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On Mission

Matthew 25:40

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Missionary Tree C-N History as a Work of Art

Carson-Newman's Missionary Tree is a story within the C-N story. The College's 150-year history includes something of a genealogy of Christian service that members of a special sesquicentennial subcommittee wanted to celebrate but were initially puzzled about how best it should be noted.

"We have long known and have always felt blessed in knowing the positive global impact that our Carson-Newman alumni have made through Christian missions" said Suzanne Matheny, of C-N's alumni relations office. "And I am particularly happy that, thanks to Chip Bishop and the sesquicentennial alumni events subcommittee, we now have a way to commemorate the importance of missions and honor those alumni who have shared God's love throughout the world."

Jack "Chip" Bishop, a 1978 C-N alumnus,



first suggested the possibility of using a tree motif to convey the interconnectedness of missions work to C-N's mission. The committee reviewed a host of ideas for the tree and decided on using the design and plan submitted by Knoxville artist Mack Hickey.

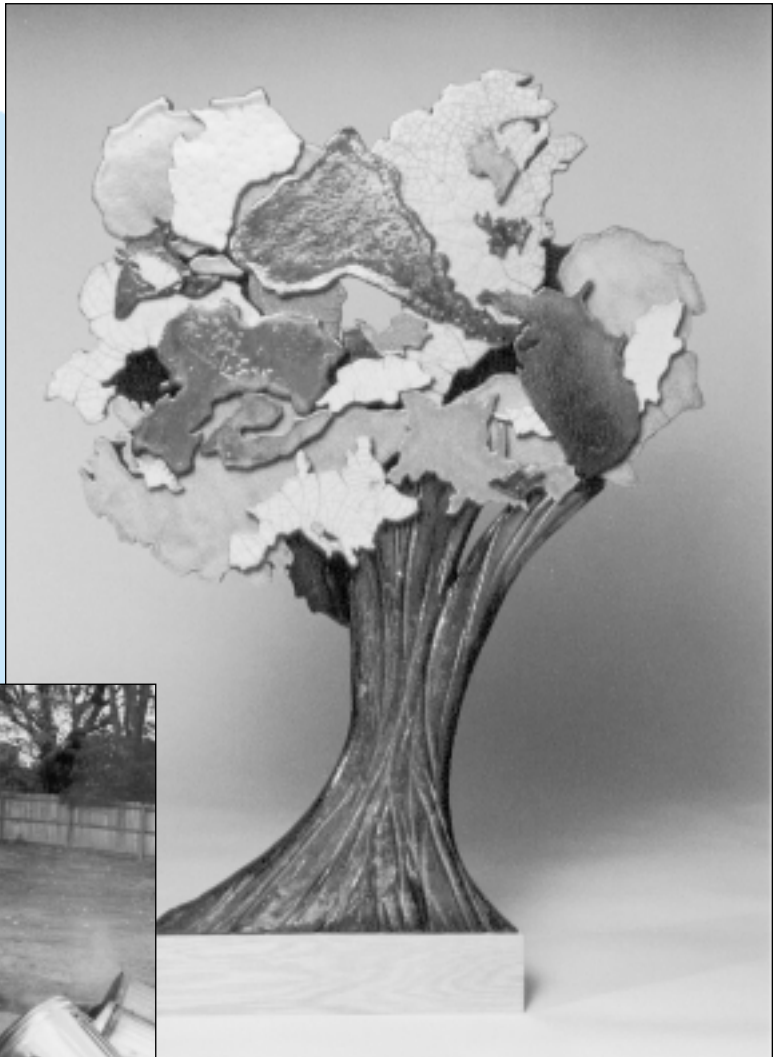
An art teacher at Carter High School and 1977 C-N graduate, Hickey designed a sculpted pottery piece in the form of a tree. Interestingly, he chose the ancient Japanese method of Raku firing as a mean of finishing the piece. Once sculpted, the piece was kiln fired to an astonishing 2,000 degrees and placed in sawdust, which blackened the glaze, giving the piece unique stresses and individuality.

"There is a fitting symbolism at work that our mission tree has been refined by fire, which I understand grants it a one-of-a-kind character and makes its

flaws beautiful," said Matheny. "Surely that is the essence of missions work and the work of missionaries."

