479	2,215	0	5,694
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	3,442	2,515	432	6,389
Clear Creek Mem	4,936	0	2,304	7,240
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	600	200	100	900
Clear Creek Mem	2,850	638	552	4,040
Clear Creek Mem	2,861	688	264	3,813
Clear Creek Mem	3,809	1,111	2,092	7,012
Clear Creek Mem	1,656	364	358	2,378
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	1,864	1,864
Clear Creek Mem	2,730	0	200	2,930
Clear Creek Mem	9,906	4,994	2,177	17,077
Clear Creek Mem	17,462	9,607	13,939	41,008
Clear Creek Mem	600	0	162	762
Clear Creek Mem	33,310	10,265	2,528	46,103
Clear Creek Mem	194	273	0	467
Clear Creek Mem	195	0	143	338
Clear Creek Mem	4,940	1,132	766	6,838
Clear Creek Mem	1,451	363	193	2,006
Clear Creek Mem	9,050	1,547	631	11,227
Clear Creek Mem	6,786	6,980	2,261	16,028
Clear Creek Mem	6,341	1,802	562	8,705
Clear Creek Mem	1,800	1,250	1,032	4,082
Clear Creek Mem	33,461	14,036	5,654	53,152
Clear Creek Mem	200	150	150	500
Clear Creek Mem	196,148	75,707	48,974	320,829
Squatchie Valley Baptist Association				
Clear Creek Mem	3,115	2,189	498	5,802
Clear Creek Mem	4,166	1,833	783	6,782
Clear Creek Mem	600	615	0	1,215
Clear Creek Mem	780	0	0	780
Clear Creek Mem	4,619	2,229	145	6,993
Clear Creek Mem	810	795	305	1,910
Clear Creek Mem	10,295	5,755	480	16,530
Clear Creek Mem	669	110	95	874
Clear Creek Mem	13,687	2,332	3,283	19,303
Clear Creek Mem	180	0	0	180
Clear Creek Mem	42,369	7,459	4,212	54,040
Clear Creek Mem	8,771	1,294	685	10,750
Clear Creek Mem	800	0	700	1,500
Clear Creek Mem	2,085	200	400	2,685
Clear Creek Mem	33,231	7,579	4,031	44,841
Clear Creek Mem	13,224	3,943	100	17,267
Clear Creek Mem	3,724	2,400	152	6,275
Clear Creek Mem	1,554	3,280	0	4,834
Clear Creek Mem	740	1,365	1,000	3,105
Clear Creek Mem	6,020	400	300	6,720
Clear Creek Mem	1,177	0	0	1,177
Clear Creek Mem	28,908	10,109	4,143	43,160
Clear Creek Mem	1,074	202	1,074	2,350
Clear Creek Mem	3,337	1,502	1,365	6,203
Clear Creek Mem	11,094	4,280	2,565	17,939
Clear Creek Mem	5,531	2,044	0	7,575
Clear Creek Mem	23,618	4,792	4,482	32,892
Clear Creek Mem	226,176	66,707	30,798	323,680
Sevier County Baptist Association				
Clear Creek Mem	9,620	4,703	2,457	16,780
Clear Creek Mem	5,000	3,302	2,597	10,899
Clear Creek Mem	4,014	1,347	0	6,918
Clear Creek Mem	5,888	3,440	1,500	10,828
Clear Creek Mem	595	199	0	794
Clear Creek Mem	5,798	2,997	2,312	11,107
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	4,670	1,138	352	6,161
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	2,010	68	0	2,078
Clear Creek Mem	824	0	420	1,244
Clear Creek Mem	3,391	200	200	3,791
Clear Creek Mem	3,391	1,479	179	5,049
Clear Creek Mem	4,200	1,324	75	5,599
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	11,861	3,212	7,874	22,947
Clear Creek Mem	3,518	558	0	4,076
Clear Creek Mem	5,135	3,620	913	9,667
Clear Creek Mem	4,255	3,500	1,600	9,355
Clear Creek Mem	7,918	4,500	0	12,418
Clear Creek Mem	3,910	1,100	1,100	6,110
Clear Creek Mem	300	100	0	400
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	3,639	1,791	1,000	6,431
Clear Creek Mem	3,979	3,839	4,086	11,904
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	220	216	0	436
Clear Creek Mem	0	3,908	2,045	5,953
Clear Creek Mem	0	156	156	312
Clear Creek Mem	2,103	3,911	2,221	8,235
Clear Creek Mem	9,030	0	0	9,030
Clear Creek Mem	5,491	5,395	4,821	15,707
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	3,973	6,297	2,486	12,756
Clear Creek Mem	600	100	0	700
Clear Creek Mem	6,288	5,074	1,197	12,559
Clear Creek Mem	2,357	784	0	3,141
Clear Creek Mem	2,061	6,636	2,611	11,308
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	10,820	33,155	682	44,657
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	5,096	1,525	661	7,282
Clear Creek Mem	0	568	0	568
Clear Creek Mem	6,341	500	200	7,041
Clear Creek Mem	8,224	5,238	9,675	23,137
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	1,220	1,220
Clear Creek Mem	237,000	298,196	56,638	591,835
Clear Creek Mem	5,252	1,625	435	7,312
Clear Creek Mem	77,454	23,160	3,679	104,293
Clear Creek Mem	21,568	7,794	4,997	34,359
Clear Creek Mem	1,600	2,095	0	3,695
Clear Creek Mem	35	0	0	35
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	4,216	1,000	0	5,216
Clear Creek Mem	4,400	2,797	2,116	9,313
Clear Creek Mem	600	400	200	1,200
Clear Creek Mem	4,566	1,504	1,148	7,218
Clear Creek Mem	3,489	10,869	540	14,899
Clear Creek Mem	417	0	0	417
Clear Creek Mem	0	0	0	0
Clear Creek Mem	8,507	3,638	1,110	13,256
Clear Creek Mem	525,624	468,802	127,061	1,121,486

