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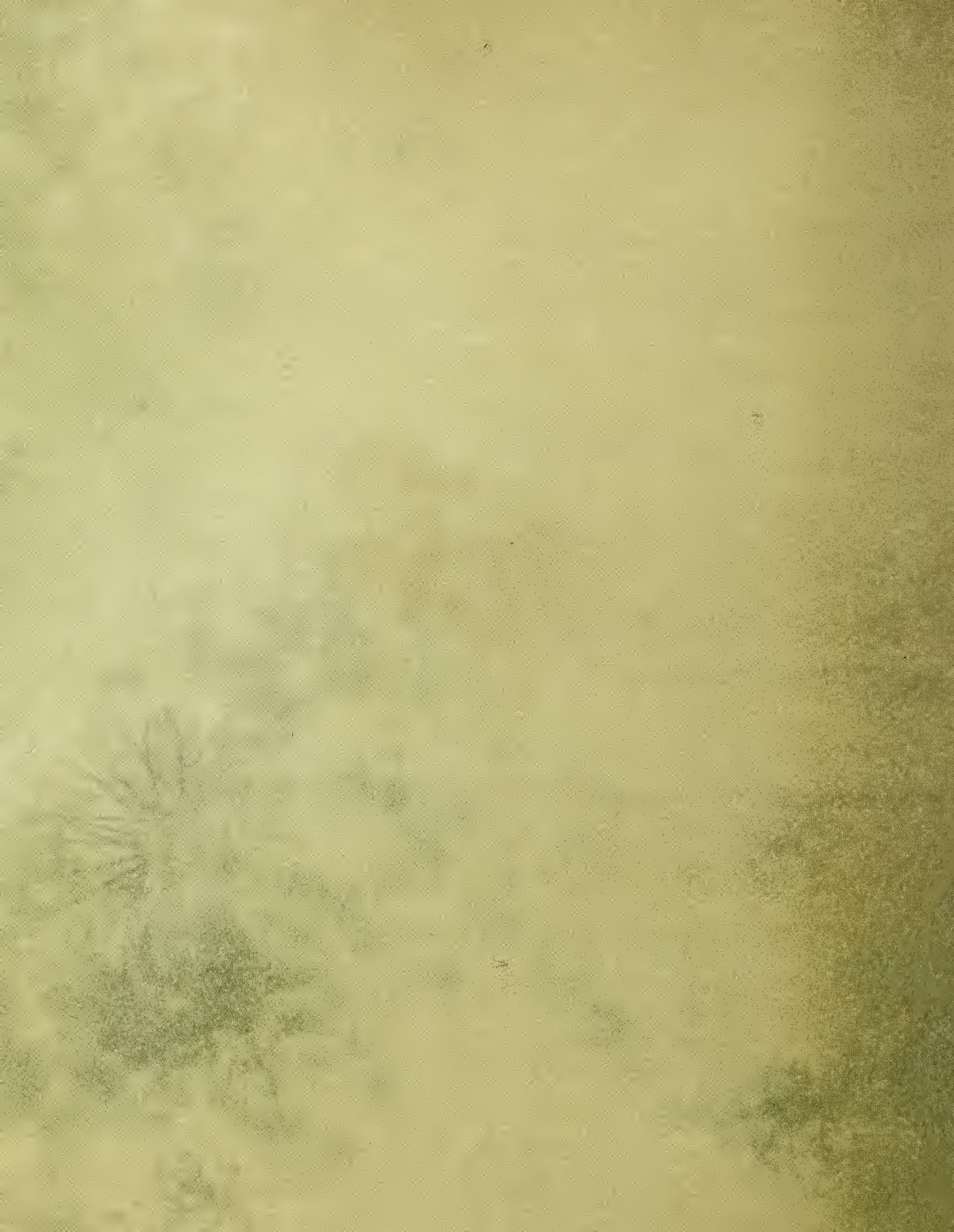
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welcome



Welcome to the 175th Anniversary Celebration of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina where we will consider “God’s Hand on North Carolina Baptists: Appreciate, Celebrate, Anticipate.”

For more than 175 years, Baptists have been making a difference in North Carolina and “the uttermost parts of the earth.” During these three days together, we will appreciate our roots in missions, ministry, and education. We will celebrate the various ministries we’re involved with today. And yes, we anticipate the future. The message of the saving grace of Jesus Christ remains unchanged from the March day in 1830 when our Convention was formed—indeed, since the day the stone rolled away to reveal an empty tomb.

We remain committed to train preachers and church leaders and to evangelize unreached peoples. We will continue to adapt our techniques to meet the needs of a continually changing world.

Visit the exhibit hall, meet your Convention staff and see what they are doing to encourage FaithSoaring in North Carolina.

We will worship together in song, preaching and prayer. We will also worship at the reports of God’s blessings on our agencies, institutions, auxiliaries, and Convention. And we will appreciate Jim Royston for his leadership.

God’s hands have indeed been on North Carolina Baptists as He has led us in missions and ministry. We’re glad you’re here and we look forward to discovering how God will use NC Baptists in Kingdom growth in the 21st century.

George Bullard

George W. Bullard
Acting Executive Director-Treasurer

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schedule

Monday, November 14

- 2:00 - 9:00 Registration Open
- 2:00 - 9:00 Exhibit Hall Open
- 6:05 - 6:55 Concert by NC Baptist Singers and Orchestra
- 6:55 - 9:00 General Session

Tuesday, November 15

- 7:00 - 3:00 Registration Open
- 7:30 - 8:00 Budget Q & A
- 8:00 - 7:00 Exhibits Open
- 8:00 - 8:25 Concert by NC Baptist Orchestra
- 8:25 - 12:05 General Session
- 1:45 - 2:00 Concert by Pepper Choplin
- 2:00 - 3:00 General Session
- 3:15 - 4:15 Breakout Session 1
- 4:30 - 5:30 Breakout Session 2
- 6:00 - 8:30 Registration Open
- 6:40 - 6:55 Concert by Mud Creek Baptist Church Choir & Orchestra
- 6:55 - 9:05 General Session

Wednesday, November 16

- 7:00 - 8:00 Free Breakfast
- 7:00 - 11:00 Registration Open
- 7:30 - 8:00 Budget Q & A
- 8:00 - 10:00 Exhibits Open
- 8:00 - 8:25 Hands on Missions Awareness
- 8:25 - 11:10 General Session



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order of service

Monday, November 14 *Evening Session*

6:05

Concert of Worship
*NC Baptist Singers
and Orchestra*

6:55

Prayer
Allan Blume

7:00

Call to Order
David Horton

Welcome
Mayor Allen Joines

Pledges

Pledge to the American Flag
“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”
Jonathan Taylor

Pledge to the Christian Flag

“I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting all Christians in service and love.”
Christopher Taylor

Pledge to the Bible

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path, and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.”
Leslie Taylor

Committee Reports
Enrollment Committee
Jerry Durmire

Preacher, Place and Program Committee
Scott Davis

Local Arrangements Committee
Keith Fortenberry

7:25

Orientation for Breakouts
Lynn Sasser

7:30

Recognitions and Greeting
David Horton/George Bullard

7:40

175th Anniversary Celebration
Roy J. Smith

**Appreciating Our History:
Founders of the Convention**
Drama

8:10

Congregational Singing
R. G. Huff
Reflect, Rejoice, Renew!

8:15

Annual Session Theme Interpretation
Norman Jameson

8:35

Missions Mobilization Celebration

9:05

Closing Prayer
Luis Rivas

The Lord’s Prayer
*NC Baptist Singers
Multi-Cultural Representatives
Congregation
Pam Cagle*

pray that:

Messenger hearts will be ready to praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done (Psalm 100:4).

- We will have an overwhelming gratitude for what God has made possible through

the history of our convention, and a trust that He who began this work will carry it on (Philippians 1:6).

- This session will lead to a renewed commitment to be the messengers of hope Christ has called us to be to the neighbors and nations around us (Matthew 28:18-20).
- We thank God for the 175 years He has empowered North Carolina Baptists and privileged us to be about Kingdom work in missions, ministry and education.

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how North Carolina Baptists pay for missions

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD COMING TO ITS OWN

By J. F. Love

Perhaps the most important thing that has happened in the history of the Sunday School in this country since the year 1800 is the coming to its own of the Sunday School Board. The Board has been organized in the most part, produced and published the books which have furnished reading and materials to our children people. We would not do justice to the Board if we did not mention its work with a few honorable exceptions, the publishing houses of the North threaten the South and the whole country with great peril. This applies in particular to the religious life of the South. If the useful and Christian truths which are commonly held among the majority of Southern people are to be perpetuated in the generations following, capable Southern writers must be encouraged to produce books which embody these ideals and this view of truth, and some good publishing agency among us must furnish a far larger per cent of the books which enter the libraries of our people.

Some of us have coveted for the Sunday School Board at Nashville this place of honor and service, and have, whenever opportunity has been given to us, encouraged the strengthening of the publishing Department by this Board.

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Lead Size



Clella Lee is chair of the Council on Christian Higher Education to study the relationship between the BSC and the schools, and to present a report no later than the convention's August 20th meeting.

Informing

1. **Prep. Monthend.**—Meet God! Here is a Bible book by Dr. Raleigh Wright, a man experienced in the finest of all arts, that of soul-winning, and the nurture of the new life in young converts. There is need for this book in the religious literature which proposes to serve this generation and secure for the next the benefits of sound views of Christian truth and life.

2. **The Pastor's Manual.** by Dr. J. R. Hobbs. Dr. Hobbs has rendered a distinct service to his brother pastors by bringing together in this handy manual experiences which he has gathered in a successful pastoral experience. There is scarcely a week in the pastor's life when he does not need just such help as is made available in this book.

3. **The Christ of the Loggia.** by Dr. A. T. Robertson. Could there be a more pertinent religious tract for our times than one which has a man of such qualifications superior to Dr. Robertson to furnish a satisfactory work? It is a book which makes one wish to bring to the attention of every man of worth among the scholars, and the book is characterized by that trenchant style which has made him a welcome speaker and writer among the common people everywhere.

4. **The Successful Sunday School at Work.** by C. S. Leavelle. Here is a fresh and informing discus-

authorship. A Great Heart of the South has had a wide reading. It gave the outline and the true color of a young North Carolina missionary in the eager pursuit of his missionary calling. In the eager pursuit of his missionary calling, the author has taken up the mantle of the first century Christian missionaries, and has written a larger information concerning things Chinese and things missionary. The writer of these lines is glad that this missionary book will be read by our observation of religious libraries and book reviews forces the fact upon us that missionary literature is sadly at disappointingly disproportionate to the many current volumes which discuss other phases of Christian truth, life and activity.

Opinion
I was just thinking...

On cooperation and compromise

There is a great deal of talk about cooperation and compromise. It is a subject which has been discussed in many ways. It is a subject which has been discussed in many ways. It is a subject which has been discussed in many ways.

The pool of Siloam resurfaces

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Interpreting

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ROW C. H. SPURGEON FOUND CHRIST

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I attended all the paces of worship in the town where I lived, but I honestly believe I did not have the gospel truly preached. I do not blame the men who preached the divine sovereignty, but what was that which I desired to know what there was another admirer of the law; but being up ground that needed was said, "Believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved"; but I was to believe in Christ. I might have been in darkness if it had been for the goodness of the Sabbath morning in a place of worship, when I went down a court and into a Methodist chapel. In that chapel ten or fifteen people, not more than morning; showed for him, a shoemaker, a tailor, at last, went up into the pulpit.

He was obliged to stick to his text, for that he had nothing else to say.



Inspiring

When he had got about that length, and managed to spin out ten minutes or so, he was at the length of his feet. He looked at me under the table, and said, "You look very miserable." Well, I did; but I had just had a good blow struck. He continued, "And you will always be miserable—miserable in life, miserable in death—if you do not obey my text. If you do not obey my text, you will be miserable." Then he shouted: "Young man, look to Jesus Christ; look now!" He made me start in my seat.

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Tuesday, November 15 *Morning Session*

7:15 – 8:15

Constitution and Bylaws
Committee Q & A Session
Salem Room

7:30 - 8:00

Budget Q & A Session
Winston Room

8:00

Concert of Praise
North Carolina Baptist Orchestra

8:25

Prayer
Ricky Mill

8:30

Congregational Singing
Danny Davis
In Christ Alone/Solid Rock

8:40

Board of Directors Report
John Butler

Constitution and
Bylaws Committee
Clella Lee

9:10

Committee Reports

Committee on Nominations

Jeff Long

Committee on Committees

Robert Jackson

Historical Committee

John Woodard

9:35

175th Anniversary
Celebration

Appreciating Our History:
The Growth of Missions
Crosswalk

9:50

Guided Prayer
Chris Schofield

Congregational Singing
The Majesty and Glory
of Your Name

10:00

Special Recognition of
Dr. James H. Royston
(turn to next page)

10:20

Congregational Singing
Holy, Holy, Holy

Worthy of Worship

Neal Eller

10:25

Fixed Order of Business
Election of President

10:40

Miscellaneous Business

11:05

Worship in Song
Solo, Mandy Horton Welch
I Will Trust in Christ

*Gate City Baptist Quartet:
Howard Chandler, Korkie Cates,
Jeff Sims, David Horton*
I Believe in a Hill Called
Mount Calvary

11:20

Fixed Order of Business
President's Address
David Horton

12:00

Closing Prayer
Kenneth Lambert

pray that:

Participants will sense the presence of God, Who will prepare each one to walk in holiness and unity throughout the day (Isaiah 35:8).

- We thank God for the leadership of Jim Royston, and ask for God's blessings as he ministers in Mooresville. (2 Corinthians 13:11).
- The individual elected as president of the Convention will focus on ways North Carolina Baptists can work together for God's glory (Philippians 2:1-11).
- For the president's message to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and to reach the core of each heart.



Dr. James H. Royston, *executive director-treasurer*, 1998 - 2005

Dr. James H. Royston

exec returns to pastorate

Jim Royston Returns to First Love

After nearly eight years as executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. James H. Royston retired from denominational leadership post in September to return to his first love—the pastorate. Royston leaves behind him a strong state convention, a personal reputation for fairness and a loving spirit that constantly reached out to the diverse elements of a large, multi-cultural convention of churches.

The Convention grew beyond 4,000 churches for the first time during Royston's tenure and their membership totals 1.2 million.

Through a tenure interlaced with political tensions Royston navigated among sincere factions with dissimilar views, each of which tugged him in different directions.

Royston was elected at the annual meeting in November 1997 after unanimous recommendation by a diverse search committee. He said efforts at reconciliation between conservatives and moderates in North Carolina Baptist life

was a factor in his decision to pursue the position.

He started the post in January 1998. He announced his retirement in July 2005, and was granted a sabbatical through mid-September during which he worked on a book on niche evangelism.

Hollifield a High Water Mark

Hollifield Leadership Center may turn out to be the single most significant banner to fly over Royston's tenure. Royston led the Convention to buy the Duke Energy executive training center on Lake Hickory in April 2000, and encouraged Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield to make the lead gift for its purchase.

This 16-acre facility on a peninsula into Lake Hickory has developed into "a future-embracing, forward-looking leadership development center in a 'retreat' facility." It is the focal point for several leadership, coaching and congregational development initiatives that are influencing congregations cross denominationally throughout the southeast.

In November 2000 Royston unveiled "Pursuing Vital Ministry," a church vitality emphasis to help churches move to intentional transition leadership strategies rather than merely re-work church programs. BSC officials describe Pursuing Vital Ministry as "a congregation's spiritual and strategic journey to discern and live into its full Kingdom potential."

Church planting was one of Royston's passions and Baptist State Convention

Recognition

Tuesday 10:00 am

Appreciation
John Butler

Presiding
David Horton

Introduction of family
and special guests

Video

Special Announcement
George Bullard

Response
James H. Royston

Prayer
David Horton

staff – working with church planters – planted an average of 75 churches per year during Royston's tenure.

A nationally acclaimed coaching effort called "Sustaining Pastoral Excellence" was initiated with a \$1.5 million grant from the Lily Foundation. The goal is to identify and quantify excellent ministry practices among senior pastors and younger pastors, in a manner that will capture and spread those practices through the wider pastoral leadership field. Pastors from several states and several denominations are participating.

Findings and excellent practices will be published through Lake Hickory Resources, a new publishing venture initiated during Royston's term, in cooperation with the Church Board of Publications in St. Louis.

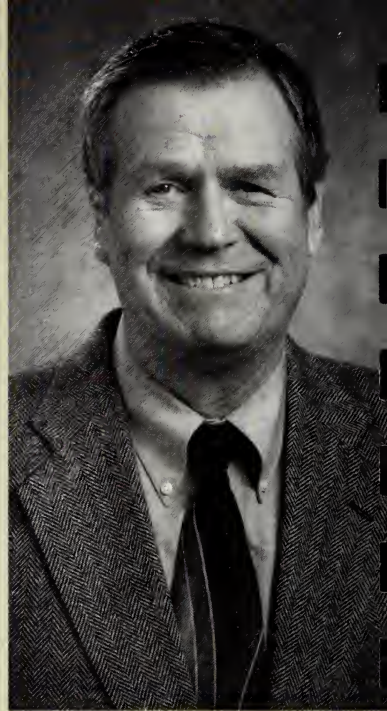
Midway through his tenure, in February 2001, Royston outlined a "five-year plan" for the Convention, which includes four areas: Proclaiming the Gospel to North Carolina's 3.5 million unchurched residents; birthing new congregations; revitalizing existing congregations; and resourcing BSC congregations, associations and institutions. He challenged North Carolina Baptists to plant 150 reproducing churches, baptize 43,000 annually, add 125,000 new members, mobilize 35,000 volunteers and reach \$50 million in annual budget giving over a five-year period.

Triple Whammy

Caught in a triple whammy of job losses in textiles, shuttered furniture factories and the national malaise and insecurity following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, gifts from church to the Baptist State Convention churches declined. In August 2003, with income running almost \$2 million behind expected receipts, 24 staff positions-20 percent of all budgeted positions-were eliminated. Fifteen employees lost their jobs.

Royston confessed the downsizing was the single most difficult issue he'd ever faced. During the 175th anniversary celebration in Greenville in May 2005 Royston predicted a "perfect storm" of progress in the Baptist State Convention. He said the Convention has developed ministry efforts that are converging to create a "perfect storm" of ministry that "will lead to a magnificent, wonderful, bountiful harvest."

"I honestly believe we are on the verge of some of the greatest moments of our life as an organization in our history," he said. Churches should be in tune with both "timeless truths and timely trends" in doing the work of Christ, Royston says, not compromising central beliefs, but continuing to cooperate in doing the things that North Carolina Baptists do best.





Return to First Love

“I’ve always been a pastor,” said Royston, 57. “While my seven and a half years in this office have been challenging and fulfilling, my wife Jeannie and I have missed the familial relationships unique between a pastor and congregation.

“My goal since I hung up my electrician’s tools as a young man in Tennessee has always been to serve in the place-wherever that is-where God can use me most effectively to win people and advance His Kingdom. For a while, that was here. I clearly and firmly understand that place now to be in the pastorate of a good church that longs to be great, in the midst of a community exploding with new residents and opportunity for Kingdom growth.”

Mooresville, a close commute north of Charlotte, borders burgeoning Lake Norman, an area exploding with growth even before the announcement last year that Lowe’s Home Improvement is moving its national headquarters there from North Wilkesboro.

Royston succeeded Roy Smith as executive director-treasurer. Smith served 14 years in that office and is currently executive director-treasurer emeritus.

First Baptist, Mooresville, is a 1,400-member church founded in 1882. Royston, a Tennessee native, was pastor of several churches in Tennessee and North Carolina, including First Baptist Church, Huntersville, NC, and Colonial Heights Baptist Church of Kingsport, TN immediately before coming to the Baptist State Convention. From 1981-86 he was director of missions-ministries for the Mecklenburg Baptist Association of Charlotte, now called Baptist Metrolina Ministries.

Royston graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1975 with a B.A. degree in religion. He earned both the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His doctoral thesis was entitled “Innovation in Ministry.” Royston and Jeannie, his wife of 39 years, have a son Jeff, who lives near Mooresville with his wife Kelly, and their daughter, Brooke; and a daughter, Jennifer Royston Fielden, who lives with her husband Kevin in Tennessee with their sons Henry and Luke.

In making his announcement to move to Mooresville, Royston confided openly that a more local ministry will help him be more “present” to help Jeannie through her chronic illness.

He has a passion for helping local churches and pastors to reach their full Kingdom potential. He has coached and mentored numerous clergy through career planning. He served as a consultant in career planning throughout the Southeast for a number of years.

Given his training and background, Royston often has been a consultant and is a founding partner of a congregational ministry, whose purpose is to transform and enhance the capacity of North American Protestant churches to pursue and sustain vital, Christ-centered ministry.



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Tuesday, November 15 *Afternoon Session*

1:45

Worship

Pepper Choplin

2:00

Prayer

Bill Grisham

Congregational Singing

How Firm A Foundation

2:05

Miscellaneous Business

2:30

Fixed Order of Business

Election:

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary

Assistant Recording Secretary

3:00

Closing Prayer

J. S. (Bud) Parrish

Dismiss to Breakout Sessions



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pray that:

God's hand will continue to be noticeable as we gather together, conduct business, and build relationships (Psalm 90:16-17).

- We will make "every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).
- Each Breakout Session will provide opportunities for participants to grow in their relationships with God and with others, and that eyes will be opened to see the kinds of wonders that only God can do among us (Romans 12:3-21).

breakout sessions

3:15 pm

Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age

*Eddie Hammett
Piedmont Room*

Find practical tips for creating bridges, instead of barriers, with those who are unchurched, dechurched or on a spiritual journey apart from the traditional church. Discover language and rituals that can be embraced and serve as landmarks for the younger generation. This is based on the new book, *Spiritual Leadership in A Secular Age*, released in June 2005 by Lake Hickory Resources.

From Nothing to Something: A Church Website in 50 minutes

*Shane Nixon
Salem Room*

Need a push to get your church website off the ground? A quick jump start with resources on where to go for hosting, how to buy a domain, and how to make your website work for your church. Come with no site, or a weak site and leave with a picture of your next step.

Preparing Children For The Culture Wars

*Steve Sumeral
Moricle Room*

With all of its benefits, our technically saturated culture has created what is essentially a boundless war of values. Within this environment of competing ideas, children are especially vulnerable; caught in the crossfire. Explore means to empower and equip families in the process of preparing children to thrive in our society today.

Coaching as a Ministry Tool *David Moore, Chad Hall, John Jones* Interview Room

Coaching helps ministers—both staff and volunteer—uncover the seeds of discovery that lie within them, so coaching is a great approach for ministry. Leaders who understand the coach approach can tap into the dreams and desires within each minister and help them progress toward living out their full Kingdom potential. Explore basic coaching skills aimed at bringing out the best in the ministers you help lead.

Lifestyle Evangelism: Creatively Connecting People with the Gospel

*Marty Dupree
Winston Room*

Discover ways to make personal evangelism personal. Learn through biblical presentation and personal illustrations on how to engage people in spiritual conversations about having a relationship with Jesus. You can be an “On Mission” Christian: praying; sowing; cultivating; harvesting the seeds of the Gospel.

Worship Music for Today's Church

*Dan Ridley
Arena Floor*

Be among the first 200 to sign up at the Congregational Services exhibit to receive a packet of music for this session. Join Dan Ridley, Stan Loyd and friends to sing this new music. Receive music for Two-Part, SAB, and SATB. Sign up to receive your packet at the session and for a special drawing. Gifts will be given at reading session.

breakout sessions

4:30 pm

Creating Hope for a Hope-Starved Generation

Eddie Hammett

Piedmont Room

Practical ways to create hope builders designed to attract, assimilate, disciple and deploy the younger generation. Discover ways to generate hope amidst the growing cynicism of the younger generation.

Praying Toward His Passion: Strategic Prayer for Opportune Times

Chris Schofield

Winston Room

Explore the vital role of prayer fulfilling the Great Commission. Discover the practice of prayer within the early church. Leave with practical ways to implement biblical prayer principles in your ministry.

What God is Doing Through Lay Renewal

Bob Foy

Salem Room

How can a pastor and congregation know if the Church Renewal Journey is right for their church? Discover the Journey and learn how a church knows if it is for them. If it is, explore how to begin the journey and prepare for the first step, a Lay Renewal Weekend.

A Spiritual Strategic Journey for Your Congregation

Neal Eller

Interview Room

Accept this invitation to an adventure! Hear six pastors share the experience and excitement of engaging their congregation in a spiritual strategic journey with God. These were journeys of faith where the destination was the journey itself. Hear how God has transformed individuals and congregations as they asked God, "God, what do you want us to be and what do you want us to do?" – and then listened for God's answer and experienced the miracle and joy of hearing God and doing His will. Discover how it can be your story too!

Mission Possible: Judea, N.C.

Donnie Wiltshire and Larry Phillips

Moricle Room

Discover the many cultural groups living in North Carolina; find resources to meet the spiritual needs of these people groups and rediscover the Acts 1:8 mandate!



Mission Growth Evangelism Group

We, as North Carolina Baptists, will become the strongest force in the history in this convention for reaching people with the message of the Gospel.

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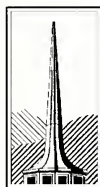
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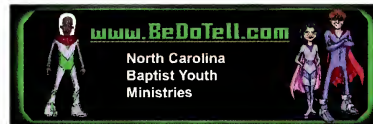


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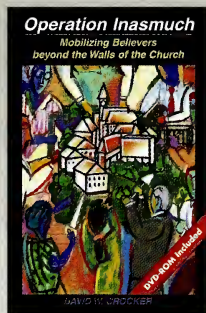
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Lake Hickory Resources books value:

- Congregations and their leadership;
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- Innovative styles of ministry that also respect the past to present traditions of the Church in general.
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- Effectiveness and excellence in all that is done;

If you purchase at the Hollifield booth, you will receive 20 % off!

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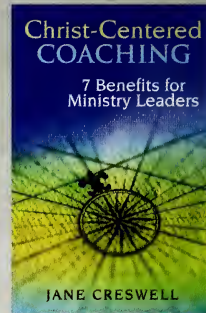
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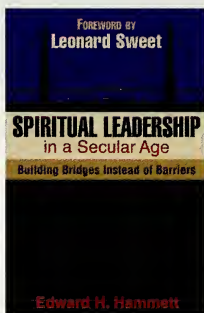
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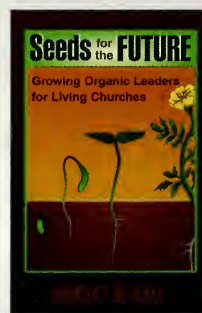
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ROBERT DALE'S BOOK

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order of service

Tuesday, November 15 *Evening Session*



6:40

Concert of Praise

*Mud Creek Baptist Church
Choir and Orchestra
Chris Roberts*

6:55

Prayer

Carolyn Fuqua

7:00

Shout to the Lord

*Choir, Orchestra, Soloist
It's Still the Cross*

7:10

175th Anniversary
Celebration

Appreciating our History:
*The Vital Role of Institutions
& Agencies*

7:25

Baptist Children's
Home Report

Michael Blackwell

7:55

Board of Directors

Report

John Butler

8:20

Worship

Choir and Orchestra
*Agnus Dei
Redeemer*

8:30

Convention Sermon

Kenneth Ridings

9:05

Closing Prayer

Milton Hollifield

Choir and Orchestra

Glorious City of God

pray that:

Each person will come with humbled heart, recognizing the gift of the exceeding riches of God's grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:7).

- This will be a high point of worship and consecration, when we once again see Jesus and His gift of life to us, and choose to lay our lives before Him as love offerings (1 Peter 4:11).
- Our institutions and agencies will continue as beacons of grace, light, hope and healing to North Carolinians and around the world.



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This resource is **FREE.**



Does your church find it hard to meet **resource needs on a limited budget?**

Do you wish you could do more *video/DVD based Bible studies* but just can't find the money for the expensive leader kits?

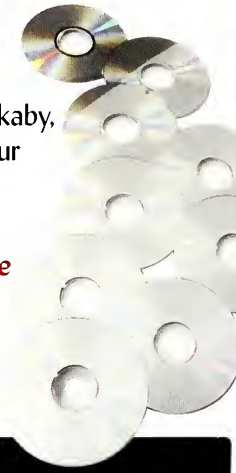
Do you have trouble justifying *the expense of a kit or resource* that you may only use once?

Do you need *help finding videos for a wide range of topics* including: Bible studies, missions education, leadership training, family enrichment, evangelism, stewardship?

Would you like *to invite speakers* such as Beth Moore, Henry Blackaby, Jim Henry, Mary Kassian, Ken Davis, and Phillip Yancey into your church via video or DVD?

Do you want to *find a comedy video, or an inspirational resource* for a fun movie night?

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order of service

Wednesday, November 16 *Morning Session*

7:30

Budget Q & A Session

Winston Room

Hands on Missions Awareness

7:00

Free Missions Awareness

Breakfast

Coliseum Floor

8:00

Volunteers in Missions

Music

Giles Blankenship

8:10

Operation InAsMuch

David Crocker

8:25

Prayer

Rick Astle

8:30

Celebration in Worship

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church

Choir and Orchestra

Larry Dickens

8:45

Committee Reports

Enrollment Committee

Jerry Durmire

Resolutions Committee

Sherrill Wellborn

8:55

Council on Christian

Higher Education Report

Talmage Williams

9:15

175th Anniversary

Celebration:

God's Hand on North

Carolina Baptists:

Anticipate the Future

George Bullard/Robert Jackson

9:40

Prayer

Bob Lowman

9:45

Congregational Singing

Dan Ridley

Here I Am Lord

9:50

Fixed Order of Business

Board of Directors Report

John Butler

Budget Committee

LeRoy Burke

11:00

Present New Officers

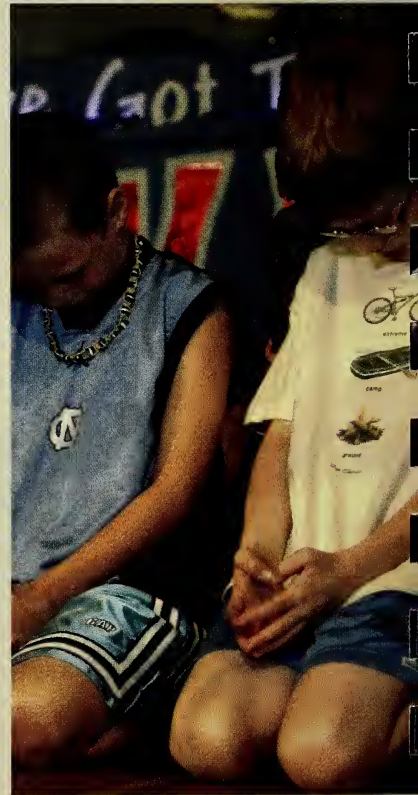
George Bullard

11:10

Prayer

Bob Foy

Adjourn



pray that:

The session will be marked by the commanded blessing of God because of the unity of the Spirit among us (Psalm 133).


- The budget we approve will be evidence of our preferring one another in love for the greater good of God's Kingdom work in our state and beyond (Luke 11:2-4) and for the effective investment of each dollar given by North Carolina Baptists in changing lives.

Baptist Employees' Credit Union

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The Credit Union is people. Baptist Employees' helping one another to save and obtain credit. Good stewards like you:



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- Pastors
- Professors
- Church Staff
- Maintenance Personnel
- Associational Staff
- Secretaries
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- Nursing Staff
- Support Staff



people



who can join the Baptist Employees Credit Union?

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what can the Baptist Employees Credit Union do for you?

The Credit Union

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- Savings Programs
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- VISA Credit Card
- Payroll Deduction
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- Free Loan Protection
- Insurance
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Committee on Committees & Nominations

Want to influence Baptist leadership?

Leaders

We're looking for them. You know who they are.

Share!

The Committee on Committees and the Nominating Committee want YOUR input! Share with them the names of people you know can give leadership to North Carolina Baptist ministries.

Each year these committees are looking for leaders to serve on:

committees;
boards of trustees for our agencies and institutions;
boards of directors.

How do you nominate someone?

1. Use the web:

<http://www.bscnc.org/insidebscnc/structureoperations/bscncgovernance>

2. Pick up a form at the exhibit area for either Associational Partnerships, Hollifield, and/or Information Services.

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Blankenship, Giles
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Snyder Memorial Baptist Church

Blume, Allan
Boone

Pastor
Mountain View Baptist Church

Bullard, George
Cary

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Baptist State Convention of NC

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Lumberton

Chair
Budget Committee

Butler, John
Matthews

President
Board of Directors
Baptist State Convention of NC

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Rougemont

Minister of Music
Berry's Grove Baptist Church

Cates, Korkie
Greensboro

Gate City Baptist Church

Chandler, Howard
Greensboro

Gate City Baptist Church

Choplin, Pepper
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Greystone Baptist Church

Crocker, David
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Author
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Davis, Brian
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Baptist State Convention of NC

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Concord

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Dickens, Larry
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Snyder Memorial Baptist Church

Dupree, Marty
Cary

Team Leader
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Durmire, Jerry
Hiddenite

Chair
Enrollment Committee

Eller, Neal
Cary

Vital Ministry Community Leader
Baptist State Convention

Fortenberry, Keith
Winston-Salem

Chair
Local Arrangements Committee

Foy, Bob
Moorestville

Executive Director
NC Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship

Foy, Phyllis
Moorestville

First Vice President
Baptist State Convention of NC



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Arden
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Biltmore Baptist Church

Grimm, Nell
Lillington
Director

Grisham, Bill
Rocky Mount
Pastor
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Hickory
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Hammett, Eddie
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Horton, David
Jameston
President
Baptist State Convention of NC

Huff, R.G.
Durham
Minister of Music
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Jackson, Robert
Moorestville
Chair, Committee on Committees
Chair, Executive Director –
Treasurer Search Committee

Jameson, Norman
Cary
Executive Leader
Public Relations and Resource
Development
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Winston-Salem
Mayor
City of Winston-Salem

Jones, John
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Lambert, Kenneth
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Committee on Nominations

Lowman, Bob
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Shepherding Ministries Pastor
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Needham, Holly
Sanford
Crosswalk

Nixon, Shane
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Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

Ridley, Dan
Cary
Team Leader
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Rivas, Luis
Raleigh
Pastor
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza

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Mud Creek Baptist Church

Royston, James H.
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Sasser, Lynn
Cary
Executive Leader
Congregational Services
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Schofield, Chris
Cary
Senior Consultant
Prayer Evangelism Strategies
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Simms, Jeff
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Gate City Baptist Church

Smith, Roy J.
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Council on Christian Life and
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Taylor, Jonathan
Lillington
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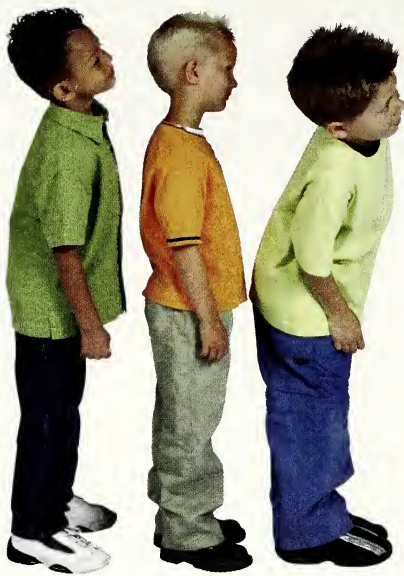
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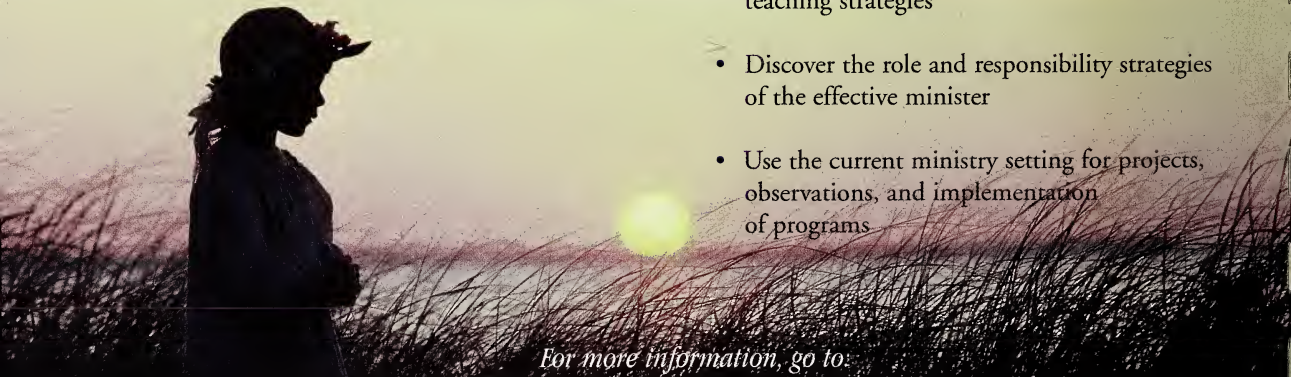


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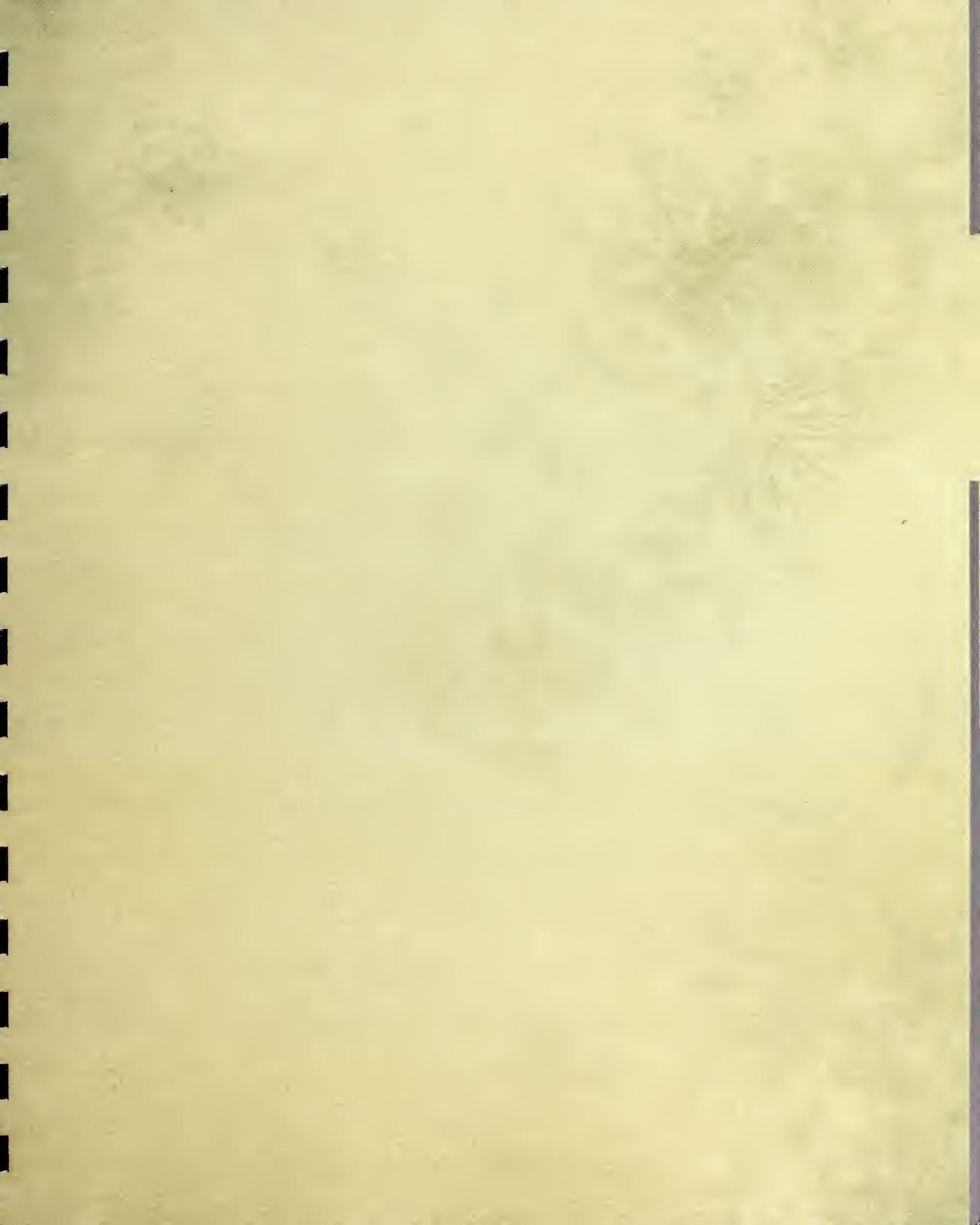


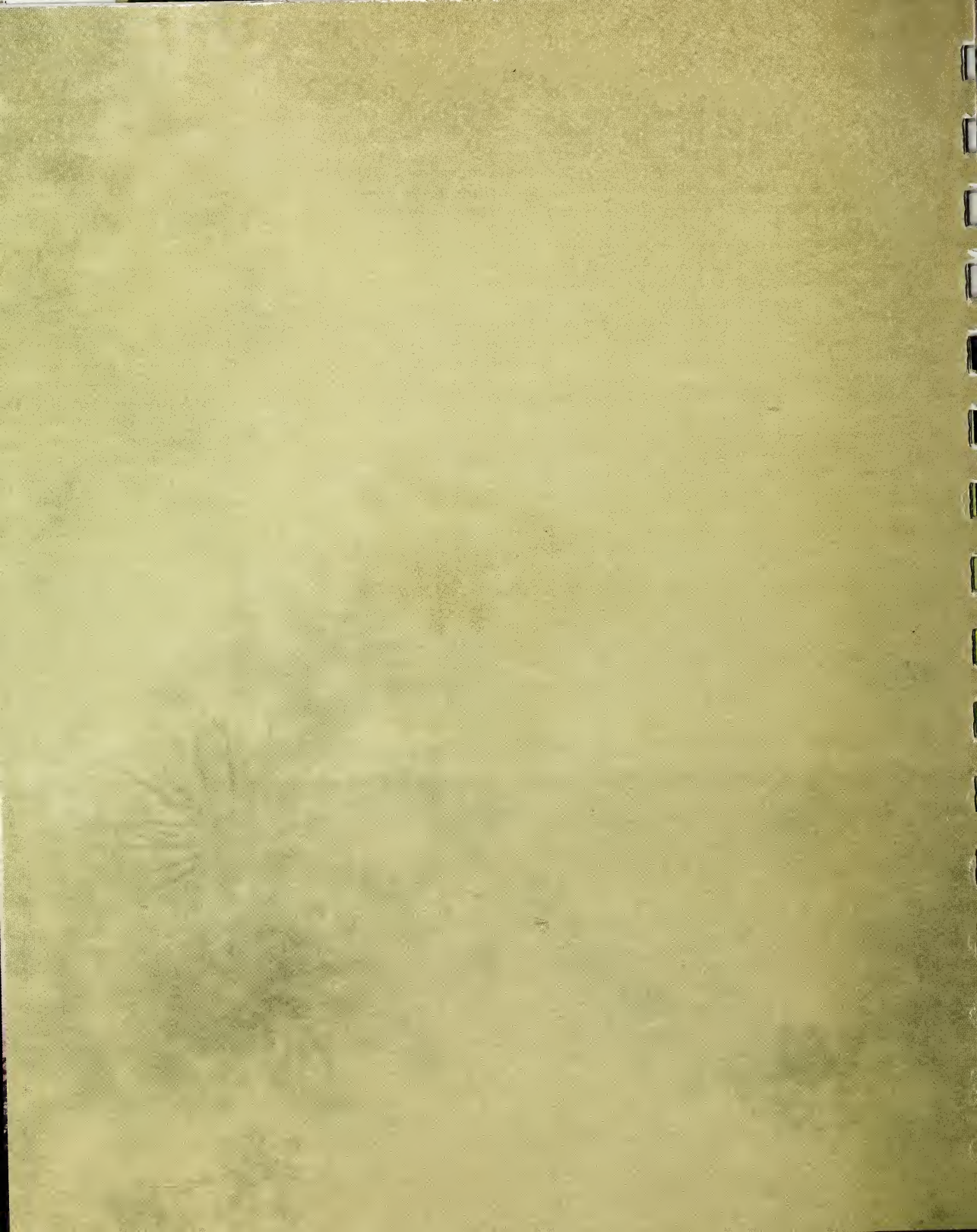
- Explore the theological and biblical foundations for faith formation in preschoolers and children
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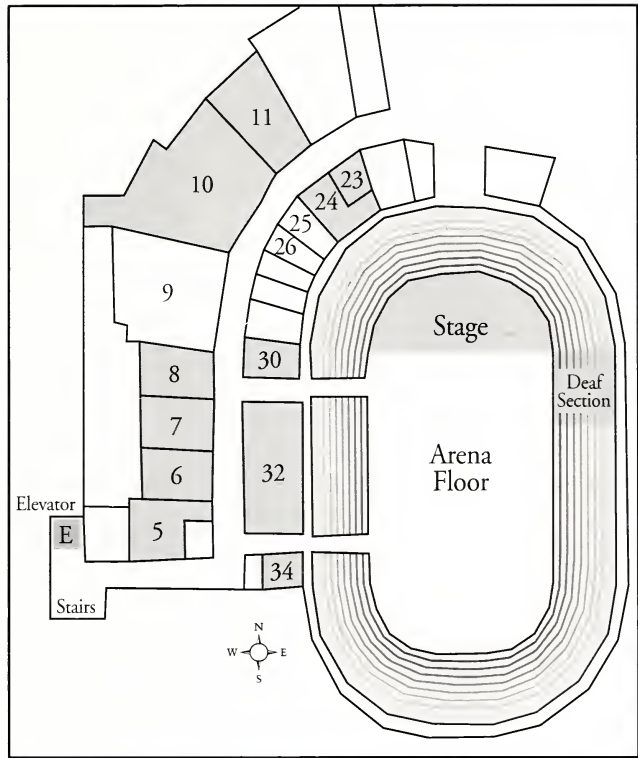
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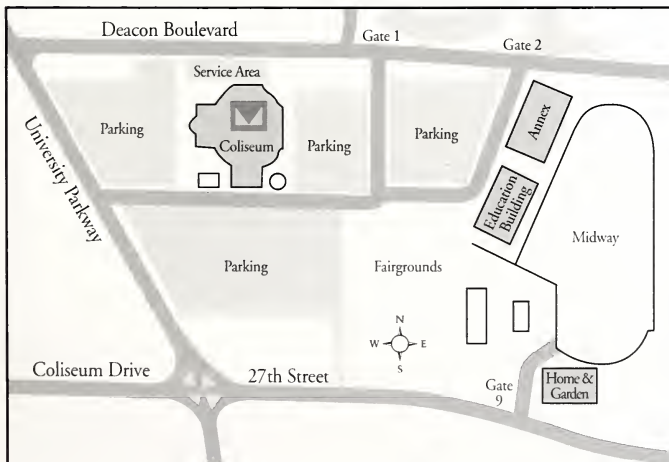