Before submitting a design, Hickey said he spent much time in prayer about exactly what he felt God wanted him to do with the project. "Each step of the way, I am simply working what I feel God directing me to do with the clay," says the Arlington Baptist Church member who has twice been a part of mission projects in Russia. "One of the reasons I wanted to do this project was because missions is an important part of my life and I understand how it affects those who serve."

The base of the C-N tree is black, while its branches and foliage are highlighted by splashes of copper that reaches in the treetop that represent nations and continents. Hickey, who calls retired C-N art



professor Dr. Earl Cleveland his mentor, says the copper streaks represent C-N educated missionaries who have carried the Gospel message around the world for a century and a half.

Initially unveiled during last week's homecoming celebration,

C-N's Missionary Tree will be on display in the exhibition hall during the TBC annual meeting next week. Alums who have participated in missions can sign a registration book that honors their Christian service.

Pastor's Conference Focuses on Church Growth

Church Growth is simple, says Rev. Ron Stewart, pastor of Knoxville's Grace Baptist Church. "Growing churches are focused on Jesus," he told those gathered for Carson-Newman's Fall Pastor's Conference.

Stewart's understanding of church growth has developed in the 13 years he has served as senior pastor of Grace church, which grew from a congregation of less

than 300 in 1988 to a ministry that presently serves over 2,000 members. Citing a recent *Baptist Press* article, the Ohio native asked conference attendees how it is possible that some 11,000 SBC churches failed to Baptize one person during the past year.

"It's not because they ceased to be good people, or because they don't believe or preach the Bible," he argued. "And it's not

because they don't pray. It's because they lose their focus. They have forgotten who they are and where they are going."

Rev. Stewart maintains that any church that is going to grow must keep its focus. "The purpose of the church is to reach out to the lost in the community around it and to minister to their needs," he said, asserting that churches are often stymied in their work whrn

infighting overtakes soul-winning.

Prior to Stewart's sermon, C-N Religion Professor Dr. Walter Crouch led a Bible study on church growth. "A church is not healthy unless people are walking the aisles out of the everyday witness of its members," he said. "If the church is doing what it should, growth, numerical or otherwise, will take care of itself."

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SUMMER MISSIONS 2001

By *Nenette Meseals, Assistant BSM Director*

A long-standing tradition for Carson-Newman students is their involvement with summer missions. Each summer students respond to the call to serve others around the world and here at home.

This past summer 41 students were involved in a variety of ministries that included homeless shelters, poverty home repair, camps, traveling evangelism teams, teaching English as a second language and youth. Sixteen students served in Tennessee, 13 in other states, and 12 in places like Brazil, Poland, Thailand, Mexico, West Indies, Turkey and China.

"I worked sunup to sundown," said Michaela Bundon, a junior religion major from Knoxville. Michaela was the recreation leader for two weeks at the Youth Music and Drama Camps sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Carson Springs and Linden Valley Conference Centers. She says that service is a calling that she enjoys.

Michaela also spent 12 days in Radosc, Poland, a suburb of Warsaw, with a team from Forest

Hills Baptist Church, Nashville.

The International Mission Board (IMB) sponsored team, worked at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Radosc with youth and children's camps. Pastors from all over the country observed how to teach Vacation Bible Schools.

Michaela was amazed at how much the team could communicate through the language barrier. "The children loved us and were thrilled to be at the camp" Even the simplest games and toys brought so much joy. It was fun to watch their faces!"

Amy Shorner, a senior religion major from Blue Ridge, Virginia, served for ten weeks through the IMB in Madrid, Spain with Rusty and Peggy Alums, IMB Gateway Coordinators.

Amy worked with a team of 12 students surveying and researching in preparation for church planting. She enjoyed getting to know the Romanians while visiting in their homes. Near the end of the summer she witnessed the fruits of her team's labor through a Bible study/church started for Ecuadorians. "God can use you to doing anything, if you are willing. You learn more about loving God

through loving people."

"My experience with World Changers as a participant in high school and as a leader this summer has affirmed my career decision in missions," said Jarrett Knox, a junior from Dayton who is majoring in mass communications.

