Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital’s early days were rough – at one point, it almost closed – but eventually it grew to become the largest private hospital in the world. The hospital played a very important role in the history of health care in the 20th century, celebrating many firsts along the way.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 14 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi; a 500-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care’s staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members or employees can ask that a chaplain be involved in spiritual or emotional care. In our hospitals, our chaplains represent their own faith but deal with spiritual issues that transcend denominational lines.

In May 2014 Stephen Reynolds, Baptist Memorial Health Care’s fourth president and CEO and a 43-year Baptist colleague, retired from the organization. Jason Little, Baptist’s executive vice president and chief operating officer and a 12-year Baptist employee, became the organization’s fifth president and CEO on June 1.

As his tenure began, Little announced leadership changes that mark several firsts for Baptist. For the first time, a physician, Dr. Paul DePriest, was named executive vice president and chief operating officer; Baptist recruited Rev. Keith Norman – pastor of First Baptist Church—Broad – as its first ever vice president for government affairs; and Dana Dye became the first woman and first nurse to lead Baptist’s flagship facility, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis.

Baptist OneCare, Baptist Memorial Health Care's new Electronic Health Record (EHR), was unveiled Jan. 1 and Jan. 2 at Baptist's four Minor Medical Centers and several Baptist Medical Group physician offices. Two months later, the EHR went live at four hospitals, including Baptist’s flagship facility, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. The new system creates a single patient record that both caregivers and patients can access. The EHR aims to maximize efficiency by reducing the need for duplicate tests and patients having to give the same information to multiple caregivers.
In June 2014, Baptist Medical Group, Baptist’s 500-member multi-specialty physician group, began a partnership with Walgreens HealthCare Clinics. BMG physicians are working with 11 metro-Memphis Walgreens HealthCare Clinics to assist in providing care outside the Walgreens Clinics’ scope of practice and to help manage the treatment of chronic diseases.

Baptist broke ground on a pediatric emergency room, slated to open in late January 2015, at Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women and Children, the latest addition to the hospital’s pediatric services. The emergency room will be staffed by pediatric emergency medicine physicians, hospitalists and an array of specialists who will care for patients, who will range from birth to age 18.

Dr. Fawn Lewis recently joined Baptist Medical Group as the hospital system's first pediatric general surgeon. She will serve the entire 14-hospital system; however, much of her practice will be concentrated at Baptist Memorial Hospital for Women and Children.

Baptist broke ground on the area's first integrated cancer center near the campus of Baptist's flagship hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. Breaking ground on the Baptist Cancer Center is the latest in a series of developments in Baptist's overall plan to enhance the level of cancer care available to the Mid-South community.

Baptist hired a nationally-respected physician and researcher to be the director of the Baptist Cancer Center. Dr. Stephen Edge, a nationally known breast oncologic surgeon, will serve as a catalyst for pulling all the components of the cancer program together and delivering an integrated, advanced standard of cancer care.

Officials broke ground on a new rehabilitation facility in Germantown, Tenn., in October 2013. The new, 49-bed Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital will open this October and provide a wide range of services for patients recovering from complex neurological conditions, strokes, brain and spinal cord injuries, complex orthopedic injuries, amputations and other conditions.

Baptist Medical Group opened a new primary care practice and walk-in clinic. The 11,470-square-foot building is one of the largest BMG clinic locations and will offer immediate access up to nine physicians and nurse practitioners. It is one of several easy access clinics BMG offers within the metro-Memphis area.

In June 2014, Baptist Memorial Health Care opened a free resource center for people and their caregivers struggling with dementia and other memory-related problems. A first for the Memphis area, the Baptist Memory Care Center – located in Collierville, Tenn. – will offer screening, classes and referrals to resources and services ranging from home care to driving safety, hospital care and long-term care.

In April 2014, Becker’s Hospital Review, a leading source of business and legal information for health care industry leaders, named Baptist Memphis to its list of “100 Great Hospitals in America.” According to the publication, the hospitals included in the list have a rich history, strong credentials and a growing focus on how to best care for patients in an era of reform.
The year 2014 was definitely a year of change for the Baptist & Reflector, the official newsjournal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In June the B&R transitioned from weekly to biweekly and is now a part of the TBC’s Communications Team, led by Chris Turner, director of communications.