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- 5 Officers
- 6 Officers
- 7 Tellers Committee
- 8 Baptist Singers(Monday)
Resolution Committee (Tuesday)
- 10 Moricle Room
 - *Breakout Sessions*
 - Preparing Children For the Culture Wars (3:15 pm)*
 - Mission Possible: Judea, N.C. (4:30 pm)*
- 11 Interview Room
 - *Breakout Sessions*
 - Coaching as a Ministry Tool (3:15 pm)*
 - A Spiritual Strategic Journey for your Congregation (4:30)*
- 23 Ushers
- 24 Administrative Office
- 32 Press Room
- 34 Emergency Medical Services



building locations



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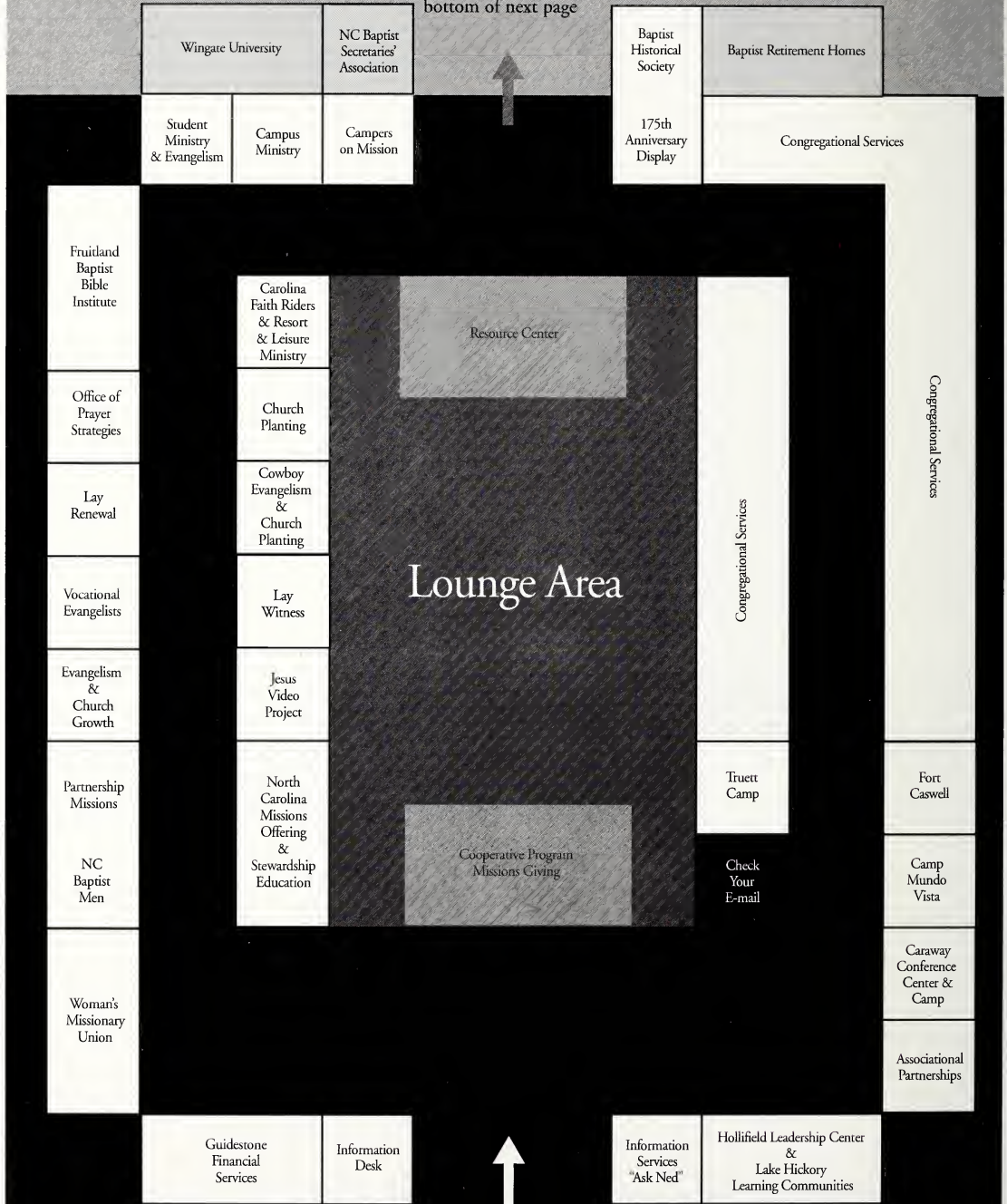
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- Breakout Sessions
- General Sessions

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Annex Entrance

exhibit area

Lifeway Christian Book Store

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Baptist Joint Committee	Lifeway Church Directories
Baptist World Alliance	Baptist Theological Seminary
	Southwestern Seminary
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Christian Action League

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Student Ministry & Evangelism	Campus Ministry	Campers on Mission

Baptist Historical Society	Baptist Retirement Homes
175th Anniversary Display	Congregational Services

arena concourse floor *upper level*

Piedmont Room

- Breakout Sessions

Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age (3:15)

Creating Hope for a Hope-Starved Generation (4:30)

Salem Room

- Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Q & A Session (Tuesday 7:15 a.m.)

- Breakout Sessions

From Nothing to Something: A Church Website in

50 Minutes (3:15)

What God is Doing Through Lay Renewal (4:30)

Winston Room

- Prayer Room

- Budget Q & A

- Breakout Sessions

Lifestyle Evangelism: Creatively Connecting People with the Gospel (3:15)

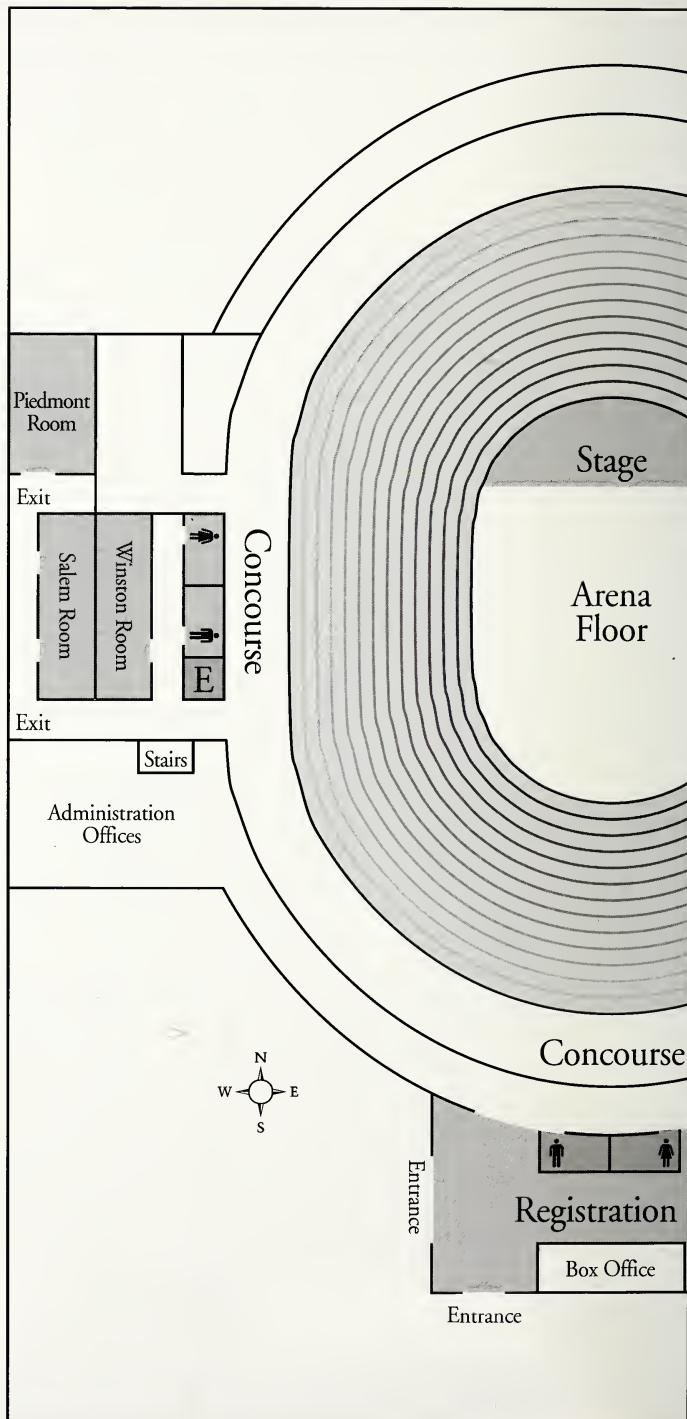
Praying Toward His Passion: Strategic Prayer for

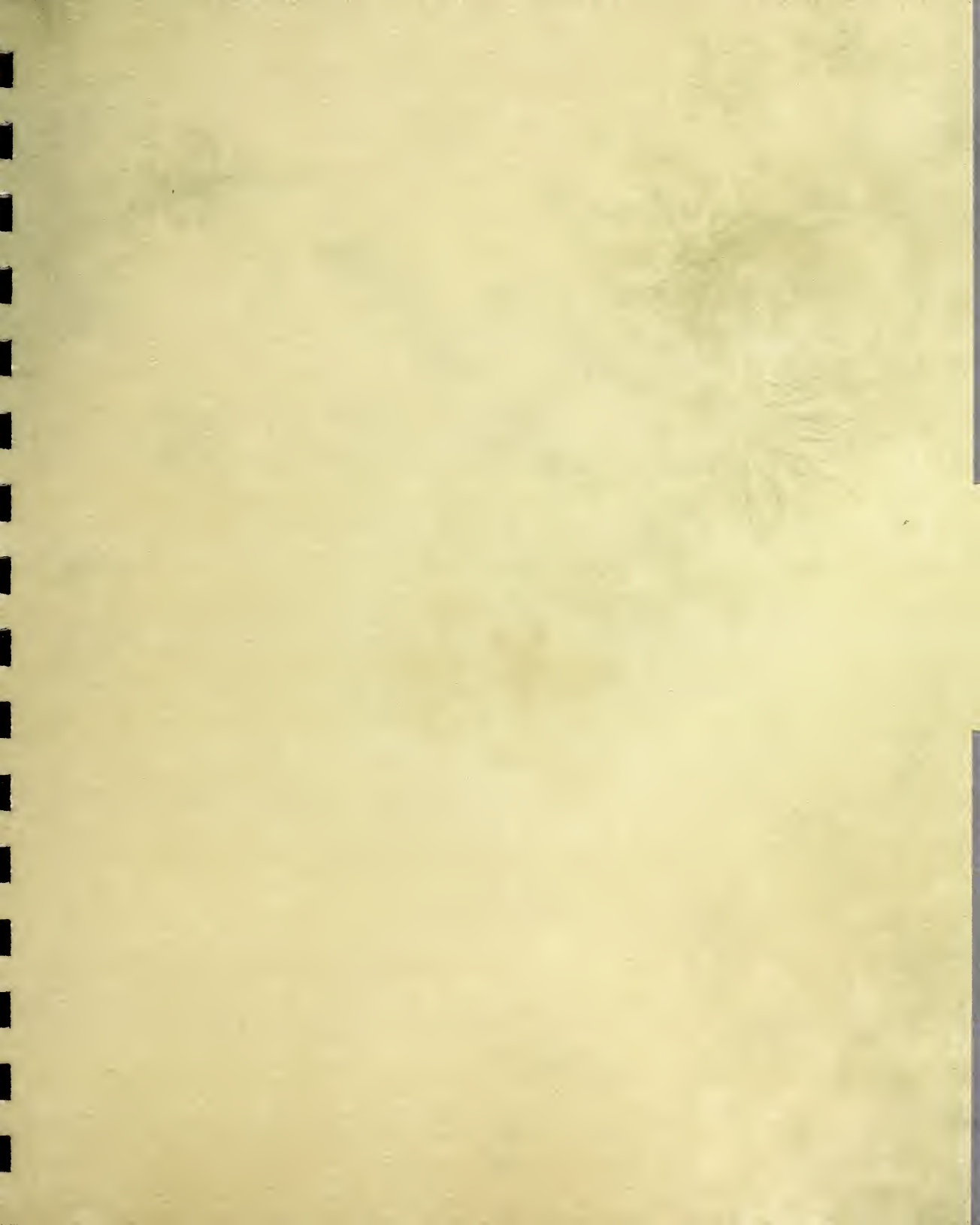
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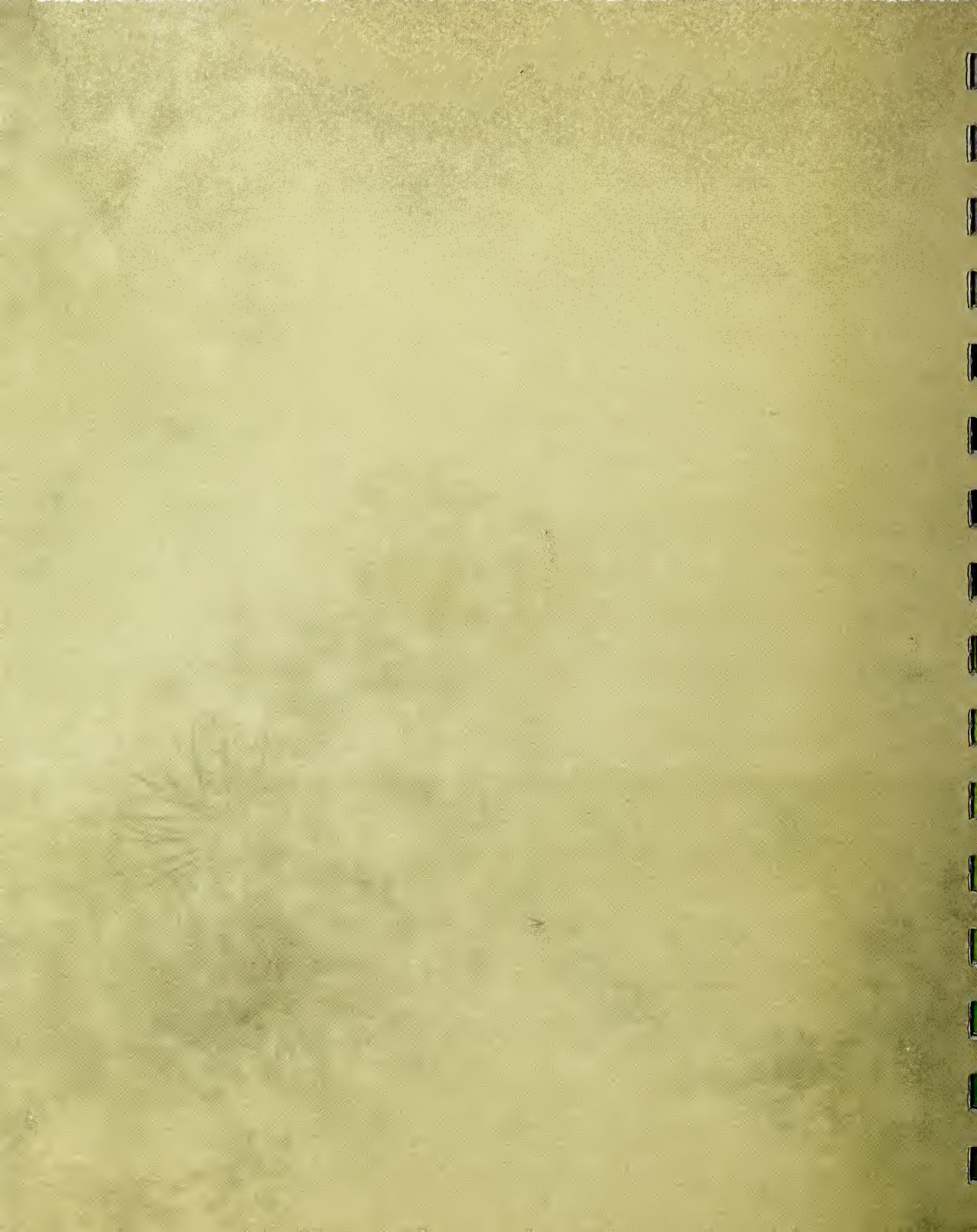
Arena Floor

- Worship Music for Today's Church (3:15)

- Free Missions Awareness Breakfast (Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00)







2005 committee on nominations report



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Chowan College

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pired term of David Currin), Sandy Run (U), Roxobel, West Chowan, minister, male; L. Mack Thompson, Ridge Road (U), Raleigh, Raleigh, minister, male; Garry Whitaker, Winston-Salem First (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, attorney, male

Gardner-Webb University

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Wingate University

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Baptist Hospital

Linwood L. Davis, Winston-Salem First (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, attorney, male; Ernest L. Evans, Ahoskie First (O), Ahoskie, West Chowan, businessperson, male; Gerald H. Quinn, Warsaw (U), Warsaw, Eastern, retired, male

Baptist Foundation

Charles V. Bailes, Roxboro (O), Roxboro, Beulah, retired, male; F. Hubert Garner, Flat Springs (U), Sanford, Sandy Creek, retired, male; Robert D. Howard, Southport (O), Southport, Brunswick, businessperson, male; Roy D. Krege, Mt. Calvary (U), Banner Elk, Three Forks, retired, male; Girtrude H. Talley, Etowah (O), Etowah, Carolina, retired, female

Biblical Recorder

Joe Giaritelli, Lawndale (O), Greensboro, Piedmont, minister, male; Lorraine Mize, Cape Carteret (O), Cape Carteret, Atlantic, writer, female; Stephen N. Rummage, Hickory Grove (O), Charlotte, Baptist Metrolina, minister, male; Michael Smith, Fruitland (U), Hendersonville, Carolina, minister, male

Baptist Children's Homes

James Bumgarner (2007 unexpired term of Quae Cummings), Liledoun (U), Taylorsville, Rocky Face, minister, male; David S. Clay, Salisbury First (O), Salisbury, Rowan, retired, male; W. P. "Abe" Elmore, Westfield (U), Dunn, Little River, businessperson, male; Kenneth E. Haigler (2006 unexpired term of Thomas Heaton), Wrightsville Beach (O), Wilmington, Wilmington, attorney, male; Helen H. Harris, Wise (U), Norlina, Cullom, retired, female; H. Gene Harrell, Monroe First (U), Monroe, Union, retired, male; Sara Humphries, Mt. Zion (U), Waxhaw, Union, educator, female; Ted B. Lanier, Sanford First (O), Sanford, Sandy Creek, businessperson, male; Tannis F. Nelson, Wilmington First (O),

Wilmington, educator, female; Charles Thomas, Lenoir First (O), Lenoir, Caldwell, businessperson, male; Henry G. Williamson, Jr., Calvary (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, retired, male

Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs

Jo C. Bjorling, Lewisville (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, minister, female; Rodney S. Kerr, Salisbury First (O), Salisbury, Rowan, minister, male; Faye Rivenbark Sellers, Shiloh (U), Chinquapin, Eastern, retired educator, female

Baptist Retirement Homes

Sarah C. Davis, Sylva First (U), Sylva, Miscellaneous, educator, female; Clarence R. Lambe, Jr., Kernersville First (O), Kernersville, Pilot Mountain, businessperson, male; Ralph S. Morgan, Smithfield First (O), Smithfield, Johnston, businessperson, male; Betty B. Rising, East Lumberton (O), Lumberton, Robeson, retired, female; L. Earl Watts, Sr., Calvary (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, retired physician, male

Board of Directors

Gregory Keith Barefoot, Stony Point (O), Statesville, region 7, minister, male; K. Allan Blume, Mount Vernon (O), Boone, region 7, minister, male; Todd L. Brady, North Village Community (U), Fayetteville, region 3, minister, male; Brian K. Davis, Beulah (O), Statesville, region 8, minister, male; Jerry L. Durmire (2006 unexpired term of Craig Hamlin), Sulphur Springs (U), Hiddenite, region 7, retired, male; T. Scott Eanes, Fairview (O), Statesville, region 8, minister, male; Donna E. Elmore, Life Community of Hunter Hills (O), Greensboro, region 5, paralegal, female; Juvenal Gonzalez, Betel (U), St. Pauls, region 3, minister, male; J. D. Greear, The Summit Church (O), Durham, region 4, minister, male; Dennis P. Harrell, Hyde Park (O), Lumberton, region 3, minister, male; Robert M. Heard, Murphy First (O), Murphy, region 10, minister, male; Richard G. Hicks, Mt. Pisgah (U), Supply, region 3, minister, male; Ronald Jordan (2007 unexpired term of Kay Simpson), Moon's Chapel (U), Siler City, region 4, retired, male; Edsel O. King, Scotts Hill (O), Wilmington, region 3, retired, male; Eugene W. Land, Eastside-Kings Mountain (U), Kings Mountain, region 8, minister, male; Thomas E. Puryear, Jr. (2006 unexpired term of Ronald Hester), Penn Memorial (U), Reidsville, region 5, minister, male; Marcus Redding, Hull's Grove (O), Cherryville, region 8, minister, male; William Dale Robertson, North Main (U), Salisbury, region 5, minister, male; Samuel D. Rodriguez, Familiar (U), Asheville, region 9, minister, male

2005 committee on committees report



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CHURCH PLANTERS

The Committee on Committees report to the Convention contains the following information as required in the Bylaws and in this order: name of the nominee, church, resident membership over or under 400, hometown, association, occupation and gender.

Committee on Cooperation with General Baptists

William Rash, chair, Centerview (U), Kannapolis, Cabarrus, minister, male; Janice E. Hammond, Parkwood (O), Gastonia, Greater Gaston, layperson, female; Matthew Tollison, Sr., Mud Creek Missionary (U), Asheville, Carolina, layperson, male

Historical

John R. Woodard, chair, Germanton (U), Germanton, Pilot Mountain, retired, male; Ronnie Faulkner, Coats (O), Coats, Little River, library director, male; Morris Hollifield, Jersey (O), Lexington, Liberty, minister, male; Robert Redding, Hull's Grove (O), Cherryville, Greater Gaston, minister, male; Richard N. Spencer, Gastonia First (O), Gastonia, Greater Gaston, minister, male

Local Arrangements

Joe Giaritelli, chair, Lawndale (O), Greensboro, Piedmont, minister, male; Dan Alderman, Jessup Grove (U), Greensboro, Piedmont, minister, male; Patrick M. Cronin, Friendly Avenue (O), Greensboro, Piedmont, minister, male; M. Ray Davis, Cranberry (U), Winston-Salem, Brier Creek, minister, male; Jon E. Smith, Calvary (O), High Point, Central, minister, male; Jeremy Strider, Bennett (U), Bennett, Sandy Creek, layperson, male; Timmy Strider, Bennett (U), Bennett, Sandy Creek, minister, male; Gloria Walker, Rankin (O), McLeansville, Piedmont, layperson, female; Mike Willard, Main Street (O), Kernersville, Pilot Mountain, minister, male

Memorials

Alfred Miller, chair, Parkwood (O), Gastonia, Greater Gaston, retired minister,

male; Joyce Burchette, Samaria (U), Raleigh, Raleigh, retired, female; Thad R. Dowdle, Ebenezer (O), Hendersonville, Carolina, minister, male

Nominations

Jeff Long, chair, Parkwood (O), Gastonia, Greater Gaston, minister, male; Al Gilbert, Calvary (O), Winston-Salem, Pilot Mountain, minister, male; Ronald Hester, Mount Vernon (U), Bladenboro, Robeson, minister, male; E. Davis Hooper, Coweeta (U), Otto, Macon, minister, male; Mike V. Thompson, Kenansville (U), Kenansville, Eastern, minister, male; Robert B. Wensil, Pearl (O), Iron Station, South Fork, minister, male

Convention Program/Place and Preacher

Kevin Clubb, chair, Cape Carteret (O), Cape Carteret, Atlantic, minister, male; Laura Clemmons, Burlington First (O), Graham, Mount Zion, teacher, female; Joe Denson, Southview (U), Charlotte, Metrolina, minister, male; Charles Ricky Ray, West Burnsville (U), Burnsville, Yancey, minister, male; Jimmie L. Suggs, Jr., Scotts Hill (O), Wilmington, Wilmington, minister, male

Resolutions

Sherrill Wellborn, chair, Lewis Fork (O), Wilkesboro, Brushy Mountain, minister, male; Anthony Allen, Hephzibah (O), Wake Forest, Raleigh, layman, male; Andrew Davis, Durham First (O), Durham, Yates, minister, male; Myron Eugene Roberts, Jr., Pleasant Ridge (O), Morganton, Catawba River, minister, male

Trustee Orientation

Bruce O. Martin, chair, Village (O), Fayetteville, New South River, minister, male; Beegee Brown, Hope Baptist Fellowship (U), Youngsville, Miscellaneous, minister, male; Steve Hardy, Calvary (O), Clemmons, Pilot Mountain, minister, male; Roger S. Head, Blackwelder Park (O), Salisbury, Cabarrus, minister, male.

Recommendations from the Board of Directors

1. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Amendments

The Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

- Technical Amendments
- Amendment to reassign the Committee on Cooperation with General Baptists
- Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation, Article VI. -Messenger Status

Please refer to the Convention edition of the *Biblical Recorder* for a printed copy of amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

2. 2006-2007 Mission & Ministry Budget

The Board of Directors recommends the adoption of the 2006 North Carolina Ministries Budget of \$24,585,151 and \$25,316,611 for 2007; a 2006 Cooperative Missions Budget of \$36,422,450 and \$37,786,000 for 2007; and a 2006 North Carolina Missions Offering Goal of \$2,534,365 and \$2,578,836 for 2007. The Board of Directors approved all recommendations for the 2006/2007 budget as prepared by the Budget Committee and brought forward by the Executive Committee.





God's Hand on NC Baptists: Appreciate, Celebrate, Anticipate

1830-2005

175th Anniversary Committee

Roy J. Smith, chair

Eugene "Gene" Hager

Lydia Hoyle

Hargus Taylor

Hugh Wease

John Woodard

Assisted by:

Charlotte Cook Smith

Kay Bissette

Norman Jameson

The 2006 Cooperative Program Missions Giving Budget Summary

Cooperative Program Budget	\$36,422,450
North Carolina Missions Offering Goal	\$2,534,365
Partnership Missions	\$440,858

Cooperative Program Budget Line items	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Plan A%</u>	<u>Plan B%</u>	<u>Plan C%</u>	<u>Plan D%</u>
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CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Campbell University	\$728,170	2	2	2	1.47
Chowan College	\$728,170	2	2	2	1.47
Gardner-Webb University	\$728,170	2	2	2	1.47
Mars Hill College	\$728,170	2	2	2	1.47
Wingate University	\$728,170	2	2	2	1.47
Enrollment Formula based on on-campus full time equivalent enrollment	<u>\$1,200,980</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>3.3</u>	<u>2.42</u>
Scholarships-NC Baptist Students attending NC Baptist Colleges/Universities	\$1,200,000	3.29	3.29	3.29	2.41
Subtotal	\$6,041,830	16.59	16.59	16.59	12.18
Council on Christian Higher Education operations	<u>\$64,750</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.13</u>
Total Christian Higher Education	\$6,106,580	16.77	16.77	16.77	12.31

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Baptist Children's Homes of NC	\$1,518,300	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.06
Baptist Children's Homes of NC (Developmental Disability Ministry)	\$199,500	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.4
Baptist Retirement Homes of NC	\$938,500	2.58	2.58	2.58	1.89
NC Baptist Hospital (School of Pastoral Care)	<u>\$701,600</u>	<u>1.93</u>	<u>1.93</u>	<u>1.93</u>	<u>1.42</u>
Total Christian Social Services	\$3,357,900	9.23	9.23	9.23	6.77

AGENCIES

Biblical Recorder	\$415,325	1.14	1.14	1.14	0.84
NC Baptist Foundation	<u>\$108,550</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.22</u>
Total Agencies	\$523,875	1.44	1.44	1.44	1.06

CONVENTION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Benefits, Annual Session, Committee Expenses	\$3,221,025	8.84	8.84	8.84	6.48
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute	<u>\$391,400</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>1.07</u>	<u>0.78</u>
Total Convention and Board of Directors	\$3,612,425	9.91	9.91	9.91	7.26

CONVENTION GROUPS

Administration	\$909,979	2.5	2.5	2.5	1.83
Admin Projects: Hollifield, SPE, Information Services	\$801,972	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.61
Convention Relations	\$218,061	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.44
Public Relations & Resource Development	\$922,503	2.53	2.53	2.53	1.85
Business Services	\$1,388,598	3.81	3.81	3.81	2.79
Congregational Services	\$2,377,936	6.53	6.53	6.53	4.79
Mission Growth Evangelism	<u>\$2,434,322</u>	<u>6.68</u>	<u>6.68</u>	<u>6.68</u>	<u>4.9</u>
Total Convention Groups	\$9,053,371	24.85	24.85	24.85	18.21

SPECIAL RESERVES FOR NC BAPTIST MINISTERS

Ministers Emergency Reserve	\$125,000	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.25
Minister and Staff Expanded Annuity Reserve	<u>\$1,806,000</u>	<u>4.96</u>	<u>4.96</u>	<u>4.96</u>	<u>3.64</u>
Total-Special Reserves For Ministers	\$1,931,000	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.89
Total North Carolina Ministries	\$24,585,151	67.50	67.50	67.50	49.50
Southern Baptist Convention		32.5	10.5	0	32.5
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship *		0	0	10.5	0
Theological Education in NC Baptist					
Colleges/Universities		0	10.9	10.9	0
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute		0	0	0	5

SPECIAL MISSIONS

International Mission Partnerships		0	5	5	6
North Carolina Home Missions Projects		0	3	3	6.5
Theological Education in Non-SBC and Non-NC Baptist schools		0	0.75	0.75	0
Baptist World Alliance		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Associated Baptist Press		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Baptist Center for Ethics		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Total Special Missions		0	10.6	10.6	12.5
Guidestone Adopt-An-Annuitant (NC Pastors)		<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
Total All	\$36,422,450	100	100	100	100

The 2007 Cooperative Program Missions Giving Budget Summary

Cooperative Program Budget	\$37,786,000
North Carolina Missions Offering Goal	\$2,578,836
Partnership Missions	\$454,143

Cooperative Program Budget Line items	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Plan A%</u>	<u>Plan B%</u>	<u>Plan C%</u>	<u>Plan D%</u>
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CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Campbell University	\$728,170	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.41
Chowan College	\$728,170	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.41
Gardner-Webb University	\$728,170	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.41
Mars Hill College	\$728,170	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.41
Wingate University	\$728,170	1.93	1.93	1.93	1.41
Enrollment Formula based on on-campus full time equivalent enrollment	<u>\$1,200,980</u>	<u>3.17</u>	<u>3.17</u>	<u>3.17</u>	<u>2.32</u>
Scholarships-NC Baptist Students attending NC Baptist Colleges/Universities	\$1,260,000	3.33	3.33	3.33	2.44
Subtotal	\$6,101,830	16.15	16.15	16.15	11.81
Council on Christian Higher Education operations	<u>\$64,750</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.13</u>
Total Christian Higher Education	\$6,166,580	16.32	16.32	16.32	11.94

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Baptist Children's Homes of NC	\$1,533,500	4.06	4.06	4.06	2.97
Baptist Children's Homes of NC (Developmental Disability Ministry)	\$201,500	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.39
Baptist Retirement Homes of NC	\$948,000	2.51	2.51	2.51	1.84
NC Baptist Hospital (School of Pastoral Care)	<u>\$708,600</u>	<u>1.88</u>	<u>1.88</u>	<u>1.88</u>	<u>1.37</u>
Total Christian Social Services	\$3,391,600	8.98	8.98	8.98	6.57

AGENCIES

Biblical Recorder	\$419,500	1.11	1.11	1.11	0.81
NC Baptist Foundation	<u>\$109,650</u>	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.29</u>	<u>0.21</u>
Total Agencies	\$529,150	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.02

CONVENTION AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Benefits, Annual Session, Committee Expenses	\$3,529,525	9.34	9.34	9.34	6.83
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute	<u>\$391,400</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>0.75</u>
Total Convention and General Board	\$3,920,925	10.37	10.37	10.37	7.58

CONVENTION GROUPS

Administration	\$927,182	2.45	2.45	2.45	1.79
Admin Projects: Hollifield, SPE, Information Services	\$798,914	2.11	2.11	2.11	1.54
Convention Relations	\$221,642	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.43
Public Relations & Resource Development	\$908,870	2.41	2.41	2.41	1.76
Business Services	\$1,427,508	3.78	3.78	3.78	2.76
Congregational Services	\$2,581,185	6.83	6.83	6.83	5
Mission Growth Evangelism	<u>\$2,482,055</u>	<u>6.57</u>	<u>6.57</u>	<u>6.57</u>	<u>4.81</u>
Total Convention Groups	\$9,347,356	24.74	24.74	24.74	18.09

SPECIAL RESERVES FOR NC BAPTIST MINISTERS

Ministers Emergency Reserve	\$125,000	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.24
Minister and staff Expanded Annuity Reserve	<u>\$1,836,000</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>4.86</u>	<u>3.56</u>

Total-Special Reserves For Ministers	\$1,961,000	5.19	5.19	5.19	3.8
Total North Carolina Ministries	\$25,316,611	67.00	67.00	67.00	49.00
Southern Baptist Convention		33	11	0	33
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship *		0	0	11	0
Theological Education in NC Baptist Colleges/Universities		0	10.9	10.9	0
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute		0	0	0	5

SPECIAL MISSIONS

International Mission Partnerships		0	5	5	6
North Carolina Home Missions Projects		0	3	3	6.5
Theological Education in Non-SBC and Non-NC Baptist schools		0	0.75	0.75	0
Baptist World Alliance		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Associated Baptist Press		0	0.4625	0.4625	0

Baptist Center for Ethics		0	0.4625	0.4625	0
Total Special Missions		0	10.6	10.6	12.5
Guidestone Adopt-An-Annuitant (NC Pastors)		<u>0</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>
Total All	\$37,786,000	100	100	100	100

**Funds forwarded to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship do not count toward Cooperative Program giving per recommendation of the Budget Committee.*

2006/2007 NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING

2006 GOAL	2,534,365
2007 GOAL	2,578,836

Ministry	<u>2006 BUDGET</u>	<u>2007 BUDGET</u>
CONVENTION BOARD MISSIONS GROUP		
BSC/Associational Projects	55,400	55,400
NCMO Missions Education	40,000	40,000
Truett Camp Ministry	15,000	15,000
African American, Special Ministry & Chaplaincy	69,628	69,628
Church Planting, Evangelism, Resort & Leisure	508,005	508,005
Mandate Missions Video	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal	694,033	694,033
Associational Share	200,000	200,000
North Carolina Baptist Men	688,496	722,366
Woman's Missionary Union	856,836	867,437
Promotion	<u>95,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>
TOTAL	2,534,365	2,578,836

Note: Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men fund their operating budgets out of the North Carolina Missions Offering.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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U.S. News and World Report, July, 2005

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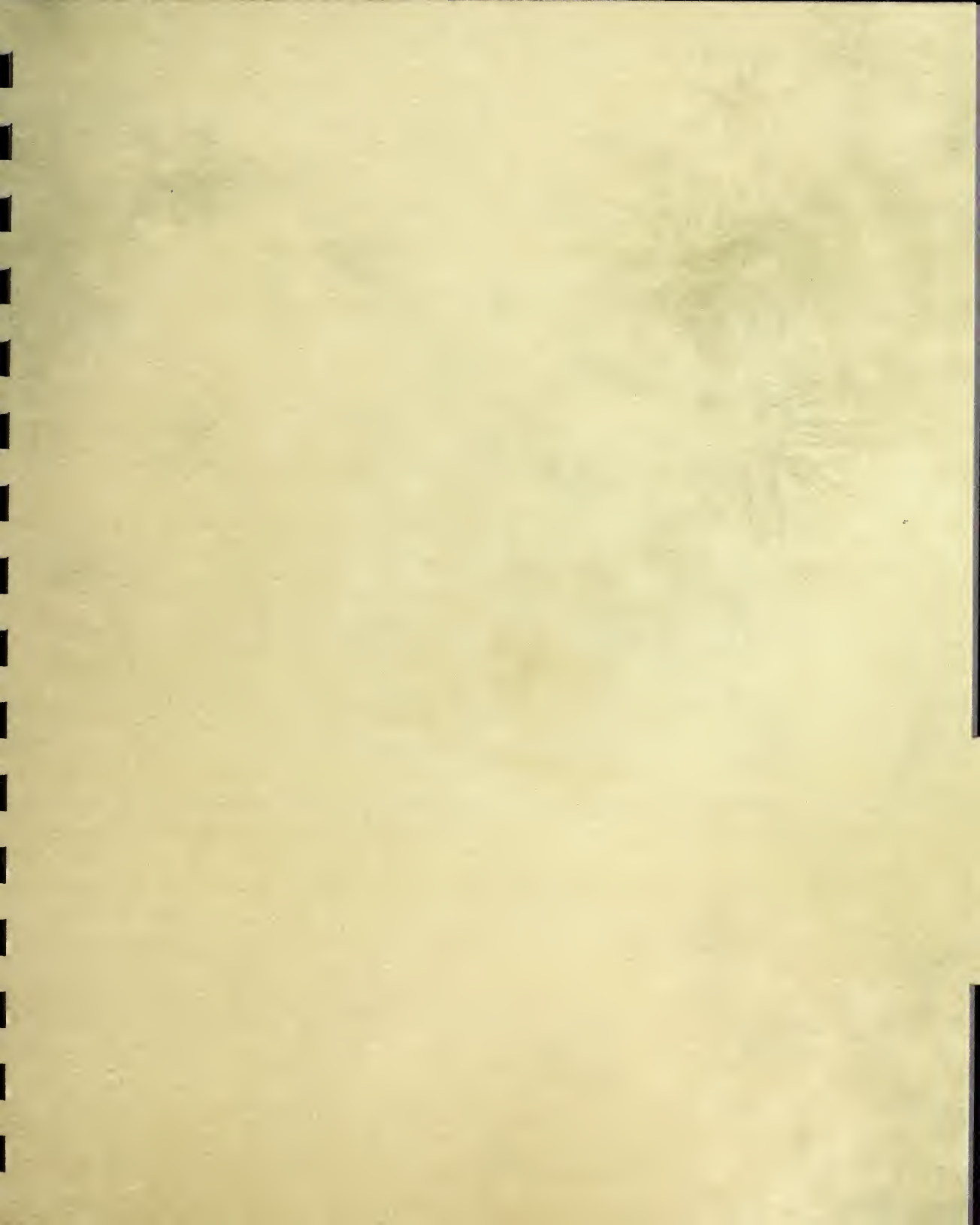
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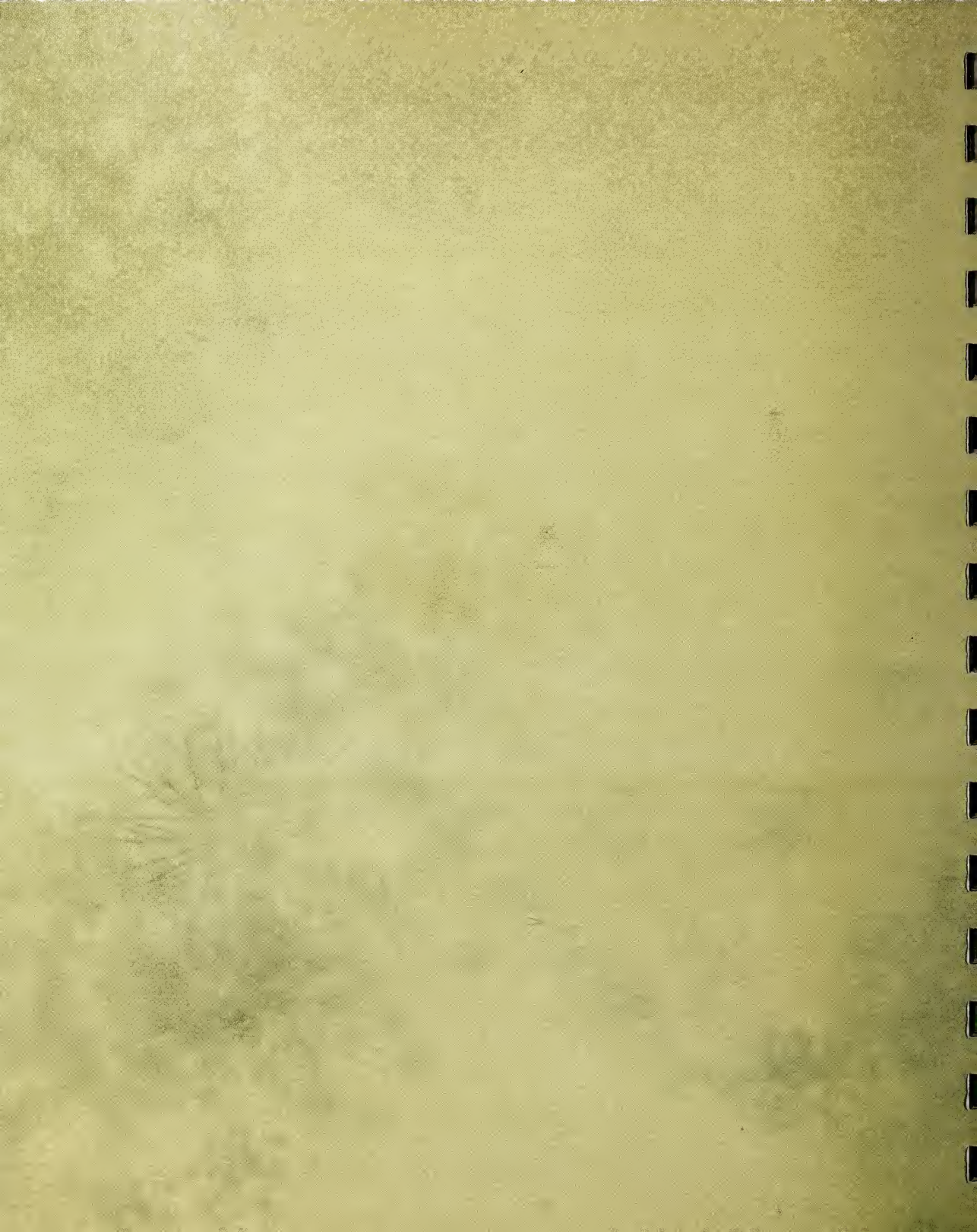
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NC BAPTISTS FAITHSOARING DURING LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

Change can drag behind us like an anchor or lift us like a balloon.