Jarrett served as a Missions Communications Specialist with a World Changers traveling team throughout Mississippi and in New Orleans, sponsored by the North American

Mission Board. He told participants about further missions opportunities and assisted with media coverage for World Changers events. "The best part was talking to kids who were so excited about missions and the work they can do."

Heather Carter, a junior applied psychology major from Mechanicsville, Virginia, served for ten weeks in Mukdahan, Thailand with Scott and Valerie Payne, IMB missionaries. She taught an English Club for high school students at Mukdahan Technical School and taught English at the "Good News" Church.

Despite feeling inadequate and out of her comfort zone at times, Heather learned that "When God calls, He will help you accomplish His goals." She also enjoyed worshipping in a different culture. "It's so different from here at home-we took our shoes off and sat on the floor. It was inspiring to sing common tunes in different languages and know that God hears us all as



Amanda Wilson with a group of children from the orphanage in Gondola, Mozambique, where Amanda helped build rondavals (round huts) through Teen Missions International.



Heather Carter with members of a church in Mukdahan, Thailand.

we worship together."

Witnessing poverty in East Tennessee is not a new experience

for Amanda Wilson, a sophomore religion major from Jefferson City. She has worked with C-N's Appalachian Outreach, poverty home repair ministry, for five years. This summer, however, she got a first-hand look at different types of poverty and suffering from hate and violence in Gondola, Mozambique and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Amanda spent two weeks in a third world training camp in Florida before departing for Mozambique, where she helped build rondavals (round huts) for an AIDS orphanage and Bible school through Teen Missions International.

The highly structured missions experience taught Amanda about sacrifice-"Service is not about me, it's about others." The trip inspired her interest in more Bible study, taught her that she could live with so much less than she thought be-

fore going, and helped her gain a better understanding of cultural differences.

Amanda saw a refugee camp in Ethiopia and felt the bitterness and hatred of the people resulting from war and oppression. She learned the importance of meeting the physical needs of people while sharing the love of Christ with them.

Scripture instructs us that we are blessed more when we give than when we receive, yet student summer missionaries at Carson-Newman College brought home from their life-changing experiences hearts overflowing with the joy of service and compassion for others.

On Mission

With Carson-Newman's Religion Faculty

Dr. Ross Brummett

- Taught Winter Bible Study at Inskip Baptist Church, Knoxville
- Led C-N's Spring Pastor's Conference on Prayer
- Currently helping teach an Adult Sunday School class at FBC of Jefferson City
- Served on the Committee on Committees of FBC of Jefferson City.

Dr. Toby Ziglar

- Supply preaching in area

churches

- Led Winter Bible Study Conference on campus
- Led Winter Bible Study in four area churches
- Taught in St. Petersburg, Russia in the St. Petersburg Evangelical Theological Academy

Dr. Mel Hawkins

- Active with the Baptist History and Heritage Committee and the Baptist Heritage Commission of the Baptist World Alliance
- Editor, Baptist History and

Heritage

- Presently pastor of Mulberry Gap and Jones Chapel United Methodist Churches in Del Rio, TN. Appointment under the "other fellowship status," a provision that allows the appointment of ministers ordained in other traditions to parishes while retaining their denominational affiliation.

Dr. Walter Crouch

- Served as Interim Pastor at FBC Kingsport, 31 months
- Led Revivals, Bible Studies,

Pulpit supply in area churches

- Led C-N's Pastor's Conference Bible study
- Sponsor of Ministerial Association
- Community ministries includes - coach AAU Basketball, Little League Baseball, Middle School Football
- Taught in Russia at St. Petersburg Evangelical Theological Academy (going again in May)
- Led C-N student missions trip to Mexico/South Texas

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A Hymn For The Ages

C-N's Sesquicentennial Immortalized in Music

Members of C-N's Sesquicentennial Steering Committee wanted to ensure that the College's 150th birthday celebration would provide a legacy to the faith long after the celebrants were gone. To that end, a music subcommittee and Carson-Newman's music department commissioned noted lyricist Wes Forbis to pen a hymn using the College's motto of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness.

