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Pastor and Mrs. Lowell Baggett

The Baggetts serve as pastor and wife at the Portland Free Will Baptist Church. This church was begun as a mission in 1953 by Brother and Sister John Lindsley and was received into the Cumberland Association in 1955.

Lowell and Charlene Baggett came to the Free Will Baptists after many very successful years with the General Baptists, our sister denomination. They are both natives of Alabama, where they were married in 1946. They moved to Michigan and he became Minister of Music at the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Adrian, Michigan where he served from 1947 to 1953. Brother Baggett is a graduate of the Vaughn School of Music and Midwestern Bible College. He had very successful General Baptist pastorates in Flint, Michigan; Louisville, Ken-

tucky; and Gallatin, Tennessee. Under his leadership, the Flint church grew to over 700 members.

Brother Baggett became pastor of the Portland church in August of 1991. There were 37 in attendance the first Sunday. The first year, 72 members were added to the church, and 29 the second year. Brother Baggett said that the church has had a baptismal service every month during his ministry there.

We thank God for this good man, who is a very capable speaker and leader, an excellent pastor, and an outstanding musician and teacher of music. There are very few men among us who could be of greater help to a local church's choir than Brother Baggett. Also, if there are several churches close to each other, they could go together and invite Brother Baggett for a music emphasis or singing school. His address is the following:

Lowell Baggett
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Portland, TN 37148
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Report of the Tennessee State Christian Education Board

Your Christian Education Board is hard at work. The board consists of Sam McVay, Jim Cox, Darren Duncan, Kevin Riggs, Dean Jones, Cindy Walker, and Ken Haney. Plans are being developed to coordinate retreats across our state for singles and for senior citizens. We see our responsibilities as being broader than just children and teens. We want to be your "full service" Christian Education Board.

The 1994 State Youth Conference is well on its way

in the planning stage. This year the theme is "Live to Tell." This year the conference will move from Gatlinburg to Chattanooga. The dates are December 28-30. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

On behalf of the board, let me say that we consider it a privilege to serve the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions on how we can serve better, please let us know.

Coming Events

July 17-21	National Association of Free Will Baptists, Little Rock, AR
November 14-16	Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists, Oak Ridge, TN
December 28-30	1994 State Youth Conference, Chattanooga, TN

Tennessee State Association Annual Meeting

The Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet November 14-16, 1994. This is one week later than the usual time of November 7-9. After receiving several requests that the earlier date be changed because of Election Day on Tuesday, November 8, the Tennessee Executive Committee was consulted. It was their decision that we meet on November 14-16.

Tennessee Is Still #1

Again in 1993, the Free Will Baptist people of Tennessee gave more to the national ministries than any other state in the entire denomination. Of the \$7,864,572 received by the various departments, \$1,109,098 was given by Tennessee Free Will Baptists. Special thanks to every person and every church who gave to make this possible.

The amounts given to the various departments from Tennessee were the following:

Foreign Missions	\$634,248
Home Missions	276,053
Bible College	154,807
Executive Department	15,511
WNAC	13,516
Master's Men	10,288
Retirement & Ins.	2,781
All Others	1,893

The top ten states in giving to the national ministries are the following:

Tennessee	\$1,109,098
North Carolina	917,702
Oklahoma	639,825
Missouri	580,272
Arkansas	578,692
Alabama	457,410
South Carolina	396,802
Georgia	318,400
Michigan	313,585
Ohio	281,049

Lynn Midgett, Spanish Field Council Secretary

On behalf of the missionary staff in Spain, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation for the SOS program you adopted at your last state meeting. After the months of unrelenting stress, your show of support is most timely and welcome.

Thank you for how you have stood beside not only the mission staff in Spain but all the missionaries serving in European countries. Your expressions of sympathy and encouragement have meant much to us both personally as brothers and sisters in Christ as well as missionaries representing you and our denomination.

We all desire to see the truth of the Gospel penetrate and transform lives in Spain. Your prayers and financial support have and will continue to make this possible.

Thanks, Friends in Tennessee

Correction

In the previous edition of *Echo*, a mistake was made in the finances raised by various churches in the 1993 Sexton Walk-A-Thon for Foreign Missions. It was incorrectly stated that the Upland Church raised \$750. Please note that this should have read that Island Road Free Will Baptist Church raised \$750. We regret this error.

A Letter to Tennessee Free Will Baptists from Paul and Rhoda Creech



On August 10, our family returned from Cote d'Ivoire for our year of furlough. As furloughing missionaries, we are privileged to share about our ministry, to announce the evangelism of souls, and share cultural insights and artifacts. A major part of our furlough experience is fundraising.