Executive Director-Treasurer Jim Royston's move to the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Mooresville in September 2005 will be a change catalyst in the life of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. George Bullard, named acting executive director-treasurer by the Executive Committee in July, assures North Carolina Baptists that "your staff will soar during this interim period, both in current work and plans for the future."

Royston held the office for nearly eight years, and will be recognized for his service during ceremonies at the Baptist State Convention on Tuesday morning of the annual meeting.

"We will continue to resource North Carolina Baptist congregations, to plant churches, train workers, nurture partnerships and to answer questions," said Bullard, Royston's associate for two years. "I have every confidence in our future, and in our ability to move forward with purpose and direction during the interim."

Peninsula Baptist Church Pastor Robert Jackson will lead the 14-member search committee nominated by Board of Directors President John Butler. The Executive Committee elected the team during its meeting in August.

While the change revolving around Convention leadership garnered the most attention in 2005, the deep, steady work of your Baptist State Convention continued to flow.

Operating under the mandate to resource congregations, Convention staff interacted with thousands of people from hundreds of churches and dozens of associational partners. From core efforts to plant churches, partner with state conventions in more unchurched populations, provide Christian education and benevolent care and offer dozens of training opportunities in every area of church ministry, Convention staff also have been creative in nurturing new avenues of ministry.

In the following pages you will read reports of your Convention staff work as they operate in their various groups and teams. These called, trained Christian professionals are your team helping to mobilize Baptists for ministry.

The mission and ministries your Baptist State Convention provides, in partnership with churches, associations and national bodies, are made possible by gifts through Cooperative Program Missions Giving and the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Your Baptist State Convention staff is eager and ready to resource your congregation. Contact them at 800-395-5102 or through www.northcarolinabaptists.org. You can write to 205 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511.

Busy Year for BSCNC Administration

Despite administrative change at the top, BSCNC administration admirably directed the general operation of and relations with the overall convention, the officers and committees of the convention, as well as the Board of Directors, its Executive Committee, and other committees.

Relationships with the agencies, institutions, and auxiliaries also are a major focus that is coordinated for administration by the new Convention Relations Group. Administration has the responsibility for Convention staff supervision and work coordination.

Certain specific programs of work have been directly supervised by Administration during the past year, and are reported to the convention in the following sections: Associational Partnerships, and Hollifield Leadership Center and Lake Hickory Learning Communities.

This has been a challenging year for Administration as we have dealt with many issues inherent to large complex denominational organizations. We have sought to address them with the greatest possible sense of spiritual discernment. We have also sought to faithfully and effectively serve the broad spectrum of Baptists represented by those congregations affiliated with the state convention. The prayerful support of our more than 4000 congregations makes our service possible.

Associational Partnerships Resource Associations

The Associational Partnerships Team, led by Ken Kessler, works closely with the 80 Baptist associations of North Carolina. We resource and encourage these associations as they seek to fulfill their Kingdom mission in their local context.

We appreciate the past and heritage of the local association. Partnership is a crucial concept in associational life. Baptist churches have known from their beginnings in England and America that there are many things they can do together that they cannot accomplish alone. Many North

Carolina Baptist churches cannot start another new church alone; many cannot find ways to reach a growing ethnic community; most cannot resource the construction of a homeless shelter, do resort ministry or disaster relief alone.

However, when churches link together in associations they can accomplish marvelous things for the Kingdom.

We celebrate what God is doing in our associations. We believe that associations have an unprecedented opportunity to make significant and positive impact on local Baptist churches.

“ We celebrate what God is doing in our associations. ”

One way we partner with our local associations is through our Ministry Partnership Agreements for projects that range from church planting to resort ministry to ethnic and language ministry.

The Associational Partnerships Team provides opportunities for a variety of continuing education events, including the Associational Missions Summer Conference. The theme for 2005 was “Association with a Future: Building a New Bridge.” Ron Rowe, executive director of missions of Jacksonville Baptist Association in Florida, challenged our leaders to think proactively to how God will use the association and associational missionary in the future. Annually, we also sponsor an Associational Staff/Convention Staff Dialogue each January.

As in local churches, leadership changes offer associations rich opportunities for assessment and new direction. The Associational Partnerships Team is proactive in offering assistance to associations in the areas of search committee orientation/training, interim resources, and potential candidates.

Another opportunity for our team is the emergence and formation of regional groups of associations,



such as the Triad, Triangle, and North Central areas of our state. Some of these bodies function as learning communities while others are actively engaged in regional strategy development. Just as individual churches enjoy great benefits from cooperating together as associations; these associations are discovering similar benefits from networking together around common themes.

We also anticipate the future toward which God is pulling our associations. The Associational Partnership Team is committed to helping our associations with their strategic thinking and future story development. We are working with individual associations as they think through where God is leading them as they face the ministry challenges of the next few years.

Demographic Services Available

We help our associations and local churches by providing demographic services for both associations and churches. Through our contract with the Percept organization, each association and local church can access detailed and voluminous demographic information about its community online. Every local church in our convention can access zip code demographic data through www.link2lead.com. As many as 20 people from each local church can sign up to access this information. Associational leaders can access more in-depth demographic information through our VISTA 2000 account with Percept. We also provide training and workshops to help churches and associations use this information in their strategic thinking process.

Our Associational Partnership Team appreciates the approximately 300 years of associationalism in our country; celebrates the partnerships God is honoring now; and anticipates a great future story that God will write through associations who follow the Kingdom story for their community.

Ken Kessler leads the Associational Partnerships Team. Wendy Edwards is the Eastern Regional Resource provider; Lester Evans is the Western Regional Resources provider. Betsy Roland is administrative assistant.

Public Relations and Resource Development

TELLING THE STORY IN WAYS THAT FIND AN AUDIENCE



Within one hour of blasting an email promotion of Eddie Hammett's new book *Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age*, nine orders for it were placed through the bookstore on the

www.northcarolinabaptists.org website. Just 83 seconds after posting the ability for people to volunteer their services in Hurricane Katrina relief, the first volunteer registered.

In the first eight months of 2005, online ordering activity for books, seminars, special events and registrations totaled \$155,000. The ability to utilize online purchasing was instituted just with the launch in September 2004 of the revamped website.

Finding new ways to communicate effectively with a diverse, geographically distant constituency is a constant challenge for



the Public Relations and Resource Development group. From the new website, to lobby furniture in the Convention Staff Building in Cary, to audio and video magazines, media relations and the content of every promotional piece for every seminar and training event by convention staff, public relations tries to communicate a consistent message.



Norman Jameson leads this creative team and Kay Bissette is his administrative assistant. One of Bissette's primary responsibilities is to coordinate production of the important annual meeting each year.

Resource Development includes promotion of both Cooperative Program Missions Giving and the annual North Carolina Missions Offering. Both are essential, vital elements of missions funding.

Mike Creswell, senior consultant for CPMG promotion, is instituting the 1-3-6 Challenge to North Carolina Baptist churches-challenging them to increase their percentage giving by one percentage point within the next three years. If each church did that, missions giving through CPMG would immediately increase \$6 million annually.

Dan Euliss coordinates the annual North Carolina Missions Offering, which is the primary funding source for the ministries of Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union. In addition, NCMO significantly funds church planting in North Carolina and contributes mightily to disaster relief and partnership missions.

Judy Johnson is a secretary in the office, working primarily with Euliss for NCMO and in stewardship education responsibilities.

Shane Nixon is the heart and brains behind the new website, which is responsive, attractive and easy to navigate. Like any good website, it continually grows. If you are looking for something there which you do not find, contact Kelvin Howard at khoward@bscnc.org.

Kathryn Carson and Katherine Harder are the graphic artists who bring life to ideas and who design the attractive brochures, cards, books, posters and shirts that carry the BSCNC information to your door. Both are new to the team in 2005.

Their project manager is Kelvin Howard, who also is a web and computer whiz. When our photographers come back with a raft of pictures, often we can only use one or two with a story. Howard created a way to put photo albums on the website. One good sample is from Sri Lanka. See the album at gallery.bscnc.org.



Rosanna Strickland directs the resource center, which is a free loan service for churches to borrow significant video and audio products too expensive to buy for a single use. Strickland maintains a large and growing library of important resources available to you simply by calling (800) 395-5102, ext 160. Soon the catalog will be available online.



The voice and spirit most North Carolina Baptists relate to as representing their Convention staff is Cindy Tucker, building receptionist and switchboard operator for 17 years. In that position long enough to know decades of history and staff personally, but fresh enough to make every caller feel he or she is the most important person in the world that moment, Tucker touches hundreds of NC Baptists every week.

Many North Carolina Baptists learn about the incredible ministries they perform through their cooperative efforts through video magician K Brown. Brown combines a photo eye and a missions heart to produce most Mandate video segments as well as the illustrative segments viewed at the annual meeting.

When you learn the heart warming story of Sims Fork-the church in the holler-or see the Mandate segment on the partnership with Vermont, or disaster relief in Sri Lanka; or find resources on the web, or rent for free a Bible study video resource; or get directed to your resource at the switchboard; or are attracted to an event by a brochure or learn of your

missions funding opportunities through Cooperative Program Missions Giving or NCMO, these are moments brought to you by members of the Public Relations and Resource Development staff.

Serving as staff liaison to five of the Convention's committees is another area of work for the Executive Leader's office. The committees are Memorials, Local Arrangements, Historical, 175th Anniversary, and Preacher, Place and Program. We assist the Local Arrangements and Preacher, Place and Program Committees in both planning and carrying out the annual state convention.

“ ...these are moments brought to you by members of the Public Relations and Resource Development staff. ”

The 175th anniversary committee, chaired by former Executive Director-Treasurer Roy Smith, has creatively crafted a series of episodes to educate and inform as we celebrate our anniversary, both in May in Greenville, city of our founding, and in November at the annual session. The Memorials Committee selects those persons who are remembered for their service to the BSC in the annual. We assist the Historical Committee as they work to preserve the history of the BSC.

The Historical Committee recommends both North Carolinians as well as significant locations to be recognized by the North Carolina Highway Marker program. In 2005, the Historical Committee was pleased to learn that a highway marker would be placed in front of the historic Heck-Andrews House in Raleigh. Kay Bissette, of our staff, worked with representatives from the Raleigh Woman's Club to secure this marker honoring Fannie E. S. Heck, and delivered the keynote address at the dedication. Kay shared about Fannie's involvement in the formation of NC WMU, Meredith College, and the Raleigh Woman's Club.

Call Norman Jameson at (800) 395-5102, ext. 174 with any questions or suggestions.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM **MISSIONS GIVING** *how North Carolina Baptists pay for missions*

Cooperative Program Missions Giving Enables All We Do

Not content to track a two decades old decline in Cooperative Program Missions Giving percentage coming from churches, Mike Creswell is challenging churches to turn the trend on its ear through the 1-3-6 Challenge.

Cooperative Program Missions Giving is the system North Carolina Baptists use to fund virtually everything they do together in missions, benevolence and education. It is how North Carolina Baptists respond to God's clear call to missions in Acts 1:8 and other verses.

It is a church-based system: Churches generally decide to send a certain portion of their undesignated offerings through Cooperative Program Missions Giving. That fact is the system's great strength and also its weakness. It is an efficient, low-cost way to fund missions. But it can also be an invisible system, easily ignored at church budget approval time.

1-3-6 challenge

The 1-3-6 Challenge is a goal presented to churches to increase their

Cooperative Program Missions Giving support by one percentage point over three years – that's just one-third of one percent per year!

If churches will meet this modest challenge, it will mean \$6 million a year in additional funds for causes dear to NC Baptists!

That's why we're calling it the **1-3-6 Challenge**:
1% over 3 years = \$6 million a year more!

Please share this challenge with your church! And let us know your church has adopted this challenge! Call Mike Creswell at 1 (800) 395-5102, ext. 172, or log onto www.bscnc.org/missionssupport/136.htm.



Education Helps Christians Grow in Stewardship

Resource Development offers Road Maps as a path to stewardship growth among Christians. The progressive process called Road Maps provides a way for churches to develop financial disciples.

A church that engages Road Maps for stewardship education will be led by a trained consultant through an evaluation phase, which helps members to cast a vision for where they see their church in the future. A custom designed plan (Road Maps) is created in the second phase to help the church begin its journey to financial discipleship.

Help in Capital Campaigns

Raising money for special projects in your church should be an opportunity to build stewardship disciples. No campaign in church life is just about raising the money. No one should be giving to "meet a campaign goal," or even to build a building.

"Mobilizing to Build" is the biblically based, 13-week capital funding campaign BSCNC offers to help North Carolina Baptist churches build new structures, renovate, acquire land or retire debt. This effort seeks to foster stewardship, even more than raising money for a specific project.

Grateful churches report that even after their successful campaigns, the stewardship education learned during the three-month effort is bearing lasting results in all aspects of church life.

Many churches have taken advantage of current low interest rates, combined with the low cost and proven capital funding campaign offered by the Stewardship Office, to begin expansion plans or to renovate existing structures.



State Missions Offering Enables Serious Missions Efforts

North Carolina Baptists are adopting a world view that recognizes their home is "The State of Our Mission." This is the ongoing theme for the North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer, based on Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Our state convention has been involved in Acts 1:8 missions for many years, and is home base for the mission efforts of North Carolina Baptists. We are directly involved with the local church in nearly every North Carolina community. We partner with associations, extending the mission and ministries of the local church and jointly employing and supervising missionaries of the North American Mission Board serving in North Carolina.

Baptists in our state are directly involved in national and international missions through North Carolina partnerships and special projects across America and around the world. In fact the world is coming to our doorstep as North Carolina Baptists continue to minister to an ever-increasing number of ethnic cultures in our state.

Gifts through NCMO fund the work of Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union, as well as significant disaster relief and church planting efforts.

Mission Growth Evangelism TOUCHES EVERY CORNER



Few places in North Carolina lack evidence of ministries related to the teams of the Mission Growth Evangelism Group.

From Kitty Hawk to the State Fair, to Murphy and every place in between, lots

of staff and volunteers from the populated cities to the rural counties in the mountains and all the way to the coast labor in love to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who do not know. They work to see that all people in our state have opportunity to know that God loves them and wants them to experience the gift of eternal life.

With our rapidly growing population, including thousands of recently arrived internationals, we need many new Baptist churches to provide a place where people can discover genuine love and feel accepted. Some new church groups meet in rodeo arenas, others meet in storefronts, some meet in apartment complexes, some gather in school buildings and others worship in mobile units. Eventually most of these local bodies of believers will build a worship center and a



place where families can assemble for Bible study, worship and family activities.

The Church Planting Team works with new church planters, trained mentors, sponsoring churches and Baptist Associations to help train church planting pastors and plant new churches where they are needed.

As students grow up, leave family and friends to begin a new chapter in their life on a college or university campus they look for new relationships. Through your **Campus Ministry Team**, the Baptist State Convention provides a place for Christian students and non-Christian students to study the Bible and make new friends. Our main mission is to reach students with the Gospel. We provide opportunities for students to get involved in weekly worship, discipleship, leadership development and various aspects of missions. Some of these students spend summers serving Christ on a mission field. Some sense a call from God to prepare for vocational Christian service while they are involved in Baptist campus ministry.

The most diverse unit that relates to the Mission Growth Evangelism Group is the **Evangelism and Church Growth Team**. This team operates approximately 40 different ministries in helping NC Baptist churches reach out to the lost in their communities and the resort areas of our state. In recent months we have had strong success in learning how to reach cowboys for Christ and how to



establish a motorcycle ministry called Carolina Faith Riders. Wonderful spiritual things are happening within some of our NC Baptist churches through **Lay Renewal** and prayer for **spiritual awakening**. The Jesus Video is being placed in homes all across North Carolina.

Thousands of youth are being trained to share their faith and big plans are being made for a comprehensive evangelism thrust in the Triad just before the SBC in June of 2006. It is called **Crossover Triad**. Thousands of volunteers from North Carolina and many other states will mobilize in Greensboro, Winston Salem and High Point. Plan to be a part of this major outreach effort.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute near Hendersonville has been providing theological education for preachers and church leaders since 1946. Fruitland continues to fulfill the vision of its founders to provide spiritual, academic, and practical training for individuals called to Christian ministry. In addition to day classes, Fruitland now offers evening classes for Spanish speaking people. In August an academic partnership was established with the college at Southeastern Seminary which will qualify some classes at Fruitland for college credit.

“Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve North Carolina Baptists as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ,” said Mission Growth Evangelism Executive Leader Milton Hollifield. “We are motivated and committed to help churches and associations fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord. Our intention is to lead North Carolina Baptists to become the strongest force in the history of this convention for reaching people with the message of the Gospel. Contact us when we can be of assistance to you.”

Church Planting a Major Focus of Convention Work

In 2004 North Carolina Baptists' church planting team, working with dozens of trained, committed church planters, started 77 new churches. They are on pace in 2005 to surpass that figure.

Still, to keep pace with North Carolina population growth, we need to plant 125 churches each year. The church planting assignment is carried out in a cooperative partnership with associations and partner churches. The purpose of this ministry grows out of the New Testament assignment to make disciples.

In Southern Baptist life, new churches baptize 11.7 persons per year for every 100 resident members. This figure compares with 3.4 persons per year for every 100 resident members in existing Baptist churches.

“ The growing diversity of our population requires different approaches and worship styles if we hope to reach as many people as possible. ”

North Carolina Baptists need to be planting new churches for at least the following reasons:

- One half of North Carolina residents are not actively involved in a local church.
- There is a rapid growth of ethnic groups in our state. Between 1995 and 2000 the ethnic population in North Carolina increased by 274 percent. The Wake County school system reports approximately 150 languages represented in its school system. North Carolina Baptists presently minister in 32 languages.
- More than 70 percent of all North Carolina Baptist churches are plateaued or declining in membership.
- Many people migrate into our state each year. More people are moving here from New York than from any other state. Most of these people do not find their way into our existing churches. New churches can reach many of them. Not many years ago one in every four North Carolina residents was a North Carolina Baptist; today, it is closer to one in nine.
- The very fact that people are mobile requires new churches. This mobility produces new subdivisions



and growth patterns that require a church planting strategy.

- In North Carolina this past year, we began 77 new churches. We should move to 125 church plants a year as soon as possible. Growing denominations must plant churches each year that total about three percent of their current churches. The present church planting climate in our state, the size of our staff, and the present funding level makes the 125 new churches per year goal very challenging.

To increase our impact among ethnics, we have eight contract workers from seven ethnic groups working to plant churches in our state. Each of these persons is a proven, successful church planter.

The five Asians among this group will enable us to double the number of Asian churches planted in 2005. We also are attempting to double the number of cowboy churches and African-American churches planted during 2005.

We provide a strong support system for church planters. A recent four-day Basic Training illustrates the best we do for church planters. Just over 100 attended this training event, representing potentially 53 church plants. It was really four conferences taking place simultaneously, taught in four languages (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Laotian). When church planters leave this conference, they have their own tailor



made strategic church start plan. They leave the conference knowing what they need to do next. We also offer this training in Chinese and Korean languages.

Each year we have at least three English language Basic Training events. Additionally, we will have at least one Spanish Basic Training and this year held the first Basic Training event in the H'mong language ever conducted in Baptist life.

We held our first Cowboy Basic Training in January. There are a huge number of recreational cowboys in North Carolina who are not being reached by our existing churches. Ministries that have a cowboy flavor in their worship and which do not meet on Sunday are proving very successful in reaching some of these cowboys.

In our recent training event we trained 11 Cowboy church planters. Nine of these feel led to plant a Cowboy church in North Carolina; one in Kissimmee, FL, and one in Maryville, TN. Our goal is to plant 10 Cowboy churches in North Carolina during 2005.

Churches Reporting Fewer Baptisms

From 1993 through 1998 North Carolina Baptist churches reported consecutive increases in total baptisms, reaching 29,024 in 1998. Since then North Carolina Baptist Churches have seen increases and decreases. In 2004 we had approximately 25,000.

Our goal is to see NC Baptist churches baptize 43,000 new believers by 2006. If each of our churches will establish a four-year goal to baptize just one more than they did the previous year, we will surpass that goal. SBC President Bobby Welch's campaign "Everyone Can" has a national goal of 1 million baptisms by year end 2006. We join him in encouraging every association to have at least two outdoor baptism rallies between Fall 2005 and Fall 2006.

Statewide Conferences Encourage Evangelism, Church Growth

Since 1947, the Baptist State Convention has sponsored an annual statewide evangelism conference. The 2005 conference "Impacting the Culture with the Gospel" was held at Calvary Baptist in Winston-Salem. Plenary speakers were David Jeremiah, Roy Fish, David Olford, Chuck Lawless, James Emery White, Danny Akin, Chuck Kelly, Darrel Davis and Fred Luter. Special music was provided by Vernon Chandler and This Hope. We had over 1000 in attendance.

The February 6-7, 2006 conference theme will be "Reaching Our Culture with the Gospel" and will also be held at Calvary Baptist in Winston-Salem. Plenary speakers will be Steve Douglas, Erwin Lutzer, John Piper, Alex McFarland, Jimmy DeYoung, and Thom Rainer. Special presentations will be made by Bill Rice, Douglas Phillips (Faith of Our Fathers film), and Tal Davis. Our special music will be provided by Penny Davis and Dove Award winner Russ Lee.



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DOUGLAS

Mrs. Ellen LeMaster of Roseboro attended an evangelism training course led by Marty Dupree of the Baptist State Convention staff. She went out the next day and witnessed to a woman who then professed faith in Christ and later joined the church. Weeks later Mrs. LeMaster was still excited about the fruit of her efforts.



strategy or specific evangelistic event. With a simple point and click, pastors and church leaders can design their plan to change their world for Christ.

The software, designed in cooperation with the North American Mission Board and supported by their staff, will include:

- access to dozens of proven and results-oriented evangelistic strategies and events from Event Evangelism, Prayer Evangelism, Ministry Evangelism, Evangelism Training, and Children/Youth Evangelism
- A planning instructor that guides you step by step to plan an evangelistic event from start to finish.
- Printable job descriptions, assignments, timelines, and online manuals.
- An evangelistic calendar with daily reminders that keep you on task.

This new software will be a resource that will be used over and over again. It can be your evangelism assistant, helping your church fulfill its part in the Great Commission. Contact your Association or our Evangelism office to get your **free copy**.

Lifestyle Evangelism Puts Christians “On Mission” in Daily Life

Churches and associations are using this popular series to train for and inspire evangelism and outreach ministries, prayer ministries, and revivals in which to encourage, educate and inspire their people to share their faith naturally in their daily lives. Marty Dupree conducted 15 of these Lifestyle Evangelism events in 2004 and has 20 scheduled for 2005. The focus of this training seminar is on “Reaching the lost via prayer and lifestyle evangelism.”

The entire five message series is available on audio CD via the **Resource** center at the Convention Building in Cary. The DVD video series will be available in 2006.

The NET Offers Personal Evangelism for the 21st Century

The NET is “personal evangelism strategy” we are emphasizing with churches and associations. Marty Dupree had 7 training sessions in Winter 2004. Dick Church also introduced the One Hour/ One Day Soul Winning seminars at our State Evangelism Conference at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church Feb. 9-10, 2004. This is a new “free downloadable” tool.

‘E Planner’ Moves Evangelism Digital To Change Your World

The new evangelism planning software **E Planner** will help you design, plan, and schedule a comprehensive yearly evangelism

Contact Rebecca Harbinson extension 224 or email rharbinson@bscnc.org for information or to register for one of the upcoming E Planner Training Seminars. Check website (www.northcarolinabaptists.org/evangelismmissions) for a listing of these training opportunities.

JESUS Video Project Putting Film in NC Homes

www.jesusvideoprojectnorthcarolina.org

We are working with the national Jesus Video Project leadership of Campus Crusade for Christ to carry out a statewide distribution. This is our primary "saturation evangelism" strategy to get the Gospel into each of the 3.82 million homes in North Carolina. This will be the single largest evangelistic outreach in our state history!

Thirty-five counties had completed a mailing saturation as of July 2005. We hope to complete the remaining 65 counties by Easter 2006 and are working on a comprehensive follow-up strategy. Major projects are underway in the Raleigh-Durham, Charlotte and the Winston-Salem Greensboro area. We also promoted Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" as a great outreach resource and are encouraging people to go to the North American Mission Board website www.namb.net for ideas and resources. See also www.passionofchristmovie.com or www.ichoosejesus.com.

Asheville Will Host InterFaith Evangelism and Apologetics Conferences

Partnering with Mike Licon, the new Apologetics director at NAMB and Craig Bailey, associational missionary for Buncombe Association we will be hosting an Apologetics & InterFaith Evangelism Conference April 7-8, 2006 in Asheville, NC. This conference will feature topics such as the Da Vinci Code, the Proof of the Resurrection, and Understanding Islam.

At our 2004 State Evangelism Conference at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church Joshua Del Risco taught on Reaching Catholics, Joe Wirtz taught on Reaching Postmoderns, and Afshin Ziafat taught on Islam. Three websites that are most helpful are www.namb.net/evangelization/interfaith, www.ontruth.com, and www.4truth.com.



National Crossover Effort Hits Triad June 10-11

Crossover is an annual evangelistic effort by Southern Baptists to touch the people of the host city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ during their annual meeting. Volunteers team up with local churches for

a wide range of evangelistic efforts.

Crossover is sponsored by the North American Mission Board in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention, associations and local churches.

There will be many opportunities to serve and witness:

- Sports Evangelism
- Prayer Journeys (Prayer Walking)
- Door-to- Door (Personal Evangelism)
- Inner City Evangelism (ICE Teams)
- Street Evangelism
- Events and Block Parties
- International Festivals/Affinity Ministries
- Kindness Explosion (Servanthood Evangelism)
- Collegiate Evangelism
- Harvest Sundays / Weekend Revivals.

We are working with Don Smith and Toby Frost of NAMB, associational missionaries and Triad leaders. Marty Dupree began working with Don Smith at

Crossover Phoenix 2003 as training and preparation for our own Crossover events in North Carolina. Last year we worked with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Lifeway in preparation for 2006. Chris Schofield will lead the prayer ministry for Crossover 2006.

You can register online as a host church or as a volunteer at www.crossovertriad.org.

Evangelism Office Offers Variety of Strategies

We help churches and associations in their overall evangelism strategy to train their people and plan and develop strategies and events to reach their communities with the Gospel. A basic "Prayer, Care & Share" Evangelism strategy plan packet and other resources are available via the Evangelism office.

- **Servanthood Evangelism** is one of the most powerful bridges to effectively share Jesus in our culture. It is a combination of simple acts of kindness and intentional personal evangelism. Teaching guides are available in hard copy and via the E Planner CD software.
- **How to Make Your Church Visitor Friendly** by Thomas Hammond.
- **Family to Family: Families Making a Difference.** Inspires and equips families to be on mission through sharing their Christian faith. Family to Family is an evangelism tool that combines discipleship, missions and relational evangelism training. This 6-week training helps families develop a 'family mission statement' and prepare to be intentionally on mission for God in evangelizing their neighborhoods and communities.
- **Tent Ministry.** The evangelism tent will seat up to 1,500 people. It stays booked from March to November, in use for revivals, community outreaches, block parties, VBS and other evangelistic community events. Call for an application at least six months before you need it.
- **Resort Evangelism Ministries**
- **Vocational Evangelism Ministry.** Our annual conference and retreat is held each year at Caraway Conference Center. New Officers elected this year were Darrell Davis, President; Vernon Chandler, Vice President; and Tony Hardin, Secretary. Contact the Evangelism office (ext. 224) for information and a listing of the NC Vocational Evangelists. The SBC Vocational Evangelist



list is available through the North American Mission Board's office and the COSBE website. Our NC Vocational Evangelists met Jan. 13-14, 2005 at Caraway and Mike Minnix of the Georgia Baptist Convention and Toby Frost from NAMB were the featured speakers. The January 12-13, 2006 retreat will feature Dr. Roy Fish, Distinguished Professor of Evangelism of SWBTS.

Campers on Mission Spreading Like Bonfires Across North Carolina

Campers on Mission is an organization of Christian campers who come together for fellowship, sharing and active involvement in various mission projects at such events as the NC State Fair, Randleman NASCAR Days, Memorial Day festivities and festivals.

A total of 292 volunteers worked in 107 different mission projects with a total of 17,731 hours. They recorded 88 professions of faith while working in street festivals, campgrounds, NC State Fair and reconstruction sites.

The camper group is working toward hosting the National 2006 COM Conference in Winston-Salem in June 2006.



Cowboy Churches a New Way To Do Evangelism

Jeff Smith is leading a new ministry to help churches plant "Cowboy Churches" all over the state. This is one of the fastest growing phenomena in all of Baptist life. Smith, who portrayed Shubal Stearns while on horseback at a Baptist State Convention annual session, became convicted while encouraging others to start churches, that he had not led a church start himself. He found his niche after he bought his daughter a pony, then himself a horse. That led to new patterns hanging around cowboys, or gentlemen ranchers. Even though Smith is a pastor in Concord, he couldn't get his new friends to come to church because they felt uncomfortable without the right clothes or outside the typical church times. So he started churches for cowboys, in arenas, on weeknights and with a spirit to which they relate. His 2005 goal is 10 cowboy church starts.

Motorcycles are Everywhere

Another niche ministry is a new motorcyclist group launched in June 2005 called Carolina Faith Riders. It is intentionally evangelistic and gives churches an additional resource to equip and engage members to boldly share their faith with those in their community who are lost, unchurched,

and searching for a place of significance of which they can be a part. We pray this ministry will excite members to use their love of motorcycles as a tool to become a Great Commandment Christian, fulfill the Great Commission, and glorify God.



Office Coordinates Statewide Prayer Evangelism Strategies

In February 2005, 25-30 local church prayer leaders, pastors, associational leaders and Convention leaders and staff met at Caraway to begin the process of developing a comprehensive Kingdom-focused prayer strategy for North Carolina Baptists. Purpose of the strategy is to provide biblical and strategic processes that assist individual congregations and associations as they hear and respond to God's call to prayer.

Development and implementation of this strategy will enhance opportunities for prayer training, networking and united mobilization in North Carolina churches and associations. It will also provide avenues for North Carolina Baptists to be on mission with Christ through prayer in their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Annual Prayer Conference for Revival and Spiritual Awakening

This annual conference began in 1999 as a Great Commission Prayer Conference through a partnership between the North American Mission Board Prayer Evangelism Office and the Mission Growth Evangelism Group. Since then the conference has seen over 4,300 participants encouraged, challenged, and equipped toward prayer for revival, awakening and the Great Commission.

The 2005 conference was hosted by Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Raleigh. The focus was on equipping believers in prayer toward the Great Commission. It featured Richard Blackaby and Calvin Miller along with a host of practical breakout sessions led by local church, national prayer leaders including Greg Frizzell, Carolyn Fuqua, Allen Blume, and Rick Shepherd. After attending the conference, one church in Wendell, NC went

back to restructure their 2005-2006 ministry calendar to include prayer as a foundational element of all they do.

The March 16-18, 2006 prayer conference may prove to be one of the most exciting events in Baptist history as we gather at Biltmore Baptist Church in Asheville for the "Praying Toward His Passion: Revive Us Again Conference." This year's program features national and state prayer leaders including Henry Blackaby, James Walker, Greg Frizzell, Melvin Blackaby, John Franklin, Alan Blume, Alvin Reid, Don Pierson, Gary Frost and J. Chris Schofield.

Biltmore Baptist Church's prayer ministry is being heralded nationally as a prayer-saturated ministry. Their 2005 goal is to have 1,300 people involved in weekly prayer groups. Presently over a thousand people are meeting weekly in prayer groups. We are praying that the conference will prove to be catalyst in fanning the flames of extraordinary prayer toward revival and spiritual awakening.

Women Hold Annual Prayer Evangelism Conference

This conference has seen thousands of women encouraged, inspired and equipped in evangelism and prayer approaches since it began in 2002. The 2005 conference was at Ridgecrest Conference Center November 4-5. It featured Fern Nichols, founder of Moms in Touch International and Teresa Brown, pastor's wife and passionate speaker from Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Special testimonies included Phyllis Foy, Convention first vice-president. The 2006 Conference will be Sept. 8-9, at Ridgecrest Conference Center.

Associational Pastor and Staff Prayer Retreats

Fifteen of these retreats were conducted in 2005 in different associations. This is in response to God's work of calling pastors and leaders to united prayer for revival and awakening. Revival needs to start with leadership. Staff leader Chris Schofield along



with one of three national prayer leaders including Greg Frizzell, John Franklin, Tom Kyzer and Phil Miglioratti facilitated these one-day prayer retreats for pastors and staff. The purpose of these retreats was to seek God's heart for revival and spiritual awakening through personal, congregational and kingdom-focused prayer. Due to the great response these retreats will also be conducted in 2006 and 2007. Associational missionaries can schedule a retreat by calling the Office of Prayer Evangelism Strategies at (800) 395-5102, ext. 228.

Prayer Evangelism Workshops

These Prayer-Care-Share workshops started with the implementation of the CJ 2000 Lighthouse of Prayer emphasis. Marty Dupree continues to lead these types of workshops across the state with a focus on lifestyle evangelism as a part of the state evangelism strategy. Chris Schofield also conducts these workshops and combines one-day soul winning training with an evangelistic prayer focus including prayer for the lost, prayer for Christian witnesses, prayer for revival and awakening and prayerwalking. These workshops are conducted in churches and associations at their request.

Prayer Strategy/Ministry Development

Throughout 2005 Chris Schofield has conducted strategy development sessions with local churches and associations such as Central Baptist Church, Biltmore Baptist Church, Living Water Baptist

Church, Hyde Park Baptist Church and the Pilot Mountain, Central Triad, Elkin, Brushy Mountain, Piedmont, and Carolina associations. These sessions are focused on the individual prayer need of the association or church. The desired outcome is the development and implementation of a contextually sensitive prayer plan that mobilizes personal, congregational and Kingdom focused prayer. An exciting part of these sessions may involve training and consultation for local church and associational prayer coordinators. These sessions are scheduled in response to the request of a local church or association.

Wyoming Covered in Prayer Through Affinity Partnership

This "affinity" between North Carolina Baptists and their brethren in Wyoming is to provide strategic prayer journeys in Wyoming. Small teams (4-6) travel to Wyoming to prayer-journey (walk or drive) a pre-determined route across an area of the state. By the end of 2007, our goal is to have teams in all areas of the state. In 2005 eight teams joined Wyoming Baptists in strategic prayer for their state.

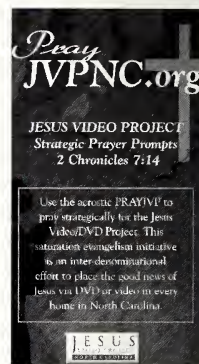
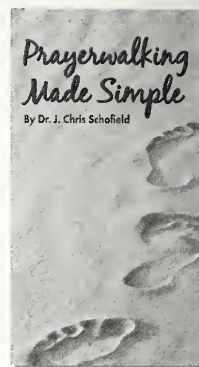
Teams receive training on effective prayer-walking prior to their departure via a three-hour training session and a six-week study course. We are looking at a possible prayer affinity in 2006 with Vancouver Focus in Vancouver, BC, Canada. To register a team or get more information on these prayer opportunities call Mark Abernathy or Chris Schofield at (800) 395-5102.

New Prayer Resources Available

The Office of Prayer Evangelism Strategies has developed inexpensive prayer resources that will help churches and associations as they equip and mobilize believers in strategic Bible-based prayer toward revival, awak-

ening and the Great Commission. These resources can be ordered by visiting www.PrayNC.org or by calling (800) 395-5102, ext. 228.

- Praying Toward His Passion: Biblical Blueprints for Evangelistic Prayer (bookmark)
- Biblical Prayer Prompts for Revival and Awakening (bookmark)
- Prayerwalking Made Simple (Booklet)
- Pray JVPNC.org Jesus Video Project Strategic Prayer Prompts (bookmark)
- Prayer Prompts for Prayer Groups: Biblical Prayer Patterns for Pastors and Prayer leaders. (Booklet)



Lay Evangelism/Lay Renewal/Marketplace Evangelism

The Evangelism Team partners with Baptist Men two auxiliary lay organizations which major on helping lay people participate in Great Commission work. NC Baptist Lay Witness Foundation conducts Lay Witness Revival weekends and Lay Witness outreaches for churches. The Annual NC Baptist Lay Witness Foundation Conference is the third weekend of August at Caraway Conference Center. Contact Marty Dupree on the Evangelism and Church Growth Team or Lynn Tharrington ext. 325 in Baptist Men if you would like more information about a lay led event in your church.

The NC Baptist Lay Renewal Fellowship works with church lay leaders to plan Lay Renewal, Experiencing God and Prayer Focus weekend events in churches. The Annual Lay Renewal Fellowship Gathering is the first weekend in August at Fort Caswell.

Churches are experiencing wonderful spiritual renewal and revival when these teams of lay people come in for a weekend event and work with congregations. Bob Foy is Executive Director of the Lay Renewal Fellowship for

North Carolina and also the National Director via the North American Mission Board. This movement is growing as 73 churches hosted Renewal weekends in 2004 and over 100 were scheduled for 2005. Contact Chris Schofield or Lynn Tharrington ext 325 in Baptist Men for more information or to schedule a weekend.

Convention Takes Student Work Seriously

A variety of outreaches, conferences and training events focus on developing the spiritual life of students and teenagers.

Each summer more than 7,000 teenagers attend one of the eight weeks of camp at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell on Oak Island. The 2005 summer theme verse was "Choose Wisely" based on Proverbs 3:5 - 6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

Each day we dissected this verse and theme. The goal was for students to know they could trust God to help them in making wise choices to live by in all areas of life. Some 336 students professed faith in Christ this summer, 3,056 rededicated themselves to Christian living and 232 expressed a call into ministry.



Fall Retreats Reach Students at Caswell

The 2004 theme was "Is Jesus the Only Way?" Around 1,800 attended, with 67 making professions of faith. Afshin Ziafat, a former Muslim, led the Bible study. He

directed students to compare his former Muslim religion to what the Bible says about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He provided evidence of the reliability of Scriptures as well as verses throughout the Bible that point to Jesus being the Messiah. This apologetic style was greeted with much excitement among the students because of their need to be able to back up what they believe with facts.

Fall Retreats for 2005 will be looking at how our choices should be based on the Bible and because of that, others should be able to see a difference in how we live and act. We expect close to 2,000 in attendance.

Ski Retreat at Winterplace

The Student Ministry Ski Retreat was held in February at Winterplace Ski Resort in Beckley, WV. After a Saturday of skiing, Big Daddy Weave led a Christian music concert and concluded with a Sunday morning worship service. Four students professed Christ at the retreat.

Spring Flings at Caswell

Fort Caswell is a steady and frequent destination for North Carolina students, including three weekend Spring Fling retreats, each for Baptist Student Union students from a different college. We have discovered that, at home, 99 percent of attendees are led by non-paid volunteers from small churches. These churches often do not send their teenagers to the summer Youth Week Camps because the volunteers can't take a week off from work to attend with their students.



The theme this year was "I've Got the Power" based on Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Baptist Student Unions from UNC-Chapel Hill, Campbell University and UNC-Wilmington participated.

Youth Connect 2005

Christian Youth Connect at Carowinds in August

On Aug. 12 students joined at Paramount's Carowinds in Charlotte to connect with God and to connect their friends to God. Over 3,500 attended this all-day event where they could watch the live demo of professional skateboarders and BMX riders as well as hear their testimonies of God's faithfulness. In the Paladium was a concert by Rebecca St. James and more testimonies from Jay Hazlip, a professional skateboarder and a pastor in California. Illusionist Brock Gill presented the Gospel. Leading in worship was the praise and worship band from Youth Weeks at Caswell, PWT. Workers recorded 126 professions of faith, 101 rededications and three students being called to ministry.

Ministry Equips and Encourages Youth Ministers

One major emphasis in student ministry is to equip and encourage those who work with youth and their families. Programs such as the Youth Ministers' Continuing Education Retreat, Youth Ministry Council Planning Retreat, Youth Ministry Lab, and ETC provide training opportunities for almost 1,900 youth ministry coordinators in the churches. The NC Baptist Youth Ministers Network assists the work of our team in its task of educating, resourcing, and communicating youth ministry to the

churches and associations through "Shared Youth Ministry Partnerships."

Local Church Youth Ministry

Members of the Student Evangelism and Ministry Unit are available to consult with pastors, youth ministers and volunteer youth leaders in planning an effective youth ministry. In addition to our Convention staff, selected members of the NC Baptist Youth Ministers Network also assist us in consulting with churches.

Generation X and College Campus Evangelism

We are available to help churches and associations effectively reach out and minister to those people pundits call Generation X. We also continue to work with the BSU Campus Ministers in offering witness training for Christian students on campus.

Special Needs of College Students Also a Priority

North Carolina Baptists' Campus Ministry Team is comprised of 11 Convention-employed campus ministers-one of whom serves in the state office-seven Baptist college-employed campus ministers, two full-time campus ministers who are partially funded by North





Carolina Baptists, and dedicated volunteers who oversee work on more than 25 campuses across the state.

“We are partners in ministry with church staff members, associational missionaries and other associational staff, as well as numerous lay volunteers,” said Rick Trexler, campus ministry team leader. “Together, we provide ministry for college students in North Carolina. As you read this report of our work, continue to pray for all of us who have the privilege of serving on your behalf.”

The Campus Ministry Team is charged with the responsibility of communicating the Gospel to college students in North Carolina. To effectively do this we partner with churches and associations throughout our state to identify and contact students at the college and university level. Many of these become a “core” for Baptist Student Union (BSU) ministry on local campuses.

What Happens on a Local Campus?

The major focus of ministry with college students occurs on local campuses. North

Carolina Baptists have full-time ministry at 18 of the major colleges and universities, plus a part-time ministry at UNC Asheville. Volunteers who may be church staff members, faculty members or lay persons serve an additional 20 to 25 campuses. While no two campus ministry programs are the same, each has the same purpose: to reach students in the name of Christ and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development. On most campuses the Baptist Student Union (BSU) is the organization through which this ministry occurs.

Baptist Campus Ministry provides Christian community and a safe and challenging place of nurture and growth for our young people when they head off to college. Worship, Bible studies, discipleship training, training in witnessing, support groups, Experiencing God and prayer partners - all of these programs, and others, become a part of students’ spiritual growth and development.

Students are a vital part of the planning and carrying out of these programs. Baptist Campus Ministry, through students and staff, also reaches out to students who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. BSU students are encouraged to take the Good News of the Gospel to the campus and beyond.



Discipleship training is a strong emphasis for those new to the Christian faith. BSU students are active in community outreach programs through individual ministries and ministry teams. They are involved in their communities with the homeless, the elderly, children, the hungry and those in prison. Ministry teams of all varieties (music, worship, youth, etc.) provide outreach to local churches in the state. BSU Teams from around our state are ready and able to assist churches and associations with mission, worship, discipleship, and evangelistic events.

Students are not waiting until they graduate to become involved in missions. During the 2004-2005 school year, BSU students raised over

\$90,000 for local missions projects and to help send their peers to serve as summer missionaries all over the world. In addition, almost every campus BSU will take at least one week-long missions trip during the year, sometimes within North Carolina, and often times beyond North Carolina and even beyond US borders.

BSU Provides More Avenues to Growth

The state-level BSU ministry provides additional opportunities for spiritual growth, evangelistic outreach, mission involvement, and leadership development, with students assuming leadership roles in planning and implementing statewide programs. Rick Trexler and Barbara Gentry give guidance and direction to the state-level program.

Seth Asbill of North Carolina State University is serving as state BSU President for the 2004-2005 academic year. Other members of the statewide Executive Committee, and the committees which they lead, are as follows:

Aubrey Bumgarner, Appalachian State University - Action-on-Issues

Taryn Trexler, UNC-Greensboro - Evangelism

Trinity Proctor, North Carolina State University - Fall Convention

Rosemary Yelton, UNC-Greensboro - International Students

Sara Anastasio, UNC-Pembroke - Missions

Olivia Dudley, Appalachian State University - Spring Leadership Conference

In addition to providing resources and planning statewide programs, students organize and implement a missions program, which enables them to serve in a variety of ways and places in the summer, as well as in semester-long internships close to the cam-

pus where they are in school. In the summer of 2005 16 students did youth ministry in North Carolina through Youth Corps. Twenty-seven other students served as summer missionaries in places as varied as Alaska, Canada, East Asia, South Africa, Poland, Belarus, New York City, Illinois, Montana, Yellowstone National Park, Kinston, Winston-Salem, and Thomasville, North Carolina. BSU student-raised monies funded the students.