Once Forbis completed the lyrics of God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness, the text was submitted to a pair of music journals and a tune contest was held. Sandra Ford, a retired elementary school teacher from Martinsville,

Virginia, who has been published by LifeWay and Henshaw Inc., won the \$500 prize for her melody.

Clark Measels, chair of C-N's music department, says the response to the hymn has been overwhelmingly positive. "When you commission a work in two stages, you always hope for the best. And I am pleased to say that the feedback has been remarkable."

The hymn is made available here for church use. Copies will also be available from the Carson-Newman booth at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

An Invitation

In 1851, on the banks of Mossy Creek and under the shade of an oak tree, five Tennessee Baptists shared a common dream of Christian education for young ministers in East Tennessee.

There they planted a seed. One hundred and fifty years later that seed has grown and endured hardship, sickness, wars, fire-ravaged buildings, and near financial ruin to be one of the finest small Christian liberal arts colleges in the South.

This is our Sesquicentennial year. We invite you to join us in celebration at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Knoxville. Our Annual Alumni and Friends Luncheon will be held at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church at 9132 Kingston Pike. Lunch will begin at 12:15 P.M. Reserved tickets will be available at the Carson-Newman booth. Maps to the location will also be available.



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Commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Carson-Newman College

God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness

Words: W. L. Forbis
Tune Name: Mossy Creek

Music: Sandra T. Ford
Choral Arr: James Pethel

God of Beau - ty, Truth and Good - ness, Lord of Wis - dom yet un -
Stand for Truth and cry for Jus - tice, Share with those who don't be -
Run with Faith and live with Hon - or, Bear - ing wit - ness in His
Make a joy - ful Cel - le - bra - tion, God in Christ has con - quered

known. Grant us Strength to match the Vis - ion As we come be - fore Your
long. And re - mem - ber as you serve them, Sing for those who have no
call. As dis - ci - ples, build the fu - ture, Un - til Christ is Lord of
death! If you real - ly are a wit - ness, Sing un - til you have no

throne
song. — Sing a joy - ful Al - le - lu - ia, Prais - ing God in all you
all. —
breath. —

do, And re - mem - ber as you wit - ness, God is sing - ing o - ver you!

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Seminar Offers Fresh Water for "Dry Brooks"

C-N, TBC and MTM Partner to Restore Displaced Pastors

Carson-Newman College, in conjunction with the Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC) and the Ministering to Ministers Foundation (MTM), holds two retreats per year for pastors and other ministers who find themselves jobless, burned-out or in the midst of being shown the door. "There are certainly those who burnout," said Charles Chandler, MTM executive director, "but most of our attendees are stunned and broken by the news that they are being forced to leave their positions."

According to Chandler, there is a rather common model employed in

displacing a minister. He said it almost always includes a small group who claim they don't want to embarrass the minister publicly, who generally offer a better severance package if the deed is done quietly and who seem to move quickly before most other church members realize what is happening.

An attendee at a recent gathering said two of those factors were central to his departure as an associate pastor in the last few years. With more than a decade of service to the congregation, and shortly after a new senior pastor arrived, he was staggered to hear his new boss tell

him it was time for him to go. Beyond that injurious news, he said the insult came when he was told he was lacked the spirituality to help execute needed adjustments.

"One brief paragraph swamped me. Waves of anger, humiliation, fear, frustration, doubt, and even more anger pushed me to my wit's end," he recalled, referencing a passage from I Kings; "I was watching my brook dry up!"

To survive financially, his wife doubled her workload while he took a menial position at less than half of what he had been making. He said that God's grace was manifested in

two major ways that kept him from utter despair. First was the outreach and financial support of church members who learned after the fact that a small group has secured his departure.

he second phase of grace was the mending he said he began to feel last fall during the retreat held earlier this year. "Attending the MTM retreat with my wife at Carson-Newman accelerated our healing process," he said gratefully. "A few months after our MTM week, I was called to a new church with a wonderful staff and loving people."

Though he says it is an experience

he would not anyone else to have to suffer, he rests secure in the knowledge that the Lord's grace does endure; "More than anything else, I learned that when our brook dries up, God provides us a new direction."