The paper is mailed to nearly 29,000 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 90,000 people.

In addition, the B&R has become one of the top two most viewed pages on the Tennessee Baptist Convention’s website at www.tnbaptist.org. With the shift to a biweekly format, the goal is to increase the B&R’s web presence. Plans to launch a new B&R website later this year are underway.

The paper’s “virtual edition,” launched in 2011, continues to reach a potential readership of about 14,000 more people every week.

The goal of the paper is to "tell the story of Tennessee Baptists" through news, feature stories and photographs. As in the past, the paper this year placed a major emphasis on what Tennessee Baptists are doing to reach the world for Christ by focusing on stories related to missions and evangelism. This year the paper has reported extensively on the TBC’s 1-5-1 Harvest Plants effort to increase the number of baptisms in Tennessee.

With additional time to develop stories, the B&R staff plans more in-depth features on topics of concern for Tennessee Baptists and in-depth coverage of ministries funded through the Cooperative Program.

The Baptist and Reflector continued to utilize social media tools in 2014 such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey regularly writes a blog that provides information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. In addition, opinions, both from the editor and others, are printed and are intended to make readers think, reflect, and act.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers and offers a variety of subscription plans. For more information about subscription plans, call the Baptist & Reflector office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2003.

Lonnie Wilkey, Editor
Report to Tennessee Baptists  
Carson-Newman University

Fellow Tennessee Baptists,

Fall on a university campus is full of the energy from new and returning students, new academic offerings and service. While most people ready themselves, their homes and businesses for winter, we at Carson-Newman are reveling in a new year and the opportunity to face anew the prospect of fulfilling our service to Christ through higher education.

Many good things continue to happen at Carson-Newman, and we are even more pleased to share why such progress continues to happen. Jesus is Lord at Carson-Newman. Celebrate with us these strides, and please encourage your students and friends to visit us as they consider their higher education options.

- Some 170 Carson-Newman students, along with staffers and faculty volunteers, used spring break to serve God’s people in missions work. Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home in Chattanooga received help with everything from landscaping to homework tutoring. House parent Kathy Hall called the group a “terrific blessing.” Eleven spring break teams traveled to six states as well as Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. Since May graduation, service aboard has included a medical trip to Haiti staffed with C-N nursing students and professors in service and a mission awareness study in South Africa.

- Our Saint John’s Bible exhibit has drawn more than 5,200 visitors in just over one year. Additionally, the exhibit has garnered broad regional visibility. The audience will grow abundantly, given the development of The Saint John’s Bible Gallery and Hild Collection of Biblical Antiquities. Along with a Heritage Edition of the first hand-illuminated Bible produced in a half-millennium, the exhibit will feature archeological artifacts of Dr. Bill Hild, a 1978 alumnus, a member of our Board of Trustees and pastor of First Baptist Church of Sarasota, Florida. Our campus community, alumni and public visitors drawn to campus for this exhibit will benefit from these wonderful additions.

- Campus speakers in recent months have included noted lecturers, authors and ministers. Guests included East Texas Baptist University’s Dr. Jeph Holloway, who delivered the annual T.B. Maston Lecture; Ruth Graham, daughter of famed evangelist Rev. Billy Graham, who addressed our Women of Vision philanthropic organization; and South Korea’s Dr. Billy Kim and his son Dr. Joseph Kim who preached during the Ashe-Henderson Lectures. Noel Treddinick, of London’s All Souls, Langham Place, led music and worship for Ashe-Henderson.

- The Student’s First three-year campaign beginning in 2011 has raised $19.6 million of its $25 million goal. Members of the Board of Trustees announced that they were successful in reaching their $5 million goal. This campaign will fund student scholarships, honor programs and the new Student Success Learning Commons, located in Stephens-Burnett Memorial Library.