International Student Ministry

Ministry to international students is multi-faceted and strives to reach many of these students who are enrolled on virtually every campus in North Carolina. On the state level, we hold a conference for internationals each year, at our NC Baptist Assembly in April. BSU students help in planning this event, which provides a relaxed atmosphere for cross-cultural dialogue and encourages friendships lasting far beyond the weekend experience. Approximately 90 international students are reached at this conference.

In cooperation with associations and local churches, Campus Ministry supports an extensive local ministry to international students in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, High Point, Greensboro and Raleigh. In addition, contract workers and local campus ministers reach out to international students on other campuses across the state.



Local emphases include:

- helping internationals deal with culture shock upon arrival from their homes
- serving as conversation partners as students improve their English proficiency
- ESL teaching
- providing host families for students
- developing friendships which can lead to faith-sharing
- providing language Bibles
- teaching Bible studies to both Christians and non-Christians.

Churches Work on Campuses Directly

While a variety of ministry and growth opportunities serve students through the Baptist Student Union (BSU), ministry with students also occurs outside the BSU sphere. North Carolina Baptist churches and associations have increased their emphasis on ministry with students.

Developing A Ministry With College Students

A guidebook for churches and other resource materials are available from the Campus Ministry Team office. Campus ministers and Cary staff are available to assist churches and associations upon request.

Convention Staff

Team Leader - Rick Trexler

Appalachian State - open

Charlotte Area International Ministry -
Tom Knight

Duke - open

East Carolina - John Ridley

NC State & Raleigh area - Charity Roberson

NC State & Raleigh area - Frances Jones,

International Ministry - Part-time

UNC-Asheville - David Stone - Part-time

UNC-Chapel Hill - open

UNC-Charlotte & Charlotte area -
Dan McClintock

UNC-Greensboro - Zach Roberts

UNC-Pembroke - Ron Sanders

Western Carolina - Wanda Kidd

Baptist College Employees

Campbell University - Terry-Michael Newell, Jr.

Chowan College - Ken Cooke

Gardner-Webb University - Tracy Jessup;
Andy Byers

Mars Hill College - open

Meredith College - Sam Carothers

Wake Forest University - Becky Hartzog

Wingate University - Dane Jordan

Other Cooperative Relationships

Coordinator/BSU General Baptist Convention -
Percy Chase

NC Central University - Michael Page

Piedmont International Fellowship Ministry -
Audrey Womack

International Ministries of The Triad - Scott Freese

Shaw University - Quincy Scott, Jr.

UNC-Wilmington and Cape Fear CC -
Carlene Holden

Winston-Salem State - Pamela Blackstock

Volunteer BSU Directors

Barton College - Tom Riley

Belmont College - Jeremy Russell

Catawba College - Brian Farmer

Central Carolina Community College -
Todd Moore

Davidson Community College - Susan Scarboro

Elon University - Debbie Perry

Gaston Community College - open

Johnston Community College - Melissa Eames

Lenoir-Rhyne College - Dan Kiser

Rockingham Community College - Ron Boswell

Salem College - Sam Sorrells

UNC-Wilmington - Rocky Myrick

Western Piedmont Community College -
Michael Beshears

Wilkes Community College - Kristen Macemore



FRUITLAND

Baptist Bible Institute

Where preaching is our passion.

Fruitland Fulfills Mission in the Mountains

One of our graduates returned to campus recently with an expression on his face that declared he had good news to share.

Isaiah had dropped out of high school and later became a Christian. He experienced a call to the ministry and realized he needed training. Fruitland offered what he needed including a reading course to increase speed and comprehension.

Upon completing his studies he graduated with a certificate rather than an associate degree because he had not finished high school nor earned the GED. Now, he was coming with the GED certificate in his hand to order his degree.

He said his interest and success in further study surprised him. "When the teacher graded my test in English she said I had no mistakes," he said. "I asked her if she would please grade the test again. When she graded the test the second time and found no mistakes, I believed her." This graduate is leading a youth ministry in a North Carolina Baptist church.

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists!

When Fruitland began, the ministry was primarily dedicated to offering preparation for ministry to some who were already in the pastorate with little formal preparation and to those called to ministry later in life.

The school still and gladly ministers to these students. However, we are also open to students like Isaiah. During the year from July 2004, through June 2005, we had a non-duplicated cumulative enrollment of 292 students. We are prepared to accept students who may not meet the requirements for admission in other schools and to lead them forward academically, spiri-

tually and practically toward the possibilities of further study and effective ministry.

When Richard moved his family to our campus, he had already served with the International Service Corps for two years on the maintenance staff of the Baptist hospital in Yemen. He recognized the need for further study in preparation to fulfill his call to share the Gospel in a Muslim country. Since his graduation, he and his family have been located by the SBC International Mission Board in South Asia.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists!

Lance had graduated from high school and was employed in industrial work. In response to a call to ministry, he recognized the need for preparation. Fruitland fit his criteria for a school-including economical costs. He moved to family housing on our campus. When he graduated with distinction he was already serving as a Baptist pastor. He has since graduated with honors from a Baptist college and is currently enrolled in studies in a theological school. He continues to serve as pastor of a Baptist church in North Carolina.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists!

Students of various ages and backgrounds continue to come our way. God's people are still hearing and answering His call to service. Our alumni, scattered across our land and into other countries, are ministering in various ways and recommending Fruitland to prospective students. The academic, spiritual and practical preparation for ministry provided by North Carolina Baptists at Fruitland continues to meet a vital need.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists!

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute Grows from High School

In the latter part of the 19th century local Baptists in Henderson County began a Baptist



high school which became known as Fruitland Institute. Later, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention became involved in sponsorship of the school. Sometime after the school closed in 1936, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina bought the campus as the site of a summer camp.

North Carolina Baptists addressed the need for adult Christian education for ministers by having short-term training from time to time. Dr. J. C. Canipe, then pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boone, started classes for pastors who had received little formal training for ministry. In 1946 the Convention began Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute with Dr. Canipe as the first director.

Fruitland continues to fulfill the vision of its founders to provide spiritual, academic, and practical training for individuals called to Christian ministry. Our students are diverse in their background, ages, academic achievement, and ethnic origins. Our purpose continues to be to accept every student who meets our admission requirements, take them where they are, and move them forward to fulfill their highest potential. Our graduates who transfer to other schools

usually demonstrate their academic proficiency, with some achieving distinction. The cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment for the past year was 292.

One of the ways God has blessed Fruitland is by giving stability to our faculty through extended tenures. Dr. Steve Stewart is currently serving as an Adjunct Professor in our evening classes. A graduate of Fruitland, he went on to earn degrees at Wingate University and Criswell College and the Doctor of Theology degree from Trinity Theological Seminary. D. L. Lowrie of Lubbock, Texas, was a visiting professor last fall and we anticipate his return in 2005.

Our annual calendar includes a number of special events. On October 12, 2004, we had our annual Alumni Day. D.L. Lowrie was visiting speaker for this event and for Preaching Week, which is held simultaneously. Founders Days were held in May with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Rev. Herb Revis of Jacksonville, Florida as the visiting speakers. Alice Lowrie was the guest leader for the Women's Retreat held in October. A regional conference for WMU leadership was held on our campus in July. In November Sunday School Seminars were conducted on the campus by the staff of the Baptist State Convention.

Evening classes in Spanish for leaders in Hispanic congregations are continuing in cooperation with Larry Phillips of the Baptist State Convention. These classes were taught this year by Samuel Rodriquez, a former president of the Baptist Convention of Honduras.

Fruitland will be the site of an extension center of Southeastern College at Wake Forest beginning in August 2005. This will enable Fruitland students to earn college credit for some courses, and Fruitland graduates to continue studies toward a bachelor's degree without leaving the area.

Fruitland offers to our students and graduates a bridge toward a more fruitful future in God's service. We believe God raised up this school through North Carolina Baptists to fulfill a unique mission. We are grateful for the continued support of the Baptist State Convention. We endeavor to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." Contact Fruitland at (828) 685-8886 or e-mail fruitland@mchsi.com. Todd Edmiston, campus services director, will arrange a tour including a visit to our daily chapel service and a meal in our cafeteria. Every season our campus has its own special beauty.

Business Services

HANDLES CORPORATE AFFAIRS

As a \$36 million annual "business," it is incumbent on the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to handle its business affairs in the best, most efficient manner imaginable.

The Business Services Group, led by Executive Leader Glenn Harder, is responsible for the following Convention services:

- Baptist building operations;
- property and casualty insurance;
- accounting; budgets;
- legal matters; investments;
- human resources;
- benefits;
- annuity
- general business operations.
- printing/mailling;
- Caraway Conference Center and Camp;
- Truett Camp;
- North Carolina Baptist Assembly;

"Our goal is to provide timely, high quality service in each of these areas," says Harder.

Without the help, support and guidance we receive from the Business Services Committee of



Print and Mail Services

Print and Mail Services provides general services to the Convention staff related to day to day operations which include mailings and printing. Services are provided by Tommy Johnson, facilities director, Jonathan Parker, assistant facilities director, and Hattie Johnson, postal and receiving clerk.

the Board of Directors, our task would be most difficult. Their varied experience and expertise is a tremendous asset to the Convention.

Caraway, Caswell and Truett Camp, under the direction of Charles Harris, Rick Holbrook and Richard Roberson, are having a good year. We are thankful to each volunteer group that has contributed their time and work at our assemblies and other locations.

Auditors under the direction of Mr. Terry Lancaster, render a vital service to the Convention.

C. DeWitt Foard and Co. P.A., CPA Audit Firm of Charlotte, performed our annual audit and reported to the Audit Committee that we are "in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles."

Financial data and reports are supplied to every group/team of the Convention from the accounting office. Robert Simons is our comptroller/auditor. Under his direction, improvements in the accounting team continue. Current and accurate financial data is essential to our operations.

Tommy Johnson is the facilities director. This area is responsible for printing, bulk mailing, outgoing and incoming mail. We continue to make



improvements in our printing and mailing systems. In addition, this team also oversees the building maintenance and makes recommendations for improvements as needed.

Johnny Ross, senior consultant for GuideStone Financial Resources, is responsible for Annuity. He works with associations, local churches and GuideStone Financial Resources corporate office in Dallas, Texas.

Linda Hudson is human resources consultant. Some of her responsibilities include recruitment, selection, orientation/training and administration of the Convention benefits programs.

The Convention owns properties valued in the millions of dollars. It is our responsibility to keep them safe and in good repair. We continue to work on improvements to Convention owned facilities.

Beverly Volz performs general administrative duties for the Business Services Committee and the business office. She also maintains records on the Convention vehicle fleet and assists in human resources and accounting matters.

The business services staff renews its pledge to continue doing our best to service those who serve the Lord to further His kingdom and ministry.

Accounting Team Keeps Track of Every Penny

The Accounting Team provides leadership in seeking ways to standardize policies, procedures and forms associated with maintaining the financial records "in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles."

The team receives all contributions from churches and individuals, and properly acknowledges and records them. Pam Costilow performs the receipts function. The paying of all employees of the Convention, regardless of their physical location in the scattered locales of Convention facilities, is centralized and performed by the Accounting Team in Cary by Barbara Bowen.

All disbursements for products and services procured by the Convention staff, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, NC Baptist Assembly (Caswell), Caraway Conference Center and Camp and Hollifield Leadership Center are processed and paid by accounts payable team member Jay Renfrow. The payables function includes the budgetary distribution of all contributions to the colleges, universities, homes, hospital, and Fruitland Bible Institute of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and to the national and international missions partners-all the institutions, agencies, partnerships and other mission enterprises North Carolina Baptists support through the budget distribution they vote on in annual session.

The administrative and associated functions for properly accounting for the costs of the fleet cars driven by the convention employees are coordinated by team member Penny Cozadd. Baptist State Convention of North Carolina staff travel many thousands of miles each month to serve congregations, associations and their leaders. Monthly travel expense books are completed by each responsible employee and returned to the accounting team. The team reviews each book for consistency and supporting documents. Penny also prepares the necessary journal entries to assign expenses associated with the expense reports to the proper budget line.



An especially significant accomplishment in the past year is implementation of a new Windows based accounting software system that gives us the ability to track costs and revenues in many more dimensions. It also gives us the capability to provide more sophisticated reporting to our users. The team worked very hard not only to implement this new system but also convert to a new structure for its chart of accounts.



Administration Forms New Information Services Team



To meet the increasing demands to utilize information in ways that not only collect and analyze data, but also lead toward informed decisions; and to improve computer, technical and information services to staff, congregations and associations, a

new Information Services team has been formed.

John Jones, an "early adopter" of new technology and a certified coach, has worked 15 years for the Convention, most recently with Mission Growth Evangelism as a liaison with Hispanic church planters. He will lead the new information services team. Also on his team will be Ron Raspberry and Russell Schwab, who have been the information technology team. Shane Nixon, web minister in the Public Relations and Resource Development group will join the team.

While Information Technology was administered through business services, the new Information Services will be supervised through Administration, giving it the high profile it needs to establish itself as a new team.

The new team will retain several assignments. It will still focus on accomplishing efficient and effective ways for the Convention to conduct its work and achieve its mission and in multiplying the methods we use for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The team will continue to maintain the computer systems of the Convention, including in the Cary Convention Building alone 125 computers, plus major servers. That involves providing hardware, software, and training for convention staff and offering technical assistance to our institutions and agencies. Every year the team fields over 2,500 calls for help just from the staff located in the Cary Office.

Information Services will collect information, catalog and store it, and interpret information to apply it.

One of the largest databases we maintain is on the Baptist churches of North Carolina. We collect information from the churches through our Congregational Resource Center or CRC. The CRC is a database accessed by users through the Internet. A church or an association can go to the CRC and enter information, store it and then retrieve it for reports. Each year we collect all of the information to produce our annual report on the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Since a church can enter its information through the CRC, the information is always available to the church for updating and it can be retrieved instantly.

We also keep databases about the population of North Carolina. Demographic



information can help a church more clearly understand its ministry area and discover new ways to minister to the people in its community. We call this information demographics and it includes the information collected by the Census Bureau plus additional information on the sociological and psychological profiles of the population of North Carolina.

In addition to collecting information we have to catalog it and store it. Information technology uses leading edge technology for information storage and retrieval. For an example, we can instantly access over 160,000 name and address records. When you receive mail from the Baptist State Convention, chances are your name and address was provided by Information Services.

Information Services also will provide research for the Convention. Through our databases on North Carolina we assist associations and the Church Planting Team in knowing what areas might be ripe for a church plant. We can easily identify the growing places in North Carolina and look at our current churches' track records for attracting new people. We know that new churches that target specific people groups have a higher ratio of success than others. In addition, we can provide research on an existing church's community that will help it know how to focus its ministries.

GuideStone Adopts New Name, Continues to Serve Servants



The name change from the Annuity Board of the

Southern Baptist Convention to GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, became official with action at the SBC annual meeting in June 2005. With the name change comes a renewed effort from the national agency and the individual state conventions to serve more effectively the needs of church employees relating to retirement, insurance, planning financial support, church and clergy tax issues.

In an ongoing effort to provide a variety of insurance products priced competitively to meet the diverse needs of our constituency, GuideStone continues to negotiate with insurance providers for the best price. Moving to Blue Cross/Blue Shield Highmark as the primary provider and to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield national network has saved millions of dollars this year for our churches and church employees. Unfortunately, pastors and employees of our smaller churches (less than 10 employees) are at the greatest disadvantage because of the requirement to provide evidence of good health in order to qualify for coverage. We continue to encourage new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary to take advantage of the 31-day open enrollment period commensurate with their first time enrollment in one of these schools.

The need for retirement planning among our church employees continues to be a challenge which must be met through meaningful educational experiences. The most difficult task is getting the appropriate information to key decision makers in our churches—church treasurers, budget/finance committee members, personnel committees, deacon chairs, etc.,

who determine what retirement benefits, if any, the church will provide for their pastors and other church employees. Many of these key leaders are unaware of the protection benefits-disability and survivor-in the Church Annuity Plan which are provided at no cost to North Carolina retirement participants who meet the eligibility requirements.

During calendar year 2004, 964 disability checks totaling \$459,166 and 15 survivor checks totaling \$328,655 were sent to North Carolina church employees and their families.

“Without question the most disturbing part of my work is the large numbers of pastors who come to retirement with Social Security as their only source of income,” said Johnny Ross, GuideStone representative at the Convention. “This is especially sad for those who have served our churches for many years and have little or no retirement money to rely on. Presently, GuideStone is providing some monthly financial assistance to 244 retired and under prepared pastors and church employees in North Carolina through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.”

Finally, it is our desire to increase the level of retirement participation from 5,165 participants in 2,354 churches, which represents 61 percent of our churches as of June 30, 2005, and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate products to meet their needs.

For more information call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at (800) 395-5102, ext. 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at (800) 262-0511, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

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Congregations Confront Their Futures at Hollifield Leadership Center



“Wow, I didn’t realize what an immediate impact Valwood’s coach training would have on my ministry. My congregation has a better leader because of the training I received at Hollifield.”

The pastor who said this is in a typical church in eastern North Carolina

who received training in Christian Leadership Coaching at Hollifield Leadership Center through Lake Hickory Learning Communities. His comments are representative of the more than 100 pastors and other leaders finding new ways to communicate, cast vision, and lead their congregations to reach their full Kingdom potential.

During Hollifield’s Congregational Leadership Days, more than 3,000 North Carolina Baptists came to beautiful Lake Hickory to draw closer to each other, and to God, during retreats of all types. Hollifield Leadership Center continued to expand its reach to North Carolina Baptists and others throughout 2005. Through its ministry to the local church, Hollifield has hosted more than 100 North Carolina Baptist congregations for retreats and leadership development in the areas of deacon ministry, couples enrichment, choir training and fellowship, and strategic planning.

Pastors and other church leaders come to Hollifield throughout the year for staff planning and development, future planning, and spiritual renewal. Many individuals made a journey to Hollifield for personal renewal and reflection.

Through **Lake Hickory Learning Communities**, Hollifield has hosted some of the best and brightest 21st century Christian ministry thought leaders for a series of learning



experiences designed to build capacity among various learning communities. These communities have formed around the areas of Christian Leadership Coaching, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, Spiritual Strategic Journeys, and Congregational Transformation Experiences.

A recent guest at one of Lake Hickory Learning Communities' "Day of Generative Dialogue" events wrote "I never would have dreamed of being able to sit in a room with someone like Brian McLaren and a small group of other leaders from around the state for a day of intimate discussion. Thanks for making this possible!"

Hollifield has also been an integral part of the learning

“ I can't believe how well we were treated and how peaceful your facility is each time we come. When we are at Hollifield, we sense God's presence and we always come home refreshed and committed to our church's mission. ”
— a recent guest

communities around Pursuing Vital Ministry and Innovative Churches. Each of these communities regularly meet at Hollifield to plan, learn, and encourage each other as they seek ways to be more effective in their congregations.

Lake Hickory Learning Communities provided other ways for North Carolina Baptists to build capacity to serve in their local congregations through live satellite simulcast of nearly 20 training events from Church Communication Network. Over 100 people attended simulcast training events at Hollifield this year. Also, more than 150 North Carolina Baptists attended 15 computer training classes on applications most frequently used in a congregational setting.

Bill Copper directs Hollifield. Kim is process coordinator for the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence (SPE) program, a Lilly Endowment-funded project to help identify excellent ministry practices as well as ways to build the capacity to sustain those excellent practices.

Mike Heavner coordinates food service with Sandra Fox, his assistant.

Caraway: Timber Sale Enables Renovations, Building



Conference Center & Camp

"Serving churches and other religious and non-profit organizations"

Caraway Conference Center and Camp provides bedroom accommodations, conference and activity space and meals for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, associational and church-sponsored conferences, boys' summer camps, and other religious and non-profit meetings.

Our facilities consist of a camp with a 250-bed capacity; conference center with 78 bedrooms, 11 conference rooms and a 350-capacity auditorium. Our facilities are open year-round and operate approximately 325 days with over 23,000 guests annually.

Caraway this year received \$253,000 from a timber sale. Once the timber is cut, we will replant with loblolly pines. A large portion of this income was used to renovate and improve two cabins and build one new cabin. Also, we renovated the camp dining hall and gym from operational funds. We have designed programming for 3rd-8th grades to introduce Caraway to public and private schools. We have installed a new phone system and improved internet service in the conference center.

"We continue to improve services and facilities throughout our campus," said Charles H. Harris, director. "Our greatest blessings are the 'changed lives' occurring during retreats and conferences at Caraway. We invite pastors, staff, churches, and associations to use our facilities. We customize our services to meet your needs."

North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell

As from the beginning, a primary focus of Caswell's year is summer camp. While the full range of Caswell's impact on lives cannot be measured by mere numbers, there are several numbers significant enough to merit attention.

In 2005 there were 8,664 in attendance for youth, missions, and music weeks. During the eight youth weeks 336 young people made first time professions of faith; 3,056 rededicated their lives to Jesus, and 232 committed themselves to fulltime ministry. There were additional commitments all during the year and during church group devotions each week that are not included in these figures.

"Caswell is surely one of the most effective tools for evangelism and discipleship we have," said Director Rick Holbrook.

Now that each building has been renovated and the campus infrastructure improvements are complete, our focus for the coming year will center on the building of a new youth residence building to make it possible for more young people to attend each week. With such an effective instrument in our possession for evangelism and training, how could we do less than expand its use?

Virtually every day we are reminded at how blessed we are that in 1949, Dr. M.A. Huggins and the Convention leadership had the foresight to purchase this facility to provide a place of training, inspiration, and retreat for all North Carolina Baptists to share. Today, through Cooperative Program Missions Giving, North Carolina Baptists support the program staff and Caswell in making it possible to provide the facility and programs offered here for our people.

Truett Camp Honors Preacher

Truett Baptist Camp is located on the farm in Hayesville that was the birthplace and boyhood home of George W. Truett, one of Southern Baptist's most renowned pastors. George Truett, the son of Charles Levi and Mary Kimsey Truett, was born on May 6, 1867, the seventh child of eight children.

In 1886, at age 19, the young schoolteacher accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and joined the church in Hayesville. In 1887, he helped found the Hiwassee Academy in nearby Hiwassee, Georgia.

In 1889 Truett moved with his family to Texas and in 1897 he became the pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. During his pastorate, he baptized more than 25,000 members into that congregation. Under his leadership, First Baptist became the largest Baptist church in the world. He served his denomination in a number of leadership positions during his pastorate until his death on July 7, 1944.

The first camp on the Truett property was held in tents in 1952, with the first building to follow 1954. Logs from the original birth house were used in one of the buildings. Future plans include building small group houses for retreats and a conference room for meetings. A clearing for a hiking trail is also in the works.



Truett Camp is landscaped with rhododendron, azaleas, daylilies and other shrubs that make the camp colorful in the spring and summer. The changing of the leaves in the fall makes for a beautiful scene and snow in the winter make a stay at Truett truly wonderful.

Truett Camp is a beautiful retreat facility that is available to church groups, schools and others all year. The camp can accommodate 184 campers in the barracks and 80 guests in the Roberson Conference Center. There is a spacious conference room and an education building for worship and classes. Meals may be provided upon request.

During the summer months, the Western Happiness Retreat is held. This year we had 65 Happiness campers. There are two weeks of Girl's Camps. There were 267 girls this year with 54 professions of faith. Our Junior Music Week was attended by 76 campers and Youth Music Week was attended by 108. One week of Boy's Camp was attended by 117 boys, nine of whom made professions of faith.

"Remember," said Director Richard Roberson, "a day, weekend or week in the Smoky Mountains begins with God, you and Truett Camp. It truly is an experience that will last a lifetime."

Human Resources Develops and Cares for Staff

Linda Hudson, former missionary to the people of Korea, manages the office of Human Resources and Staff Development. She has moved many functions and forms to the web, facilitating applications from potential staff, and development of current staff.

Human Resources provides services as follows:

- recruitment and selection of personnel for staff within BSCNC and its related facilities,
- orientation/training and development of employees,
- records maintenance,

- evaluation process for employees,
- termination of employment/exit interviews,
- maintenance of BSCNC's employee handbook,
- benefits administration:
 - 1) medical plan for all active employees,
 - 2) the medical retirement plan for qualified retirees
 - 3) life insurance plans for both groups.

“We focus on improving the workplace environment and following federal and NC laws regarding employment issues,” Hudson said. “We are happy to share information with churches concerning employment issues.”

Congregational Services LEADERSHIP COMMUNITIES WILL HELP CONGREGATIONS DISCOVER, MOVE TOWARD THEIR FUTURES



Lynn Sasser is executive leader for Congregational Services, the purpose of which is to assist North Carolina Baptist congregations as they discover and move into their future. Sasser says his staff is committed to “come alongside” as coaches, consultants, and

encouragers as congregations seek to become everything that God desires for them to be.

One way we describe this is “full Kingdom potential.” Our passion is to help North Carolina Baptists discover and take steps toward God's preferred future for their congregation.

We are committed to focus on the needs of congregations. This does not diminish our commitment to areas of ministry specialty such as Pursuing Vital Ministry, Sunday School, Discipleship, Preschool/Children, Music and Worship, Pastoral Ministry, Family Ministry, Special Ministries, Christian Life, and Multi-Cultural Ministry. However, it does mean that our primary focus is on assisting congregations in their discovery of God's purpose and direction for their church.

We recognize that each of the 4,000 North Carolina Baptist congregations is different. They are located in different settings, both geographically and culturally. They are composed of people with different gifts, talents, and abilities.

Not only is each congregation unique and different, but within each congregation there are units that have very different needs. Therefore, we are emerging four Leadership Communities that will focus on congregations and congregational needs.

Your Congregational Services staff believes that every congregation should be engaged in a "Spiritual Strategic Journey" toward its full Kingdom potential. This spiritual strategic journey is unique to each congregation because the full Kingdom potential for every congregation is different. Success is defined one congregation at a time.

Vital Ministry Leadership Community

The **Vital Ministry Leadership Community** focuses primarily on congregations or units within congregations that are ready to engage transition and change in order to achieve their full Kingdom potential.

These congregations will most often utilize process oriented approaches to their spiritual strategic journey. Coaching is the preferred style of learning for many of these congregations. They are ready to re-vision and create a Future Story that will pull them into God's future for their congregation.

Program Ministry Leadership Community

The **Program Ministry Leadership Community** has a primary focus on congregations or units within congregations that recognize their need to engage transition and change but may not be ready to do so.

This community is poised to come alongside congregations that are looking for a more programmatic approach to their spiritual strategic journey toward full Kingdom potential. Consulting is the preferred style of learning for many of these congregations.



Emerging Ministry Leadership Community

The **Emerging Ministry Leadership Community** focuses on congregations or units within congregations that are ready and willing to engage the "new world out there." This will include established congregations who would describe themselves as "innovative" as well as many new church starts that are intentionally focused on reaching people who are not reached by existing churches. Peer learning is the preferred style of learning for many of these congregations.

Multi-Cultural Ministry Leadership Community

The **Multi-Cultural Ministry Leadership Community** focuses on assisting and encouraging congregations in

meeting the many and varied ethnic and multi-cultural ministry needs of North Carolina. This community has many faces: the large and growing Hispanic population, more than 15 Asian people groups, African-American congregations, Chaplaincy ministry, and special needs ministry that includes those with both physical and developmental disabilities. This community also provides leadership for a Multi-Cultural Collaborative Community that includes others within the Baptist State Convention who serve in multi-cultural ministries.

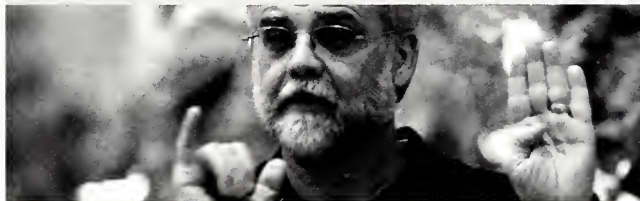
Hispanic Ministries continues its partnership with LifeWay and the International Mission Board in providing leadership and discipleship training for Hispanic congregations in Spanish speaking countries. This year one of the convention's Hispanic consultants, along with three North Carolina Hispanic pastors, traveled to Western Cuba where they presented six different conference topics relating to discipleship and leadership.

This August a team of three North Carolina Hispanic leaders taught at the Baptist Seminary in Honduras. In September another Hispanic team traveled to Eastern Cuba to participate in leadership and discipleship conferences for the Eastern Baptist Convention of Cuba. These opportunities are richly blessing North Carolina's Hispanic leadership. Hispanic congregations are convinced of their role in world evangelization and discipleship and desire these Kingdom-focused life changing experiences.

Leadership formation is a critical issue among North Carolina Hispanic congregations. Through the joint efforts of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the Baptist State Convention many Hispanic leaders are receiving training and preparation to be more effective leaders.

Some 23 Hispanic leaders are now students at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. Instruction is in Spanish. Teachers are

Spanish-speaking. Courses in Baptist Doctrine, Discipleship, Evangelism and Missions are among the subject areas. Many students who complete the "Spanish Track" will have the opportunity to move into the Associate of Arts program at Fruitland. North Carolina Hispanic congregations will be better equipped to fulfill their God-given mission with better trained and equipped leaders.



Deaf Communities Also a Culture

A deaf congregation disintegrated in Raleigh several years ago, but there are enough deaf people that a congregation was needed. The Baptist State Convention is working to respond to that need.

Two churches with strong Deaf leadership were recruited to help form a ministry team. Deaf groups from Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and Forest Hills Baptist Church in Wilson met together at Caraway for a weekend of prayer and strategy planning.

Their plan included a jointly hosted picnic and worship service on the Meredith College campus, attended by more than 100. They met four hours to eat and participate in a Deaf worship experience, which included drama, testimonies, and Deaf choirs.

The next steps are coming as the ministry teams pray and maintain their contacts in Raleigh. A Deaf church planter will soon be following up with the names of all those present at the May event.

Helping Missions

Transition to Church Status

After many years of being a "mission" Iglesia Bautista Hispana Bethel of Yadkinville was constituted as a church on May 15, 2005. Along with the local association, the Convention provided leadership and training for this transition. Special "town meetings" were held with the church to allow for dialogue and questions pertaining to Baptist doctrines, how to be church, and what does it mean to "partner" with the local association, the state and national SBC. Congregational Services has an emphasis on transitioning missions to church status.



Asian Retreat a Highlight

Leadership from the Multi-Cultural Collaborative Community spent a week-end together at Fort Caswell with 22 Asian pastors and their families. It was exciting to hear Gospel songs and Scripture in the many languages present. There were Vietnamese, Laotian, Thai, Japanese, Chinese, Lau, Filipino, Montenegro, and Asian Indian. Yet, all were one in Christ. The pastors spent all morning working with a coach who drew out of the pastors a list of challenges they face in ministry. Even more important than the list of challenges were the ideas from around the room on how the challenges can be met. Many of the pastors told us that this was the best thing they have done with their families all year. The Asian community of North Carolina is one of the fastest growing populations in the state. Asians represent almost 2 percent of our population and one of the greatest potentials for reaching people for Christ.

Coaching Benefits

COACHING HARVESTS ‘SOLUTION SEED’ IN EACH CHALLENGE

“Coaching assumes that a unique ‘solution seed’ lies within every challenge. This seed simply needs to be given the right environment in order to germinate and reveal itself. Thus a coach tries to create the right environment for the solution seed to grow within the soil of the current challenge. In contrast, a consultant, or expert, can be likened to a contractor who uses his knowledge to bring outside materials and solutions onto the bare soil of a client’s challenge.

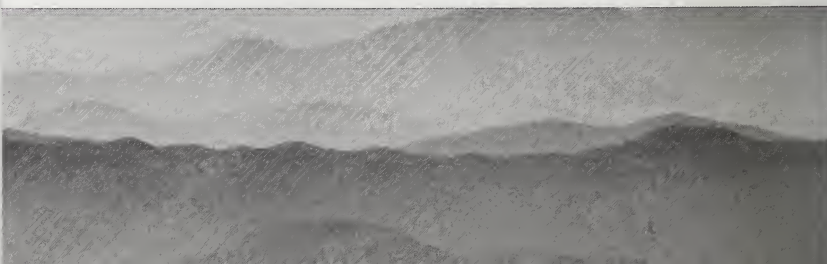
“Today’s leaders, including those in the church, are drawn to the organic over the mechanical. They trust the natural more than the artificial. And they are suspicious of outsiders who offer neat solutions to every problem. The values of Celtic Christianity, which are experiencing a resurgence in popularity, stress a person’s God-given spirit that lies hidden beneath layers of sin and muck, and must be nurtured out. As George C. Hunter points out in *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* (Abingdon, 2000), this approach contrasts with the Roman model, which seeks to overcome man’s crippling condition by delivering help from outside the person in need.

“Coaching is an art of discovery more than a science of delivery. The use of questions and conversation in coaching means that we begin from a posture of humility and mystery, not authority and knowledge. The coach serves as a catalyst in the client’s own journey of discovery.

“There is a lot of talk today about life being a journey rather than a destination. Many leaders have abandoned the notion that one ever ‘arrives.’ This makes books, conferences, and other products that promise once-and-for-all solutions appear obsolete and arrogant. A journey consists of a series of steps, and today’s leaders are simply looking for help to take the next one in their journey.

“The art of coaching helps people find the road signs to where their journey is headed. It does not prescribe a single solution for every situation. Thus, coaches must be artful in skills of discovery, rather than experts over a body of knowledge.”

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Hammett Says Coaching Generates Fruit

“Coaching continues to generate fruit and fulfillment for many coach trainees and congregations,” says Eddie Hammett, senior consultant for discipleship and deacon ministry. As one of the trainers and one of the mentor coaches for Valwood Coaching I get to experience these “aha’s” consistently. Recently, a pastor I am coaching expressed it this way, “Coaching has allowed me to see options and find fulfilling experiences I never knew existed in my setting.”

Another client said it this way: “Mentor coaching has helped me understand that life is not as much about my control as it is my release. When once I release myself into the wind of the Holy Spirit, I no longer control the direction in which He might take me. I do, however, retain the option of choosing how high I will soar as I travel. This one discovery has radically transformed me from one who could see only limited possibilities, into one who views the entirety of life as a possibility!”

Consulting with deacons continues to provide access to a key group of leaders in churches that can move the church forward or stop the church in its tracks. Because of a deacon retreat I did at First Baptist Church Albermarle they decided that the entire congregation needed to hear the same presentation in order to help them understand the changes going on around them and possible solutions for *Making the Church Work* in the future.

Facing reality is a difficult thing for some churches and leaders to face not to mention making the adjustments to make them more effective. The group is studying my book *Making the Church Work* and the church wide presentation is strategically designed to help them find and take next steps. Finding courageous churches and leaders who are willing to face the future is exciting.



Keeping People Over 60 While Reaching People Under 40 has grown from an article to a series of seminars and products because so many churches have benefited from and are interested in the topic. I’ve led this seminar in over 50 of our churches in the last couple of years. First Baptist Winston-Salem is one church which decided its next steps would be to reach and minister to the young and the older persons in the community. They now have a plan to move forward.

Learning Communities have in large part replaced the mass meetings I have done in the past. The Learning Community offers a safe environment for pastors/staff and/or laypersons who are from similar churches and are working on similar issues to benefit, not from the expert coming into their church, but from a community of peers who are learning from their journey and are willing to share with each other.

Such strength, hope, healing and encouragement happens in these communities. “Please don’t stop these meetings,” a pastor recently said. “It’s the only place I have that offers me anchoring and hope amidst a steep learning curve. I’ve realized I can’t transform my church until I am transformed as leader-this group is my agent of transformation.”



Triangle Baptist Church Develops Military Ministry

Some may have thought it futile when Raleigh's Triangle Baptist Church began to explore a ministry to military personnel. After all, the church is not near any of the major active duty installations in the state. How could that congregation impact North Carolina's extensive military population?

But layperson Ronna Jones had a passion to lead her church in doing just that. She shared her interest with Rena Wethington, a representative from Morrisville's Family Assistance Center of the North Carolina Army National Guard. Soon a yard sale was being planned to stir up interest and raise support for military families in the Raleigh area.

Larry Jones, the Convention's consultant for military and chaplaincy ministries, was contacted for assistance and advice. The Raleigh Baptist Association has provided funding to help promote and expand the ministry. Dozens of people from the church and community have responded to the effort. A support group has been formed, and events have been conducted for local family members of mobilized soldiers.

North Carolina has over 100 reserve and National Guard units scattered from the mountains to the sea! Over 7,000 of our "citizen soldiers" have recently been sent to serve in dangerous and difficult places like Iraq and Afghanistan. We have provided more personnel to assist with the global war on terrorism than any other state in the nation.

So an outreach to the families left behind can be a meaningful and rewarding experience for any church in North Carolina - regardless of their geographical location. Just ask Triangle Baptist Church! They dared to dream. And God has blessed their faithfulness!

Convention Begins Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Ministry

North Carolina Baptists have been involved in disaster relief since 1983. In recent years, our Baptist Men have responded to an average of one crisis per month. In 2004 we provided over 18,000 volunteer days and served some 231,000 meals to victims of ten disasters and the relief workers who assisted them.

But we have never had chaplains trained to deploy with disaster relief teams until this year. Through a cooperative relationship between Baptist Men and the Convention's office of Military and Chaplaincy Ministries, a program has now been developed to equip clergy and laypersons to provide a chaplaincy program for disaster relief.



Using general resources available from the North American Mission Board and other agencies as a place to begin, we have tailored sessions to deal with spiritual readiness and the biblical framework for chaplaincy. We also deal with the realities often encountered in a disaster relief setting. And we offer practical "how to" tips on providing ministry to those affected by floods, hurricanes, accidents, and other tragedies.

The first seminar for disaster relief chaplaincy was conducted at Caraway Camp and Conference Center in April 2004. Thirty persons registered for a follow-up event scheduled for August 19 and 20 in

Raleigh. Another full weekend of training is being planned for the fall, and about 20 persons have expressed interest in participating. For those who complete the training, churches commission their volunteers to serve in disaster relief.

One of our newly-organized chaplaincy teams has already been called on to respond to a natural disaster. And with an average of 67,000 disasters occurring worldwide on an annual basis - and Southern Baptists being among the top three responders (along with the Red Cross and Salvation Army) - we believe there is great potential for Disaster Relief Chaplaincy in North Carolina.



Caswell a Place Where Musicians Feel Their Call

Over the years, young people and adults alike have sensed God's touch on their lives through Music Week at Fort Caswell. Some have responded to full-time ministry in numerous ministry capacities including music and worship ministry. Others have chosen to follow Christ as Christian adults in today's society. Some children grades 4-10 have been impacted to become "Caswell Summer Staffers."

Some of those serving on faculty for Music Week grew up coming to Music Week, accepted God's call on their life for ministry and are now leaders in churches and come back to serve at Music Week.

When asked, "What will you take home from Music Week" they reply:

- A new relationship with God
- Knowing that I grew closer to God through my music
- To trust, obey and love God
- One of our people got saved!
- Singing skills and valuable info about life
- New friendships
- Improved playing ability
- Knowing God will be there for me no matter what
- A new found confidence in my voice
- A new outlook on praising God through song
- The knowledge I gained about how to sing better, worship better and love better—plus lots of new friends
- The lessons that I learned from the songs and the true meaning of what we sang

"All-State Youth Choir is life changing, spiritually challenging, full of beautiful choral music, and just plain fun," says Music Team Leader Dan Ridley. During the first and second weeks of February, nearly 130 youth from across the state auditioned at 14 locations. Ninety-two youth from 46 churches were selected for this year's choir.

The choir toured July 17-24 after meeting and rehearsing at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory. Evening concerts were presented in the following Baptist churches:

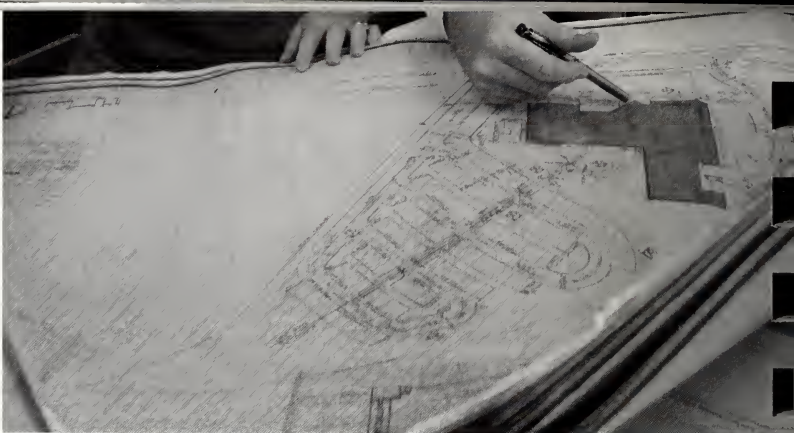
- Hickory First
- Mars Hill Church
- Mooresville First
- Lower Creek Church, Lenoir
- Morganton First
- Greensboro First.

The choir was involved in the following ministry opportunities: Black Mountain Center, Western North Carolina Retirement Home, Western Youth Institute, Christian Tours, Grandfather Mountain and the park at Blowing Rock.

Innovative Churches Breaking Ground for Next Generation

The Innovative Church Community gathers in Burlington each month. Participation is open to any church leader (staff or lay) who is dealing with issues related to innovation. The group has found a collegiality that extends to the needs and numbers of those present each month. Participation is typically 25 to 40 persons and the gatherings attracts a number of non-Baptists.

One frequent participant found strength from the ICC for a recent opportunity he faced. As the new pastor of a 5-year-old church, he found himself at odds with a small group of people who wanted to take the church in a radically different direction. The ICC used his experience as a case study and then provided a coaching session for him to work through the issue. The pastor received direction, encouragement, and prayer from the community and worked through the issue with grace and success. He commented at the next gathering that without the ICC experience he would have handled the issue badly and would have caused a lot of avoidable damage to the congregation. Today, the church is strong, growing, and unified.



Convention Offers Church Building Consultation

The Church Building Planning Team provided two building conferences and the seven church building consultants did dozens of on site, personal consultations for Baptist churches in 2005.

Consultant Roger Head relates this story:

A church in Cabarrus County was in a real bind. My inspection showed that their 100-year-old sanctuary had rotten floor joists, making the floor sag several inches.

In addition, a 20-year-old educational building was built with a crawl space, but with no vapor barrier. Fifty percent of most floor joists were rotted beyond repair. In addition, their fellowship hall had a huge crack in the middle of the floor and one side was several inches lower than the other side. It had been built on top of a trash dump where several stumps had been buried, and had since decomposed. Financially, the church had limited funds and borrowing potential of no more than half a million dollars.

In our discussion we concluded that all of their facilities needed to be torn down and rebuilt. The results of the consultation were that the fellowship hall was torn down, and the bad soil removed and replaced with acceptable soil. Then, at that location, a metal building was erected.

One end is being used for worship and will be converted to a fellowship hall when a new sanctuary is built. The sanctuary doubles as a fellowship hall. The other half of the building has two stories, with Sunday School classes for preschool and senior adults on ground level, and all others upstairs. This one building has given them more usable space than they had initially. And it was affordable. Within 5-7 years the church hopes to build a new sanctuary. But this solution allows them to continue growing in an affordable way.

As a consultant, I suggest that churches today must be more creative than in the past. Very often, they will have to be willing to do things a little more unconventional.



Pastor Affirms Pursuit of Vital Ministry

Steve Gouge quickly discovered a church seeking a vision when he became pastor nine years ago at Southside Baptist Church in Mooresville. One of the first things the congregation did was to conduct a 40-day period of prayer.

This is Steve's story:

"During that 40 days they prayed I would develop a vision for the congregation; that the vision would be compelling, concise and would motivate us toward our future. The church diligently prayed during that period that I would develop God's vision for us.

"Well, the Lord did provide a vision of sorts and we began to work very hard to try to accomplish what we had been impressed to accomplish. Well, about nine years had passed and I knew that we needed to look at something different, we needed to revision, we needed to re-dream the dream. As a result we set out on a path to try to determine how we were going to do it. Are we going to be involved in a regular consultant type approach to determining our future?

That's what we really had in mind because that was the only standard we knew. And so we began to investigate.

"About that time, I came in contact with a relatively new approach called **Pursuing Vital Ministry**. Our small group began to study that approach to see if this is something we would like to launch into. As we were given many learning opportunities by our State Convention to describe our needs and how Pursuing Vital Ministry might dovetail into that, we became convinced this was the direction for us to go.