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Shiloh Baptist Association				
Adamsville 1st	46,406	12,659	4,729	63,794
Bethel Springs 1st	9,091	2,344	781	12,216
Bruton Branch	2,185	0	0	2,185
Butler's Chpl	1,858	1,495	483	3,836
Center Hill	7,112	676	500	8,288
Central	5,948	1,759	1,809	9,515
Chapel Hill	0	0	0	0
Chewalla	13,144	3,237	0	16,381
Clear Creek	3,342	8,069	932	12,343
Counce 1st	54,496	5,111	0	59,607
Crump 1st	3,155	0	210	3,365
Eastview	882	380	0	1,262
Falcon	0	452	0	452
Forty Forks	0	0	0	0
Friendship	1,656	1,750	160	3,566
Good Hope	4,645	2,922	2,648	10,215
Grace	0	600	0	600
Gravel Hill	11,079	7,524	1,787	20,390
Hopewell	43,229	5,474	2,737	51,440
Lakeview	13,186	7,423	0	20,609
Lorraine	833	0	100	933
Michie 1st	1,875	3,288	1,788	6,950
Morris Chpl	3,983	0	338	4,321
Mt Gilead	10,279	1,116	935	12,329
Mt Hermon	26,615	3,070	565	30,250
Mt Zion	5,161	3,267	133	8,562
New Harmony	4,263	1,100	0	5,363
New Hope	541	200	0	741
New Prospect	255	0	515	770
Northside	6,973	8,100	1,875	16,948
Olive Hill East	11,071	1,557	1,869	14,497
Olive Hill West	425	179	138	742
Pleasant Site	1,229	323	0	1,552
Ramer	11,169	4,250	1,165	16,584
Savannah 1st	27,345	8,000	3,172	38,517
Savannah 2nd	0	539	0	539
Selmer 1st	24,647	22,706	844	48,198
Selmer 2nd	1,698	0	271	1,969
Sharon	7,000	0	0	7,000
Southside	5,968	1,280	1,280	8,528
Temple	888	0	0	888
Trinity	300	900	0	1,200
Turkey Creek	6,595	1,138	722	8,455
Unity	13,221	3,116	2,259	18,595
Walnut Grove 1st	705	0	0	705
West Shiloh	14,995	1,620	0	16,615
Total	409,447	127,625	34,745	571,817
Stewart County Baptist Association				
Bear Springs	960	247	0	1,207
Big Rock Msrny	14,641	4,790	4,698	24,129
Bumpus Mills Msrny	0	0	0	0
Calvary	0	125	17,267	17,392
Carlisle Msrny	1,383	637	0	2,020
Corinth	2,010	1,000	0	3,010
Covenant Flwshp	600	100	0	700
Dover 1st	19,937	6,142	2,881	28,960
East Oak Grove	0	0	0	0
Fairview	219	100	100	419
Hurricane Creek	4,102	932	1,243	6,277
Lakeview	2,144	1,292	995	4,431
Little Rock	0	0	0	0
Maranatha	892	131	93	1,116
Midway	311	100	0	411
Mt Sinai	0	0	1,300	1,300
New Haven	900	340	375	1,615
Pleasant Grove	1,200	211	0	1,411
Pugh Flat	1,585	100	300	1,985
Walnut Grove	3,692	1,461	584	5,737
Total	54,577	17,708	12,569	84,854
Stone Baptist Association				
Bangham Heights	21,151	4,254	3,641	29,046
Baxter 1st	600	540	555	1,695
Bear Creek	600	320	200	1,120
Brotherton	550	0	0	550
Cane Creek	930	200	1,130	2,260
Caney Fork	6,480	3,501	2,118	12,099
Cedar Hill	6,725	2,308	1,101	10,134
Church On The Hill	700	0	2,100	2,800
Colonial View	7,400	2,321	805	10,527
Cookeville 1st	199,498	54,192	3,992	257,682
Cookeville Chinese	0	0	0	0
Cummins Mill	866	0	0	866
Dodson's Branch	0	0	0	0
Double Springs	1,131	0	3,581	4,712
Eastwood	6,437	2,597	1,720	10,754
Gainesboro 1st	3,288	491	217	3,996
Hampton's Crossroads	18,766	2,240	2,406	23,411
Jesus El Buen Pastor	2,155	0	774	2,929
Johnson	300	0	0	300
Midway	6,027	894	1,231	8,153
Mill Creek	600	500	500	1,600