- In response to the National Assessment of Service and Community Engagement survey, 71 percent of C-N participants note their efforts to take part in service. Comparing C-N to schools of similar size, NACSE reports that C-N performs better overall, and especially so in the service areas of religion, youth, institutional, environmental, homelessness, hunger and economics.

- The University’s Student Chaplaincy Program Staff enters its fourth year. Following training by Campus Ministries and Student Affairs professionals, student chaplains are assigned to each residence hall. They serve their fellow residents on an individual basis throughout the school year while participating in monthly group training sessions.

- A Cappella Choir’s spring tour featured 45 students from across the nation who shared the gospel through music across Middle and East Tennessee. “We use our talents to communicate important
truths about our faith, and we try to make each performance a worship service,” said Dr. Eric Thorson, director of choral activities.

- The Worship Planning Committee’s Thematic Chapel Series enters its fifth year of presenting weekly services. September’s “Living Out your Faith” featured speakers from several fields who shared how their faith is integrated with their work. February’s “Bumper Sticker Theology” will encourage students to move beyond cliche to spiritual development and maturity.

- C-N’s 2014 Operation Inasmuch Service Day, slated for September 27, will push the time volunteers have invested near the 14,000-hour mark. The University was the first institution of higher learning to implement to Operation Inasmuch model.

- More than 70 volunteers invested themselves in a host of campus projects, marking the sixth summer that Tennessee Baptist churches have done so and the fifth season coordinated by Baptist Builders. Combined, the groups spent 28 workdays and generated more than 2,500 volunteer hours. The group’s efforts in 2013 were credited with earning for C-N the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance Award for the renovation of the historic Butler-Blanc Gymnasium, the second oldest building on campus.

- Baptist Collegiate Ministries used the past year to celebrate its 90th anniversary of service. In 1923, C-N was the first in Tennessee and one of the first in the nation to establish the program, then called Baptist Student Union.

- The inaugural Carson-Newman Faith & Justice Scholar cohort completed 500 hours of personal faith development and another 1,000 hours in service to local ministries. During the academic year, each scholar partners with a faith-based ministry (100 hours per semester) and also engages in intentional faith development through monthly prayer services, book studies and training events.

- Washington Monthly magazine ranks Carson-Newman top 10 in the nation among America’s baccalaureate colleges. The University is the only Tennessee institution to be named in the top 20 of the “Baccalaureate Colleges” category. It is also the second consecutive year C-N has been recognized in the category’s top 10. U.S. News & World Report cited C-N as No. 12 among the South’s Best Regional Colleges, and The Princeton Review named Carson-Newman University a “Best in the Southeast” this year. Additionally, the university is being named a “College of Distinction,” a ranking that identifies C-N to be dedicated to the Colleges of Distinction’s core values: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community and successful outcomes.

This report is an overview of the good partnership between the Tennessee Baptist Convention, its churches and Carson-Newman University. This is but a glimpse of ways your support is changing lives on our campus, across Tennessee and to the ends of the earth. We are grateful for you and your Cooperative Program support.

Submitted by J. Randall O’Brien, President
Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy celebrates the 82-year partnership with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, appreciative of the Boards of Trustees who have guided the academy well for over eight decades, and grateful for Cooperative Program support which has enabled the academy to extend its outreach around the world.

The HCBA school division, The King’s Academy, opened the 2014-2015 school year with its seventh consecutive record enrollment. (“The King’s Academy” has become the institution’s primary identity since the Board of Trustees formally began “doing business as” TKA in 1993.) A young girl being raised by her grandmother in Seymour became the 500th student to enroll this year. With a rolling admissions policy, students will continue to enroll during the school year. The enrollment goal for entire year is 525.

The academy’s distinctive boarding program continues to attract students from throughout the United States and the world. Countries represented in the most recent two school years include Bahamas, Brazil, Burundi, Cayman Islands, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Guatemala, India, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Congo, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Nigeria, Taiwan, Thailand and Wales. What an amazingly unique opportunity to be intensely involved in international missions right here in Tennessee! Additionally, three Chinese teachers reside on campus while they teach Chinese language and culture at TKA as well as a nearby public school.