"Now we began to put the pieces together and as pastor there were several things that appealed to me. Number one, it was a journey. A journey is an adventure and around every corner there is something fun in an adventure. Now this is a lot of hard work but I envisioned there would be lot of fun involved in the journey.

“ It involved a journey that would help us reach the point of discovering God's vision for the church and help us to live into that journey. ”

"A second part that really impressed me is the fact that a lot of people would be involved in the journey itself. It wasn't just that the pastor was looked at as the one who would develop the vision but there was a leadership community that would come along side and give guidance and direction and they would have a significant part in the journey.

"As we moved together through this process, I realized our people had keen insight and God was speaking to their hearts about the future story of Southside Baptist Church. And it also didn't involve just trying to develop a vision or future story. It involved a journey that would help us reach the point of discovering God's vision for the church and help us to live into that journey.

"To me that was the compelling part of what we felt God wanted us to become and wanted us to do. So we began on this journey with great excitement and great enthusiasm and with a desire to find out what God wanted us to accomplish through the ministry at Southside Baptist Church.

God blessed the journey in many ways.

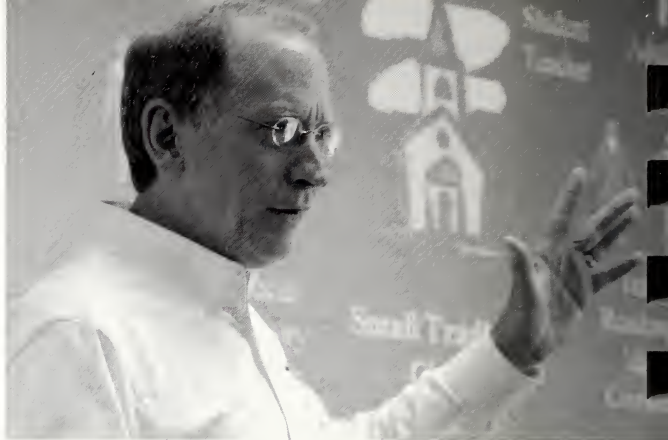
- (1) **Relationships were strengthened** among our members. They became involved in knowing one another better. There was a generational approach to our share and prayer triplets that was really an exciting part of the process.
- (2) **We also grew to depend upon God completely and fully.** It is a journey that really doesn't have steps laid out for you to accomplish and then you reach a destination. It truly became a journey that helped us to learn who God really is, who we are and where he wants us to be in the future.
- (3) **We began to see where He wanted us to be in 10 years as a church,** and that has given to us some purpose. Now we are still in the process of developing that future story, but we are confident that since God has been with us all the way through the process we will be able to see His continued blessing as we develop the future story and then began to live into that future story.

Pursuing Vital Ministry is a process, described by Steve, available to your church. Contact Neal Eller at (800) 395-5102, ext. 415 for information on involving your church in the journey. www.pursuingvitalministry.org

Sunday School Conference High Quality

Larry Curtis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, counts it a "privilege to host the 2004 Fall Sunday School Conference."

Curtis lauded Team Leader Phil Stone, staff and the seminar leaders for "an outstanding job envisioning, planning, coordinating and implementing the conference."



"There are many benefits associated with the conferences sponsored by our State Convention," Curtis said. "First, the multiple locations make the training easy to get to. Second, the quality of training is excellent and relevant to the needs of the participants. And third, everyone leave the sessions feeling more confident in fulfilling their responsibilities as Sunday School workers."

Certification Helps Preschool/Children Ministers Reach Outside

One of the most rewarding aspects of the Preschool and Children's Ministry Certification is that students/ministers are becoming concerned about children and families outside of their church family, says Senior Consultant Janice Haywood.

Student Minister Debbie Smith at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Charlotte arranged a parenting seminar for her practicum to be held at J. H. Gunn Elementary School, in the neighborhood of their church. They conducted it in two groups, one English and one Spanish. The pastors of their English and Spanish congregations led the parenting seminar based on the book *Teach Your Children Well* by Madelyn Swift. It deals with teaching children values.

Volunteers taught the children a character trait in the church while the parents were in their seminar. The parents were invited to the church during the Sunday School hour for the next four weeks to continue the study with Debbie Smith.

It has forged a relationship with the school and they are finding other ways to engage the church with the children and parents. It has caught the attention of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as a way to involve other faith groups in schools, especially parenting.



Legislative Sessions Run Christian Staff Life Ragged

On the day the General Assembly of North Carolina adjourned its 2005 session, Steve Sumerel paused to catch his breath. The just concluded long session had been his first as director of the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs, and it was also the year that everyone agreed the lottery had the best chance of becoming law.

The session proved to be a five-month goal-line stand, with a one-yard plunge on the game's final play pushing a lottery in for a score.

"On the day the General Assembly left town the first time, I looked at the Baptist map of associations and regions that hangs on our office wall," Sumerel said. "I reflected on the number of times I went to that map to compare legislative districts to our Baptist network. I remembered the many times association staffs, pastors, and laity pulled together to effect real change in the legislative process."

Sumerel said he found himself grateful to North Carolina Baptists who listened, read, cared and acted. Through the Legislative Information Network, interested Baptists had real impact on the lottery and literally hundreds of other issues of regional, state, or national interest.

The lottery was a unifying issue for many Baptists, but on other matters there was much disagreement.

"My ministry is to help each Baptist voice be heard," Sumerel said, "and where there is agreement, for those voices to speak in resonance."

As Sumerel was catching his breath, his phone rang. A local church just received a tax bill from its county. The General Assembly may have left town, but many issues lingered behind.

Convention Relations

A RELATIONSHIP UMBRELLA

Convention Relations is the umbrella group under which the institutions and agencies of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Woman's Missionary Union, North Carolina Baptist Men, Partnership Missions and our other missions partners relate to BSCNC administration.

God is doing great things through these institutions and agencies and auxiliaries both across our state and around our world.

"This medium gives readers a chance to explore the multiple ways North Carolina Baptists are ministering to our neighbors at home and abroad through the excellent work of those who are a part of Convention Relations," said Talmage Williams, interim executive leader for convention relations.



North Carolina Baptist Men/Partnership

The goal of North Carolina Baptist Men is to help churches involve their members in missions. Baptist Men:

- Enable and equip Baptists to be personally involved in mission activities;
- Encourage Baptists to identify and develop their personal ministries;



- Educate Baptists concerning mission opportunities;
- Teach Baptists the importance of praying for and giving to missions;
- Lead men and boys in developing in all areas and aspects of

their lives to become mature, active and involved Christians.

Baptist Men organize their work through 14 ministries including:

International Mission Projects: North Carolina Baptist Men's office has sponsored mission trips to: Ukraine, China, India, Honduras, Mexico, Armenia, Israel, Malaysia, Singapore, Czech Republic, Cuba, Chile, Romania and other places.

Medical/Dental Missions: In the past year North Carolina Baptist Men sponsored medical/dental teams to Honduras, Armenia, and Malaysia. The two 40-foot NC Baptist Men medical/dental buses have been put to great use in mission projects across North Carolina. Approximately 4,000 people were treated on the medical/dental buses this past year at 178 different locations. This ministry operates in cooperation with local associations across our state.

Disaster Relief: Frequent natural disasters keep North Carolina Baptists responding with great compassion to victims. Our disaster relief units and teams ministered through 10 responses, preparing 231,084 meals and completing 2,176 work requests, before Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast at the end of August. Hundreds of volunteers were immediately activated and coordinated and more tens of thousands of meals served to desperate victims. North Carolina will be adopting Mississippi in their recovery efforts and volunteers will be needed for several years.

Contact Baptist Men at 800-395-5102 to learn how you can volunteer personally or financially, or visit www.ncmissions.org.



North Carolina Baptist Men have three large disaster feeding units. The largest is capable of preparing and serving 20,000 meals per day. The two smaller units can each prepare over 10,000 meals per day. We now can coordinate over 130 clean-up trailers (owned by local churches and associations) for clean up and repair after a disaster. We also have three large shower units, two laundry units, a childcare unit, a water purification unit, and other disaster relief equipment.

Other Ministries: In addition to the flagship disaster relief, medical/dental ministry, and international ministries, NC Baptist Men carry out 11 other ministries designed to equip, motivate and mobilize men and women to be involved in missions. The newest of these ministries added this year is **Baptist Educators**. The other ministries are:

- 1) **Aviation, Agricultural Missions, Baptist Builders, Family Foundations, Correctional, Lay Renewal, Lay Revival, Resort and Leisure, Prayer Support and Sports in Missions.**
- 2) **Statewide Mission Programs and Emphasis:** These include Camp Angel Tree, Deep Impact Camp, World Changers projects, Community Service Projects, the annual Baptist Men's Convention, RA Congresses and many other training events.

3) **Owner's Manual:** NC Baptist Men's department writes the NC Baptists' *Owner's Manual* that accompanies *Mandate*, the Baptist State Convention monthly video missions magazine. Baptist Men's groups and church wide coed groups are using this *Owner's Manual* as curriculum to go with the video. The *Owner's Manual* is filled with ideas for hands-on mission involvement.

4) **Men's Ministries:** North Carolina Baptist Men are leading local Baptist churches and associations in developing a well-rounded ministry to men which includes evangelistic outreach, spiritual growth, and missions involvement. The goal is for each man to know Christ, to grow in Christ, and to share Christ. Leadership training is a focal point in assisting churches in this area.

5) **Royal Ambassadors/Challengers:** A high priority of NC Baptist Men is to help young men become a part of missions. Royal Ambassadors and Challengers grow and develop new and innovative ways of reaching boys, grades 1-12. Overseas Missions basketball teams, soccer teams and construction projects have proven to be innovative and life changing ways to involve young men in missions.

6) **Training:** The state Baptist Men's staff continually provides training for associational and church Brotherhood leadership. Specialists have been trained, to assist throughout the state, to educate men and boys in the area of missions and strengthen chapters and units.

7) **Meetings:** Each year there is an NC Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention, RA Congresses, and Challengers Convention. These meetings challenge NC Baptists to greater missions involvement. Many other conferences and workshops are held during the year.

8) **Caraway and Christian High Adventure:** Eight weeks of camp for boys ages 9-17, are held each summer at Camp Caraway. Christian High Adventure is a wilderness backpacking adventure for boys age 14 1/2 and up.

9) **Baptists On Mission:** This publication is mailed three times annually and it provides information to promote upcoming mission projects/events and to report on recently completed projects.



10) **Partnerships:** Baptist Men have accepted the responsibility of coordinating the partnership missions projects in which North Carolina Baptists engage. Current projects are with the Hawaii/Pacific Baptist Convention, the Honduras Baptist Convention, four conventions in Southeast Asia, Cuba, Armenia, and the Green Mountain Baptist Association of Vermont. We are also in a Prayer Affinity relationship with the Wyoming Baptist Convention. This year more than 2,600 NC volunteers will participate in mission partnership in these places. Through volunteer missions, Christ is being shared, lives are being changed and churches are being strengthened.

Staff: The NC Baptist Men's Staff is committed to helping North Carolina Baptist churches involve their members in missions. Your North Carolina Baptist Men staff are: Richard Brunson, director; Mark Abernathy, consultant for men's ministry and adults; Tom Beam, consultant for children and student missions/camp; Gaylon Moss, consultant for disaster relief and volunteerism; Fatima Roma, international mission projects secretary; Kathi Kestler, partnership secretary; Lynn Tharrington, administrative assistant; Kecia Morgan, financial secretary; Joanne Honeycutt, medical/dental bus coordinator; Betty Wynne, secretary; Mary Mountz, disaster relief secretary; Jim Burchette, special projects volunteer.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA



"If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me." (Luke 9:23 CEV).

"Christ Followers" has been this year's theme in Woman's Missionary Union. WMU has envisioned this as an invitation from Jesus to join Him in something significant and life changing.

"Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina has been doing that for over 119 years," said Ruby Fulbright, executive director-treasurer. "It is our desire to equip Christ followers to carry His message forward to a waiting world by giving them a keen understanding of the depth of God's love for all people and encouraging them to passionately serve others in His name."

Our excitement grew as we watched and heard about CrossWalk North Carolina making its way across our state beginning May 22, 2004. The grand finale of CrossWalk, held May 13-15, 2005, at Caswell, was an inspiring testimony to the decision of youth who have made a commitment to following Christ. Over 7,150 youth and over 1,000 prayer partners in more than 61 associations were involved in carrying a large wooden cross the length of North Carolina. Numerous first-time professions of faith were prompted by this public witness and new relationships and new ministries formed.

Many churches, pastors and youth ministers discovered that missions education is a vital part of a youth's spiritual development towards a missions lifestyle as they chose to begin Achteens or Youth on Mission.

Triad MissionsFEST/FamilyFEST, July 16-22, 2005, co-sponsored by national WMU, NC WMU and Central Triad, Piedmont and Pilot Mountain associations, was the largest event of its type with over 700 volunteers from 15 states coming together to do missions. Approximately 400 of those volunteers came from North Carolina and all worked together to represent Christ through Backyard Bible Clubs, VBS, prayer walking, home repairs/yard work, building playgrounds, replacing church roofs, servant evangelism, block parties, surveys for new church starts and many more.

WMU celebrated our history and heritage as WMU staff, officers, executive board and many faithful WMU supporters attended the dedication of a historical highway marker honoring the life and memory of Fannie E.S. Heck April 28, 2005. Sandra James, president, assisted Charles Heck, a great-nephew of Fannie, in unveiling the marker in downtown Raleigh.



Kay Bissette, former WMU staffer and currently on our Convention's Public Relations and Resource Development staff brought the keynote address, telling the crowd about Fannie Heck's contribution not only to North Carolina Baptist life, but to quality of life in our state. It was a glorious day as we remembered Fannie as an encourager and moving force in missions education and involvement.

We stand amazed at the work God is doing through our multi-cultural ministries. The Hispanic Women's Fellowship held its second annual meeting June 10-11, 2005, at Caraway, electing Sandra Duarte of Greensboro, president; Nora Castillo of Jacksonville, vice president; and Ana Laura Lopez of Washington, secretary.

The first Hispanic children's camp was held at Camp Mundo Vista June 17-19, 2005, with 65 children attending.

NC WMU continues to support all missionaries through prayer and giving, but we make a special effort to support North Carolina-born missionaries, their children, and their parents.

Summer 2005 saw God at work in the lives of 1600 campers at Camp Mundo Vista and nearly 100 girls who have at least one parent in prison as they attended Camp Angel Tree. WMU continued to maintain strong relationships with associations by offering three Associational Leadership Team Trainings for WMU officers. In addition, WMU helped sponsor World Missions Week at Caswell.



Our work has continued with Restorative Justice Ministries, Christian Women's Job Corps, and Baptist Nursing Fellowship through the year. New organizations on every age level have begun, www.ncwmu.org received a new look, and

Missions Extravaganza 2005 provided another weekend of inspiration, motivation, training, and fellowship.

Woman's Missionary Union of NC has made a commitment to "birthing the new" and no longer just managing the present. We are discovering new opportunities and challenges for missions education and involvement that are before us. Discerning where God is at work in our state and how we can join Him demands our immediate and undivided attention.

It is a privilege to serve with outstanding staff and officers as we challenge, prepare and equip Christian believers to be radically involved in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

As of August 2005, the following people bring capable leadership and faithful commitment to WMU: Judy Branch, administrative assistant; Ruby Fulbright, executive director/treasurer; Margaret Harding, adult specialist; Linda Hicks, multi-cultural specialist; Jan High, leadership development/training specialist; Bob Navey, resident camp manager; Cara Lynn Vogel, preschool/children's specialist. Part-time staff includes: Julie Keith, youth specialist; Betsy McSwain, ministers' spouses support coordinator.

Officers elected in April 2005 were Sandra James of Whittier, president; Mary B. Hunt of Pembroke; first vice president; Delores Thomas of Peachland, second vice president; Beth McDonald of Rockingham, recording secretary; and Chris Harker of Winterville, assistant recording secretary.

Unique gifts and strength come to WMU from being led and governed by laywomen. Together, we are discovering the joy of missions!

NC BAPTIST COLLEGES BUILD FUTURE AMONG STUDENTS

Campbell University in Buies Creek

Founded in 1887 as Buies Creek Academy, Campbell University has enjoyed and appreciated the special relationship with North Carolina Baptists and the Baptist State Convention over many decades. Nearly 60 percent of the undergraduate students enrolled on the Buies Creek campus are members of North Carolina Baptist churches. Baptist students also predominate Campbell's five professional schools-law, pharmacy, education, divinity and business.

The relationship between the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Campbell University is of such significance to Campbell that its affiliation with the convention is part of the university's Statement of Purpose:

“...Campbell University is a Baptist university affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Both in and out of the classroom, the university endeavors to present Christian principles to students and to foster their application in daily life...”

Enrollment jumped six percent during fall semester 2004, to 6,594 students at the main campus and three satellite programs at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force



Base, Camp LeJeune and Raleigh. Approximately 3,000 students enrolled in Campbell's Malaysian program.

A plan to revitalize and expand the Campbell campus was unveiled in October 2004. The Campus Master Plan was developed to articulate a vision for growth. The plan includes recommended new buildings, renovation and additions to existing buildings and new open space improvements which feature more green space on campus. Ultimately the Campus Master Plan will increase Campbell's capacity to accommodate a total projected enrollment of 5,600 students on the main campus within the next 25 years. Several new buildings and improvements are expected to be completed with the next five years.

A Campbell landmark, the historic D. Rich Building, underwent a major renovation and opened in October. The circa 1926, two-story campus centerpiece contains four new bathrooms, 12 new classrooms, and 14 new offices with additional workspace. The building's 1,000-seat Turner Auditorium was also renovated to include improvements to the stage, seating and acoustics.

The University broke ground on a new residence hall in November. The \$15 million project containing apartments and suites will provide additional housing for over 300 students. The 106,000 square-foot structure was recently completed and ready for the opening week of school.

Vanderbilt theologian Dr. Walter Harrelson delivered the annual Prevatte Biblical Studies Lecture sponsored by the Campbell University Divinity School. Harrelson is the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Bible at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The purpose of the Prevatte Biblical Studies Lectures is to further the mission of the Campbell Divinity School by bringing outstanding scholars to campus who are widely recognized for excellence in relating the message of the Bible.

Campbell announced a pledge of \$4 million from the John W. Pope Foundation. The donation will be used toward the construction of a convocation center, part of the Campus Master Plan, which will feature a 3,000-seat arena for sports and cultural events. The center is named in memory of John W. Pope Jr.

Campbell welcomed freshmen in a special Medallion ceremony at its 118th opening convocation in August. For the first time, freshmen were presented with a medallion engraved with the Campbell seal and the university mission statement, "To the Stars with Difficulty." The Medallion ceremony not only symbolizes the rich tradition students inherit when they attend Campbell University, but the special connection they have to each other and to those who have gone before them.

The second annual Conference on Faith and Communication was held by the Department of Mass Communication on May 20, 2005. Christian professors of mass communication from regional universities met at Campbell for the presentation of discussion and the presentation of academic papers on faith and communication. Schools represented at the event included Asbury, Carson-Newman, Lee, Liberty, Regent and the University of South Carolina.

Graduates of the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law once again led the state in percentage passing of the bar exam. In the February 2004 results, the law school's passing rate was 15 percent higher than second-place University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The law school has consistently led the way in graduates passing the North Carolina Bar since its inception, including a 100 percent passage rate in 1994, the first time all members of a graduating class accomplished that feat in North Carolina history.

James Roberts, director of the Campbell University physical plant operations, succeeded James Ellerbe as vice president for business and treasurer on June 1, 2005. Roberts came to Campbell in 1995 from Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky., where he served as director of facilities management.

John Roberson was named vice president for marketing and planning on April 28, 2005. Roberson was executive director of the Council on Christian Higher Education and Executive Leader for Convention Relations for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

A total of 800 undergraduate degrees and 500 advanced degrees were conferred at commencement services in May. Kirby Godsey, president of Mercer University, delivered the commencement address and entrepreneur Irvin Warren, of Dunn, and John Tyson, Campbell graduate and member of the North Carolina State Court of Appeals, were among the hooding speakers.

The School of Pharmacy posted a 100 percent passage rate on the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, the 10th time in the school's 16-year history that a 100 percent passage rate on the exam has been achieved.

Campbell University broke ground on a new pharmacy teaching facility in May. The \$9.9 million facility begins a thrust to add new science and health care programs at Campbell. The building is scheduled for completion in August 2006.

Campbell continues to offer undergraduate and graduate classes in evening programs at

various sites. Full-service programs are offered in eastern North Carolina at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune/MCAS New River and two sites in Wake County's Research Triangle Park.



Chowan College in Murfreesboro



Chowan College was blessed in 2004-2005 with an increase in enrollment, capital improvements, and a "can do" attitude that is bringing positive changes to the College. Our founding fathers felt the need to have "a school of high order" when they

opened the Chowan Baptist Female Institute in 1848. While the resurgence of Chowan College is building more and more each day, the tradition as "a school of high order" still continues to play a major role as it looks to its past and its Christian heritage to guide it in the future.

The M. Elizabeth Harris International Travel Study Endowment made it possible for 14 Harris Scholars from Chowan College to tour Turkey and Greece this past May. President Chris White and J. Brabban, E. Lee Oliver Fagan Professor of Bible and Religion, guided these students on this 12-day tour.

Harris established the \$1 million endowment prior to her death in December 2001 at age 89. One of Harris' chief loves was international travel, and she wanted students at Chowan College to have this same experience. A native of Seaboard and lifelong member of

Seaboard Baptist Church, she held various offices, including deacon and pianist-organist for 53 years.

The Chowan Christian Service Association (CCSA) was a vision of President White. Friends felt there was a need to help ministerial students regardless of their call to ministry through financial assistance and mentorship opportunities. The CCSA set two goals when it was formed in December 2004. The first goal was to raise \$100,000 endowment for scholarships, and the second goal was to have 100 members join the organization. Through the generosity of caring individuals, couples, and churches, these goals were accomplished in seven months. The largest CCSA gift to date came from a former member of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie.

The Ministerial Board of Associates has also been fully developed under the leadership of volunteer Director of Church Relations, Ronald McSwain, minister of Earlys Baptist Church. This 45-member board will assist the college in fulfilling its stated purpose and will seek to strengthen and improve the relationships between the college, Baptist churches, and the Christian community in general. The Ministerial Board's standing committees include church relations, student development, and youth outreach.

As Chowan continues its long tradition of academic excellence, it also looks to the future for ways to continue providing students with up to date technology. The McSweeney Hall Smart Classrooms project is still underway. The McElheney Lobby and Southern Bank Multimedia Classroom have been completed, and classes were to be held in this room beginning fall semester 2005.

The Smart Classrooms project is crucial to the success of our students. These classrooms will produce an explosive effect on the teaching and learning that takes place at Chowan. Gifts received from donors demonstrate their commitment to academic excellence and the future of Chowan College.

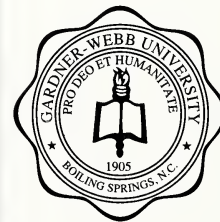
Beginning in the fall of 2005, the Chowan College Honors Program was offered to select talented and extremely motivated students to pursue their interests as part of a small community of scholars. The program will begin with 14 incoming freshmen and six returning students. This selective program provides an intimate collegiate atmosphere where students can work closely with peers and professors in a blend of classes and seminars.

Chowan College is bursting at the seams with several more accomplishments. Our largest freshman class as a four-year

institution is now on campus. Additionally, several on-going campaigns are underway and will bring Chowan to the forefront of Christian higher education. One example of this is Jenkins Residence Hall. Several major gifts have already been received toward renovations. The athletics program has moved from Division III to Division II, and will provide opportunities to Chowan College and Chowan athletics.

"Let us dare to dream dreams for Chowan," says an effusive board chair, Hugh Vincent Jr. "Let us dare to dream big dreams, for only big dreams are worthy of those who have given of their lives and resources for over 150 years. Chowan's best years can be in her future. The challenge is to not only dream, but to work to make dreams become reality."

Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs



The year 2005 marked "The Celebration of the Century" for Gardner-Webb University, marking 100 years as an educational institution.

It will be remembered as a year filled with reflection, excitement and anticipation. It was also a time of rediscovery and change. It was a time to truly remember what a "great" university we have in Gardner-Webb.

This yearlong celebration was highlighted with concerts, alumni reunions, a family festival, a birthday extravaganza and opportunities for



the surrounding communities to celebrate the Gardner-Webb heritage. During this centennial, we honored our past, present and our future - it truly was the "Celebration of the Century."

In its 100 years, Gardner-Webb has remained true to the mission of providing excellent education within a caring, compassionate, Christian environment.

2005 also marked a time when Gardner-Webb offered a farewell to a compassionate leader and friend, Frank Campbell, Gardner-Webb's 11th president. His impact on the Gardner-Webb community and beyond will be felt for years. His tenure as president during years of transition will be remembered as one of the most important times in Gardner-Webb history.

As we were saying our goodbyes to Campbell, Gardner-Webb also welcomed its 12th president, Frank Bonner, who has been an essential part of Gardner-Webb for nearly 20 years. He has been active in Baptist life, community service and the academic environment throughout his career. He brings proven leadership and offers a strong vision for the future of this university.

With goals to increase endowment, establish bold fundraising initiatives and expand campus facilities, Bonner will continue to support improvements in faculty/staff development and remain committed to the

Gardner-Webb mission of providing quality education in a Christian environment.

That environment grew a little brighter for several new students, thanks to a grant of \$924,000 from the VanLunen Foundation for first generation students. "It's very exciting to know that I have money for college," said Zachary Quickel, a first-generation college student from Lincolnton. Quickel is one of the first four recipients of a scholarship from the VanLunen Scholars Program. The scholars program provides half-tuition scholarships to four new students each year, and VanLunen scholars continue to receive the award annually during their career at Gardner-Webb.

Gardner-Webb also continues to pride itself on its world-class faculty and staff. In 2005, Gardner-Webb installed Charles Bugg, distinguished scholar, minister and author, as dean of the Gardner-Webb School of Divinity. In addition to being named dean, Bugg will also serve as professor of church ministry and leadership.

"I was impressed with the emphasis placed on congregational enrichment at Gardner-Webb," stated Bugg. "My goal for the divinity school is to continue to prepare ministers who are skilled in academic competencies and who are caring and informed practitioners of the ministry."

2005 will also be remembered as a time when Gardner-Webb athletics took on the national spotlight as well. Gardner-Webb baseball player Zach Ward pitched his way into the professional ranks with the Cincinnati Reds organization. Football standout Jim Maxwell earned his MBA and began a profession-

al football career with the New York Giants, and the men's basketball team fought their way to a conference championship and was just one step shy of the NCAA tournament.

As the Bulldogs' basketball squad prepares for another championship run, the most monumental game in the history of the institution is taking center stage. On November 19, the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs will take on the defending national basketball champion, UNC Tarheels, in the season opener.

Part of the Gardner-Webb experience is to provide and encourage opportunities for students, faculty and staff to serve humanity through service projects, mission trips and volunteer and community service boards and groups. Everyday, we witness Gardner-Webb products exemplifying the motto, "For God and Humanity." We have current students and alums providing leadership and honoring their Gardner-Webb heritage in hospital-missions, in the local church, in academic settings, in corporate boardrooms, in the White House and in various career choices around the world.

We celebrate their educational pursuits at Gardner-Webb, their commitment to their chosen professions, their desire to benefit humanity and most importantly - their love for Christ.

Mars Hill College in Mars Hill



Mars Hill College continues growing for the future. Construction has begun on a new residence hall to accommodate increased enrollment, and our upcoming "Values & Vision" capital campaign will lead to more changes on the college landscape: new classroom buildings, as

well as major physical improvements to other classroom and residential buildings.

Mars Hill's steady growth in admissions continues in 2005-06. We expect our full-time traditional enrollment for the fall semester 2005 to be about 1,073 students, an increase of nearly 50 from fall 2004, and our highest enrollment in more than a decade.

The academic caliber of our incoming classes continue to grow, as well. The average SAT score for new students is around 1,015, and average grade point average is 3.35, both of which continue an upward trends of the past several years. We also have continued our trend of recruiting more students from the Baptist churches of North Carolina. Nearly half of all Mars Hill College students in 2004-05 identified themselves as Baptist, and that number should rise significantly when final enrollment numbers are in for this academic year.

Mars Hill College's Adult ACCESS program also continues to show gains, and welcomed the addition of James Robinson as Associate Dean of Instruction.

President Dan Lunsford's administrative team is now complete, thanks to the selection of Nina Pollard as vice



president of academic and student affairs. Pollard is no stranger to Baptist institutions, having received her undergraduate degree at Louisiana College and serving such institutions as Judson College and William Jewell College prior to her most recent position at Peace College in Raleigh. Her selection comes following a comprehensive, year-long national search.

Mars Hill College has been without a chief academic officer for the last two years. This position, designed to realign academic and student affairs in an integrated liberal arts environment, is a wholly new one.

The college's Ramsey Center for Regional Studies was one of only five sites nationwide chosen for a National Endowment for the Humanities pilot program called Landmarks of American History. During two week-long workshops, community college faculty members from across the country came to Mars Hill College to learn new ways to ignite student interest in American history and culture. They studied the college's extensive collections in the Ramsey Center, and visited four key historic sites in western North Carolina. We received outstanding feedback for the program, which was featured in a segment aired statewide on North Carolina Public Television, and are looking forward to continuing the program next year.

Mars Hill College continues to be on the forefront of English as a Second Language (ESL) education. Tom Destino, chair of the ESL program and of the Education Division, is conducting research and developing a series of video segments illustrating the challenges elementary school teachers face when instructing bilingual students. The videos will allow teachers to move beyond the limitations of traditional textbook based classroom instruction, and actually see the impact of various teaching methods on students for whom English is not the primary language.

Our student athletes continue to excel in the classroom and in their respective athletic arenas. Both the women's and men's cross country teams won their conference championships, the women for the seventh time in eight years, and the men for the eighth consecutive year. Both teams advanced to win the southeast regional championships and competed at the NCAA Division II national championships. Coach Mike Owens was voted NCAA Division II Southeast Region "coach of the year."

Wingate University in Wingate

Wingate University reached out to area Baptist leaders with a new sabbatical program, offering an all-expenses-paid week for focused study to enhance their ministries in their home churches.

This creative approach is continuing evidence of Wingate's strong commitment to be guided by faith, knowledge and service in its mission to provide quality Christian higher education.



This year the Office of Student Ministries at Wingate provided many ways for students to grow in their faith through worship, fellowship, retreats, small groups and five different religious organizations on campus. More than 300 students participated as members of the Christian Student Union and performed local service projects and missions work in the surrounding communities. More than 100 students and athletes shared their faith as members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Students learned how to make a difference by coaching Special Olympics athletes, volunteering at a therapeutic horseback riding center, planning a hunger and homeless awareness week, mentoring a child and tutoring elementary students.

Annual retreats provided students with opportunities for spiritual renewal and service.



As part of their Wingate experience, students worshipped and ministered at local churches of their choice as well as through a myriad of faith-based mission projects. Several Wingate students served as part-time or volunteer staff in local churches surrounding Wingate.

Wingate students attended weekly chapel services featuring speakers and musical groups and student-led programs. Worship experiences and pastoral care services expanded for students and faculty through the Minister to Students and the University Chaplain. Faculty and staff also attended holiday services during Advent and Holy Week led by the University Chaplain.

Two successful events for area Baptist youth and children were held during football and basketball seasons to offer fun, faith and fellowship to youth groups and their leaders. These events reached out to children ages kindergarten through high school, who came to see an athletic event and hear a Christian message.

The University's educational and vocational counselor continued her mission on campus, helping Wingate students and high school youth discover God's call in their lives. She led youth retreats, Bible studies, summer camps and was guest preacher at youth Sunday school classes, Youth Days, Baptist Women's Day and Baptist College Day.

During the summer, Wingate again served as one of the most popular sites in the nation to host Passport mission camps. A record number of 3,000 youth were guests of Wingate during this Christian camp experience.

For area ministers and church leaders, Wingate University is a valued resource and pathway to continue their education. The University's Board of Ministers doubled in size to 60 members, offering an even greater partnership between the campus and area clergy.

In the area of local ministry, Wingate University's Chaplain and Minister to Students served as supply preachers and guest

ministers for special events in churches throughout the Carolinas. The Chaplain provided information at associational meetings in the Carolinas and Virginia.

In its continued efforts to provide financial assistance to students with a Baptist heritage, Wingate University assisted the families of the late Grady Faulk and Kelly Maurice Cooper in starting endowed scholarships in their names. The University also helped establish an annual scholarship in the name of the late Max Gardner Reece, Sr.

On the mission front, Wingate provided aid overseas through a unique project with Wingate Baptist Church. After hearing about the Village of Hope mission project for street children in Kiev, Wingate shipped 100 bedding units to the Ukraine to provide comfort for street children. A group of students, staff and faculty members also traveled to Kiev to work at the Village of Hope.

During a special celebration at home, the University library unveiled a new display of the rare Vinegar Bible. The 42-pound Bible from 1717 contains a misprint in Luke 20 where the parable of the vineyard is written as the "parable of the vinegar." The Bible is on view for the public during regular library hours.



Wingate University's more than 1,600 students continue to find the family atmosphere, small classes and personal attention a major advantage to their educational and spiritual growth. With 37 academic majors, education for adults at Wingate University Metro College in nearby Matthews, and one of only three pharmacy schools in the state, Wingate is proud to integrate faith, knowledge and service into its varied programs.

"Wingate appreciates the continuing prayer and financial support of the Baptist State Convention as we work together on our common mission to help students, faculty and staff develop the spiritual dimension in their lives," said President Jerry McGee. "We look forward to mutual success as we work together on mission-critical activities in our partnership with the North Carolina Baptists."

STRONG PAST MOTIVATES LONG FUTURE FOR BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
helping hurting children. . .healing broken families

Celebrating our past. . .charting our future!

Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120 historic years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives through parts of three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: GuidingStar. . . Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families.

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of helping hurting children. . . healing broken families - offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path: After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched GuidingStar...

Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, GuidingStar was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could be utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120

Years: "Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup"

Food For BCH: The "Food Roundup" in April 2005 was the second in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as directors of missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to help sort and count the food.

Many Voices, One Story: This year's Thanksgiving Offering theme, "There For Me," represents the pivotal role individuals play in the lives of hurting children. Baptist Children's Homes represents the outstretched hands of God, supported by North Carolina Baptists through their prayer and financial support. BCH staff lends their lives and their hearts daily to care for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of boys and girls. Just as Jesus

proclaims in the scriptures, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," dedicated friends have made the same promise to the children who walk through BCH's doors.

It is only through North Carolina Baptists' support and commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal is \$1,350,000. This represents a \$50,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2005 Thanksgiving Offering.

Breaking New Ground: Baptist Children's Homes continues to make a difference around the state. On September 26, 2004, BCH broke ground for two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry group homes in Zionville. "Joy Cove Ministries," the homes for adults with developmental disabilities, are currently under construction on the original Camp Joy property near Boone.

Three BCH direct care staff became the first child care workers in the state to be professionally certified through the Children and Family Services Association - North Carolina. Two other staff members received certification to train additional child care workers for professional certification

Groundbreaking for the Alverta Bolick DDM group home in Asheville took place Nov. 30, 2004. The home is under construction.

A "Laying the Foundation" ceremony Feb. 9, 2005 celebrated the building of the Harmony Home DDM residence in Dunn. The home was built in cooperation with Housing and Urban Development and Harnett County's Association for Retarded Citizens.

Ground was broken July 3, 2005 for Kennedy Home's new education center. In partnership with Lenoir County Schools, the facility will house the specialized education program serving Kennedy Home residents and other students from the community.



BAPTIST HOSPITAL A PARTNER IN MISSIONS WITH NC BAPTISTS

Working together through prayer, the genius of Cooperative Program Missions Giving, and the compassion of benevolent care, North Carolina Baptists are vital partners in missions with Baptist Hospital and our School of Pastoral Care.

Together in 2005 we are serving thousands of hurting people and fulfilling the School's mission: "to provide ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." Dynamic and life-changing ministries impact lives through the service of four departments.



"We are thankful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partner in these ministries of healing, helping us serve those God has entrusted to our care," said Len B. Preslar, Jr., president.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL **CareNet Counseling**
CARE **NET** **Centers Restore Shattered**
COUNSELING CENTERS **Lives**

In 1972 Baptist Hospital and the Baptist State Convention partnered to establish a Christ-centered pastoral counseling ministry. In 2005, thousands of North Carolinians whose lives have been shattered by emotional pain are experiencing God's healing presence through this partnership.

CareNet's 22 faith-based counseling centers across North Carolina extend the ministry of local churches.

24,500 hours of skillful and compassionate counseling will be provided in 2005, making CareNet the largest pastoral counseling network in the United States. Nearly 50 percent of those served are North Carolina Baptists, with pastors being a major referral resource.

Thanks to Cooperative Program Missions Giving, counseling is made affordable and available to those who need it most.

Center for Congregational Health

In 1992, the Baptist State Convention and Baptist Hospital together formed the Center for Congregational Health. Today, the Center's mission, "to assist congregations in becoming healthier communities of faith," is impacting hundreds of churches and church leaders.

Professional consultation is provided to nearly 25 churches per month, from energizing congregational life to resolving difficult conflicts.

Thanks to Cooperative Program Missions Giving, initial consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches.

Some 400 ministers and church leaders receive expert training in leadership development and spiritual growth every year.

More than 1,700 clergy have been trained to guide churches through interim periods and effectively prepare for future ministry.

Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education (CPE)

The CPE department at Baptist Hospital is one of America's largest and most highly respected. The department's dual mission focuses on quality education for clergy and seminary students seeking to develop their

gifts for ministry, and compassionate spiritual care to our patients and their families.

Christ-centered spiritual care is given through 50,000 annual ministry contacts.

Life-changing education is provided for nearly 55 clergy per year, strengthening their pastoral skills and ability to care for their churches.

Specialized educational programs are offered to church leaders, including hospital visitation skills, crisis ministry, and spiritual growth.

Thanks to Cooperative Program Missions Giving, tuition is made affordable for ministers in our training programs.

Church and Community Relations

Thanks to the grace of God and loving generosity of North Carolina Baptists, the **Mother's Day Offering** received \$617,341 in 2004. Every dollar helps lift the burden of hospital bills for patients in serious financial need, drawing them closer to Christ in thankfulness for the compassion of North Carolina Baptists.

The Minister's Subsidy

A subsidy of up to 25 percent is provided for ministers and their dependents serving North Carolina Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. In fiscal year 2005, \$78,584 was provided for this service, funded primarily by the hospital's W.K. Patient Service Fund with help from the Mother's Day Offering.

We often are blessed to hear from those we have served. Testimonies of thankfulness reflect the significance of our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

"We've seen marriages restored and life hurts healed through CareNet."

- NC Baptist pastor

"The Center for Congregational Health helped our church regain God's vision for our future."

- NC Baptist pastor

"CPE at Baptist Hospital was the best training I have ever had in my life." - NC Baptist pastor

"I could never say thank you enough to God and NC Baptists for helping me through the Mother's Day Offering." - Recent recipient

"The minister's subsidy was a blessing from God, and we thank Baptist Hospital from the bottom of our hearts."

- NC Baptist pastor

Thank you for partnering with us in the sacred privilege of serving Christ at Baptist Hospital!

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES BRINGS MISSION STATEMENT TO LIFE

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina lives its mission statement, which says it is a church-related, not-for-profit organization: "committed to providing quality care and a meaningful way of life for residents and staff...a place where residents and staff become an extension of family that recognizes the dignity and worth of each individual."



BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951

Day by day this mission statement guides the decisions and activities of the administration and staff of Baptist Retirement Homes in our service to older adults.

"Church-related" speaks of our privilege to be in partnership with our Baptist churches as an extension of their ministry in obeying the command of our Lord to give care to needy older adults. This partnership sets the tone



for our ministry. We go about our tasks with an awareness that we are to serve “as unto the Lord.”

This partnership also tells North Carolina that Baptists care...this care being provided in a quality way and this care to continue...secured by the support of North Carolina Baptists. This partnership also speaks of responsibility...the responsibility of Baptist Retirement Homes to be faithful to our mission and the responsibility of the churches to support us in our mission.

“Not-for-profit” speaks of the magnitude of the benevolent care Baptist Retirement Homes provides. In 2005, \$1.8 million in “free-care” will be provided to needy elderly. Other services are provided in addition to the care given in our homes. Our statewide elder care hotline...Baptist Elder Care Network (800) 877-7410...is available to all, providing answers for meeting the special needs of older adults. Our staff is available without charge to counsel church leaders and to share information with congregations and church groups as they seek to minister to and with older adults.

“Quality care” speaks of the magnitude and merit of the services provided by Baptist Retirement Homes. Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem and the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord are continuing care retirement communities. Apartment and garden home living at Brookridge and apartment living at Gardens of Taylor Glen are major components at those locations. Both communities also provide a continuum of care for the residents - assisted living, services for those with dementia, and nursing care.

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville offers assisted living, work with older adults with dementia, and nursing care. The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton and the Taylor House in Albemarle provide assisted living care. At both the Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home there are no financial require-

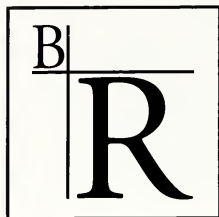
ments for admission. More than 60 percent of those in nursing care at the Western Home and more than 25 percent of the nursing care residents at Brookridge receive financial assistance provided by our churches. Seven hundred older adults will live at a Baptist Retirement Homes in 2005.

“A meaningful way of life” speaks of the beauty, comfort and enriching life style that characterizes each of the homes. Five Baptist chaplains minister to the spiritual needs of our residents. Parlors, solariums, libraries, chapels, exercise rooms, game rooms, craft rooms, swimming pools, plots for gardening, vans for outings are among the resources used by staff in providing recreational and enrichment opportunities to our residents.

“Extension of family that recognizes the dignity and worth of each individual” comes from the heart of the Christian message and as such is a foundational concept for Baptist Retirement Homes. In John 10:10, Jesus says, “I am come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” His life and teachings clearly show that every person is precious in His sight, each person is to be treated with respect and each person is to be loved and cared for...including older adults.

“Thank you North Carolina Baptists for enabling Baptist Retirement Homes to make life for our aging saints ‘the best of times,” said President William B. Stillerman.

BIBLICAL RECORDER SERVES IN INFORMATION MINISTRY



The *Biblical Recorder* exists to serve Baptists in North Carolina and beyond by providing regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of the most significant mat-

ters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of opinion pieces, supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, though it enjoyed a close relationship with the Baptist State Convention. In 1939, it became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association every year since 2000, including the prestigious Burkhalter Award for news writing in 2001 and numerous top awards for news and editorial writing, including two in both 2003 and 2004.

As many readers now prefer electronic media to traditional print formats, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed and maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the worldwide web. Our website, at www.biblicalrecorder.org, provides much of each paper's content online, as well as access to classified ads, online Bible study resources, and a portal to other news services. The site is updated frequently with breaking news items and other articles of interest.

The addition of a new "blog" or "weblog" by Editor Tony W. Cartledge at <http://journal.biblicalrecorder.org> provides an additional source

of news and opinion, updated almost daily, that also provides an online community for dialogue and an opportunity for readers to post their own blogs or comments.

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BAPTIST FOUNDATION GROWS FUNDS FOR FUTURE MISSIONS



www.ncbaptistfoundation.org

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation since 1920 has assisted the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis.

"The effectiveness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and Convention staff merits increased financial support," said M. Clay Warf, executive director.

The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2004, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 42 endowment funds and 17 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$2.9 million and received \$4.9 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$1.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$9.1 million in contributions during 2004 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2004, the Foundation held \$125.8 million under management.

During 2004, our distributions totaled \$5.5 million, with Baptist ministries and other charities receiving \$3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$2 million. In 84 years The North Carolina Baptist Foundation has distributed \$27 million to individuals and \$47.6 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand total of \$74.6 million.

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE HELPS TRUSTEES GET FEET ON THE GROUND



It only lasts a day, but planning for the one-day trustee orientation for new trustees/directors of institutions and agencies of the Baptist State Convention is an important step to help them get started in their important work.

The orientation was held Jan. 14 at Caraway Conference Center for 71 in attendance including six presidents/directors of the institutions and agencies plus 16 staff and committee members.

Opening worship for each session was led by Ran Whitley, chairman of the division of fine arts at Campbell University. In the morning session Jim Royston, then executive director-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, led a panel discussion presenting the spiritual visions that brought the institutions of the Baptist State Convention into being and how those visions are being carried out in the present. Panelists were Jerry Wallace, president of Campbell University; M. Clay Warf, executive director, NC Baptist Foundation; Michael C. Blackwell, president, Baptist Children's Homes of NC. Don Taft, trustee Wingate University, was the responder.