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Pomona	6,420	1,410	947	8,777
Slayden	2,476	493	978	3,947
Sylvia	32,194	1,941	879	35,013
Trace Creek	40,608	16,639	5,300	62,547
United Msny of Gorman	2,767	200	321	3,288
Vanleer	0	0	0	0
Waverly 1st	60,713	26,767	4,770	92,250
Total	163,914	54,887	18,332	237,133

Union Baptist Association

Bear Cove	12,121	14,800	3,495	30,417
Boiling Springs	3,006	100	16	3,122
BonDeCroft	2,020	0	0	2,020
Cherry Creek	2,718	2,000	1,378	6,096
Doyle 1st	1,800	600	450	2,850
Grace	2,589	0	305	2,895
Greenwood	4,484	2,843	1,173	8,500
Gum Springs	17,971	6,366	2,373	26,709
Hickory Valley	6,370	3,350	3,300	13,020
Hill Road	240	155	753	1,148
Laurel Creek	6,238	5,013	0	11,251
Laurel Hill	433	200	0	633
Liberty	1,683	400	775	2,858
Ole Bethel	1,028	318	710	2,055
Pistole	3,182	959	908	5,049
Pleasant Hill	608	1,260	0	1,868
Rock Comm	6,828	0	0	6,828
Sparta 1st	24,935	14,839	2,401	42,175
Spencer 1st	3,290	1,693	608	5,590
Total	101,542	54,896	18,644	175,082

Watauga Baptist Association

Bakers Gap	2,415	1,222	492	4,129
Beck Mtn	9,620	1,087	0	10,707
Bethany	9,273	10,230	3,243	22,745
Bethel	100	589	270	959
Big Springs	14,626	1,413	1,006	17,045
Biltmore	3,087	1,157	1,245	5,489
Butler	1,482	752	581	2,815
Caldwell Springs	11,893	1,438	605	13,936
Calvary	45,604	7,730	1,473	54,807
Cedar Grove	2,620	455	0	3,075
Central	0	412	937	1,349
Cobbs Creek	3,909	2,498	1,298	7,705
Doe River	2,725	1,414	0	4,139
Dungan Chpl	11,640	904	0	12,544
East Side	2,601	3,465	892	6,958
Elizabethton 1st	52,296	20,356	4,994	77,646
Elk River	1,255	519	258	2,032
Fairview	13,509	2,246	1,022	16,777
Grace	54,827	8,543	1,469	64,840
Hampton 1st	7,969	3,479	1,268	12,716
Happy Valley	320	760	264	1,345
Harmony	4,649	827	208	5,683
Hunter 1st	1,200	4,377	0	5,577
Hunter Mem	13,363	2,624	1,072	17,059
Immanuel	18,203	4,495	922	23,620
Little Doe	13,885	3,176	1,334	18,395
Little Milligan	4,897	1,857	929	7,683
Little Mtn	1,975	372	400	2,747
Lynn Valley	0	19,091	4,883	23,974
Lynnwood/Lynnridge Comm	0	0	0	0
Meadowview	0	1,280	0	1,540
Mtn City 1st	25,011	6,105	1,911	33,027
Nelson Chpl	8,975	4,136	1,623	14,734
North Side	575	100	0	675
Oak Street	23,630	6,405	2,230	32,265
Pine Grove	0	2,160	975	3,135
Pleasant Grove	18,252	4,839	2,449	25,540
Poplar Grove	6,945	509	485	7,939
Powder Branch	55	1,051	854	1,960
Rittertown	7,497	3,408	1,165	12,070
Riverview	3,733	758	250	4,741
Roan Creek	3,100	2,350	0	5,450
Roan Mtn 1st	8,211	3,160	1,655	13,026
Roan Park	9,438	3,789	921	14,149
Rock Springs	0	200	0	200
Shady Valley	0	2,165	569	2,734
Siam	14,548	5,626	909	21,083
Sink Valley	0	0	0	0
Sinking Creek	5,694	4,512	3,304	13,509
State Line	1,000	912	25	1,937
Stoney Creek	4,775	0	1,423	6,198
Sugar Grove	680	2,546	2,000	5,226
Unaka	1,644	1,894	996	4,534
Union	13,701	2,888	869	17,457
Walnut Grove	2,686	500	250	3,436
Watauga 1st	970	400	1,021	2,392
Willow Springs	3,853	1,397	146	5,397
Zion	9,900	1,766	782	19,468
Total	484,816	172,345	65,156	722,317