We are over halfway through our furlough. What remains?

- Our mission account is \$11,000 in the red.
- We must have \$33,000 in cash before departure.
- We need \$5,700 monthly faith-promise commitments.
- We have services scheduled until the end of July.
- We should begin French language study in Quebec, Canada this August.
- We must be in Bouake, Cote d'Ivoire by July 1995 to continue our ministry with missionary kids.

How can you help? We need three things. First, will you pray that God will meet these needs? Without prayer we will not see this seemingly impossible situation met.

Second, would you ask your church to put us in the budget for \$100 a month? Recently, churches in North Carolina and Indiana included us in their budgets. Will you join them?

Third, would you receive a special offering, above what you are presently doing, for our mission account?

Urgent Need: Funds for Uruguay Church

Our Tennessee missionaries to Uruguay, Walter and Marcia Ellison, need \$24,000 to finish remodeling the Rivera Church. The project is more than half over—but these funds are needed to complete the project. A **Uruguay Building Fund** account has been set up in the Foreign Missions office. Please direct your funds to this source.

Pastoral Changes

William Johnson to Good Springs Church, Pleasant View
Wayne Price to Trinity Church, Bowling Green, KY
Mike Gillock to Ashland City Church, Ashland City
Glenn McReynolds to Pardue Memorial Church, Clarksville

Tennessee State Competition Winners

Bible/Music/Arts

Bible Memorization

Grade 1 Lynna McInturff, Grace-Johnson City
 Grade 2 Brooke Dickerson, Limestone
 Grade 3 Andrew Chamberlin, Limestone

Bible Sword Drill

Grade 4 Valorie France, Berea-Johnson City
 Grade 5 Amanda Gentry, First-Newport
 Grade 6 Dru Johnson, First-Newport

Bible Tic Tac Toe

Valley View, Loudon

Bible Bowl

Keensburg, Elizabethton

Vocal Solos

Age A-Male or Female	Amy Lawrence, Donelson-Nashville
Age B-Male or Female	Amanda Simpson, Ashland City
Age C-Female	Katie Anderson, Donelson-Nashville
Age C-Male	Luke Grooms, First-Newport
Age D-Female	Victoria Morgan, Donelson-Nashville
Age D-Male	Chris Willhite, New Hope-Joelton
Age E-Female	Kelly Jo Goodfellow, Donelson-Nashville
Age E-Male	Terry Skiles, Loyal Chapel-Columbia

Vocal Ensemble

Duet-Age A	New Hope Duet, Joelton
Duet-Age B	C&C for Christ, First-Johnson City
Duet-Age C	Tallent Sisters, Donelson-Nashville
Duet-Age D	Anderson/Baker, Donelson-Nashville
Duet-Age E	Oaklawn Ambassador Duet, Chapmansboro
Trio-Age A	Good Springs Trio, Pleasant View
Trio-Age C	Oaklawn Trio, Chapmansboro
Trio-Age D	Greeneville First Trio
Quartet-Age A	Cookeville Quartet
Quartet-Age C	Forest Grove Quartet, Knoxville
Quartet-Age D	New Hope Quartet, Joelton
Sextet-Age A	Donelson Sextet, Nashville
Sextet-Age B	Heads Sextet-Cedar Hill

Instrumental/Keyboard

Large Instrumental Ensemble-Age C
 For the King, Cross Timbers-Nashville

Instrumental Solo, Woodwind-Age B
 Suzanne McVay, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville

Instrumental Solo, Woodwind-Age C
 Leah Chamberlin-Limestone

Keyboard Solo-Age A Lynna McInturff, Grace-Johnson City

Keyboard Solo-Age B
 Natasha Hughes, Roan Street-Elizabethton

Keyboard Solo-Age C
 Bethany Fletcher, Cross Timbers-Nashville

Keyboard Solo-Age D Monica Dixon, Greeneville First

Oral Communications (except Pupperty)

Dramatic Selection-Age B	Chris Duke, Good Springs-Pleasant View
Dramatic Selection-Age C	Luke Grooms, First-Newport
Dramatic Selection-Age D	Beth Duncan, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville
Dramatic Selection-Age E	Tiffany Scarborough, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville
Interpretive Reading of Scripture-Age B	Amanda Gentry, First-Newport
Interpretive Reading of Scripture-Age D	Jonathan Smith, New Hope-Joelton
Duet Acting-Age C	Sass/Lewis Duo, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville
Duet Acting-Age D	Kemper/Grooms, Newport
Readers Theater-Age D	New Hope Drama Team, Joelton
Skit-Age B	New Hope Skit, Joelton
Skit-Age C	Limestone Drama Team
Skit-Age D	The Skeptics, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville

Oral Communications-Pupperty

Pupperty Live-Age D
 Small Wonders Live, Canah Chapel-Erwin

Pupperty Recorded-Age A TGIF Puppet Team, First-Newport

Pupperty Recorded-Age B
 Kids for Christ Puppet Team, First-Newport

Pupperty Recorded-Age C
 Hands for the Master's Use, Shady Grove-Whitesburg

Pupperty Recorded-Age D Tell It Puppet Team, First-Newport

Pupperty Recorded-Age E
 Mary Beth Bernard, Oakland-Whites Creek

Pupperty Recorded-Age F
 POWER Company Puppet Team, First-Newport

Chorales/Choirs

Chorale-Age A
 Patch the Pirate Chorale, Good Springs-Pleasant View

Chorale-Age B New Hope Children's Chorale-Joelton

Chorale-Age D Xample, Donelson-Nashville

Chorale-Age F Crew Chorale, Fellowship-Antioch

Choir-Age F Roan Street Choir, Elizabethton

Creative Arts

Sculpture/Pottery-Age A	Charles Anderson, Mt. Zion-Ashland City
Sculpture/Pottery-Age C	Jamie Harter, Fellowship-Antioch
Sculpture/Pottery-Age D	Pat Biter, Pardue Memorial-Clarksville
Painting-Age C	Leah Hayley, First-Monterey
Painting-Age D	Kristi Curtis, Cofer's Chapel-Nashville
Graphics-Age A	Timothy Lee, Shady Grove-Whitesburg
Graphics-Age C	Megan Mackie, Cookeville
Graphics-Age D	Rebecca Gorenflo, First-Newport
Ceramics-Age A	Lisa Royston, East Side-Elizabethton
Ceramics-Age C	David Holder, East Side-Elizabethton
Ceramics-Age D	Travis Simmons, East Side-Elizabethton
Textiles-Age C	Hope Hembree, First-Newport
Textiles-Age D	Rebecca Gorenflo, First-Newport

INCOME

Appalachian Assn.	
Grace	\$132.34
Keensburg	75.00
Watauga Valley	100.00
Appalachian Assn.	35.40

Cumberland Assn.

Bethlehem	166.50
Brandon's Chapel	463.57
Cumberland Assn.	990.53
Donelson	379.80
Dunbar Chapel	75.00
East Nashville	75.00
Friendship	45.00
Good Springs	153.40
Hendersonville	400.00
New Hope	50.00
Trinity	87.00

Liberty Assn.

Cookeville	150.00
Liberty Assn.	75.82

Northeast Assn.

Union Street	150.00
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Union Assn.

Bethany	30.00
Church Hill First	800.00
Fellowship	150.00
Limestone	50.00
Union Assn.	528.11
Valley View	150.00

Others

Home for Children	225.00
Individuals	150.00

Associational Fees	25.00
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Total Income	\$5,712.47
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Total Expenditures for March, April, & May	\$7,222.62
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Thank you for your gifts to support the State Association work. All checks should be made payable to Tennessee State Association and sent to E. B. McDonald, P.O. Box 685, Ashland City, TN 37015.

Are Your Church and Parsonage Adequately Insured?

When the present insurance policy on your church or parsonage nears the renewal date, please contact one of the agents named below for a bid from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company. This is a dependable company, over 70 years old, and is fully licensed to offer programs of coverage to you.

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Each church will receive an independent review of their insurance program. The insurance proposal will be specifically tailored to the needs of the local church. This review includes a property survey and building value insurance appraisal to help the church verify they are purchasing the right amount of building insurance. The appraisal does not apply to personal property within church buildings. Church leaders must maintain their own personal property inventories.

The Tennessee State Association has the potential for receiving a financial contribution from Brotherhood Mutual if our churches insured by them have a better-than-average claims experience. This company has established a retrospective premium rate grouping plan that could benefit our state work. (At present, the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists receives about \$6,000 each year.)

Brotherhood Mutual agents are:

Dr. Roger Reeds, 615/299-8242

Clarence Lewis, 615/297-0656

Oak Ridge Motels

(for Tennessee State Association, Nov. 14-16)

Comfort Inn (Convention Motel)

615/481-8200

1-4 people \$45.00 including breakfast

Hampton Inn (Continental Breakfast)

615/482-7889

1-4 people \$59.00

Days Inn

615/483-5615

1 person \$39.00

2-4 people \$42.00

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