The afternoon session began with a keynote address by Roy Carroll, senior vice president for academic affairs (retired) University of North Carolina.

Using the theme "An Incredible Compliment" Carroll emphasized the Christian heritage of the institutions and the high compliment given trustees to be entrusted as "keepers of the flame." John Roberson, who was then executive director of the Council on Christian Higher Education, led a panel of experienced trustees in sharing how trustees work with administrators in leading the institutions.

The 2005 Trustee Orientation Committee consisted of Bruce O. Martin, Fayetteville, Chairman; Larry H. Burns, Newton; Ron Gibson, Rocky Mount; Douglas James, Greenville; Luther Osment, Sylva; Cecil D. Rhodes, Jr., Wilson; William L. Tomlinson, Rocky Mount; David Turner, Statesville and Ryland Whitehorn, Arden.

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Council on Christian Higher Education was founded in 1944 to champion the value of Christian higher education.



Since its beginning, the Council has sought to honor one of the founding purposes of the Baptist State Convention. When Thomas Meredith and 13 men met in Greenville, North Carolina on March 30, 1830, they dreamed of an organization that would educate young men for the ministry and employ missionaries. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has remained true to those founding values.

The Council seeks to promote the value of Christian higher education in our churches and cultivate good relations between the institutions and Convention. This mission is carried out through a variety of ways, including an annual "Baptist College Day" observance in our churches and promotion of scholarship opportunities for North Carolina Baptists to attend institutions affiliated with the Council and Convention.

Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College and Wingate University take pride in their association with the Council and the Baptist State Convention.

"Each institution places a high value on maintaining the historical ties that bind them to the Baptist State Convention," said Interim Director Talmage Williams. "The high percentage of students on their campuses who are Baptists bears witness to this tie."

Baptist Scholarship Recipients

Gifts to the Cooperative Program Missions Giving budget of the Baptist State Convention made it possible last year for 550 North Carolina Baptists to attend our affiliated campuses with scholarship help. Those students are members of 395 North Carolina churches who are members of 67 associations. The recipients of these scholarships appreciate the assistance they received.

Theological Education Grants

Optional Giving Plans B and C for the Baptist State Convention make it possible for members of North Carolina Baptist churches to pursue their theological training for places of ministry. Most of the grant recipients have chosen to attend the divinity schools at Campbell and Gardner-Webb Universities. Students attending either divinity school are eligible to receive \$110 per semester hour of study or \$9,900 for their degree program.

Students who elect to enroll in certain other non-SBC institutions are eligible to receive \$500 per semester or \$3,000 toward their study program. Students who benefit from this program do not have to be members of churches that elect to give through Optional Giving Plans B or C. They must, however, be members of cooperating Baptist State Convention churches and commit to serve in North Carolina upon graduation from their studies. As a result of this grant program, churches and associations throughout our state have benefited from the talents and gifts of these committed graduates.

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICES

It is easy to imagine the ills of the 21st century as unique to our time, but the Scriptures reveal that thought to be false.

An embattled and under prepared clergy, those existing on the fringe of society, orphans and widows and widowers were as much a part of history past as they are history present. It should come as no surprise that in God's infinite wisdom provision was made for their needs in the earliest records of God's revelation of Himself to mankind.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29: "At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest."

North Carolina Baptists, in obedience to God's Word, are making possible, through Cooperative Program Missions Giving and special mission emphases, the fulfillment of God's heart. Our methods differ from the past but Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Homes and Baptist Retirement Homes serve as the instruments of God's heart in our modern society.



Baptist Hospital's ministry to the "Levites" and "strangers" include the training of our clergy in chaplaincy and pastoral education that they might better minister to God's people in their most challenging times. It provides direct support in personal medical and financial burdens for clergy, freeing their minds and resources for fulfillment of God's calling upon their lives and that of their families. Its CareNet counseling centers offers free and subsidized care for those experiencing emotional and psychological needs in 18 cities and 22 locations at a time when state mental health treatment is being dramatically reduced.

The Mother's Day Offering provides relief for the most needy from unbelievably high medical bills allowing people to experience God's love through the children of God. Your gifts make these ministries possible.

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is committed to the needs of the "fatherless" in our society and has been faithfully devoted to that task since 1885. While providing basic residential and institutional services in 12 locations throughout North Carolina, BCH has also grown ministries that involve week-day education through developmentally appropriate care and learning for ages six weeks through grade five in four centers on Mills Home campus. The Cameron Boys Wilderness Camp for boys eight through 15 provides an environment that teaches discipline and self-worth in a year round camp in a wilderness setting.

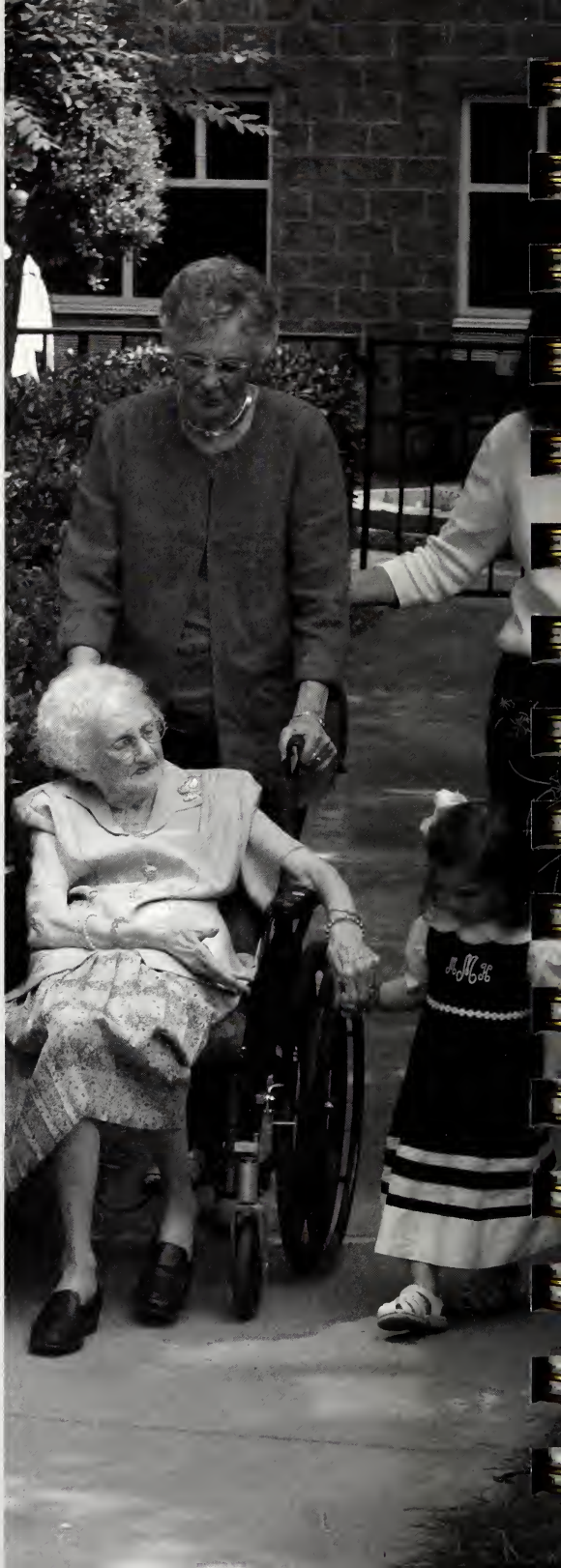
One of their newest and growing ministries is services to developmentally disabled adults. The program offers them the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and highest level of independence. The program is well rounded and touches every aspect of living. The latest development at BCH may well be a strategic planning philosophy or vision statement implemented in January 2004. "The vision was to create a plan that would serve for years to come and integrate all areas of BCH's work together defining a new era of ministry to children and families. The plan is entitled "Guiding Star: Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families" (copied from www.bchfamily.org)." Let me encourage you to read the Prologue to Greatness at the above web site. North Carolina Baptists make these ministries possible through their gifts to God's work.

Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina has been providing care for "widows and widowers" (older adults) since 1951. Their services range from independent living in two bedroom garden homes and apartments with full services, assisted living with help provided for daily living, memory enhanced residence for those dealing with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders and medical and nursing care at fixed daily rates.

These services with varying availability are offered at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston Salem, NC, Hamilton House in Hamilton, NC, Taylor House in Albemarle, NC, The Gardens of Taylor Glen, Concord, NC and Western NC Baptist Retirement Home, Asheville, NC. BRH is dedicated to providing nursing home care for as long as it is needed regardless of the financial resources of its clients. Funds provided by the Convention and the Baptists of North Carolina through the Cooperative Program Missions Giving and special offerings are used to support older adults living in assisted or nursing care facilities. Gain more information from their web site www.brh.org.

Our council is dedicated to proactively promoting these institutions as North Carolina Baptist's way of fulfilling God's instructions in the previously cited verses, but most of all to demonstrate God's love "not in word only but also in deed."

John Vannoy is president of the Council, and Dan Euliss is staff liaison.



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

This has been a good year for those interested in North Carolina Baptist history. The celebration of the 175th anniversary of the organization of this convention in May, 2005, and the commemorative program distributed at the annual session in November were highlights.

The Historical Committee of the Convention has been a participant in these activities. The chair, John Woodard, was appointed to the anniversary committee and attended the celebration in Greenville, N.C., as did some of the committee members.

The committee has continued to recognize the historical writings on our churches and associations, institutions, and biographies of our pastors and denominational leaders by presenting plaques and awards at our annual meetings. Our winners in 2004 were

- 1) A Local Church History - *Faithful and Free: A Bicentennial History of First Church, Aboskie, NC (1804-2004)* by Dr. Jesse Croom
- 2) An Organization - *And So Much More: Living Legacies of North Carolina Baptist Women on Mission* by Dorothy Allred, former President of North Carolina WMU.

North Carolina Baptists have lost another friend and supporter of our denominational history, with the death of Eugene "Gene" Hager this year. He was a founding member of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Society, as well as a member of the History Committee of the Convention. We mourn this loss, and appreciate the *Biblical Recorder* printing his last work on the history of the associational missionaries in North Carolina.

We have also continued to recognize each year those churches that are celebrating significant anniversaries. This has also been done at the annual meeting. The committee members will make the presentations to the churches at their local celebrations, if arrangements can be made.

We have continued to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist Historical Society, with our programs and exhibits, and with the N.C. Baptist Historical Collection Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, by giving them the copies of histories that have been entered in our contests.





MEMORIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Memorials Committee met at Brookridge Retirement Home on September 28, 2005. In accordance with our stated responsibilities, and in grateful appreciation for their service to the Kingdom of God and North Carolina Baptists, the Committee offers the following report regarding persons to whom the 2005 annual will be dedicated and those who will be listed on the "In Memoriam" page:

DEDICATIONS:

K. Maurice Cooper - Called in 1967 as Department Director of Church Ministries and Training at the Baptist State Convention, Maurice devoted his life to service. In this ministry, he developed training courses for Discipleship, Church Secretaries and Senior Adults. He implemented a Children's Bible Drill and Youth Speaker's Tournament. Upon retirement in 1995, he served as an interim pastor. He ran with perseverance the race that was set before him.

Claude Frazier - Well-known and beloved physician, Claude may be best known to North Carolina Baptists as the author of the Sunday School lessons for the *Biblical Recorder*. For many years, he authored the weekly Sunday School lesson commentary. He actively pursued a ministry to put Gospel tracts in taxi cabs and was a frequent commentator on Baptist life in the state and nation.

Eugene "Gene" Hager - Gene lived out his calling for more than 34 years as an associational missionary in Eastern, Neuse, and South Yadkin Associations. He was a founding member of the North Carolina Baptist Historical Society, as well as a member of the Historical Committee of the Convention. The NC Associational Missions Conference asked Gene to write their history, following his recommendation that the history not be lost. His work, *A History of the N. C. Associational Missions Conference*, was published in the *Biblical Recorder*.

Nona Faye Lynch - Mrs. Lynch was a mentor and role model for many students at Mars Hill College and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, where her husband, Dr. William Lynch, taught for many years. After her graduation from Mars Hill, and upon his retirement, she taught with her husband at Fruitland. She was his partner in ministry, both in the pastorate and in the classroom. She was known for teaching and training female students and ministers' wives skills they would need in their homes. This included how to be a good hostess, etiquette, and 'how to' set a formal table.

John Lynn Truitt, Sr. - Known for being an active layman, John was named "N. C. Baptist Men Layman of the Year" in 2002 and "Wilmington Association Layman of the Year" in 1994. He served as the church renewal development director for the Wilmington Association. In his church, Wrightsville Beach, he served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent and deacon, being named a deacon emeritus. He is known as the "Founder of Lay Renewal" in North Carolina.

Betty F. Walker -- Betty lived out her calling at First Baptist Church, Burlington, where she served as the administrative assistant/pastor's secretary for 45 years. She

dreamed about training opportunities and professional development for church secretaries. This dream became a reality as she was instrumental in the development of two organizations: the North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association and the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries. Betty was an office professional who served as a mentor, role model, and friend to many Baptist ministry assistants.

IN MEMORIAL:

Smoot Albright Baker, Newton

Billy Beaver, Rutherfordton

Zeke C. Crawford, Mountain Home

LauraBelle Prevatt Forsythe, Jacksonville, Fl

Cecil Kenneth Herrin, Statesville

Otis T. Hooks, Apex

Ernest Howell, Rutherfordton

J. Earle Reeves, Siler City

James Stuart Johnson, Lincolnton

C. R. Smith, Jr., Siler City

William C. "Bill" Strickland, Blowing Rock

Milton A. Warf, Reidsville

Harold M. White, Clayton

Paul Gordon Wilson, Salisbury



2005 board of directors report

By John Butler
President, Board of Directors
Chairman, Executive Committee

The Board of Directors has the responsibility of acting on behalf of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. Matters that affect the direction of and enhancement of the mission causes and ministry endeavors of North Carolina Baptists are the responsibility of the Board. The Board of Directors meets three times annually and is composed of North Carolina Baptists from the Convention regions of the state.

The Executive Committee has the responsibility of acting on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Convention when neither is in session. The Executive Committee handles the administrative, personnel, and business actions of the Convention and reports to the Board of Directors and the Convention its actions and recommendations. The Executive Committee meets monthly (except June and October) and is composed of the Board of Directors Committee Chairs, the Presidents of the Councils, four at-large members from the Board of Directors, the President of Baptist Men, the President of Woman's Missionary Union, the Budget Committee Chair, the President of the Associational Missions Conference and the former trustees of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Board of Directors Committee Chairpersons/Presidents

The following were elected Chairpersons/Presidents by the Committees and the Councils of the Board of Directors:

Business Services: Jerry S. Harris; Congregational Services: Terry Q. Farmer; Convention Relationships: H. LeRoy Burke; Mission Growth Evangelism: Craig Hamlin; Resource Development and Promotion: Mary Ann Sides; Strategic Initiatives and Planning: Billy Honeycutt; Council on Christian Higher Education: Clella A. Lee; Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs: Jane Eskew; Council on Christian Social Services: John T. Vannoy, III.

Board of Directors Committee Appointments

Budget Committee

Board of Directors: Ed H. Liles, Jr. (2007); Executive Committee: Coy Privette (2007); At-Large: Greg T. Mathis, Flat Rock (2007); LeRoy Burke will continue to serve as Budget Committee chair.



Committee on Resolutions

Board of Directors: Wanda Dellinger, James Harrington, Gary McCullough; Executive Committee: Raymond Earp, Jane Eskew.

Constitution & By Laws Committee

Executive Committee: Clella A. Lee, chair; Jerry S. Harris, Mary Ann Sides; Board of Directors: Sam Currin, Wayne Hager, Robert L. Hunter, Jr.; At-Large: Steve Mangum, Mooresville; John Small, Greensboro; Paul "Skip" Stam, Jr., Apex.

Special Services Rendered Committee

Executive Committee: Jim Burchette, chair;
Terry Farmer, Martha Morgan, John T. Vannoy,
III; At-Large: Hugh O'Shields, Durham; Frank
Norwood, Matthews.

Fruitland Nominating Committee

Brian Davis, chair; Bob Bailey and Billy
Honeycutt.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute's Board of Advisors

Alumni - Perry Brendley; Board of Directors -
Rick Brewer; and At-Large - George Cagle.

Executive Director-Treasurer Search Committee

West:

Robert Jackson - Pastor,
Peninsula Baptist Church (Mooresville)
Greg Mathis - Pastor,
Mud Creek Baptist Church (Hendersonville)
Cloyes Starnes - Layman,
FBC Waynesville, retired SBC missionary
Keith Stephenson - Pastor,
2nd Baptist Church of Rutherfordton

Piedmont:

Michael Barrett - Pastor,
Pleasant Garden Baptist Church
Wanda Dellinger - Layperson,
Green Street Baptist Church (High Point)
Craig Hamlin - Pastor,
Fairview Baptist Church, (Apex)
Glenda Reese - Layperson,
Forest Hills Baptist Church (Raleigh)
Jeff Roberts - Pastor,
Trinity Baptist Church (Raleigh)
Jay Westmoreland - Layperson,
FBC Charlotte

East:

Kendall Cameron - Pastor,
FBC Whiteville
Michael Cummings - Associational Missionary,
Burnt Swamp Association

Phil Ortego - Pastor, Scott's Hill Baptist Church
(Wilmington)

Lucille Yancey - Layperson, Rowan Baptist
Church (Clinton)

Convention Matters

1. The Board of Directors approved the
following recommendations:

Committee on Enrollment

Jerry Durmire, chairman (Sulphur Springs
Church, Hiddenite); Robin Bass (Herman
Church, Waxhaw); Bernard Kunkle (Beulah
Church, Statesville); Terry Larsen (Calvary
Church, McLeansville; Greensboro); Harold
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Committee on Committees

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8); Charles Royal (Morehead City First Church,
Morehead City, Region 2); Michael Waters
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Ray Webb (Beach Road Church, Oak Island,
Region 3).

2. Recommendations approved from the Committee on Nominations:

Ester Howard (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of Loreen Smith on the Board of Trustees for Campbell University); Kenneth Haigler (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of Tom Heaton on the Board of Trustees for the Baptist Children's Homes); James Bumgarner (to fill the 2007 unexpired term of Quae Cummings on the Board of Trustees for Baptist Children's Homes); J. J. "Jack" Barnes (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of Robert Harris on the Board of Trustees for Campbell University); Thomas Puryear (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of Ronald Hester on the Board of Directors), region 5; Charles David Rimel (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of David Currin on the Board of Trustees for Chowan College); Garry Whitaker (to fill the 2005 unexpired term of Robert Sutter on the Board of Trustees for Chowan College); and Ronald Jordan (to fill the 2007 unexpired term of Kay Simpson on the Board of Directors), region 6.

3. Recommendations approved from the Committee on Committees:

Beth McDonald (to fill the 2007 unexpired term of Wayne Willett on the Historical Committee); Richard Spencer (to fill the 2006 unexpired term of Eugene B. Hager [deceased] on the Historical Committee)

4. Other committee recommendations approved:

Approval was given for the Council on Christian Higher Education to conduct a detailed study of all aspects of the relationship between the Convention and the five North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities including, but not limited to, accreditation standards, funding, future direction of the colleges and universities, governance, and maximizing financial support for

North Carolina Baptist students attending the five institutions, and for the Council to report on its detailed study to the Executive Committee no later than the August 2006 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Partnership Missions

1. This past year more than 2,000 volunteers served on Partnership projects in Vermont, Hawaii, Wyoming, Malaysia/Singapore, Cuba, Honduras, Armenia, India, China, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.
2. North Carolina Baptist Men's disaster relief ministry served disaster victims from the Outer Banks to the Gulf Coast and to Sri Lanka and Indonesia this past year.

Total location responses - 7
Meals prepared - over 445,135
Work requests completed - over 1797
Volunteer days - over 23,045
Showers - over 12,000
Laundry - over 2,000 loads



Children cared for - more than 225
Disaster volunteers trained this year
- 2000

3. Over 13,000 Family Food Boxes were collected and shipped to Hurricane Katrina affected people in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Personnel Matters

1. The position of Bulk Mail Coordinator was incorporated into a full-time position and renamed Facilities Assistant-Cary Office and Bulk Mail Coordinator in Business Services Group. Jonathan Parker was employed for this position.

2. A revised job description for Janice Haywood was approved to reflect her new duties as Senior Coach for Lake Hickory Learning Communities.

3. Updated job descriptions for Neal Eller, Dan Ridley and Rick Hughes were approved.

4. Dan Ridley's position was reclassified as Senior Program Staff.

5. Contract employment of William Moore as Senior Coach, Pursuing Vital Ministry and David Russell Conley, Senior Coach, Pursuing Vital Ministry was revised and renewed.

6. Continuation of campus ministry positions at UNC-Chapel Hill, Appalachian State and East Carolina University were approved. John Ridley was employed as campus minister at East Carolina University.

7. A part-time secretarial position was approved for the Vital Ministry Leadership Community.

8. Continuation of two church planting positions in the Mission Growth Evangelism group that are jointly funded by the North American Mission Board were approved. Mark Gray was employed as Church Planting Consultant in Mission Growth Evangelism.

9. Job descriptions for Teresa Jones, Betty Pleasant and for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Senior Consultant for Associational Partnerships/Senior Coach for Lake Hickory Learning Communities were revised. Betsy Roland was employed to fill the latter position.

10. A new position in Administration for an Information Services Team Leader was established. John Jones was promoted to fill this position.

11. Cherie Bevil was employed to fill the part-time consultant level position for Church Weekday Education and Preschool Ministry.

12. Janice Haywood's job description was revised to more accurately reflect her duties and responsibilities as Program Ministry Community Leader.

13. Talmage Williams was employed on a contract basis as the Interim Executive Leader for Convention Relations.

14. David Moore's job description was revised to more accurately reflect the primary emphasis of his duties and job responsibilities in leadership of the Emerging Ministry Community.

15. A new support staff position in Baptist Men, Project Assistant for Disaster Relief and Special Projects to



be funded by NCMO and NCBM reserve funds was approved. Mary Mountz was employed for this position.

16. The Financial Secretary position in WMU was upgraded to Accountant. Kathi Kestler was employed for this position.

17. The positions of Stewardship and NCMO Promotion Consultant and secretary, currently filled by Dan Euliss and Judy Johnson were transferred from Convention Relations to Public Relations and Resource Development.

18. An eight-week study leave beginning July 18, 2005 was approved for Dr. James Royston, ending with his early retirement as Executive Director-Treasurer on September 15, 2005.

19. Dr. George Bullard was appointed as Acting Executive Director-Treasurer until the convention in November, 2005.

20. One open maintenance position at Caraway was revised to be Associate for Camp & Recreation at Caraway Conference Center and Camp.

21. Continuation of the Hispanic Consultant position in Church Planting vacated by John Jones was approved.

22. A contract for Sei Hun Kim to work from January 1 to December 31, 2006 with the Multi-Cultural Ministry Leadership Community was approved.

23. A new position in Congregational Services for the Multi-cultural Ministry Community Leader was approved to begin in January 2006.

24. Job descriptions for two vacant church planting positions; Hispanic Church Planting Team Consultant and Asian Church Planting Team Consultant were revised.

25. A new position in Business Services for an Accountant was established.



Financial

1. The medical insurance coverage for the Convention staff (and retirees under age 65) was changed from Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC to Guidestone Financial Resources. Changes were made to the post-retirement policy effective January 1, 2005.
2. Two changes were made to update the Supplement to the Southern Baptist Protection Program Convention Annuity Plan.
3. Christmas bonuses for Convention staff were approved in keeping with established guidelines.
4. Property purchases, sales and transfers were approved as follows:
 - a) property in Virginia received from the Ethel Marsh Murray estate was sold;
 - b) 27 acres of property adjacent to Truett Camp in Hayesville was purchased, with purchase funds to be shared equally between the Convention's contingency fund and fundraising by Truett Camp;
 - c) resolutions authorizing Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute to accept offers on the sale of two parcels of property, located near Inman, SC, that were bequeathed to Fruitland from the estate of James H. Dunagan;
 - d) donation of the house and lot at 1204 N. Elizabeth Street, Durham to the Greater Joy Missionary Baptist Church
5. Unused monies in a reserve fund originally established to rebuild homes after Hurricane Floyd were redesignated to allow use for rebuilding in Western NC as a result of destruction from Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.
6. Approval was given to carryover to 2005 specified unexpended funds.
7. Budget adjustments were approved for specified salary increases, as a result of the Blount salary structure study that was conducted.
8. A contract was approved for the Church Planting Champions Program to assist individuals that are involved in church planting in their work with other nationalities and church cultures, with funding to come from existing allocations within the 2005 Church Planting Team budget.
9. Approval was given to employ C. DeWitt Foard & Company, P.A. to perform the 2005 audit, at a cost not to exceed \$21,000.
10. Approval was given to move \$139,141 of the 2004 net revenue to the Contingency Reserve account at the NC Baptist Foundation
11. The recommended Convention Staff Health Insurance Program through Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC as presented by Business Services and Human Resources was approved for 2006.
12. Revisions were made to the three retirement plans administered by BSC for GuideStone; the



Convention Staff Plan, the Church Annuity Plan, and the General Baptists Retirement Plan.

13. An amount of up to \$250,000 of available reserve funds was approved for Crossover Triad 2006.

Miscellaneous Actions

1. Approval was given for a new water system at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute that would connect the campus with the City of Hendersonville water system.

2. Approval was given for Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute to employ the architectural firm of McCulloch and England in Charlotte to address campus facility needs with the cost of their service not to exceed the surplus as shown in the 2004 audit report.

3. Approval was given for an academic partnership between Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and Southeastern College at Wake Forest for students to pursue a bachelor's degree.

4. Approval was given to appoint a committee to study the relationship between the Baptist State Convention and the Baptist Foundation specifically in regard to financial liability.

5. Approval was given to rename the Blades Building at Hollifield Leadership Center to the Jim and Jeannie Royston Learning Center.

Recommendations:

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Amendments.

(See special *Biblical Recorder* Convention issue.)

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 - Parent's Morning Out Ministries
 - Afterschool Care Ministries
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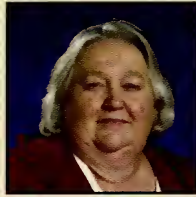
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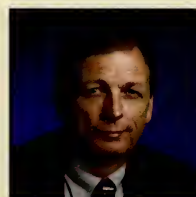
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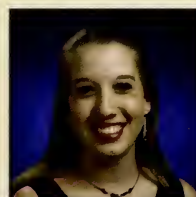
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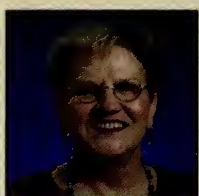


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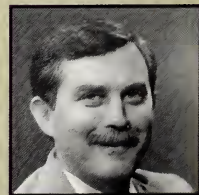
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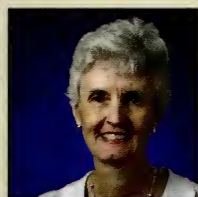
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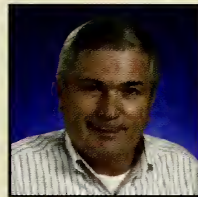
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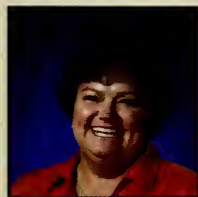
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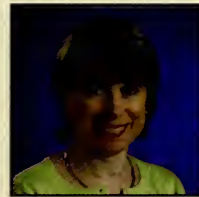
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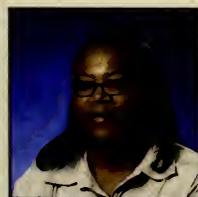
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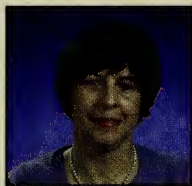


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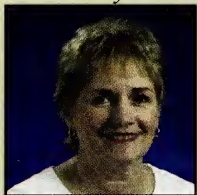
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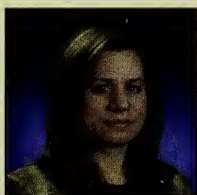
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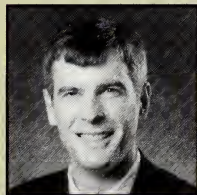
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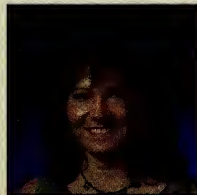
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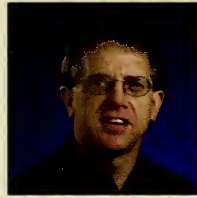
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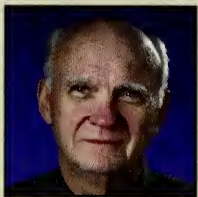
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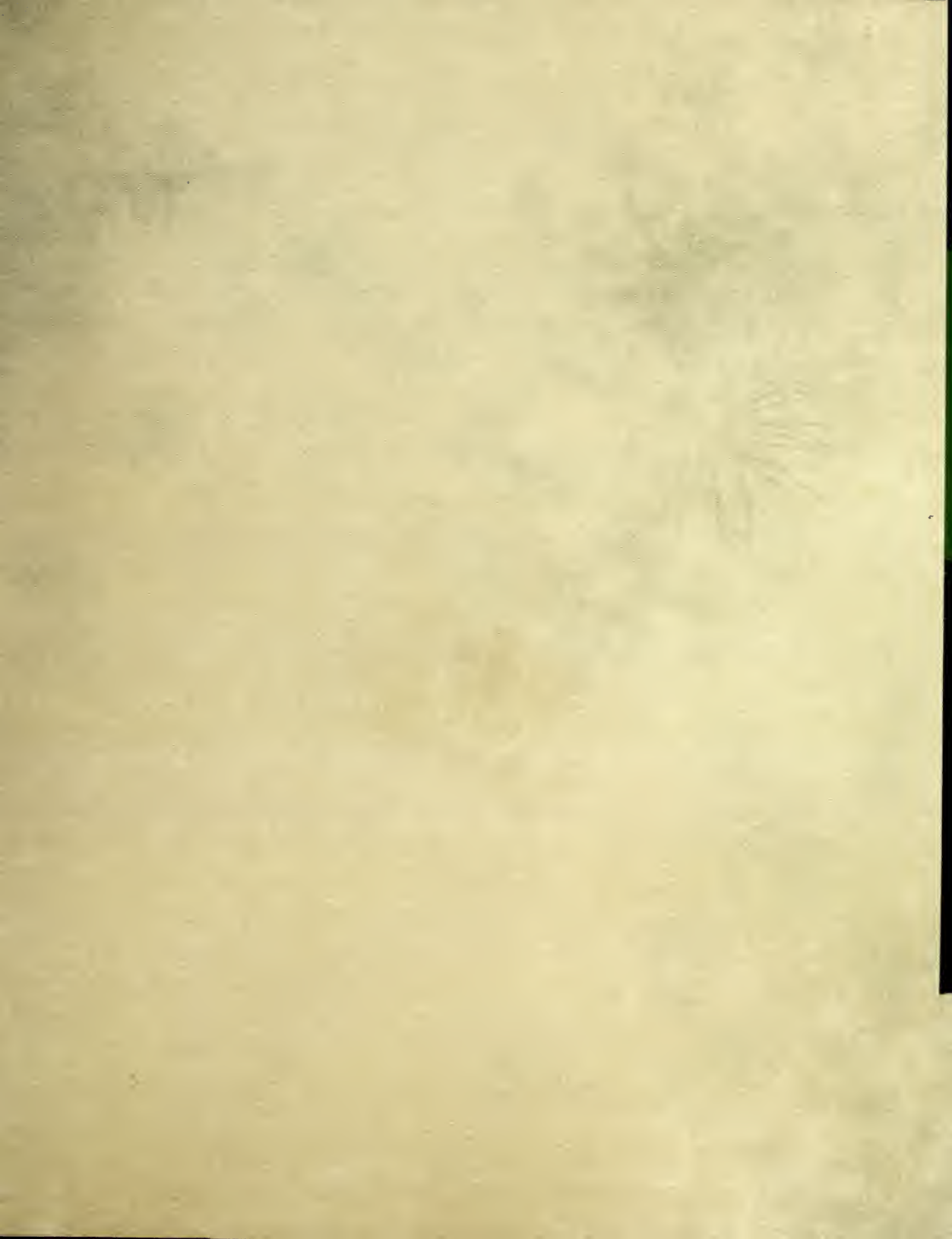
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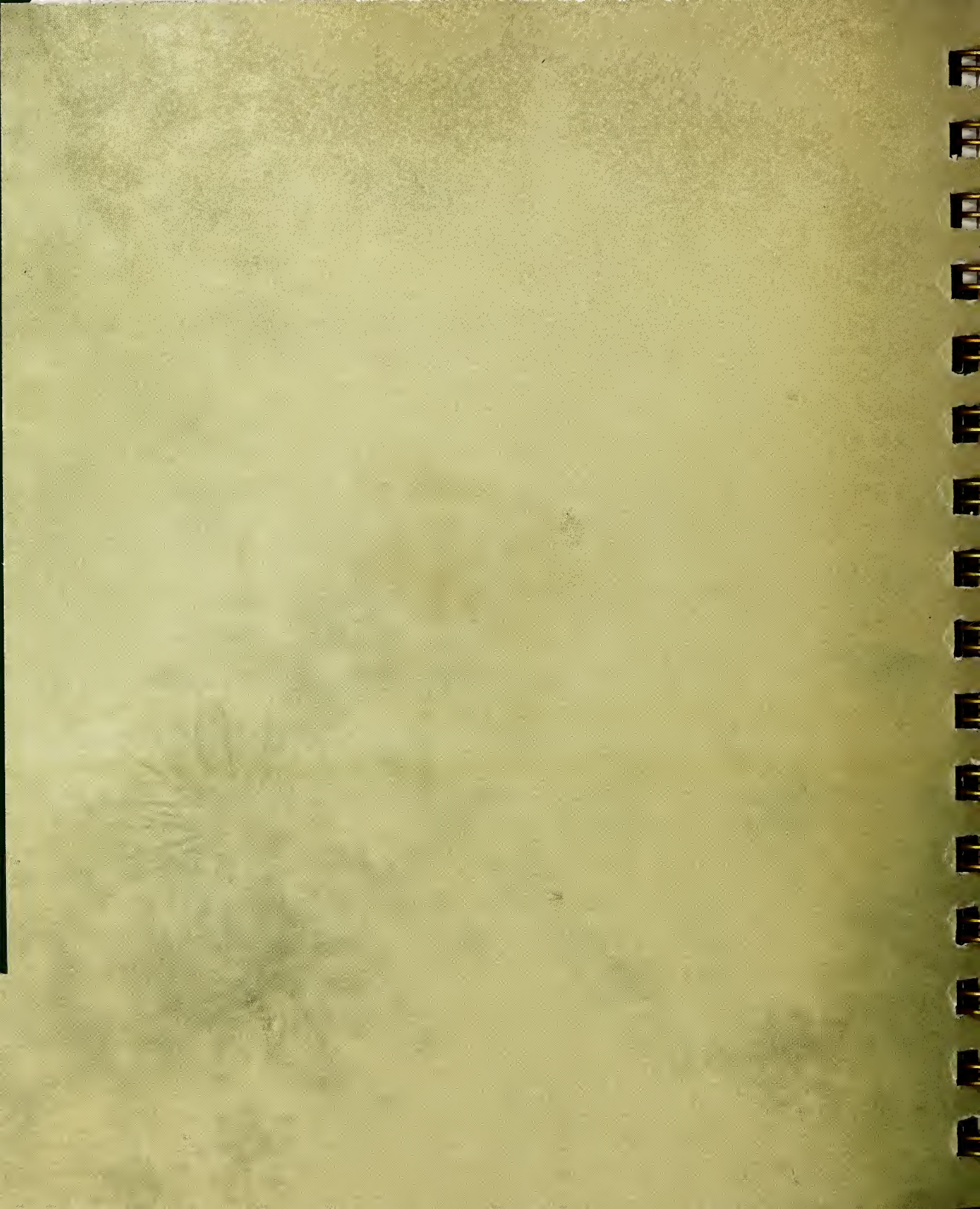
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GOD'S HAND ON NC BAPTISTS:

175 years

1830 - 2005

of ministry service

Like a fledgling plant breaking through the soil, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina emerged on March 26, 1830 in Greenville.

Formation of the new convention was not a coincidence. Baptists did not suddenly appear in Greenville in 1830, ready to band together as a convention, united in focus and ministry.

The "shoot" that burst forth in 1830 was the result of seeds planted decades before in fertile soil.

People of Baptist persuasion may have been in North Carolina as early as 1695. But it was not until 1727 that itinerant preacher Paul Palmer founded the first Baptist church in the state. An early debate among Baptists was whether God's provision for salvation was general in scope-as held by General Baptists-or reserved for particular souls, the Elect-as held by Particular Baptists.

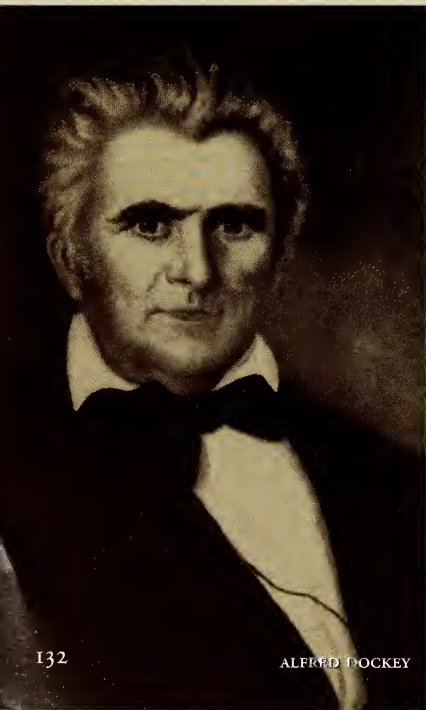
That debate would be important to the formation of the new Convention because a belief that God only chooses "particular" people to be saved means that there is no reason to form groups to do missionary work. God will save the people He wants to save when He gets ready to do so, according to the views of this anti-missionary group.

But the view that God gladly saves all people who would turn to Him and choose to be saved continued to grow, thanks in no small part to a man named Shubal Stearns.





THOMAS MEREDITH



ALFRED POCKEY

Stearns founded the church at Sandy Creek, near Siler City, in 1755, and from there spread the Gospel message far and wide. In 17 years, the Sandy Creek church became the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to 42 churches from Georgia in the south to the Potomac River to the north and from the coast in the east to the Mississippi River in the west. Some 125 men were called out as ministers from Sandy Creek.

So the movement for doing missions together continued to gain momentum, led by such men as Martin Ross, who consistently advocated forming a convention of churches by which combined strength would be more effective for missions. But the anti-missionary sentiment was still strong and resisted repeated efforts to consolidate support of missions.

Although Ross died in 1828, two years before the Baptist State Convention he envisioned was born, his efforts laid the foundation from which the Convention was launched.

So on March 26, 1830, seven pastors and seven laymen meeting in Greenville as the North Carolina Baptist Benevolent Society agreed to form the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The constitution for the new Convention was written by Thomas Meredith and called for the education of men called to ministry, the employment of missionaries to serve within the boundaries of the state and cooperation with the Baptist General Convention (Triennial Convention) in the "promotion of missions in general."

The foundation for 175 years of ministry and service was laid. The fledgling plant had broken through the soil. The new Convention had 14 associations and about 15,000 church members.

Tough Early Years

All was not smooth sailing for new Convention. The anti-missionary faction was very much alive and threatened the long-term success of the Convention.

It soon became apparent that communication was going to be a key to Convention success. With that in mind, Thomas Meredith in 1833 established a monthly journal he called *The North Carolina Baptist Interpreter*. In 1835, the name would be changed to the *Biblical Recorder* and issued in the format of a weekly newspaper. The name and the publication would persevere to the present day.

Also in 1834, the Convention realized one of its two primary objectives when Wake Forest Institute was opened to educate men called of God to the ministry, with Samuel Wait as president.

From Manteo to Murphy, North Carolina is a wide state, even in the 21st century. That gap loomed even larger in the 1800's, with poor roads west of the Yadkin River and railroads only running north and south. It was 1856 before Charlotte was connected to the eastern part of the state by rail.

So in 1845 a western Convention was formed as an auxiliary to the State Convention. There was much anti-missionary sentiment in the west.

The year 1845 also marked formation of the Southern Baptist Convention. North Carolina sent two delegates to the formation. A third delegate was elected but did not appear. A significant organizing rationale for the SBC was the resentment southern slaveholders felt at being denied appointment by the Triennial Convention as foreign missionaries.

The Baptist State Convention's education objective continued to expand with the beginning of present day Chowan College in 1848 and the French Broad Institute-today's Mars Hill College-which opened in 1856.

The Western Convention by 1857 had stopped sending messengers to the State Convention and became independent in action, although no official action was taken to separate from the State Convention.

But much bigger changes were on the horizon, changes that would impact all North Carolinians-the War Between the States.

North Carolina seceded from the Union in 1861 to become the ninth Confederate state. North Carolina Baptists responded by donating more than \$74,000 to supply Bibles and tracts to Confederate soldiers.

This effort would dominate Baptist outreach during these years. The money raised for spiritual materials for soldiers was more than was given to all other Convention causes from 1861 to 1875.

With the war ending, minutes of the annual session of 1865 noted the Baptist responsibility to the spiritual welfare of African Americans recently released from servitude.

The State Convention encouraged African Americans to form separate churches and associations. Within five years, they had 282 churches and 27,560 members. In 1876, the Convention recommended the African American Baptists appoint one of their own to superintend their work. By 1878, the State Convention received fraternal greetings from the African American Baptists.

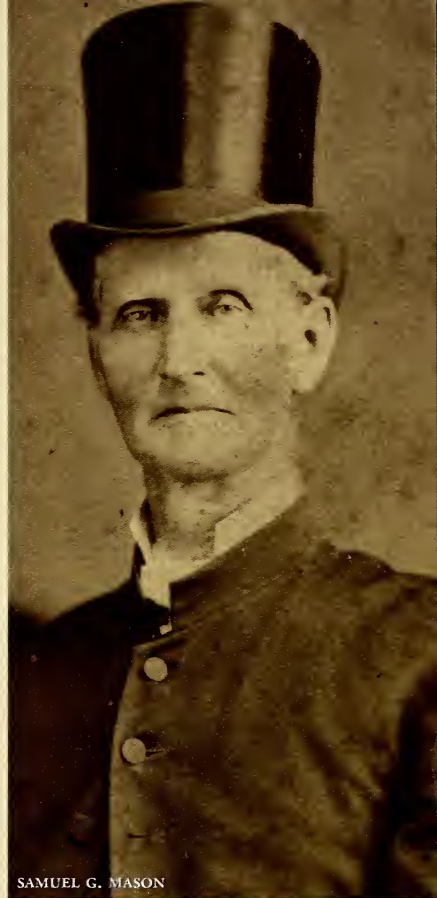
Reconstruction after the Civil War was a difficult time for North Carolina, but the State Convention emerged from Reconstruction ready to expand ministries.

Between 1885 and the 1920's, many of the State Convention ministries that are key to the State Convention's present mission were founded.