Weakley County Baptist Association

Adams Chpl	5,608	2,830	653	9,090
Beech Springs	1,925	460	3,852	6,237
Bethel	51,428	82,202	28,200	161,830
Bethlehem	0	10,317	1,615	11,932
Bible Union	0	3,856	0	3,856
Calvary	240	0	0	240
Central	40,482	6,426	1,524	48,432
Corinth	2,433	5,732	1,623	9,788
Davis Mem	96	200	0	296
Dresden 1st	32,501	6,433	3,084	42,018
Eastside	199	710	205	1,114
Flwshp	186	20	15	221
Gearin's Chpl	2,098	1,328	824	4,250
Gleason 1st	10,648	6,681	244	17,572
Greenfield 1st	33,867	4,323	1,293	39,482
Harmony	0	0	0	0
Hodges Chpl	0	957	625	1,582
Jolley Springs	5,038	1,508	1,397	7,942
Liberty	1,185	600	1,400	3,185
Long Heights	10,285	1,000	0	11,285
Mack's Grove	4,704	1,521	2,623	8,848
Main Street	0	0	0	0
Moore's Chpl	653	996	303	1,952
New Hope	829	949	645	2,423
New Prospect	1,462	0	106	1,567
New Salem	3,129	500	180	3,809
Northwestern	575	440	334	1,349
Oak Grove	1,500	7,703	6,143	15,346
Old Bethel	1,357	219	120	1,696
Palmersville	4,717	264	40	5,020
Pleasant Grove	732	754	364	1,850
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0
Public Well	0	1,889	1,235	3,124
Ralston	1,000	802	2,750	4,551
Ruthville	0	384	100	484
Sand Hill	968	405	435	1,808
Sharon 1st	14,535	6,542	2,216	23,293

Church	CP	Designated SBC	Designated TBC	Total
Sidonia	1,200	511	536	2,247
Southside	3,033	1,952	3,778	42,763
Thompson Creek	4,400	2,539	1,042	7,981
Tumbling Creek	8,721	1,503	712	10,936
Union Grove	1,706	0	320	2,026
Victory	225	140	0	365
West Union	600	1,065	726	2,391
Total	288,261	166,660	71,260	526,182

Western District Baptist Association

Bethlehem	1,570	0	185	1,755
Big Sandy 1st	5,956	1,009	225	7,191
Birds Creek	13,204	3,407	1,735	18,346
Buchanan	1,569	483	0	2,052
Central Point	2,317	866	472	3,655
Cottage Grove	13,697	3,110	1,735	18,542
Fairview	15,614	5,905	1,956	23,475
Faxon	1,710	0	0	1,710
Friendship	1,259	1,415	578	3,252
Henry	825	323	100	1,248
Jones Chpl	6,434	1,708	745	8,887
Mansfield	2,272	655	160	3,087
Maplewood	25,277	5,432	1,969	32,677
McDavid Grove	1,200	1,475	602	3,277
Mt Sinai	1,822	1,045	300	3,167
New Bethel	100	318	216	634
New Harmony	11,151	6,221	0	17,372
New Hope	1,600	1,500	1,350	4,450
North Fork	6,756	934	895	8,585
Oak Hill	300	500	680	1,480
Paris 1st	126,889	54,026	16,365	197,280
Point Pleasant	27,481	3,157	2,870	33,507
Purveyer	20,600	5,581	3,797	29,978
Ramble Creek	1,217	1,000	1,341	4,557
Russwood	1,149	711	221	2,081
Shady Grove	2,553	216	602	3,371
Spring Creek	200	200	464	864
Springhill	10,350	3,133	168	13,651
Springville	0	5,477	1,525	7,002
Stetline Cowboy	38	0	0	38
Temple	5,844	2,527	649	9,020
Union Friendship	3,610	1,395	685	5,690
West Paris	11,549	3,231	630	15,410
Western District	5,000	0	0	5,000
Total	332,111	116,960	43,219	492,290

William Carey Baptist Association

Brogan Ave	1,515	115	179	1,809
Cash Point Msny	11,777	3,989	1,873	17,639
Comm	600	0	0	600
Donaldson Grove	3,549	1,068	576	5,193
Fayetteville 1st	91,622	9,691	1,820	103,132
Flintville 1st	12,170	8,736	1,148	22,054
Friendship Southern	753	0	0	753
Hickory Grove	1,782	1,953	677	4,412
Hilldale	169	0	21	189
Howell 1st	1,620	548	247	2,415
Kellys Creek	0	0	0	0
Kirkland	5,676	4,997	1,636	12,309
Lexie Cross Roads	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	4,933	1,457	541	6,931
Macedonia Southern Msny	3,372	0	39	3,411
Maranatha	1,654	985	2,749	5,388
McBurg 1st	1,200	967	1,705	3,872
Molino	0	0	0	0
Mulberry	1,500	255	1,640	3,395
New Grove	2,973	2,629	493	6,095
New Hope	0	0	2,399	2,399
Oak Hill	5,819	2,776	2,136	10,731
Parks City	20,488	4,838	1,819	27,145
Petersburg 1st	1,460	1,285	1,802	4,546
Pleasant Grove	205	0	275	480
Pleasant Hill	0	0	12,094	12,094
Pleasant Ridge	1,103	250	581	1,934
Prospect	24,045	5,199	2,002	31,245
Stewarts Chpl	8,433	3,256	9,033	20,722
Taft 1st	9,054	440	570	10,064
West End	5,471	1,509	1,500	8,480
Total	222,942	56,943	46,916	326,801