The Celebrating Our Past—TOGETHER—Building Our Future capital campaign reached its first major milestone when the Polly Enix Tibbetts Building was dedicated April 15, 2014. This 18,000-square foot multi-purpose academic and athletic facility is now in daily use. Campaign attention is now focused on a greatly needed classroom building with science laboratories. Over $2 million has been given or pledged in the campaign effort.

Dr. Ruth Graham delivered the Commencement address as forty-two seniors from nine nations receive diplomas in May 2014. Dr. Graham’s warmth and friendly style endeared her to the students as well as the family members in attendance. Special speakers on campus in the spring also included Dr. Harold Middlebrook, Sr., who was a close friend and associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Middlebrook stirred students with his enthusiasm and challenge to live confident lives.

HCBA’s other divisions continue to play vital roles. The Bible Training Center for adults offers Seminary Extension courses at convenient times for bi-vocational ministers and others who desire greater understanding of the Bible. The Chilhowee Retreat Center provides housing, meals and facilities for educational groups and churches during summer months.

The academy continues to reap the benefits from volunteers across the state. Since 1996, mission teams from Tennessee Baptist churches, as well as those from fifteen other states, have arrived on campus to help with renovations and maintenance projects that may otherwise not get done. Tennessee Campers on Mission, along with church groups from East, Middle and West Tennessee were well represented in 2013 and 2014.

It is an honor to serve with Tennessee Baptists in this unique educational ministry.

Walter Grubb, President/Headmaster
Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

Your Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes ministry celebrates its 40th anniversary on Dec. 2, 2014. How thankful we are to God for his provision and for Tennessee Baptists’ faithfulness in supporting the good work of caring for senior adults and adults with developmental disabilities. The number 40 brings to mind several biblical references—it rained 40 days and nights while Noah was in the ark, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness 40 years after leaving Egypt, Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness, and Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days following his resurrection, to name four. In each case, 40 represented the completion of a significant period of time. For Adult Homes, the 40th year has been one of challenge and of hope, of trials and faith. And, we know that faith will lead us home! We have much to celebrate and to offer thanks for:

- We rejoice and give thanks for another excellent Special Friends Camp in July at Carson Springs and Linden Valley. A week of fun, friendship, Bible study and worship was experienced by 278 campers.
- We rejoice and give thanks for the 55 residents who make their homes in the six group homes for those with developmental disabilities.
- We rejoice and give thanks for the more than 300 residents on the three campuses for senior adults. These include those who are still very active and those who are frail and have health-care needs.
- We rejoice and give thanks for the new residents who are moving into Williams Ferry Pointe independent living community in Lenoir City.
- We rejoice and give thanks for those who are leading and contributing to the R.A.R.E. (Renovate a Room Everyone) Campaign to remodel and refurnish all the patient rooms at Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City.
- We rejoice and give thanks for the 2014 Father’s Day Offering which helps underwrite the cost of care for the group home residents. At the time of writing, gifts were 3.5% ahead of the same time last year which gives us encouragement that the goal of $350,000 will be reached.
- We rejoice and give thanks for the many volunteers and staff members who help with the residents and campers.
- We rejoice and give thanks that God has called Tennessee Baptists to the high and holy cause of caring for the least and last among us.

Forty years in human life is approaching mid-life whereas 40 years in the life of an institution is an unknown. It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to use the ministry of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes for His honor and glory until that day when there will no longer be any disabilities, illnesses, frail bodies or minds, the day when all things are made new in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gratefully,
C. Kenny Cooper
President-Treasurer
During this year, your TBCH ministry has continued on trend with slight growth, serving approximately 200 children and their families through the residential care program. Additionally, 13 children have been led to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and 18 students provided for as they pursue their college or post-secondary education.

After 123 years of success in providing residential care, God is calling us into a deeper season of ministry as we continue to grow our statewide foster care network. We’ve never felt more confident in the direction that the TBCH ministry is moving!