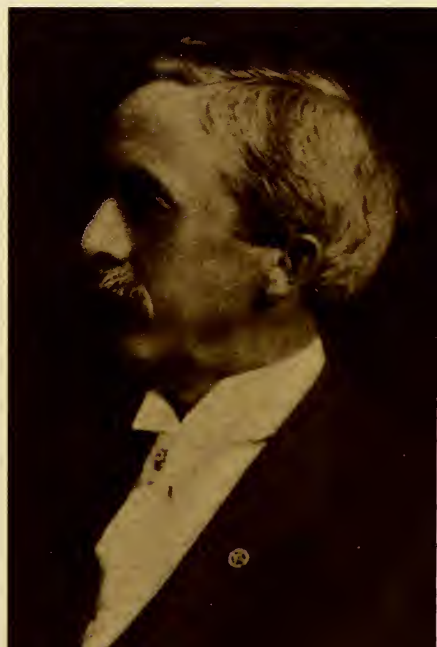
They include:

- Baptist Children's Home in 1885
- The Women's Central Committee of Missions, later to become the Woman's Missionary Union in 1886
- Buies Creek Academy, now Campbell University, in 1887
- Baptist Female University, now Meredith, incorporated in 1891 and opened for students in 1899.
- Wingate School, now Wingate University, was authorized by Union Association
- Boiling Springs High School, now Gardner-Webb University, was chartered in 1905
- The Baptist Foundation was organized in 1919
- Baptist Hospital was chartered in 1922 and opened in 1923

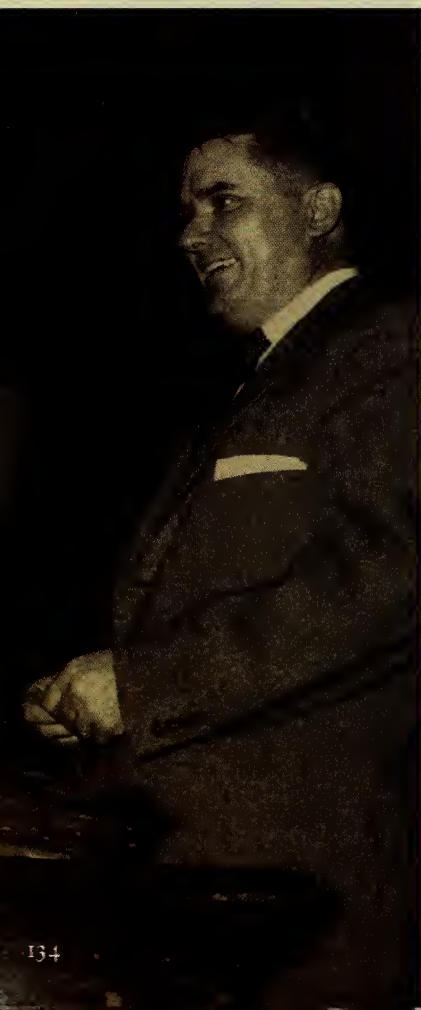
By the beginning of the 20th century, most Baptist churches in the west



SAMUEL G. MASON



JOHN B. CARLYLE



had started transferring their affiliations back to the State Convention.

The end of World War I found the State Convention optimistic for the future. With all their new institutions getting off the ground, but struggling financially, in 1918 the Convention launched a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for college development.

Messengers followed that up by establishing the Baptist Foundation to manage funds for the new Baptist hospital and conducting a second campaign for \$6 million in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

The \$6 million goal was not quite reached, but North Carolina Baptists gave more than \$5 million in five years, more than North Carolina Baptists had given in the previous 90 years of State Convention work.

North Carolina Baptists had seen the power of cooperation and embraced the new concept of the Cooperative Program as adopted in 1925 by the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, the optimism of the early 1920's crashed with the stock market in 1929, when North Carolina and the rest of the nation were plunged into the Great Depression.

Although North Carolina was among the last states to feel the impact of the Depression and one of the first to recover, its impact on the State Convention and its ministries was severe.

The State Convention was in debt before the Depression hit because of agencies spending in anticipation of receipts from the campaigns. A Centennial Campaign to pay off debts by the Convention's 100th anniversary raised significant money, but fell well short of the goal because of the impact of the Depression.

In 1931, debts were still over \$1 million and most of the State Convention's Cooperative Program funds were going to pay off the debt. Finally, riding the rising tide of an improving economy after WWII, the State Convention would burn the notes from the last of those debts at the annual session in 1944.

The post World War II period saw another period of growth for the State Convention, with the Baptist Homes for the Aging established in 1950, and the Baptist State Convention Building in Raleigh being completed in 1955, uniting all General Board programs, the *Biblical Recorder* and the Baptist Foundation under one roof.

The 1960's and 1970's saw more expansion of State Convention institutions and agencies, with colleges adding new degrees and reaching university status and other ministries expanding to better reach their ministry objectives.

The 1980's could be called the decade of missions partnerships, as North Carolina Baptists formed temporary partnerships with Baptists in other parts of the United States and all over the world to help them start churches and reach people for Christ.

Those partnerships continue to expand even today, as North Carolina Baptists have become even more personally involved in missions. North

Carolina Baptists have had partnerships in Togo, Honduras, Armenia, Poland, South Africa, Cuba, West Virginia, New York, Vermont, Hawaii, Wyoming, and Brazil and continue to be open to exercising their strengths to help Baptists in other parts of this shrinking world to reach their neighbors for Christ.

The new Baptist Building on 205 Convention Drive in Cary was occupied at the end of 1982 and was dedicated in January 1983.

The 1990's saw North Carolina Baptists continue to explore ways to become involved in missions, as they became more deeply involved in disaster relief efforts. Media and grateful recipients the world over, sing the praises of North Carolina's yellow shirted disaster relief volunteers, who not only are among the first on the scene, but are often the last to leave.

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, Convention staff are renewing efforts to come alongside Convention churches to help them reach their full Kingdom potential. Staff is receiving extensive training in coaching so they can encourage congregations through coaching relationships.

While the future is bright as North Carolina Baptists move toward the end of their second century of cooperative ministry, several considerations must be taken into account:

- North Carolina's economy is transitioning from a tobacco, textiles and furniture to a greater dependence on its educational and research infrastructure;
- A creeping return to societal giving in a culture that trusts large denominational structures less, threatens the spirit of cooperation and mutual ministry;
- Challenges for church leaders include reaching people in a post-Christian culture apathetic-or even hostile-to the goals of evangelical Christians;
- A global shift of populations and sympathies to smaller "tribes," making people groups more exclusive, rather than inclusive;
- North Carolina's burgeoning ethnic population and in-migration from northern states is changing the face of the state's people;
- Nationally, the population is shifting to the south and to the coasts and North Carolina lies smack in that path.

As North Carolina Baptists appreciate their past, celebrate their present and anticipate God's hand on their work and ministry together into the next century, we see that the fledgling plant that is the Convention pushed itself to the surface into an entire field, that is itself "white unto harvest."

—Craig Hardec



WILLIAM PACE



JONATHAN MCGEE HECK

some significant dates:

1830 - Prodded for a decade by Martin Ross, and under the strong leadership of Thomas Meredith, 14 men gathered in Greenville in March to form The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the purposes of educating men called to ministry, employment of missionaries to serve within the boundaries of the state, and cooperation within the Triennial Convention (later to become the American [Northern] Baptist Convention and now known as the American Baptist Churches in the United States.) When the Baptist State Convention was organized, there were 14 associations and about 15,000 church members.

1832 - The majority of churches in the Country Line Association became anti-missionary. Three churches, under the leadership of Stephen Pleasant, withdrew and formed Beulah Baptist Association. However, the anti-mission faction, largely in the western counties, posed a real threat to the newly-formed Convention.

1833 - Thomas Meredith publishes first issue of *The Baptist Interpreter*, which later becomes the *Biblical Recorder*, providing an avenue for the fledgling convention by which, "Much information on important subjects could be imparted to the churches and our congregations at large, many prejudices could be removed, and the way soon prepared for securing to the convention a larger amount of aid."

1834 - Wake Forest Institute, headed by Samuel Wait, opened with 25 students. The State Convention appointed three messengers to attend the next session of the Triennial Convention meeting in Richmond.

1835 - The Convention approved the statement that the "fanatical proceedings touching the subject of abolition (of slavery) were uncalled for and intrusive."

1841 - The sum of \$400 was voted for support of the Triennial Convention following a report that the Northern brethren did not want to make ownership of slaves a test of Christian fellowship.



timeline: 175 years of & ministry service

1843 - Of 31 associations in the state at this time, 10 were designated anti-missionary.

1845 - Roads west of the Yadkin River were extremely poor. All existing railways ran north-south. The resulting lack of communication between the Convention and the western churches led to formation of a Western Convention as an auxiliary to the State Convention. Despite strong anti-missionary feelings, the western body was formed primarily as a temperance force. This same year, North Carolina Baptists sent two delegates to the formation of the Southern Baptist Convention. A third delegate had been elected but did not appear.

1848- Present Chowan College was begun.

1857 - The Western Carolina Convention had ceased sending messengers to the Baptist State Convention and had become independent in action although no official action had been taken. French Broad Institute, to become Mars Hill College, held its first commencement.

1861 - North Carolina seceded from the Union to become the ninth Confederate state.

1862-1865 - A total of \$74,610.43 was contributed to supply Bibles and tracts for Confederate soldiers. This cause dominated most of Baptist outreach during these years. The amount was more than was given to all Convention causes from 1861-1875.

1865 - Minutes of the annual session pointed out Baptist responsibility to the spiritual welfare of African Americans newly released from servitude.

1867 - The Convention urged African American Baptists to form separate churches and associations. Within five years, they had 282 churches and 27,560 members.

1876 - African American Baptists were encouraged to appoint one of their own members to superintend their work. By 1878, the Convention received fraternal greetings from the African American body.

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1885 - Baptist Children's Home was established in Thomasville to meet the needs of orphans and displaced families still reeling from the effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction.

1886 - The Women's Central Committee of Missions, later to become the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union, was formed, preceding the national WMU by two years.

1887 - Buies Creek Academy, now Campbell University, was established.

1890 - The Convention authorized Wake Forest University to collect and preserve articles of historical interest and significance and to establish the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection, still housed at Wake Forest University.

1891 - Baptist Female University, later Meredith College, was incorporated. It opened for students in 1899.

1895 - Wingate School, later Wingate College, was authorized by Union Association.

1898 - Baptist State Convention, meeting in Greenville, accepted messengers from the Western Convention, effectively dissolving the Western Convention. East-west rail travel contributed to the union of the conventions.

1905 - Boiling Springs High School, later Gardner-Webb University, was chartered.

1918 - A special campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for college development was launched.

1919 - The Baptist Foundation was organized to manage funds given to establish a Baptist hospital. Messengers merged the \$1 million campaign with a second campaign to raise \$6,000,000 as its "share" of a national \$75 million Campaign conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention to save Baptist colleges and institutions shackled by debt.

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1922 - Baptist Hospital was chartered; it opened in 1923 in Winston-Salem after several other communities vied for it to be established in their towns. WMU raised \$15,000 to furnish the hospital.

1925 - The Cooperative Program method of giving, receiving and distributing funds for missions and education efforts was established among Baptist State Conventions nationwide.

1926 - The Constitution was rewritten increasing the responsibilities of the corresponding secretary. Previously he had worked primarily with the NC Board of Missions. Now designated general secretary, he was given administrative supervision of all Convention activities. The Missions and Education Boards were merged into the General Board and given control of all Convention work.

An Executive Committee was formed, composed of the president of the General Board, chairmen of the committees of missions, education, benevolences and training, and the chairmen of trustees for the Convention and Foundation. A centennial campaign to raise \$1.5 million was undertaken to pay the debts that the Convention and its institutions had accumulated in anticipation of receipts from the two campaigns mentioned earlier.

1930 - Extraordinary centennial celebration in Greenville, in which the Green Book was issued, celebrating 100 years of progress as a Convention.

1931 - The Depression had taken its toll. The Centennial Campaign raised significant funds-given the times-but debts still exceeded \$1 million. Income was dropping each year.

Most of the State Convention's share of the Cooperative Program was going to pay off debts.

1932 - Secretary Charles A. Maddry resigned from Convention leadership to become head of the Foreign Mission Board. M.A. Huggins was elected general secretary; by a separate vote he was also elected treasurer. This merger of the two offices has continued. Representatives of financial agencies to whom the Convention owed money met with Convention leaders to work out a plan for debt retirement.

1944 - Rising with the tide of national recovery, the last cancelled notes, totaling \$825,000, were burned at the annual session.

1949 - For \$86,000 North Carolina Baptists buy Fort Caswell, declared war surplus by the federal government, and begin the process of turning it into a preeminent retreat and conference center.

1950 - Baptist Homes for the Aging was established, the newest of North Carolina Baptist agencies.

1955 - The Baptist Building in Raleigh was completed, uniting all General Board programs, the *Biblical Recorder* and Baptist Foundation offices under one roof.

1956- Wake Forest University relocated to Winston-Salem.

1958 - W.R. Wagoner became director of Baptist Children's Homes.

1959 -Baptist Children's Homes opened regional social work centers. At Baptist Hospital, the former nurses' home was renovated and opened as one of the nation's first progressive care units.

1959-1967 - A number of Baptist Student Union (BSU) centers were built. In 1964, North Carolina students went to Korea to help Korean students and missionary Jim Greene build a school; three years later Greene became the seventh director of student work for North Carolina Baptists. In 1965 the Youth Corps had is beginning.

timeline: 175 years of & ministry & service



1960 - William A. Poole was elected executive director of the North Carolina Baptist Homes. The philosophy of the trustees continued to be that small group-care facilities should be built in strategic areas rather than in one large institution. Other homes followed. J. Marse Grant became editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, the official journal of the Baptist State Convention.

1962 - Hamilton Home, a facility of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, was opened. The Convention provided funds to employ business and civic leader C. Gordon Maddrey as the first full-time director of the North Carolina Foundation.

1963 - General Secretary Doug Branch was killed in a car accident.

1963-1967 - Three new children's homes facilities were opened: Greer-Burriss in Chapel Hill, McNeill in Indian Beach and Wall in Wallburg. The Child Development Center in Thomasville began operation in 1965.

1964 - W. Perry Crouch was elected general secretary of the Baptist State Convention and served until retirement. The Baptist State Convention established the Department of Pastor/Church Relations, a pioneer effort which has sparked the organization of similar offices in 14 sister conventions. Bob Bruhn was called as the first director. During the same year, the first joint session of the Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist Convention met in Greensboro.

1967 - Norman A. Wiggins became president of Campbell College. The same year, Yanceyville Home of the North Carolina Baptist Homes began receiving residents.

1970 - The Convention purchased its first computer, which occupied a room, and vibrated the floors on three offices to either side. A Maternity Home was established in Asheville by the the Baptist Children's Homes. John E. Lynch was employed as Baptist Hospital's chief executive officer. Calvin Knight was employed as associate to W.K. McGee in Church and

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Community Relations at the hospital and later served many years as director.

1971 - At the first statewide Convention sponsored Youth Evangelism Night, almost 20,000 youth attended, making 1,519 various types of decisions. That same year, Gardner-Webb achieved accreditation as a senior college. Broyhill Home, a Baptist Children's Home campus in Clyde, opened.

1972 - Edwin S Coates was elected executive secretary of the NC Baptist Foundation.

1973 - Reynolds Tower, a 16-story patient care facility was dedicated in services marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of Baptist Hospital.

1974 - Richard Smith became business manager/comptroller upon Mr. Leon Spencer's retirement from the Baptist State Convention. A Happiness Retreat for the mentally handicapped was held at Caswell in 1974. This has become an ongoing ministry. Wingate College named Thomas E. Corts as president.

1974-1976 - The Baptist Children's Homes statewide ministry opened Emergency Shelters in Burlington, Charlotte, Forest City and Henderson.

1975 - Studio facilities for production of radio and television programs were equipped, a first among state conventions.

1976 - Cecil A. Ray became general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention. The North Carolina Baptist Men entered a program of Lay Overseas Missions. At

Gardner-Webb, Craven E. Williams became president. Wingate became a four-year college.

1976-1978 - Campbell opened a Law School and graduate programs in education and business.

1976-1979 - A Medical Center Challenge Fund to raise \$18 million was initiated at Baptist Hospital. A \$6 million Family Practice Center was completed, existing buildings renovated and external corridors built. Demolition began on "Old Main," the original building. Within two years, a six-story Focus Building was erected, the final project in the Challenge Fund.

1977 - The General Board authorizes the positions of associate general secretary and administrative assistant, positions filled by Roy J. Smith and Ruth Williams.

1977-1979 - Family Service Centers were set up by the Baptist Children's Homes in Charlotte and Pembroke, as well as a Retreat Center at Ridgecrest.

1979 - The 50th anniversary of the first statewide Baptist Student Union convention was observed. Campbell assumed university status during that year. The North Carolina Baptist Retirement Homes network expanded when the Western Carolina Home in Asheville was formally opened.

1980 - Partnership established with West Virginia convention with the goal of starting 100 new churches in West Virginia by 1985.

1982 - J. Marse Grant retires as editor of the *Biblical Recorder*. R.G. (Gene) Puckett named editor. Convention votes to enter into a partnership with 43 English-speaking missions and churches affiliated with the European Baptist Convention. Convention Staff moves into new facility at 205 Convention Drive, Cary.

1983 - New Baptist Building in Cary dedicated in January; Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer announces resignation to become National Director of Southern Baptist's Planned Growth in Giving program.

timeline: 175 years of ministry & service



1984 - Ray's Associate Roy J. Smith named general secretary-treasurer. The state convention enters into a partnership with Togo-the gold standard of partnerships, according to Smith-which resulted in 119 new village wells, and 47 new churches.

1987 - Entered into a partnership with the Sao Paulo, Brazil Convention.

1989 - Entered into a partnership with the Polish Baptist Union and built a seminary there. Conference Center at Caswell dedicated.

1990 - Entered into a partnership with the New York Baptist Convention.

1992 - North Carolina Baptists send volunteers and supplies to south Florida after Hurricane Andrew.

1993 - Entered into a partnership with the Ukraine Baptist Union.

1994 - Entered into a partnership with the Prague Seminary.

1996 - Entered into a partnership with South Africa Baptists.

1997 - Roy J. Smith retires as executive director-treasurer. James Royston elected as executive director-treasurer.

1998 - R.G. (Gene) Puckett retires as editor/president of the *Biblical Recorder*. Tony W. Cartledge elected editor/president.

2000 - Convention buys Duke Power executive training center on Lake Hickory in Conover for \$3 million and creates The Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield Leadership Center.

Partnership with Alaskan Baptists begun. The program of Pursuing Vital Ministry is initiated, signaling a fresh approach to the way Convention staff come alongside congregations to coach them to achieve their full Kingdom potential.

timeline: 175 years of ministry service

2003 - Caught in a triple whammy of job losses in textiles, shuttered furniture factories and the national malaise and insecurity following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, gifts from churches to the Baptist State Convention declined. In August 24 staff positions were eliminated. Fifteen employees lost their jobs.

2004 - Jerry Wallace is named president at Campbell University. Retiring president Norman A. Wiggins becomes chancellor of the university. Partnerships were started with Vermont Baptists and Hawaii and Pacific Rim Baptists. A prayer affinity with Wyoming Baptists was started. NC Baptists respond in big way to tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka, raising more than \$2 million for aid and sending dozens of volunteers.

2005 - Convention publishes first book under Lake Hickory Resources imprint: *Spiritual Leadership in a Secular Age*, by Eddie Hammett. NC Baptist disaster relief teams are early on site after Hurricane Katrina and state Baptists give more than \$4 million in relief in the first month. James Royston resigns as executive director-treasurer to return to the pastorate at First Baptist Church, Mooresville. His associate, George Bullard, named acting executive director-treasurer. NC Baptists celebrate their 175th anniversary as a state convention.

church planting seeds leaping to life

One of North Carolina Baptists' newest churches roared into life on Sept. 18 in Forest City, a town of 16,000 in the foothills of western North Carolina.

Ninety-three of those people gathered that day for "launch Sunday," the first day New Horizons Baptist Church began holding services.

Facilities are modest in the new church—a rented skating rink where Sunday school rooms are marked with plastic pipe draped with cloth and the nursery is porta-cribs set up in camping tents.

But church planter Billy Salyers was smiling over all of it with a mixture of joy and relief. He and his core group of helpers worked hard for months to get the fledgling congregation off the ground and flying on this day.

They sponsored all sorts of community events and evangelistic services, visited hundreds of homes and spent lots of time just talking to Forest City residents about their faith in a Savior named Jesus.

Slowly, one or two here, a family or two there, the group grew.

Salyers, his wife and their three kids moved to Forest City in the fall of 2004, committed to starting a new church that could reach the many young families moving here in search of simpler lives. The Baptist State Convention and Green River Baptist Association partnered with them.

"There was excitement in the air and a sense of joy as all present heard of God's love," said Pamela Mungo, the convention's church planting consultant who helped the new birth.



north carolina's 'first' baptist church

When the first worship service was held in the Shiloh area in 1717, no one had heard of Napoleon or George Washington. George I was King of England, which was still a second rate power.

Total population of North Carolina was 30,000. Very likely there were more Indians than Englishmen living in the Albemarle.

Since they had no meeting house, a small group of Baptists met at the home of William Burges near Raymond Creek in 1727 and organized a church. Once a month the few colonists congregated on Saturday for worship. The group was organized into a church by Paul Palmer, a Maryland native who settled in Pasquotank and married here.

The Shiloh Baptist Church has survived five wars, four name changes, heated internal controversies - and is still going strong. The attractive frame building which stands today was built 150 years ago at a cost of \$2,400. Originally a 50-by 60-foot structure, the building has been enlarged, improved and air conditioned.

For nine years the founders met at the home of William Burges who served as pastor. A small building was erected in 1736 but was outgrown by a membership increase from 30 to 200 in 21 years.

Under the influence of two visiting ministers, an effort was made in 1757 to change the church from General Baptist to Particular Baptist. There was a split and a faction led by Burges built a 25-by 50-foot church on the present location. During the next 13 years the Burges-led faction again reached a membership of 192.

The early church was led by many able pastors, including Henry Abbott, during the American Revolution. Abbott was elected to the State Congress meeting in 1776 and is credited with the authorship of Article 19 of the Bill of Rights: "That all men have a natural and inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences."

During the Civil War, the meeting house was occupied by Federal troops and used as an arsenal. Just before the Civil War there were 448 members, of whom 79 were black.

Shiloh is the mother of nine area churches, the oldest of which was organized in Princess Anne County, VA, in 1762. David Combs is current pastor of the nearly 500-member church.





institutions, agencies *cultivate ministry*

Fourteen men, convinced by the logic of Thomas Meredith and moved by the Spirit of God, established the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1830 to cooperatively muster resources for two primary purposes: to educate ministers of the Gospel, and to evangelize unreached groups.

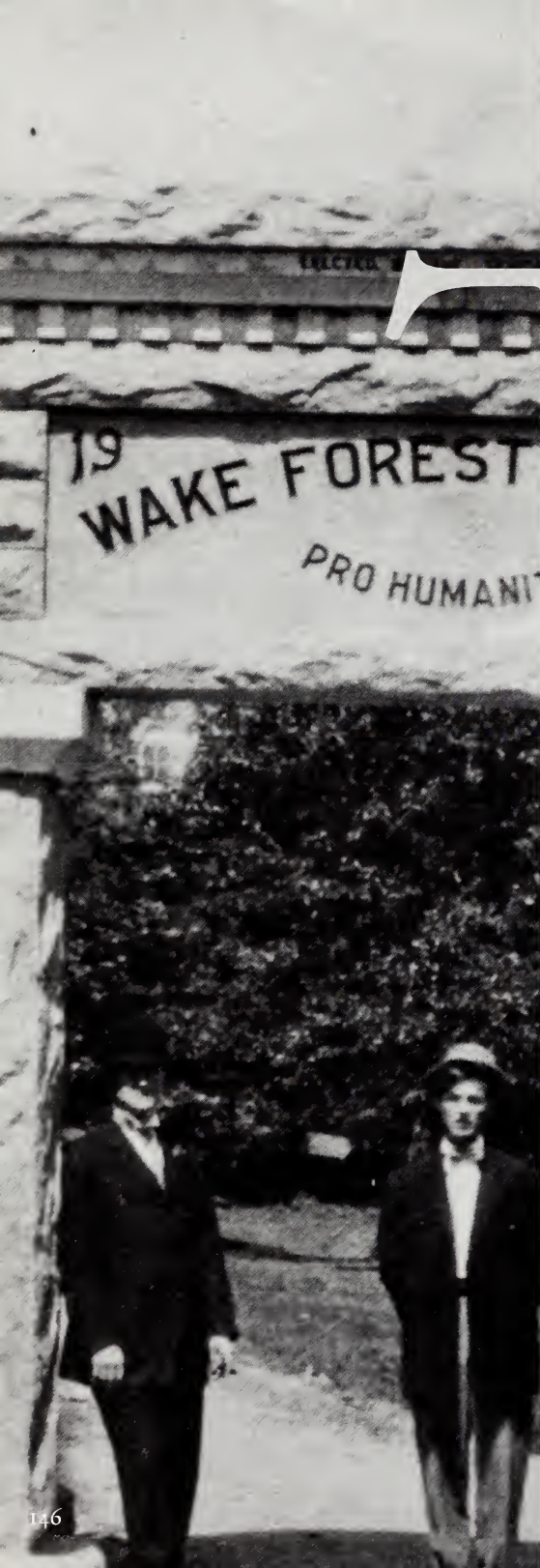
Wake Forest became that first university to educate pastors, but North Carolina Baptists didn't stop with one. Eventually the college system grew to seven; and we added social services institutions to meet human needs at the point where persons are sensitive to the Gospel message; and we added facilities at which we could gather and bring neighbors to special teaching and evangelistic events; and we added a newspaper to keep us informed and a Foundation to manage resources for the future.

North Carolina Baptists have believed in, utilized and supported institutions from their first days. The college system is down to five now-with the separation of Wake Forest and Meredith-and the hospital alone has a budget more than a dozen times larger than the state convention's.

But North Carolina Baptist churches have supported North Carolina Baptist institutions and agencies to do specialized work they cannot accomplish alone. Those agencies and institutions serve well and here are their brief histories.

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Colleges Fulfill Founders' Purpose wake forest the first



The college conceived that March day in 1830 was born four years later near the eventual location of the town of Wake Forest. Birthed by Baptists, it grew into one of the leading private universities in the country.

It founded a School of Law in 1894. The School of Medicine opened in 1902 and moved to Winston-Salem in 1941 to become affiliated with North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation later offered significant annual financial support to move the college to Winston-Salem. Charles and Mary Reynolds Babcock donated much of the R.J. Reynolds family estate as the site for the new campus.

Following the move to Winston-Salem in 1956, Wake Forest grew considerably in programs and academic reputation and became a University in 1967. The Babcock Graduate School of Management opened in 1969. It opened a Divinity School in 1999.

But in the 1980s the push to access funds beyond what direct ownership by the Baptist State Convention allowed resulted in the school and the Convention changing the governance relationship. Wake Forest University became independent of the Convention and its finances, except for a small scholarship contribution each year.

“Although the official governing relationship with the Baptist State Convention ended in the mid-1980s, the University’s Baptist heritage remains important and is reflected in traditions, scholarships and programs,” according to university officials.



meredith college:

a leading vision

North Carolina Baptists chartered Meredith College, a school for women, in February 1891. Today Meredith is an independent private women's college—one of the largest in the U.S. and is classified like Wake Forest University—a “historical educational institution” in its relationship with the Baptist State Convention.

That designation was voted by messengers to the Baptist State Convention annual meeting in 1997. “The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina recognizes its historical relationship with each institution, based on its founding of Wake Forest University in 1834 and Meredith college in 1891,” according to the minutes from that meeting. “Each historical educational institution is autonomous in its governance and its board of trustees shall be elected by the board in accordance with such procedures as the board may subscribe. The historical educational institutions shall not share in the distribution of Cooperative Program funds except scholarship funding for North Carolina Baptist students which shall not exceed the amount each individual historical educational institution was receiving from the Baptist State Convention at the time the historical educational institution became autonomous in its governance.”

At the undergraduate level, Meredith offers more than 40 programs of study. Each major is grounded in a new general education curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary study, experiential learning and global awareness.

Meredith also offers numerous opportunities for graduate and professional study and lifelong learning. Through the John E. Weems Graduate School, Meredith offers coeducational graduate programs in business, music, nutrition and education. The Professional Studies Program provides non-credit continuing education to business and healthcare professionals, teachers, human resource managers and paralegals. The Community Outreach Program features a wide variety of non-credit programs for men, women and children.

The Meredith community is diverse, spirited and culturally engaged, with more than 2,000 students from 29 states and 18 foreign countries.

Meredith's wooded, 225-acre campus is set on the western edge of Raleigh, North Carolina's capital city. In 2005, Meredith College was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as a “Best College” (#16) among 135 other colleges in the southern region.





campbell university: *to the stars*

Implicit in Campbell's Latin motto, "To the stars through difficulties," adopted during the dark days of Reconstruction, are beliefs, aims, and objectives that have guided Campbell through ever-changing circumstances.

Campbell's rise from a community school of 21 students to eminence as a great southern academy and later to its present standing among the state's largest church-related senior universities is illustrative of what perseverance can accomplish in scaling the heights.

Campbell University was founded Jan. 5, 1887, by James Archibald Campbell, a North Carolina preacher who believed no student should be denied admission because of lack of funds.

Known as Buies Creek Academy, the school began with 21 students and grew slowly during the early years.

"From the beginning, his [Dr. James Archibald Campbell] passion was that his school prepare young men and women for a living and for a life, not one but both. He was concerned that Christ have His way in the classroom and that He have His way in the church house, no difference," according to Campbell's history, *Campbell College - Big Miracle at Little Buies Creek*, (1887-1974).

Campbell considered pride the enemy. He is quoted as saying: "No one will fail to be respected here on account of plain dress, honest poverty, or because he is not advanced in class. If you have the character of the true lady or gentleman and know your letters, do not let your ignorance keep you out of school. Come and we will gladly help you."



In those early days, many students simply couldn't pay. "So they would pay by working. Their parents would sometimes provide chickens, produce to the institution in order for their children to pay to attend," said Ronnie Faulkner, associate professor of history at Campbell. "Even today, about 90 percent of the student body of this institution has some type of student aid to attend."

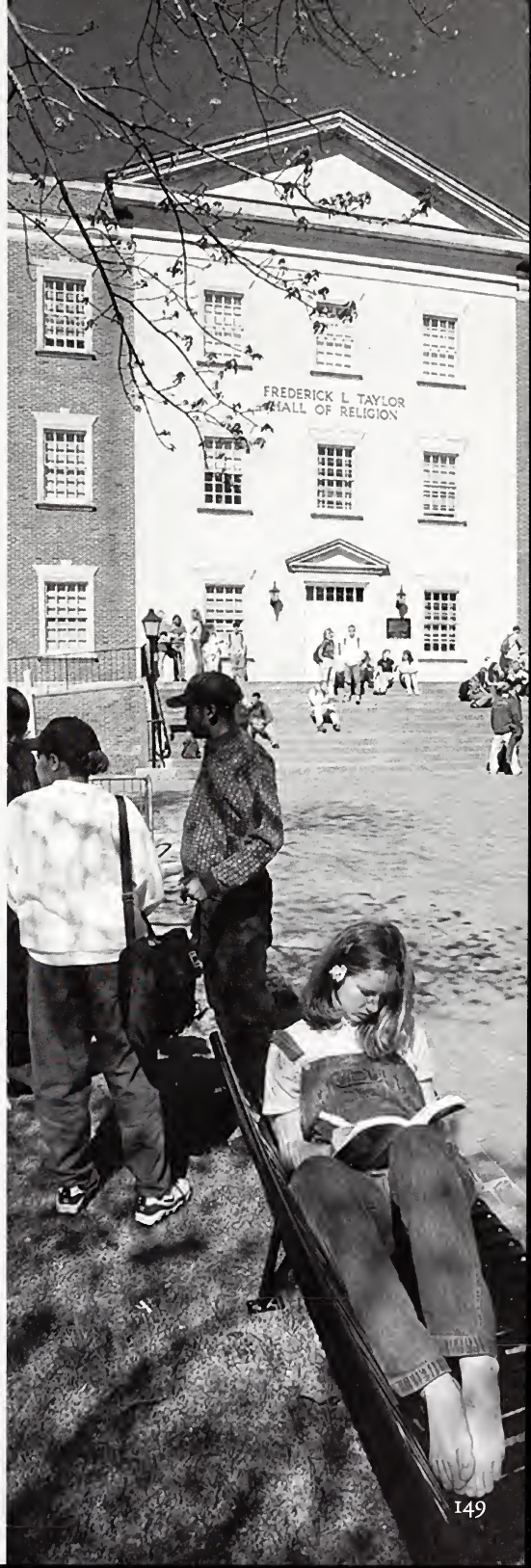
The Baptist State Convention purchased the school in 1924 for \$25,000. Two years later it became a junior college. In 1961, Campbell rose to senior college status. The name was changed from college to university in 1979. About 3,100 students are enrolled at the main campus, and about 3,000 students are enrolled at other campuses, including Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base and one in Malaysia.


In addition to a bachelor's degree, Campbell offers graduate degrees in five different schools - law, business, pharmacy, education and divinity. Campbell is one of the biggest educators of teachers and military in North Carolina.

Norman A. Wiggins, immediate past president of Campbell, said the greatest impact of the school has been to help build the church.

"Academic achievement and Christian commitment go hand and hand," Wiggins said. "I think more than anything else Christian higher education has made the Baptist State Convention the fine institution it is today."

Wiggins retired as president in May 2003, following a 36-year tenure that led Campbell to become the second largest Baptist university in the world. His longtime associate Jerry Wallace succeeded him.





chowan college:

you'll fit right in

Founded Oct. 11, 1848, as Chowan Baptist Female Institute, Chowan College has a rich North Carolina Baptist heritage that stems back to Mulberry Grove, a plantation in the St. Johns community located in Hertford County. It was at the dining table of Godwin Cotton Moore, a distinguished North Carolina Baptist, that the concept of what would become Chowan College was formed.

From the beginning, its founders were determined to have "a school of high order" which equaled or exceeded any women's school in North Carolina.

As important as Chowan's birth in 1848, was the college's rebirth. Against overwhelming odds supporters insisted that Chowan College reopen and that it open again in Murfreesboro. In 1949 Gov. W. Kerr Scott was among the 5,000 persons who turned out for the parade in Murfreesboro celebrating the reopening.

For more than 157 years, Chowan has fulfilled its goal of providing educational opportunities, within the Baptist tradition, to men and women across the state. Chowan College is thankful for the special relationship it shares with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and its churches.

The most revered tradition at Chowan is a commitment to academic excellence. Upon entering Chowan, you enter a community of teaching and learning - education for its own sake. A true, complete education is a cooperative effort between the student and professors. The student population at Chowan College is less than 1000, with a 12:1 student/faculty ratio. Because of its size and concentration on undergraduate education, students find professors are accessible, willing to help, and care about their success.



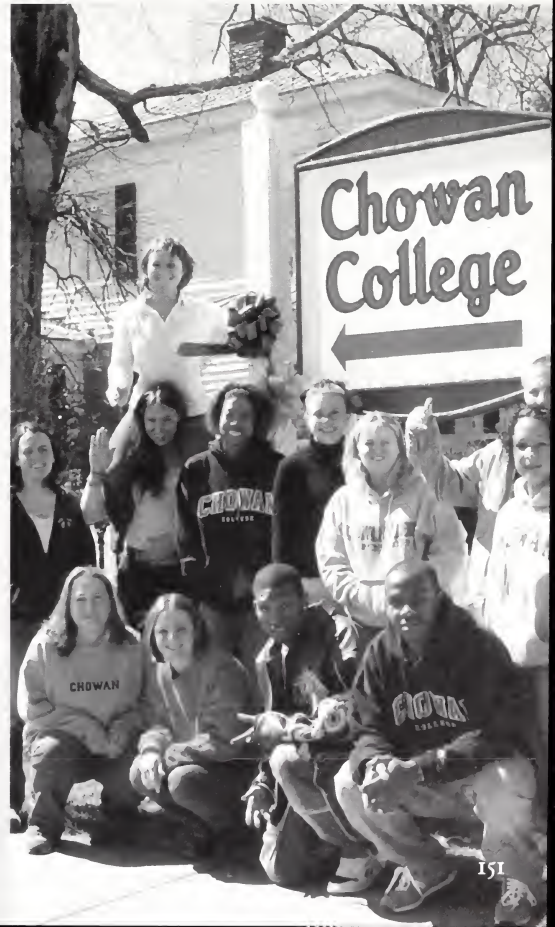
Chowan College offers over forty majors, including pre-professional programs, which are encompassed within the five academic divisions (Humanities; Fine Arts; Education, Psychology, and Sport Studies; Professional Studies; and Natural Science).

One of the most unique majors at Chowan is Graphic Communications. Through the William A. Krueger School of Graphic Communications, students are part of a program that is nationally recognized and ranked in the top ten in the nation. In fact, this school competes against schools such as Clemson University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and California Polytechnic State University.

Chowan athletics competes in Division II of the NCAA and in the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association). The NCCAA is headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, and is a Christian-based organization made up of 120 member schools from all regions of the country.

Chowan students represent many faiths and come from many states and several foreign countries. The college provides the environment for students to become learners who possess the skills, knowledge, creativity, and ethical values necessary to survive and flourish in a rapidly changing, culturally diverse, global society. Consistent with this heritage, Chowan College is guided by the historic principles of religious and intellectual freedom, academic excellence, the dignity and worth of each individual, an atmosphere of open dialogue, freedom of inquiry and expression, and a moral commitment to the pursuit of truth.

Current enrollment increases, capital improvements, and “can do” attitudes have brought positive changes to the campus and community. While the resurgence of Chowan College is building more and more each day, the tradition as “a school of high order” still continues to play a major role as the College looks to its past and its Christian heritage to guide it in the future.



gardner-webb:

a tradition of perseverance

It was a Baptist idea from the beginning ... create a place where the educational needs of local young people could be met within a caring, Christian environment. Two Baptist associations started from scratch what would become Boiling Springs High School. Little money. One building. Faith in God.

In a town known for its “special healing” waters Gardner-Webb would begin its journey toward impacting the world through its service-oriented students.

In its early years trustees and supporting Baptist associations struggled and prayed that the school would be strong academically in a Christian environment. At times the trustees found it impossible to contract with teachers for salary because of the board’s responsibility for building costs. Thus, survival of the institution can be traced to individuals who gave of their time, their prayers and their resources to keep it afloat.

By September 1928, the institution that had been a high school for over two decades became Boiling Springs Junior College. While expansion brought excitement, optimism was cautious. The local farm economy was already beginning to suffer and the nation was less than 14 months away from the crash on Wall Street. It remained to be seen how the school would fare during the toughest of times.

Faculty and students endured day after day on scarce portions at the dinner table. Local farmers were encouraged to cultivate one acre of cotton for the benefit of the college. Tremendous debt began to saddle the school. Teachers at one point in the 1930s were asked to pay their own expenses and not expect much salary in return, and twice during that decade trustees even made motions to close the school.



Somehow (and one time by only a single vote) the doors remained open.

Eventually former North Carolina Gov. O. Max Gardner responded to a request for support. His resulting gift would change the future of the institution - and its name - forever.

It was O. Max Gardner who stated in a letter soon after it was announced the college would bear his name: "I have known of the hard and desperate struggle of this institution to become a junior college. Frankly, I have been impressed with the fact that it refused to die."

From 1943-1948 seventeen new buildings, a 400 percent increase in enrollment and the addition of more highly qualified faculty proved that this institution would survive.

In 1969, Gardner-Webb was granted senior college status with 1,300 students.

Renewed commitments to campus growth, success in academics and athletics were pivotal to the Gardner-Webb vision of the 1970's -1980's. During this time, Gardner-Webb positioned itself as a leader in North Carolina education and this certainly defined the College's "adolescent" years as a four-year institution. During this time Gardner-Webb also became a pioneer in distance learning with the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners program. The College achieved university status Jan. 1, 1993.

With a record enrollment of nearly 4,000 undergraduate, graduate, and now doctoral students, a strategic plan has been undertaken to determine what the next century of Christian higher education will hold for Gardner-Webb.



mars hill:

there's just something about this place

Mars Hill College is the oldest educational institution still on its original site in western North Carolina. It was founded by a small group of pioneers who erected a modest building on land given by Edward Carter. Most of the work was done by voluntary labor.

The school opened in the fall of 1856 as the French Broad Baptist Academy, taking its name from the association of churches in which it was located. The first president was W. A. G. Brown. He was succeeded in 1858 by the Rev. J. B. Marsh of Binghamton, NY, who served until the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

On Feb. 16, 1859, the school was chartered by the North Carolina General Assembly as Mars Hill College, a name suggested by trustee Lewis Palmer (1791-1874) who took it from the Bible's Acts 17:22: "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill . . ." The charter gave the college power to confer "all such degrees and marks of literary distinction as are usually conferred in colleges or seminaries of learning."

The school closed during 1863 to 1865. After the war it was kept alive by the heroic efforts of local men and women. Fourteen men filled the presidency during the next 32 years.

The election of R. L. Moore as president in 1897 was, in a sense, a second founding. Under his leadership the college grew continuously, its assets multiplied, and its character as an institution of higher education was firmly established.

During most of its early history the college was operated as an academy or boarding high school, but it did offer some college-level courses. In 1921 it was reorganized as a junior college.

In 1938, after 41 years of distinctive service, Moore retired from the presidency. A scholarly member of



the faculty, Hoyt Blackwell, was unanimously selected as his successor.

In 1960 the Baptist State Convention approved plans for converting Mars Hill into a senior college. The first baccalaureate degrees were awarded in May 1964.

Blackwell retired after 28 years of distinguished service as president and on July 1, 1966, he was succeeded by Fred Blake Bentley, who at the time was the youngest college president in the nation. Taking "Emphasis on Excellence" as the creed of his administration, Bentley guided Mars Hill to accreditation as a senior college, led faculty development and curriculum innovation, and fostered numerous other educational and physical advances. After almost 30 years in the presidency, he retired in February 1996. In March A. Max Lennon (class of 1960) returned to Mars Hill College as president and served until January 2002.

In May 2003, Dan G. Lunsford (class of 1969) became president. He was a Mars Hill graduate and was serving as dean of the School of Education and Leadership, after retiring from a career in public school administration.



wingate:

still making history

Charles A. Cannon



Since its founding in 1896, Wingate University has taken grassroots values of personal faith, practical knowledge and service into communities in the Carolinas.

Wingate is not only a nationally recognized private university, but also a valuable resource to North Carolina Baptists. The university provides a foundation for future ministry leaders, opens its doors to youth groups, Christian summer camps and church groups and provides continuing education and sabbatical programs for ministers.

Wingate began as a boarding school with 61 students to offer complete literacy education from first grade through high school. Trustees named the new school after a successful president of Wake Forest University, Washington Manley Wingate. As public schools expanded in the Piedmont, Wingate concentrated on high school education and, in 1923, offered the first two years of college education.

During the Depression, many two-year church-related colleges struggled or closed for lack of funds. In 1930, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina had to withdraw its financial support of Wingate. Two years later Wingate's administration building burned to the ground. Yet, despite these hard times, Wingate found a way to remain open.

Today, Wingate is among the most successful schools in the country in its number of academic All-Americans. More than 90 percent of faculty hold terminal degrees. Classes are small, with an average of 20 students. The academic experience at Wingate is a supportive, intimate learning experience that challenges students to excel.

Enrollment continues to increase with more than 1,600 students entering the class of 2005/2006. Some will study pre-professional programs to prepare for the fields of law, pharmacy and medicine. A comprehensive curriculum offers 37 different majors as well as graduate programs in business and education.

In addition, the School of Pharmacy welcomes this fall its third class of 60 top students from across the U.S. and Canada. It is the only doctorate-level health-care program in the North Carolina Piedmont region.

Wingate provides a sense of community for students, 85 percent of whom live on campus. They come to college ready to engage in activities in and out of the classroom. Opportunities for community service, faith development, internships and service learning are all just as important to the student's college experience at Wingate.

Faith nurturing at Wingate presents students the opportunity to embrace spiritual development. Through the office of the campus minister, Wingate helps students find local ministry opportunities in area churches and among a broad array of local and international missions projects.

In keeping with its mission to broaden its students' knowledge of the world, Wingate extends its reach beyond the campus through international study programs and semesters abroad. Since the university began its W³International study program in the late 1970's, Wingate students have traveled to more than 30 countries on five continents. Semesters in London, Copenhagen and at Hong Kong Baptist University have expanded learning opportunities even further.

If the past is any indication, Wingate University will continue to excel and become an even better place for students tomorrow.



north carolina baptist
foundation celebrates
85th birthday

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, which celebrates its 85th birthday this fall, is the oldest of the 35 state Baptist foundations. It was chartered by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1920 to promote endowment for missionary causes as well as for the struggling convention related institutions.

For the first 42 years, volunteers—primarily members of the Foundation board of directors—promoted wills and trusts. Then in 1962 the Board was allocated Cooperative Program Missions Giving funds to employ a full-time executive secretary, with Gordon Maddrey being the first. The Foundation grew from \$200,000 in trust assets to approximately \$2 million by the time of Maddrey's retirement in 1972.

For 24 years Edwin Coates led the Foundation to become a model. Under his leadership the Foundation staff grew from two to nine professionally trained members, and assets under management grew from less than \$2 million to almost \$70 million. He also led in construction of a separate Foundation facility, which was dedicated debt free in 1990. After Coates' retirement in 1996, Scoot Dixon served as executive director for one year before present Executive Director Clay Warf accepted the position in 1998.


Today the Foundation manages some \$129 million and has 7 staff members working out of the Cary headquarters with 3 area managers living and working in the eastern, central, and western areas of our state. In 2004 a record 103 new accounts were established with the Foundation, with over \$9 million contributed to all accounts. At the same time, \$5.5 million was distributed to beneficiaries.