Wilson County Baptist Association

Alexandria 1st	11,791	1,928	932	14,651
Bartons Creek	18,250	11,468	5,938	35,657
Big Springs	511	0	0	511
Calvary	8,679	6,357	1,626	16,662
Cedar Creek	1,499	2,242	1,400	5,141
Cedar Grove	5,948	2,226	800	8,974
Christ's Servants	0	0	0	0
Comm of Wilson	2,547	17	163	2,726
Crossroads	0	0	0	0
Disciples Of Christ	0	0	0	0
Epsana de Lebanon	0	0	0	0
Fairview	60,884	12,884	340	74,108
Faith	600	1,000	0	1,600
Fall Creek	26,623	4,750	1,593	32,966
Flwshp (W)	458	125	709	1,292
Gladeville	20,833	11,598	147	32,579
Grace	0	875	0	875
Greenville	92	70	246	408
Hillcrest	10,744	102,517	1,279	114,540
Hobson Pike	9,116	4,942	715	14,772
Hurricane	4,306	1,818	312	6,435
Immanuel	216,426	79,116	12,956	308,498
Journey	10,970	0	10,970	21,940
LaGuarda	15,250	3,262	1,888	20,401
Lebanon 1st	96,098	30,577	13,913	140,588
Lebanon 2nd Msny	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	2,284	1,150	1,165	4,599
Mt Juliet 1st	162,206	71,175	10,366	243,748
Mt Olivet	8,700	17,106	2,706	28,511
New Life	0	0	0	0
New Vision Msn	0	162	0	162
Ramah	1,570	0	100	1,670
Rocky Valley	6,505	1,912	532	8,949
Round Lick	14,250	6,499	1,342	22,091
Saulsburry	583	815	250	1,648</

Facing protests, Wal-Mart modifies ties to groups

Baptist Press

NASHVILLE — Wal-Mart, the nation's largest retailer and non-governmental employer — facing protests over its association with homosexual activist groups — issued a statement Nov. 21 that it would “not make corporate contributions to support or oppose highly controversial issues unless they directly relate to our ability to serve our customers.”

The American Family Association, which had called for a boycott of Wal-Mart during the important shopping days following Thanksgiving, called off the boycott. Even so, on Nov. 27 Wal-Mart posted its first loss in November sales in 10 years. Same-store sales, which the company expected would be flat, were down 1 percent.

Controversy erupted when Wal-Mart sent a \$25,000 donation to the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) in August, a move the chamber's president said the retailer initiated. The contribution, according to a *Los Angeles Times* report, was to fund events and initiatives that will, with Wal-Mart's participation, teach homosexual business owners how to become suppliers for the worldwide retail outlet. The American Family Association had said the move showed preferential treatment to homosexuals and condoned “same-sex marriage.”

The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, founded in 2002, boasts the support of several large companies. Founding members of the chamber include IBM, Wells Fargo, Motorola, JP Morgan-Chase, Intel, American Airlines, Ernst & Young, American Express, and Wyndham Hotels. Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are listed as “corporate visionaries” on the chamber's web site. Cisco Systems and Avis also are listed.

Wal-Mart had contended that the partnership with the NGLCC was in line with the company's efforts to expand

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beyond their rural southern roots into urban areas where shoppers are more diverse. A company spokesman also reported that Wal-Mart had partnered with other homosexual activist groups such as the Human Rights Campaign. Wal-Mart also recently made a \$60,000 donation to “Out and Equal,” a homosexual advocacy group that supports workplace equality for homosexuals, and the company supports The Point Foundation, which provides scholarships to students “marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender expression, or gender identity.”

Although the AFA said it was “pleased with the announcement” and encouraged its supporters to send thank you letters to the company, Mona Williams, vice president for communications with Wal-Mart, told Baptist Press the company will continue to donate to “specific projects,” though it would “no longer give donations across the board.”

“As with the chamber [National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce], we would not give them a blanket donation. But if they had a project or an initiative, such as hate crimes education or one about workplace equality, we would support that,” Williams said.

“The statement we issued was the result of us listening to both our associates — our employees — and our customers. A lot of them had concerns. We wanted to take a more thoughtful approach. We wanted to listen to both sides and our statement is a result of that.”

Asked if Wal-Mart's policies toward homosexual groups were a departure from their traditional, family oriented values,

Williams said, “Our values are constant, our values have not changed.” She also said recent protests by the AFA and other pro-family groups were not the reason for the retailer's dip in sales in November.

As noted in its Nov. 21 statement, Wal-Mart did not indicate that it would cease all partnerships with the NGLCC or other homosexual-oriented groups. Instead, it said partnerships into which the company enters will reflect the makeup of communities where stores are located.

Wal-Mart gave more than \$245 million to various charities last year. The company was named by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* as the largest corporate donor in the country. Wal-Mart employs more than 1.3 million people in the United States. □

Union's Dockery speaks at Illinois convention mtg.

Baptist Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — With the theme, “Thy Kingdom Come,” speakers at the 100th annual meeting of the Illinois Baptist State Association urged messengers to reach the 8.2 million people in their state who do not know Christ as Savior.

More than 500 messengers and visitors attended the Nov. 8-9 meeting at the Crowne Plaza here.

David Dockery, president of Union University in Jackson, led the meeting's Bible study, warning messengers about “flexidology.”

“The church wants to be as flexible as the shifting currents of our society,” he said. “But we

are called to teach the truth. Be prepared to refute those who oppose it.”

Dockery told messengers God's people “must be a people of unquestioned integrity marred by no obvious disgrace, no loophole for an out.