"I'm still dealing with the aftermath of that ultimatum. It's been 13 months. There's still tension in my family. I don't trust all church members like I use to. The pain of severing relationship with hundreds of people in my former church is awful. Our personal finances are

(See Fresh Water, p.4)

Sharpen your Skills

Spring 2001 Semester:

EDUC 569 - Understanding Families, 3 hrs

This course will explore the multigenerational process, the family cycle and emotional, moral and spiritual development.

May/Summer 2001 Term:

EDUC 638 - Spiritual issues in Counseling, 1 hr

This course focuses upon how spiritual growth impacts the health and development of the whole person.

EDUC 674 - Surviving Terrorism, 3 hrs

This course will explore the psychological effects of terrorism, especially as it impacts spiritual and emotional health. A special focus will be upon developing skills that enable persons to cope with insecurity and fear.

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Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Pastors' Conference

April 16, 2002



Dr. Robert Smith
Professor of Christian Preaching
Beeson Divinity School

Dr. Robert Smith joined the faculty at Beeson in 1997. Prior to his arrival at Beeson, he was the Carl E. Bates Associate Professor of Christian Preaching at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was the 1996 recipient of Southern's Findley B. Edge Award for Teaching Excellence.

An ordained Baptist minister, he served as pastor of the New Mission Missionary Baptist Church for twenty years before returning to complete his Ph.D. degree.

He is the author of a study of Christian ministry in the African American church, *Preparing for Christian Ministry* and co-editor of *A Mighty Long Journey*. His research interests include the place of passion in preaching, the literary history of African American preaching, Christological preaching, and theologies of preaching.

At Beeson, Dr. Smith teaches Christian Preaching and other electives in homiletics. He and his wife, Wanda, are the parents of four adult children.

Drs. Dawn and Bobo To Lead February Ball Institute



Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Bobo Sr.

Theologian, educator with "Christians Equipped for Ministry" and Teaching Fellow in Spiritual Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, **Dr. Marva Dawn** is well known for her teaching and lecturing in the area of worship and community life, spirituality and Christian ethics. Her books on the church in modern culture, vocational ministry, worship and spiritual development are widely

read in the Christian community. She has also authored numerous articles.

Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Bobo Sr. is currently pastor of West Side Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis Missouri where he serves a congregation of over 2100 members with a staff of 36. West Side operates over 75 different ministries to serve the people of St. Louis County.

Fresh Water....

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still shaky. My daughters and wife are looking for new close friends.

"Our future, however, is as bright as can be. We've learned to trust God in the darkest of times and found that He's faithful. A few of the leaders in my former church took my job but I discovered they couldn't take my ministry."

Registration information for MTM is available by contacting C-N's Church Relations Office at C-N Box 71937, Jefferson City, TN 37760, or online at <http://www.cn.edu/thecollege/norton/schedule.html>

BHHS Annual Meeting Set For June

The Baptist History and Heritage Society's (BHHS) Annual meeting will held June 20-22, at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City which is located adjacent to the campus. This event is sponsored by Carson-Newman's Center for Baptist Studies. In conjunction with the BHHS gathering, The Southern Baptist Library Association will be meeting June 19 and 20.

Registration information is available by contacting BHHS at 1-800-966-2278.



Family Enrichment Seminars

Saturday, November 3, 2001
Worry: The Enemy Within

This seminar will focus on how worry affects your health and quality of life. It is designed to offer people an easy to follow program in coping with worry.

Saturday, December 1, 2001
Holiday Rituals: What Do They Say About Your Family?

Holiday rituals reveal characteristics about a family. This seminar was created to help families learn about their rituals, and how they can heal relationships and change their lives for the better.

Home Improvement In Jesus Name!

Created in 1984 by two Carson-Newman students Appalachian Outreach (A. O.) is a home repair ministry for people in need. A.O. covers a five county area in East Tennessee. We want to invite Tennessee Churches to be a part of this ministry to the poverty stricken in Appalachia.

Upcoming 2001-2002 Projects

December 1, 2001

January 12, 2002

January 26

February 9

February 23

March 23

April 13

April 27

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