Over the Foundation's entire history, through 2004, the Foundation has distributed \$27 million to individuals through trusts and \$47.6 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes, for a grand historical total of \$74.6 million.



baptist children's homes:

a guiding star for families

A large group of children and staff members posing for a group photo outdoors. The children are of various ages and are dressed in dark clothing. They are arranged in many rows, filling most of the left side of the page. Some children are waving or smiling at the camera. The background is a grassy area.

Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson became the first child admitted to care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children, touching thousands upon thousands of lives through parts of three centuries, meeting the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

The men and women of Baptist Children's Homes live a daily ministry, offering hope to children and their families. This work is possible because of the institution's belief in goodness, faith in God, the conviction and experience that lives can change and the support of North Carolina Baptists.

In 1885, North Carolina had one orphanage, the Masonic Home in Oxford. John Haymes Mills, who was instrumental in founding that home, believed there was a great need for more such facilities and he led North Carolina Baptists to start a ministry, with the first campus in Thomasville. At Mills Home, he devised a system of care and provision for orphans that taught them skills to function as steady and spiritual human beings.

Matrons in large cottages provided for the physical and emotional needs of the children in a family setting. Spiritual and educational needs were met with regular chapel services and school instruction on the campus.

In 1895, J. B. Boone became the new manager. Like Mills, Boone was primarily an educator and minister, and he brought his unique expertise to the running of the home. Work was an important part of life at the orphanage. Girls did the cooking, washing, ironing, house cleaning and dairy duties. Boys worked in the garden, on the farm, milked the cows, chopped and sold wood, made fires, and ran errands. Boys trained as printers and cobblers.

Isaac G. Greer's talent as a successful fundraiser carried BCH through the Great Depression. Although times were lean, children never went hungry. The children joined adult leaders as part of the farm labor pool, and they ate the season's produce. Baptists across the state provided fruits, feed for the cows, and beans and potatoes.

In the 1960s, children's homes in the South were full. Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina could accept only one in five applicants. Added to this, the children who were admitted to the programs were more emotionally disturbed. General Superintendent W. R. Wagoner began projecting future directions for growth and appealed for increased support from North Carolina Baptists.

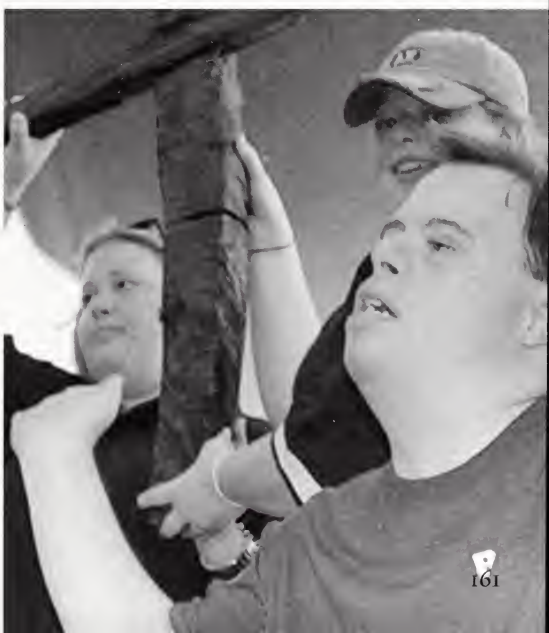
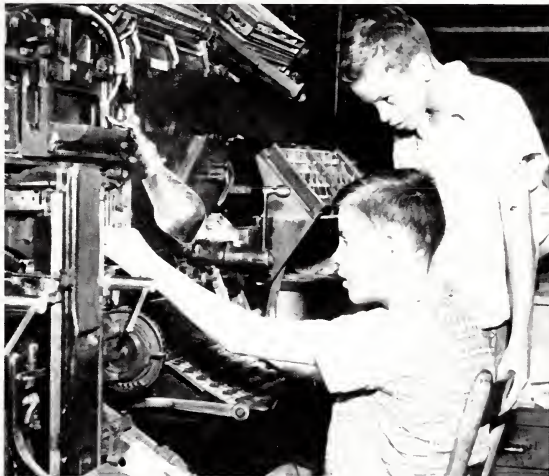
Baptist Children's Homes has grown from a single location to campuses and group homes from the mountains to the coast. Today, Baptist Children's Homes continues making the greatest possible difference in the lives of children and families through attention to five cornerstone elements: values, mission, people, actions, and results.

North Carolina Baptists have stood in the gap sustaining the ministry for 120 years. From trucks of produce and goods in the early years to significant support through Cooperative Program Missions Giving, to record-setting Thanksgiving Offering gifts North Carolina Baptists meet the needs of children in care.

Michael C. Blackwell has been president of Baptist Children's Homes since July 1983 and has led the institution to record growth in programs, children served, locations, fund raising and relationship with North Carolina Baptist churches.

BCH began a yearlong strategic planning effort in January 2004 to create a plan that would serve for years to come, defining a new era of ministry to children and families. The plan is entitled *GuidingStar: Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families*.

Launched in 2005, *GuidingStar: Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families* is a solemn pact with the future — a promise to plan intensely, work feverishly, pray fervently, sacrifice willingly and follow faithfully.



baptist hospital:

healing from the great healer

After the Baptist State Convention's meeting in 1919 Baptists worked "to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer" by building a hospital. Across the state, Baptists pitched in and with the help of the Baptist Men's Union, \$140,000 was raised in a single day. WMU raised \$15,000 to furnish the hospital.

Finally, on an 11-acre tract in the "wilds of Ardmore," North Carolina Baptist Hospital was dedicated on May 25, 1923, as an 88-bed hospital and nurse training school. In 1924 the Mother's Day Offering began as Baptists opened their hearts to a ministry of benevolent care for patients in need.

In 1941 the hospital joined what is now Wake Forest University School of Medicine, became a teaching hospital and expanded the following year to 270 beds.

Today Baptist Hospital has 821 beds, which includes our 160-bed Brenner Children's Hospital. The Baptist system operates a total of 1,187 acute care, psychiatric, rehabilitation and long-term care beds serving the region and the nation. The system includes two rural hospitals, in Yadkinville and Danbury, the Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Facility at Oak Summit, Aegis Family Health Centers and Baptist Hospital Home Care.

The School of Pastoral Care, in partnership with the State Convention, has trained ministers, provided ministry to patients and families and served congregations for 58 years. Its statewide network of 22 outpatient pastoral counseling centers, CareNet, Inc., is the largest in the nation.

Len B. Preslar, Jr., Baptist's president and CEO, said the hospital remains faithful to its original mission.



“We were founded to serve and to provide care for people in times of great need. Our mission, ‘to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God,’ reflects our Christian heritage and sincere commitment to each person we are privileged to serve.”

Baptist Hospital and the School of Medicine, now a part of Wake Forest University Health Sciences, today comprise Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, one of the nation’s 125 academic medical centers.

Baptist Hospital is consistently ranked among “America’s Best Hospitals” listed in *U. S. News* and *World Report*. Baptist was one of the first 14 hospitals in the nation to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service for exemplary nursing leadership and quality patient care. Baptist is in the top 5 percent of peer hospitals in patient satisfaction scores.

Brenner Children’s Hospital is one of only 11 hospitals nationwide named to the National Institutes of Health network to conduct clinical trials on children with heart defects.

Baptist operates more than 100 outreach activities, including satellite clinics, health fairs and consulting services, throughout our primary 26-county service area in northwestern North Carolina and southwestern Virginia.

The Medical Center continues to grow. In 2002, the 400,000-square-foot Ardmore Tower West opened, housing Brenner Children’s Hospital, and in 2004, the new 250,000-square-foot Outpatient Comprehensive Cancer Center opened.

Regardless of the continuing physical changes in the Medical Center, Len Preslar said one feature will never change: “Our commitment is to serve each patient with the best that medicine and technology can offer, wrapped in human kindness and spiritual care. Our core values guide the way - excellence, compassion, innovation, integrity, and collegiality. We are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in this mission that God has entrusted to us.”





retirement homes: *for the best of times*

Baptist Retirement Homes began as a dream of Baptists in the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association in 1945 and messengers of the Baptist State Convention in 1948 appointed a committee to study the needs facing older adults.

Subsequently messengers voted to establish an institutional ministry to older adults called the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. James M. Hayes, a former pastor of the North Winston Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, was elected the first general superintendent.

On March 16, 1951 Resthaven Baptist Home opened in Winston-Salem. Hubert A. Tomlinson, 71, a member of First Baptist Church in Raleigh, was the first resident.

On December 7, 1953, the second Baptist Retirement Home was opened in Albemarle in the southern piedmont.

Within three years of opening their first home, trustees agreed it was time to launch a building program. They found a tract of land between Waughtown Street and Reynolds Park Road in Winston-Salem. On June 13, 1957 the new home opened, and within a few weeks it was filled to capacity - 52 residents. It was called simply the Baptist Home for the Aging until 1960, when it was named for Reverend Hayes upon retirement.

The Hayes Home included a small infirmary. To meet the growing need for nursing care, the infirmary was expanded and eventually provided skilled and intermediate nursing care for 85 residents.

In 1955, Don Matthews of Hamilton, offered land and money to build a Baptist Home in Martin County. A challenge was made to the associations in eastern

North Carolina to match Matthews' offer of \$50,000. The associations began fund-raising, and in 1962 Hamilton Baptist Home opened for operation.

In 1961, William A. Poole began a 24-year term of service as the Homes' second General Superintendent.

In 1967 a gift by Sterling Graves made possible the fifth Home, the Yanceyville Baptist Home, north of Greensboro.

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home, a facility caring for 50 residents, opened in Asheville in 1979. Twelve years later the capacity of the home was tripled with the addition of the 100-bed Rickman Nursing Care center.

In November 1983 the corporate name of the Baptist Homes for the Aging was changed to Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated.

Resthaven Baptist Home, housed in an already old building when it opened in 1951, was closed January 15, 1982 - 31 years after it began operation.

On November 1, 1985, William B. Stillerman, a Baptist minister and former trustee, became the third president.


Faced with the need to expand and update its facilities, the trustees decided in 1986 to relocate the Winston-Salem operation to a site near Wake Forest University. The Brookridge Retirement Community opened in August 1989 . . . a continuing care retirement community, offering 350 older adults independent living in garden homes or apartments, assisted-living care and nursing care.

In August 1989, the Hayes Home was closed, and its resident community moved to Brookridge. The Yanceyville Baptist Home also was closed, and many of its residents moved into Brookridge.

Carol Taylor, a trustee who championed the cause of a retirement community in the Charlotte area as early as 1978, eventually provided 100 rolling acres on the outskirts of Concord plus a substantial gift for "seed money." In 2002, the beautiful Gardens of Taylor Glen opened providing independent living apartment homes, assisted living apartments, a memory enhanced residence and a skilled nursing care.

In response to the growing number of older adults facing dementia related conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, Baptist Retirement Homes has opened memory enhanced residences at Brookridge, at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home and at The Gardens of Taylor-Glen.





the biblical recorder: *making plain the truth*

For 172 of the Baptist State Convention's 175 years, the *Biblical Recorder* has served North Carolina Baptists as the Convention's official news journal - with the emphasis on news.

The paper was founded by Thomas Meredith, an early pastor, writer and denominational statesman. Meredith was instrumental in formation of the Baptist State Convention in 1830, and in 1832, other denominational leaders endorsed his decision to begin a newspaper for North Carolina Baptists.

In calling for such a publication, General Agent Samuel Wait said, "It will easily be seen that we have long labored under great and very serious disadvantages in this state, from the want of a well conducted religious journal. Such a paper we might hope, being adapted to the existing state of our churches, would be productive of the best consequences. Much information on important subjects could be imparted to the churches and our congregations at large, many prejudices could be removed, and the way soon prepared for securing to the convention a larger amount of aid."

With the young convention's endorsement, Meredith started printing the paper under the name *Baptist Interpreter*, changing it to the *Biblical Recorder* and *Journal of Passing Events* in January 1834. A year later, the name was shortened to the *Biblical Recorder*. Meredith edited the paper from New Bern, where he was pastor of First Baptist Church. In 1838, he and the paper moved to Raleigh, where its offices are still located.

The Recorder was owned by a series of individuals, other companies, and a group of people who formed a stock company until 1938, when the Baptist State Convention purchased it and all of its assets, including

a handsome building on Hargett Street in Raleigh. *The Recorder* was then chartered as an affiliated agency and turned over to a board of directors who were charged with communicating the North Carolina Baptist story “while maintaining the rights and privileges of a free press.”

The paper has had fifteen different editors, including the colorful Josiah Bailey, who later served as a U.S. Senator. The last half of the 20th century saw several editors serve long tenures, including L. L. Carpenter (1942-60), Marse Grant (1960-1982), and R.G. Puckett (1982-1998).

Carpenter and Grant enjoyed working during what W.C. Fields, editor of Baptist Press for 28 years, calls the “Golden Age of Southern Baptists,” a time of great expansion and little controversy. The paper reached its highest print circulation of about 120,000 in 1979.

As times have changed so has the format and delivery system that makes the *Recorder* available to Baptists. Indeed, through efficient and effective use of technology, *The Biblical Recorder* now has a wider sphere of influence and a broader readership than ever before. While circulation of the bi-weekly print version hovers around 47,000 copies that go to all 100 counties in North Carolina, 48 states and 52 foreign countries, more than four times that many people read the *Recorder* online at www.biblicalrecorder.org.

The Biblical Recorder directors and staff work diligently to fulfill the paper’s mission statement... “to further Christ’s kingdom among North Carolina (BSCNC) Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions, and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion.”



caraway

conference center and camp

Caraway Conference Center and Camp sits on 1,100 acres of rolling hardwood forest in central North Carolina near the city of Asheboro.

Caraway was purchased in 1961 through a joint vision of the North Carolina Brotherhood Department and the Baptist State Convention to provide a state Royal Ambassador camp. Every summer since 1962 God has called college age young men to give their summer to share the love of Christ with boys ages 9 to 18. Over the last 43 years, more than 6,000 boys have accepted Christ on those grounds through the summer camp program.

Many of the young men who served on summer staff received their call to ministry there, and now are missionaries, pastors, and lay leaders in North Carolina and beyond.

The boy's camp serves as a rental youth camp the other 10 months of the year. Facilities include six winterized lodges and cabins, a dining hall, gym, recreational building, swimming pool, 11 summer cabins and an athletic field.

There are two lakes, and the Bill Jackson Memorial outdoor chapel. The youth camp averages around 4,000 guests per year and the boy's camp averages around a 1,000 per summer.

In 1974 the vision was expanded by the Baptist State Convention to construct a conference center to provide North Carolina Baptists with a place for training and renewal. The conference center was occupied in 1976. Over the last 28 years hundreds of thousands of guests, both Baptist and non-Baptist, have found a place of refuge beyond the distraction of the world where the still small voice of God can be heard.



The Conference Center consists of 80 bedrooms, 12 conference rooms, a 300-seat auditorium and dining room with full dining service. The conference center averages around 18,000 guests per year comprised of religious groups as well as other non-profit groups.

Caraway has progressed from its early beginning to now employ 20 full-time staff with a budget of \$1.6 million. Caraway receives \$75,000 annually through the Cooperative Program Missions Giving of North Carolina Baptist churches. The remainder of the budget is generated through guest services.

Caraway was birthed under the direction of Bill Jackson and continued under his leadership until 1988. Since that time Charles Harris has directed Caraway into the 21st century. Just as the trees on the rolling hills have grown so have the facilities and the ministries of Caraway and God is still at work beyond the leaves.





mundo vista:

a past in people, a future in promise

Mundo Vista is a place that colors the lives of all who walk its paths. Each summer since it was dedicated in 1969 as many as 1,650 young girls come for a week-long missions camping experience. They hear missionaries from around the world, study the Bible to learn how God might use them in the Kingdom and are awestruck by the beauty of God's creation.

Mundo Vista is on the 130 acres in the southwest corner of the tract that includes Caraway Conference Center and Camp, and is separated from Caraway by a road. The land is owned by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and leased to Woman's Missionary Union for \$1 for 49 years. WMU owns the buildings it has constructed on the land.

A master plan was adopted in 1992 to move Mundo Vista to a capacity for larger, year round use.

To simply look at Mundo Vista as a facility is to miss the essence of what the camp is about. The presence of children and staff during the summer bring life to the cabins, joy to the paths and the sound of worship to the outdoor chapel. Worship is a significant part of Mundo Vista.

The sanctuary is not made of brick and mortar, nor does it have carpet on the floor or stained glass windows. No elegant lighting hangs from the ceiling and no choir loft rises behind the pulpit. Despite these missing elements, the worship of God is pure and unhindered as the trees form the walls, the sky forms the ceiling, the sun provides light and the glory of all of the creation rings out in a chorus of sweet praise to the Creator.

Sara Ann Hobbs, (Executive Secretary, NC WMU 1968-1977) said, "the greatest blindness of all is in those who refuse or never take time - to see." Mundo Vista is a place where people learn to see.

It is in seeing each of these things that they begin to see in their hearts that God has created them uniquely and that He has gifted them for ministry and service to Him. Mundo Vista is Spanish for "world view."

Each summer, young girls come to camp to learn to see the world in a whole new way. Mundo Vista is a "not so big camp" on top of a "not so big mountain," but for those who enter in - their world is made bigger and they learn to see the world around them with the eyes of God and the eyes of their own hearts.

During its 36 years in operation, Mundo Vista has seen over 1500 young women serve on the summer staff. Staff members are high school and collegiate young women with a desire to serve God. Each one comes with her own set of unique gifts and talents, as well as, her own difficulties, questions and trials.

To list their accomplishments would leave us in awe as we would see those who have gone on to impact the Kingdom of God as missionaries, teachers, denominational workers, youth ministers, social ministers, professional Christian business women, mothers and much more.

Mundo Vista has a bright and promising future and it will continue to impact the Kingdom by touching and changing the lives of all who enter - one mountain top experience at a time.



north carolina baptist assembly at fort caswell



North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell, affectionately known simply as “Caswell” to thousands of visitors each year, was purchased for just \$86,000 in 1949, more than three years after the 250-acre fort on Oak Island was declared war surplus.

Since then, North Carolina Baptists have developed the site into a premier conference center, hosting more than 1,000 young people weekly during eight weeks of youth camp; and many thousands of others for conferences and retreats throughout the year.

Caswell sits at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, bounded on the south by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north by the Elizabeth River.

Much of the original fortification still stands. This part of Fort Caswell was under construction from 1826 until 1836. The remainder of the fort, seven long cement batteries, along with barracks and officer's quarters, a hospital/morgue, bakery, horse barn, fire-house and prison, was built around the turn of the 20th century.

This important settlement attracted everyone from international travelers to pirates. Smith Island, now named Bald Head which forms the cape, was once one of the main pirate refuges, as was Smithville, now named Southport, and, of course, Oak Island. Notorious pirates, Steed Bonnett, Richard Worley, Mary Ann Blithe, and Blackbeard (Edward Teach) frequented these waters, hiding out in the bays.

Because of the lack of adequate defenses in this area, in 1825 Congress authorized the construction of a fort on Oak Island. The fort was an outstanding engineering accomplishment, one of the strongest in the world. It was a pentagonal structure with a two-story citadel and surrounded by a dry moat and a wet moat. It was named in 1833 for the first Governor of North



Carolina, elected by the General Assembly, and Revolutionary war hero, Richard Caswell.

During the Civil War many soldiers died here from disease, but not one to enemy fire, even though the fort changed hands four times during the war.

Fort Caswell remained in ruins after the War Between the States. It was not until April 14, 1896, when the U.S. began to be more involved in world affairs, that money was appropriated to reconstruct the fort. By 1916 Fort Caswell was again one of the most important military posts on the East Coast.

It was the Headquarters of the Cape Fear Coastal Defenses and was manned by three companies of Coast Artillery Corps under the command of Col. Charles A. Bennett. The armament consisted of mortars, direct and rapid-fire guns and a mine defense. The fort was used as an Army training camp in World War I.

After World War I, the world was thought to be at peace for good and in 1923 the Coast Artillery abandoned Fort Caswell. One reason for its abandonment was its isolation. Until 1928, there was no road to Oak Island. The only means of approach was by water.

During World War II, Fort Caswell served as an army base and submarine lookout post. Once more the fort helped protect the North Carolina coast and the port of Wilmington during a military crises.

Caswell is open year round, with the exception of Christmas through New Year's Day.



hollifield leadership center



The Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield Leadership Center on beautiful Lake Hickory in Conover is the premier location for Christian leadership development in the Southeast.

Hollifield—formerly the executive training center for Duke Power Company and purchased for \$3 million from Duke in April 2000—embodies the spirit of entrepreneurship of a renewed Christian leader. Hollifield is future-embracing and visionary.

It is host to the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program, Valwood Christian Coaching training events, Pursuing Vital Ministry events, Computer classes, training and CCN Seminars by Satellite.

Congregations throughout North Carolina hold women's, men's, deacon and staff retreats at Hollifield. Schools, non-profit and governmental agencies provide training sessions at HLC for their members. Christian writers, church and convention leaders meet one-on-one with pastors and church members to wrestle over effective ways to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet the needs of the church.

Communities birthed at Hollifield spread beyond the borders. Hollifield remains small to enhance the powerful ties among the community of participants.

Hollifield has lodging rooms for up to 56 guests and meeting space for 100. The Bryant Dining Hall, with a full-time chef to prepare delicious meals, seats 100 guests. Our campus includes a three-quarter mile walking trail along the shoreline of Lake Hickory, basketball goal, billiard tables, ping pong table, well-maintained grounds, lakeside cottages, lake view lodges, dining hall, conference rooms, 24-station computer lab with T1 line internet access, campus-wide wireless internet connectivity and library.



Everyone who visits Hollifield is left with a lasting impression of excellent service, tasty meals, comfort and hospitality. Quality of service is paramount for staff. It begins with the sleeping rooms which have quality mattresses, bedding and furnishings. Each room is beautifully furnished with custom made bedding and draperies, Egyptian weave cotton linens, extra-plush towels, personal-size items, such as soap, shampoo and conditioner, 4-cup coffee maker, coffee mug, regular and decaffeinated coffees, telephones with messaging service, extra blankets and pillows.

Large and well-equipped conference rooms have multiple presentation and equipment mediums such as flipcharts, easels, email, data port connections, LCD, overhead projector, screen, TV, VCR, DVD, adjustable comfortable chairs, large tables and more. Refreshments are available in the common areas, 24 hours a day.

The Bryant Dining Hall overlooks Lake Hickory and offers the ideal setting for well-prepared, well-presented and delicious meals served with gracious hospitality.

Hollifield staff creates an environment where your stay is restful, refreshing, renewing and rewarding. George Bullard, executive coach, has been an architect of major Baptist movements in each of the last three decades. He is a widely recognized advisor to denominational leaders, a futurist, a strategic planning expert, a group process facilitator, a church growth strategist, conflict management authority and writer.

Bill Copper, director of Hollifield, believes a "well trained and empowered Christian leadership community will lead congregations to accomplish more in areas of missions, evangelism and discipleship. What we do at Hollifield has a ripple effect throughout the state, nation and world."



truett baptist camp



Truett Baptist Camp is located on the farm in Hayesville that was the birthplace and boyhood home of George W. Truett, one of the Southern Baptist's most renowned pastors.

George Truett, the son of Charles Levi and Mary Kimsey Truett, was born on May 6, 1867. George was the seventh child in a happy family of eight children. In 1886, at age 19, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and joined the church in Hayesville. He was already teaching school at this time. In 1887, he helped found the Hiawassee Academy in nearby Hiawassee, GA and was the school's first principal.

In 1889 Truett moved with his family to Texas. In 1897 he became the pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, TX. During his pastorate, he baptized more than 25,000 members into the congregation. Under his leadership, First Baptist Church became the largest Baptist church in the world. He served his denomination in a number of leadership positions during his pastorate until his death on July 7, 1944.

The first camp was held in tents on the Truett property in 1952. The first building was completed in 1954. Logs from the original birth house were used in one of the buildings. The campers met, slept and ate in the same building. In 1956 the first barrack building was built, which is now used for classrooms. Two more barracks were built in the 1970s. One has since been torn down, and the other is used for a shop.

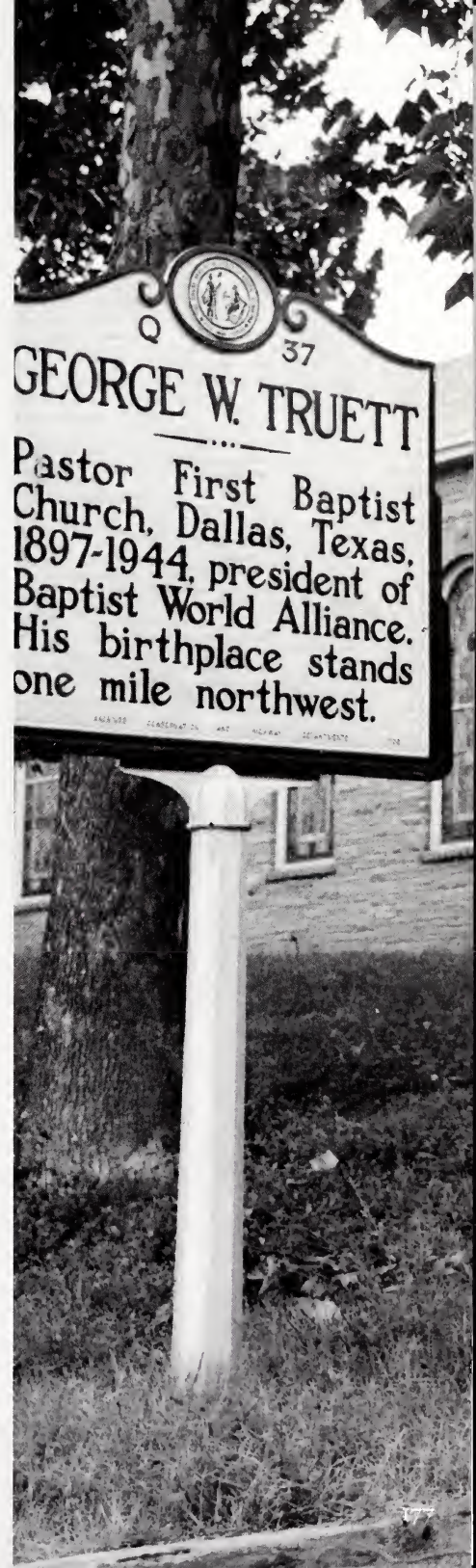
In 1991 the Roberson Conference Center was built. The new barracks and gym built in 1993 is next to the education building that was built in 1995. A new pool was added in 1999. Future plans include building small group houses for retreats and a conference room for meetings. A clearing for a hiking trail is also in the works.



Truett Camp is landscaped with rhododendron, azaleas, daylilies and other shrubs that make the camp colorful in the spring and summer. The changing of the leaves in the fall makes for a beautiful scene and snow in the winter makes a stay at Truett truly wonderful.

It is a beautiful retreat facility available to church groups, schools and others all year. The camp can accommodate 184 campers in the barracks and 80 guests in the Roberson Conference Center. There is a spacious conference room and an educational building for worship and classes. Meals may be provided upon request.

During the summer months, the Western Happiness Retreat is held for adults with developmental disabilities. There are girl's camps, Junior Music Week and boy's camp.



historical table of the convention

<u>Year</u>	<u>Corresponding Secretary/ Executive Director</u>	<u>Convention Sermon</u>	<u>President</u>
1830	John Armstrong	Samuel Wait	Patrick W. Dowd
1831	John Armstrong	John Armstrong	Patrick W. Dowd
1832	John Armstrong	William P. Biddle	Wm. P. Biddle
1833	John Armstrong	David S. Williams	Wm. P. Biddle
1834	John Armstrong	Wm. Richards	Alfred Dockery
1835	John Armstrong	John Kerr	Alfred Dockery
1836	John Armstrong	John Armstrong	Alfred Dockery
1837	William H. Hordan	A.J. Battle	Alfred Dockery
1838	William H. Hordan	James S. Mims	Alfred Dockery
1839	William H. Hordan	John Armstrong	Alfred Dockery
1840	William H. Hordan	J.J. Finch	Alfred Dockery
1841	William H. Hordan	Wm. Hill Jordan	Alfred Dockery
1842	William H. Hordan	J.J. Finch	Thomas Meredith
1843	William H. Hordan	Eli Phillips	Thomas Meredith
1844	S. J. Wheeler	R. McNabb	Alfred Dockery
1845	J. J. Finch	G.M. Thompson	Thomas Meredith
1846	J. J. Finch	W.T. Brooks	Thomas Meredith
1847	J. J. Finch	J.S. Purefoy	Alfred Dockery
1848	J. J. James	David S. Williams	Alfred Dockery
1849	William A. Shaw	C.R. Hendrickson	James McDaniel
1850	John H. Lacy	John B. White	James McDaniel
1851	John H. Lacy	Wm. Hooper	James McDaniel
1852	John H. Lacy	James McDaine	James McDaniel
1853	A. McDowell	R.I. Devin	James McDaniel
1854	T. S. Yarborough	A. McDowell	James McDaniel
1855	W. M. Wingate	T.W. Tobey	James McDaniel
1856	W. M. Wingate	Address by President	James McDaniel
1857	T. E. Skinner	T.E. Skinner	James McDaniel
1858	A. J. Emerson	T.H. Prichard	James McDaniel
1859	A. J. Emerson	J.S. Wathall	James McDaniel
1860	B. F. Marble	H. Petty	James McDaniel
1861	None	John Mitchell	James McDaniel
1862	N. B. Cobb	N.B. Cobb	James McDaniel
1863	N. B. Cobb	Address by President	James McDaniel
1864	N. B. Cobb	W.M. Wingate	James McDaniel
1865	N. B. Cobb	A.McDowell	James McDaniel
1866	W. T. Walters	J.B. Hardwick	James McDaniel
1867	W. T. Walters	Jas. P. Boyce, S.C.	James McDaniel
1867	W. T. Walters	J.T. Carroll	James McDaniel
1868	W. T. Walters	John Mitchel	Samuel G. Mason
1869	W. T. Walters	J.L. Carroll	W.T. Brooks

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1870	J. D. Huffman	William Royal	W.T. Brooks
1871	J. D. Huffman	W.M. Wingate	W.T. Brooks
1872	J. D. Huffman	J.C. Hiden	W.T. Brooks
1873	J. D. Huffman	R.H. Marsh	W.T. Brooks
1874	J. B. Richardson	C.T. Bailey	J.M. Hick
1875	J. B. Richardson	H.A. Brown	John Kerr
1876	J. B. Richardson	T.W. Tabb	C.M. Cooke
1877	J. B. Richardson	Henry Ivey	John Kerr
1878	John E. Ray	J.A. Munday	W.A. Graham, Jr.
1879	John E. Ray	R.H. Griffith	Needham B. Cobb
1880	John E. Ray	F.H. Jones	Needham B. Cobb
1881	John E. Ray	T.E. Skinner	Needham B. Cobb
1882	John E. Ray	H.A. Brown	J.C. Scarborough
1883	John E. Ray	A.G. McManaway	J.C. Scarborough
1884	John E. Ray	C.A. Jenkins	J.C. Scarborough
1885	John E. Ray	J.M. McManaway	C.T. Bailey
1886	John E. Ray	R.T. Vann	C.T. Bailey
1887	John E. Ray	H.W. Battle	W.H. Pace
1888	C. Durham	B. Cade	W.H. Pace
1889	C. Durham	J.S. Dill	L.L. Polk
1890	C. Durham	T.H. Pritchard	L.L. Polk
1891	C. Durham	Thomas Hume	R.H. Marsh
1892	C. Durham	J.S. Hardaway	R.H. Marsh
1893	C. Durham	J.W. Carter	R.H. Marsh
1894	C. Durham	T.J. Taylor	R.H. Marsh
1895	John E. White	A.M. Simms	R.H. Marsh
1896	John E. White	J.B. Richardson	R.H. Marsh
1897	John E. White	A.C. Barron	R.H. Marsh
1898	John E. White	W.S. Penick	R.H. Marsh
1899	John E. White	R.T. Vann	R.H. Marsh
1900	Livingston Johnson	W.M. Vines	R.H. Marsh
1901	Livingston Johnson	W.C. Tyree	R.H. Marsh
1902	Livingston Johnson	C.S. Blackwell	R.H. Marsh
1903	Livingston Johnson	C.W. Duke	R.H. Marsh
1904	Livingston Johnson	J.W. Lynch	R.H. Marsh
1905	Livingston Johnson	J.M. Frost, Tenn.	W.N. Jones
1906	Livingston Johnson	Fred D. Hale	W.N. Jones
1907	Livingston Johnson	W.R. Bradshaw	W.N. Jones
1908	Livingston Johnson	Wm. Lunsford	J.B. Carlyle
1909	Livingston Johnson	G.T. Watkins	W.C. Dowd
1910	Livingston Johnson	J.J. Hall	W.C. Dowd
1911	Livingston Johnson	W.R.L. Smith	C.H. Durham

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1912	Livingston Johnson	Q.C. Davis	C.H. Durham
1913	Livingston Johnson	W.N. Johnson	C.H. Durham
1914	Livingston Johnson	W.T. Carter	C.H. Durham
1915	Walter N. Johnson	T.W. O'Kelly	John A. Oates
1916	Walter N. Johnson	C.B. Walker	John A. Oates
1917	Walter N. Johnson	Bruce Benton	John A. Oates
1918	Walter N. Johnson	J.D. Harte	B.W. Spillman
1919	Walter N. Johnson	J.C. Turner	B.W. Spillman
1920	Charles E. Maddrey	J.J. Hurt	B.W. Spillman
1921	Walter Durham	Q.C. Davis	B.W. Spillman
1922	Walter Durham	W.A. Ayers	B.W. Spillman
1923	Walter Durham	J.W. Kincheloe	B.W. Spillman
1924	Walter Durham	A.P. Bagby	B.W. Spillman
1925	Walter Durham	W.D. Spinx	I.M. Mercer
1926	Walter Durham	J.A. Ellis	I.M. Mercer
1927	Walter Durham	Zeno Wall	I.M. Mercer
1928	Walter Durham	Fred A. Bowe	I.M. Mercer
1929	Walter Durham	J.M. Kester	J. Clyde Turner
1930	Walter Durham	J.R. Jester	J. Clyde Turner
1931	Walter Durham	Arthur Jackson	J. Clyde Turner
1932	Malloy A. Huggins	J. Powell Tucker	J. Clyde Turner
1933	Malloy A. Huggins	Wm. Louis Poteat	Zeno Wall
1934	Malloy A. Huggins	Hugh A. Ellis	Zeno Wall
1935	Malloy A. Huggins	Richard K. Redwine	Zeno Wall
1936	Malloy A. Huggins	J. Allen Easley	Zeno Wall
1937	Malloy A. Huggins	Ralph A. Herring	Wm. Louis Poteat
1938	Malloy A. Huggins	J.B. Willis	R.N. Simms
1939	Malloy A. Huggins	G. Van Stephens	R.N. Simms
1940	Malloy A. Huggins	Charles B. Howard	R.N. Simms
1941	Malloy A. Huggins	Forest C. Freezor	Wm. Harrison Williams
1942	Malloy A. Huggins	C.H. Durham	F.C. Feezor
1943	Malloy A. Huggins	Oscar Creech	I.G. Greer
1944	Malloy A. Huggins	Sankey L. Blanton	Ralph A. Herring
1945	Malloy A. Huggins	Louis S. Gaines	Ralph A. Herring
1946	Malloy A. Huggins	J.S. Hopkins	C.C. Warren
1947	Malloy A. Huggins	J.W. Suttle	C.C. Warren
1948	Malloy A. Huggins	E.V. Hudson	J.W. Suttle
1949	Malloy A. Huggins	R.E. Wall	F.O. Mixon
1950	Malloy A. Huggins	J.L. Jenkins	F.O. Mixon
1951	Malloy A. Huggins	J. Clyde Yates	Grover H. Jones
1952	Malloy A. Huggins	Carey P. Herring	Grover H. Jones
1953	Malloy A. Huggins	Broadus E. Jones	Douglas M. Branch

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1954	Malloy A. Huggins	V. Ward Barr	Douglas M. Branch
1955	Malloy A. Huggins	Claude U. Broach	Douglas M. Branch
1956	Malloy A. Huggins	Claud Bowen	J.C. Canipe
1957	Malloy A. Huggins	C.O.Greene	J.C. Canipe
1958	Malloy A. Huggins	James S. Potter	A.L. Parker
1959	Douglas M. Branch	R. Knolan Benfield	A.L. Parker
1960	Douglas M. Branch	Howard Dawkins	C.B. Deane
1961	Douglas M. Branch	W.A. Huneycutt	C.B. Deane
1962	Douglas M. Branch	Syndor L. Stealey	Nane Starnes
1963	Claude F. Graddy	Carlton S. Prickett	Nane Starnes
1964	W. Perry Crouch	John E. Lawrence	Howard J. Ford
1965	W. Perry Crouch	Carl E. Bates	Howard J. Ford
1966	W. Perry Crouch	R.F. Smith, Jr.	Carl E. Bates
1967	W. Perry Crouch	T.L. Cashwell, Jr.	Carl E. Bates
1968	W. Perry Crouch	W. Randall Lolley	Claud B. Bowen
1969	W. Perry Crouch	Russell T. Cherry, Jr.	Claud B. Bowen
1970	W. Perry Crouch	A. Douglas Aldrich	John E. Lawrence
1971	W. Perry Crouch	James R. DeLoach	John E. Lawrence
1972	W. Perry Crouch	Cecil E. Sherman	Thomas M. Freeman
1973	W. Perry Crouch	Frank R. Campbell	Thomas M. Freeman
1974	W. Perry Crouch	Thad R. Dowdle	Allen A. Bailey
1975	W. Perry Crouch	James C. Cammack	Allen A. Bailey
1976	Cecil A. Ray	E.W. Price, Jr.	Coy C. Privette
1977	Cecil A. Ray	John I. Durham	Coy C. Privette
1978	Cecil A. Ray	John Bunn	C. Mark Corts
1979	Cecil A. Ray	Edgar Farrell	C. Mark Corts
1980	Cecil A. Ray	James L. Sullivan	Cecil E. Sherman
1980	Cecil A. Ray	Billy Cline	Cecil E. Sherman
1981	Cecil A. Ray	A.L. McGee	Cecil E. Sherman
1982	Cecil A. Ray	Gaylord Lehman	Frank R. Campbell
1983	Cecil A. Ray	Alton H. McEachern	Frank R. Campbell
1984	Roy J. Smith	Thomas L. Rich, Jr.	Norman A. Wiggins
1985	Roy J. Smith	Gerald Goodwin	Norman A. Wiggins
1986	Roy J. Smith	Billy T. Mobley	William E. Poe
1987	Roy J. Smith	Donald G. Bouldin	William E. Poe
1988	Roy J. Smith	John H. Hewett	E. Leon Smith
1989	Roy J. Smith	Dale Steele	E. Leon Smith
1990	Roy J. Smith	James L. Jarrard	Gene L. Watterson
1991	Roy J. Smith	Jerry D. Hayner	Gene L. Watterson
1992	Roy J. Smith	Alfred L. Miller	E. Glen Holt
1993	Roy J. Smith	Hugh P. Garner	E. Glen Holt
1994	Roy J. Smith	Phillip M. Davis	Alfred T. Ayscue
1995	Roy J. Smith	Michael G. Queen	Alfred T. Ayscue

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1996	Roy J. Smith	Charles Allard	Gregory T. Mathis
1997	Roy J. Smith	Kelvin Smith	Gregory T. Mathis
1998	James H. Royston	Steve Scoggins	Mac Brunson
1999	James H. Royston	William O. Grisham	Michael Cummings
2000	James H. Royston	Jack Causey	Michael Cummings
2001	James H. Royston	Woodrow Busch	Michael Cummings
2002	James H. Royston	Charles Page	Jerry Pereira
2003	James H. Royston	James I. Walker	David Horton
2004	James H. Royston	Anne Graham Lotz	David Horton

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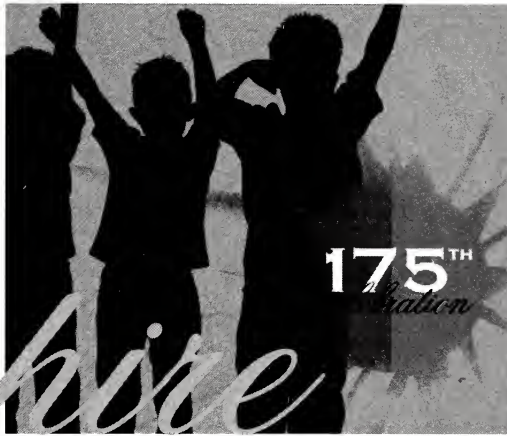
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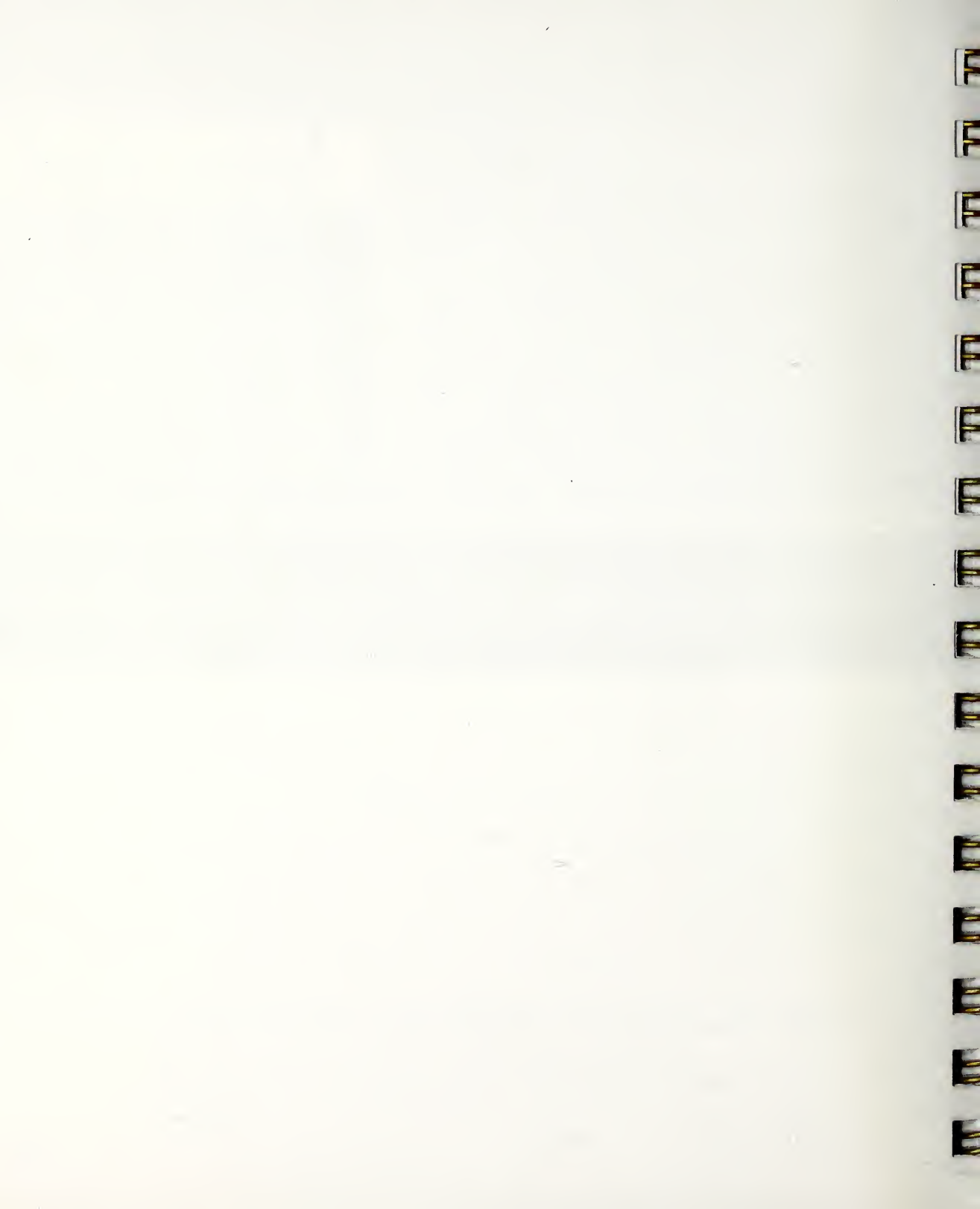
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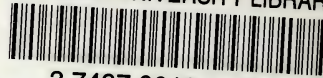
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