“Leaders must be prepared to refute those who distort the gospel,” he said. “We must realize the false teachers today in the 21st century are not new. They are merely the heirs of those who have gone before, merely a differ-

ent package of old errors.”

A budget of \$5.9 million including shared items, passed by an overwhelming margin with only a handful of dissenting votes. The approved budget is a percent increase over the 200 budget. Illinois Baptists also re-elected Fred Winters, pastor of First Baptist Church, Maryville as convention president. □

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Christmas is about giving

by Clayton Dunsmore

Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son. We receive His Son by faith and have eternal life. But what do we give and to whom do we give? Most might answer that they give to their families, friends, and loved ones. Others might even give to strangers who are in need. All of these are good answers, but a question arises in my mind, "How does this type of giving effect the kingdom of God?"

In 1995 God taught me a valuable lesson about giving. I had been asked to go on a mission trip to the Ukraine. I really wanted to go, had prayed about it, and even had saved some money for the trip. But it just seemed that I was not at peace about going. Obstacles kept popping up. I finally had to decline to go on the trip. I was confused and could not understand why I was not able to go.

I picked up a copy of the *Baptist and Reflector* and began to read. There was an article about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The article noted that if the MCO received sufficient funds, then missionaries could be sent to the Ukraine. The Lord spoke to my heart through that article and I sensed the leadership of the Holy Spirit telling me to put the money I had saved for the Ukraine trip in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I did what I was instructed to do and even went a bit further. I challenged our church to double its goal for the MCO. The church accepted the challenge and God blessed as we surpassed our goal.

It was during this time that the following verse of scripture came alive for me: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over ... For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:28).

I had been a tither for many years, but God taught me about giving a good measure, or going beyond the tithe and making an offering, a sacrifice to Him.

The next year the opportunity arose for me to go to the Ukraine once again. I remember praying to the Lord and saying "if you want me to go, just make the way." The next day I received a call from my director of missions who told me that someone had come by his office and said they would pay my way if I would go. To make a long story short, I have since been to the Ukraine eight times and to other countries as well. God has supplied and paid my way every time. That investment I made in God's kingdom work has blessed me over and over.

I can testify God keeps His Word. Try Him. Invest in His kingdom. Give to the LMCO. It all goes to help His missionaries spread His Word. □ — Dunsmore is director of missions for Cumberland Gap Baptist Association, based in Harrogate.

a way with words

The caregiver

by Hugh X. Lewis

If there's a place in God's own heart
And favor in His eyes
For practice of a saintly art,
The caregiver qualifies.

If it's their only livelihood
Or if they're volunteers,
They represent what's right and good
And love is working here.

So when we're spreading praise around
And hold in high esteem,
Ones with all the stars in their crowns,
The caregiver reigns supreme. □

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Hope that lives

By Reggie Weems

Focal Passage: I Peter 1:3-13, 18-21

The name of Jesus is synonymous with hope but hope for a Christian is radically different from the world's definition of hope, which is really only wishful thinking. Christian hope is genuine and valid because our Savior is real and alive. It is the well-founded assurance that God is a faithful Creator (I Peter 4:19) with whom we can trust what is most valuable about us, our eternal souls. Hope is anchored in the future but it is based on what has occurred in the past, both in creation and at the cross. Since creation's dawn, every sunrise and every season speaks of God's faithfulness. Elizabeth Barrett Browning expressed the hope that creation offers Christians when she wrote, "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God; And only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries." Peter wants his readers to wake up to the reality of God's work in their midst and join creation's daily song of hope.

The apostle's readers certainly need hope. From Pontus on to Bithynia (the route his letter carrier would travel), Peter's audience was suffering naturally (1:7) but also from official Roman persecution just on the horizon (4:12). Peter points his readers to the reality of God's victorious accomplishments in Christ at the cross. Hope for what

we do not see is rooted in what we have seen in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Faith in that fact naturally results in present and future hope. Working faith always creates "living hope" (1:3). To have hope we must:

(1) Remember Jesus' resurrection (1:1-5). Christianity is rooted in real historical facts. Jesus Christ was a real person whom Peter and other apostles personally knew (I John 1:2-3). In His passion, Christ publicly defeated humanity's most feared and powerful enemy, death. That victory insures an "inheritance that is imperishable, undefined, and unfading" (1:4). Since nothing can change the historical fact of Jesus' resurrection, nothing can change the future Jesus promises. Therefore, in the midst of our own trials we bless God (1:3) and "rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory" (1:8).

(2) Prepare your mind for suffering (1:10-13). Earth is not heaven and Christians need to remember the difference. Hardship is natural to this life. Unfulfilled expectations lead to disappointment with God who never promised a life free from suffering. Christians should expect both natural suffering (Job 5:7, John 16:33) and suffering directly related to their Christianity (Matthew 10:22 and Luke 21:12) as the norm and not the exception. C.S. Lewis wrote, "I didn't go to religion to make me happy. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recom-

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mend Christianity." Our Savior suffered (v. 11) and we will too. Our ultimate hope really is not in this world but in the "grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (v. 13).