On November 6, 2013, Tennessee Baptist Children’s Homes signed a no-cost contract with the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services to provide Foster Care (Resource) Homes for the State. This new opportunity further expands TBCH’s role in “ministering the love of Jesus Christ to children and families in crisis.” We’ve expanded our Foster Care staff across the three grand divisions and our Case Workers are working tirelessly to meet the ever growing need for foster parents. All across the state, people are participating in our PATH (Parents As Tender Healers) classes taught by the TBCH Foster Care team to become foster parents. Participants are joining from other denominations, as well! We are continuing to look to the local church to provide support to these new foster parents. Through meals, respite care, transportation assistance, encouragement, and – most certainly – prayer, the Caring Communities Ministry is critical for the success of this part of our ministry.

This growth and success has been possible due the faithful support of individuals and Tennessee’s Baptist churches. As we continue to broaden our ministry, we must continue to broaden our support base. Please prayerfully consider your response to both the Mother’s Day Offering and the Cooperative Program.

Amidst all the change surrounding our ministry, Dr. Bryant Millsaps has made the decision to retire at the end of 2015. An appointed committee of the TBCH Board of Trustees is currently searching for the candidate the Lord has already selected to replace Dr. Millsaps. We hope to have the President/Treasurer Elect named at the time of the Convention in November. Please be in prayer for this committee as they continue their search.

THANK YOU Tennessee Baptists for your prayers, your volunteer service, and your gifts. Together, we are making a difference for the Kingdom!
For over 75 years the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. Since 1938, the assets under management of the Foundation have grown from $6,577 to $147,619,953. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the convention as to highlights of the audited activities and performance for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

♦ Presenting informational Christian estate-planning seminars for churches and church-related groups
♦ Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans
♦ Consulting with individuals on the preparation of their Wills and Powers of Attorney
♦ Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
♦ Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care
♦ Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches and institutions
♦ Serving as executor of estates, upon request, in which a Baptist cause(s) is a beneficiary
♦ Offering construction loans/permanent financing to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations
♦ Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation’s stewardship this past fiscal year include:

✓ Funds under management: Over 1,100
✓ Dollars under management and administered In Trust: $147,619,953
✓ New funds under fund management agreements: $2,005,963 (24 new funds)
✓ Educational grants and scholarships: 206 -- totaling $195,900 for 2014-2015 academic year (Over $4.5 million since 1987)
✓ Special Project Grants: $57,300 distributed to assist 4 new ministry projects
✓ Cooperative Program: $536,528
✓ Individual beneficiaries of charitable trusts: $756,221
✓ Other Baptist and charitable causes: $4,918,980

Please contact us when your Tennessee Baptist Foundation can be of service to your church, your association, or any of your members.

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President-Treasurer                       Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Union University

We are a grateful community at Union University for the numerous ways that God has blessed the work of our hands during the 2013-14 academic year, including an enrollment increase for the seventeenth straight year. Annual non-duplicating enrollment exceeded 5,000 for the fourth year in a row.

Union was pleased to invest the generous cooperative program gifts from the churches across the Tennessee Baptist Convention in the lives of hundreds of students who attended Union University during this past year. Many of the dollars went directly to provide scholarship assistance for students whose parents serve on the mission field, in local churches, and with denominational agencies.

Union has responded to invitations from the IMB and NAMB to create a special master’s program in Christian Studies for missionaries and bi-vocational pastors. We are honored to serve the Baptist family in this way with an emphasis on missional, Kingdom-focused higher education.

Union continued to be recognized for high quality academics by U.S. News and World Report and numerous other publications. The recognitions were more significant than ever.

Nearly 1,180 students graduated from Union University this past year. These students will serve in Tennessee, in this region, across the country, and around the globe.

Union provided extensive leadership for the efforts to advance Christ-centered higher education. In many ways Union stands as a leader in the Baptist and evangelical worlds in helping to shape distinctive Christ-centered higher education for the 21st Century.

Several hundred students were involved in dozens of global mission opportunities, local church and para-church ministries, and community service efforts.

We are thankful for our long-standing partnership with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. We pray for God’s ongoing blessings to rest on Union University as we seek to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education in the Baptist tradition. We are grateful to the churches of the TBC and the friends of Union University across the state who provide prayer, encouragement, and financial support for our work, particularly for our students, staff, faculty and trustees.

Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver, President