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(3) Put both your faith and hope in God (v. 18-21). Christians are often disappointed because they place their hope in frail people or in a finite world that is passing away (I John 2:17). Our trust is not in "futile ways" (v. 18) or "silver and gold" (v. 18) but in the "precious blood of Christ" (v. 19) whose sacrifice has done for us what no one else and nothing else can do. Only Jesus is worthy of our hope. He alone is the treasure to be cherished with "all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).

Hope always lives because Jesus ever lives. Thus we sing, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?" □ — weems is senior pastor of Heritage Baptist Church, Johnson City.

Working with confidence in God

By Thurman Seber

Focal Passage: Ezra 4:4-5, 24 - 5:5; 6:8, 13-16

Introduction. There before the people of God lay a huge undertaking, one that would require tremendous amounts of labor, time, and money. And yet, they felt a strong urgency from God to rebuild the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. How should they proceed and what would the days before them hold?

Anticipate frustrations (4:4-5). The inhabitants of the land did not wish the temple of God to be rebuilt. The heathen and the impure religious people were united in opposition.

During the years of captivity, people with no faith in the living God had taken possession of the land. They were joined by those who later came to be called Samaritans. These were people of mixed religious blood. Partly Jews, they had intermarried with tribes who had no faith in the God of Israel. At first, those with mixed religion offered to help with the building. The returning exiles had reason to question both their motives and their relationship to God. They refused such help.

Both legal opposition and threats of violence were brought against those who went about the task of building the House Of God.

Be sure that we will face opposition from Satan, and sometimes it comes from unexpected directions.

Strong enemies of God always step forth to hinder the work. The Bible pattern continues today, as it has down through all the ages, the work of God will be met with opposition and frustration.

A lesson is to be learned here by the church. While seeking to be friendly with unbelievers and with those who are impure in the faith, we must not allow them to carry the responsibility assigned to believers. God will not bless a work attempted by those with dirty hands and impure hearts (Psalm 24:3) Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? (Psalm 24:4).



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Follow divine guidance (4:24 - 5:5). God was speaking. His voice could be heard through the prophets, especially Haggai and Zechariah. (The same ones God used to write part of the Old Testament.) The people must have felt torn between the need to obey the orders of the king and the overwhelming desire to follow the leadership of the Almighty.

Christian people sometimes feel caught between the will of the people and the leadership of God. What must we do in times such as these?

Expect God's victor (6:8, 13-16). God worked out perfectly that

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for which the people did not have even a partial solution. Those who would have hindered were rendered powerless. The ancient decree of Cyrus was found, it was just as the Jews had claimed. King Darius commanded even more, giving orders for the expenses to be met by the leaders of the region. Isn't it amazing what God can do? (Philippians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.)

This great temple was not built quickly but it was built in God's good time. The victory will always come in the times of God.

Conclusion. We must be willing to both wait and follow. When God gives orders to advance, we must quickly put our hands to the task. Sometimes we face obstacles that only God can overcome. In times such as this, we must not run ahead of God, but wait on His powerful moving and intervention.

It became quite obvious that there was a higher power controlling all. The plan of God would be carried out.

Is God calling you to a great task, one that looks almost impossible to complete? Have faith in God. □ — Seber, currently director of missions at Salem Baptist Association, Liberty, will enter full-time evangelism in January.

Deaths

◆ **Betty Powers**, 85, of Mt. Juliet, wife of Vern Powers, retired Tennessee Baptist Convention Protection Plans Department director, died Nov. 27 at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, following surgery. Mrs. Powers supported her husband in his ministry for 65 years. Other survivors include three daughters, two sons, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Belmont Partners Scholarship, Belmont University Development Office, 1900 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, TN 37212, or First Baptist Church Building Bridges, 108 7th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37203.

◆ **Kathryn Culbertson**, 89, of Martin, widow of Lewis B. Culbertson, a former Tennessee Baptist pastor in northwest Tennessee, died Nov. 15. Until her health began to decline several years ago, she was very active in her church, First Baptist Church, Sharon; Weakley County Baptist Association, Dresden; and state Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Union work. She is survived by three children.

Leaders

◆ First Baptist Church of



NANNIE MARSH, the oldest member of First Baptist Church, Church Hill, was honored recently by the church on her 104th birthday. She is with Gary Gerhardt, pastor, who presented Marsh with a corsage.

Livingston has called **Jeremy Gengler** of Midland, Texas, as minister of education and students effective Dec. 10.

◆ Cumberland Baptist Association, Clarksville, honored **Linda Biggar**, association ministry assistant, for her 20 years of service during its November annual meeting.

◆ Brentwood Baptist Church, Brentwood, has called **J. Rodney Taylor** as stewardship minister and foundation development director. He will be responsible for stewardship education and fundraising for the Brentwood Baptist Foundation.

◆ Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, recently called **Beth Smith** as music director.

Churches

◆ **Riva Lake Baptist Church**, Winchester, will present "From the Cradle to the Grave and Beyond," an outside live nativity and Bethlehem marketplace, nightly Dec. 8-9. For information, contact Larry Sanders, Riva Lake Baptist pastor, at (931) 967-0194.

◆ **Mt. Hermon Baptist Church**, Clarksville, held revival services the week of Nov. 19. At least 20 people made decisions for Christ, many others made commitments, and other decisions were reported. Keith Fordham was the speaker.

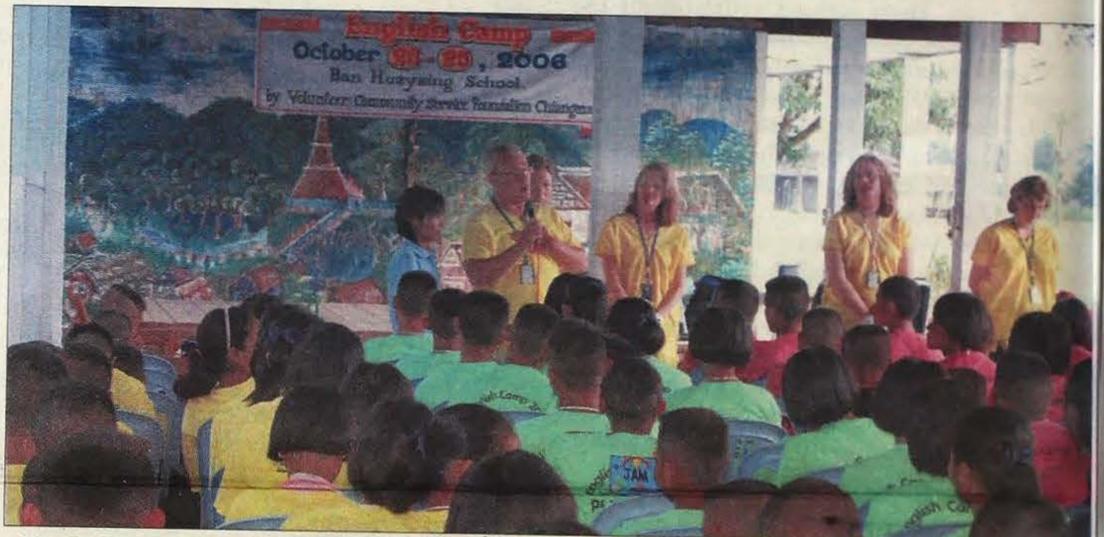
◆ **First Baptist Church, Columbia**, will present a live nativity followed by "A Christmas Prayer," a musical drama, the evenings of Dec. 15-17. Tickets are free and may be picked up at the church office during business hours. For information, call the church at (931) 388-2655.

◆ **First Baptist Church, Jackson**, will present its 2006 Living Christmas Tree Dec. 7-10. For information, call the church office at (731) 423-9315.

◆ **West Hills Baptist Church, Knoxville**, will again take donations for Heifer International, Little Rock, Ark., for its Children in Missions Christmas project. This year's



LEADERS OF THE Tennessee Baptist chaplains group pause during the annual state Baptist chaplains retreat held recently at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center, Linden. The retreat drew about 50 participants. The leaders are, from left, Beverly Smothers, Tennessee Baptist Convention state president; Charles Covington, Baptist Hospital - East, Memphis, president; Jim Whitley, John S. Wilder Youth Center, Somerville, and pastor, Liberty Baptist Church, Somerville, first vice president; Bob Adair, retired military chaplain and pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Columbia, second vice president; and Linda Knott, Tennessee Prison for Women, Nashville, outgoing president.



SAM NICHOLS OF FIRST BAPTIST Church, Collierville, speaks to students of Ban Huaysing School in Thailand recently at an English Camp held by the church. With him from the church are, from left Gail Turner, Jean Ann Rush, Stephanie Gibson, and Pam Turner. Nichols is minister of missions and administration of the church. He reported that "God opened the doors to share more openly in public schools than ever before." The church has served in Southeast Asia several times before. The Tennesseans also ministered to prisoners in Bangkok.

donations will buy llamas for impoverished families in South America. In addition, the Children in Mission group collected 417 pairs of socks to send to Border Ministry in Progresso, Texas.

Associations

◆ **Nashville Baptist Association**, will sponsor a Gulf

Coast Relief Rebuild mission trip Jan. 14-20, to finish houses for inspection. At least 50 volunteers are needed ages 18 and older to install drywall/sheetrock, light fixtures, appliances, doors, and roofs. Also needed are volunteers for painting and new construction. Deadline to sign up for the project is Jan. 1, 2007. For information, call Don Mauldin at (615) 833-4082 or Nashville Association office at (615) 259-3034. Also the

association will host a one day ACS Technologies Year-End Closing Training Dec. 13 at its office. For information or to register call 1-800-669-2509 or visit www.acstechnologies.com/training.

◆ **Beulah Baptist Association**, Union City, is sponsoring a mission trip to Puerto Rico the week of Feb. 3-10. For information, contact (731) 885-2157 or mjlong@bellsouth.net.



PARTICIPANTS OF THE Nov. 18 Turkey Trot for Missions of First Baptist Church, Morristown, pause after their three-mile walk. The children collected pledges and donations and raised \$1,720 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. They also prayed for a missionary, location, or people group at points during the walk. Tim Thompson is children's pastor of the church.



EDDIE MALLONEE, center, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Union City, honors Betty Keathley and Bob Lasater, church instrumentalists, recently. Keathley has been pianist of the church for 46 years and Lasater has been organist of the church for nearly 50 years. The musicians were given several gifts by the church. They serve with Barry Keathley, minister of music, who has served the church for 32 years.