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“For all that has been, Thanks. For all that will be, Yes!”

– Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish Diplomat (1905-1961)

For the past 17 years+ W. L. (Bo) Childs has provided leadership to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as president-treasurer. I first met Bo during a golf tournament for Tennessee Baptist pastors and friends at Henry Horton State Park in the mid-1990's. We played and rode together in the same golf cart. I was impressed with the new vice president of the Foundation. That was the beginning of a friendship that has grown stronger through the years. In 1997 Bo invited me to consider being nominated to the convention for a seat on the Foundation's board of trustees, an invitation I gladly accepted. About six months after the retirement of then vice president Richard Easterly Bo called again, this time to ask me to interview with him for the vacant vice president role. Again I accepted and the rest is history. We have worked together since July 1, 1998.

Through those years I have found Bo to be a gifted man under whose leadership the ministries of the Foundation have prospered. On October 31 Bo Childs will retire and transition into the next era of his rich life. I join with all of the Foundation's staff and trustees in praying for him the very best of God's blessings in that new phase of his life's journey.

After Bo announced his retirement plans the Foundation's board of trustees created a search committee to seek out the next president-treasurer. George Gibson chaired the committee. Other members of the search committee were Lowell Anderson, Chad Keaton, Janie McCain, Glenn McGuire and Luther McDaniel.

After conducting their search and interviewing with a number of fine candidates, the committee graciously extended their invitation and on May 22 the full board of trustees elected me to become the next president-treasurer. I accepted their invitation and am humbled, gratified and challenged by the opportunity to serve in that new capacity.

Presently I am serving as president-treasurer-elect. These are the transition months and during these months I am working hard to learn the details of my new responsibilities. Bo is teaching and mentoring me toward that new role every day. By November 1 when the Foundation's leadership formally changes,

I anticipate a seamless transition. Please pray for us as we work toward that end.

During my tenure as president-treasurer the Foundation will reach a milestone in its ministry among Tennessee Baptists, namely its 75th year, in 2013. The Foundation's motto, "Service, Integrity, Trust" has never meant more to us than it does today. Going forward with God's help we will do all within our power to fulfill all that our motto implies.

And so to Bo Childs I say "For all that has been, Thanks!" And to Tennessee Baptists I say "For all that God wants us to be, Yes!"

– H. Garrison (Gary) Coltharp



H. Garrison (Gary) Coltharp, center, is congratulated upon his election by the trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as president-treasurer-elect of the Foundation by current president-treasurer W. L. (Bo) Childs, left. Childs will retire on October 31 after more than 17 years service with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Coltharp, who came to the Foundation in 1998, will assume his role as president-treasurer on November 1. Timothy A. (Tim) Norton, right, was elected to succeed Coltharp as executive vice president during that same May 22 meeting of the board of trustees. He began his work with the Foundation on August 2. – Photo by Connie Davis Bushey, Baptist & Reflector

W. L. (Bo) Childs, Jr.

Best job in the world

On October 31, I will be retiring from the best job in the entire world!! For more than 17 years it has been my privilege to serve Tennessee Baptists. I have traveled from one end of the state to the other and along the way become friends with some of God's choice servants. I have spoken in scores of churches and associations and enjoyed every minute of it.

My parents taught me by word and example that work is honorable and that it should be done to the best of one's ability. Since I was 13 years old I have worked at something. My first paid job was cutting grass and then I bagged groceries. So the idea of getting up in the morning and not having a job to go to is strange to me. However, I expect that it will not take me long to get used to it. I plan to spend more time with my wife, Elizabeth (I am going to try hard not to tell her how to run the house. She has done an excellent job of that for 50 years). We plan on traveling some and I plan on playing more golf. Of course I will be available to do more at our church.

While it is hard to leave the Foundation and its great board of trustees and staff (they have become my second family), it is easier

knowing that when I leave, the Foundation will be led by Dr. H. Garrison (Gary) Coltharp. For the past 12 years Gary, our executive vice-president, and I have worked together. Many of you already know Gary and have found him to be a compassionate and caring servant of our Lord. Those who have not met him will find that he is ready and able to assist you as you seek God's plan for your finances. You will like him. Those of you whom we have helped plan your Last Will and Testament or have a Trust with the Foundation may be assured that nothing will change in regard to the Foundation's service and commitment to you. Part of the beauty of the Foundation is that the Board of Trustees (elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention) will always make sure there is a capable person leading the ministry.

The Board has made sure the work of the Foundation continues

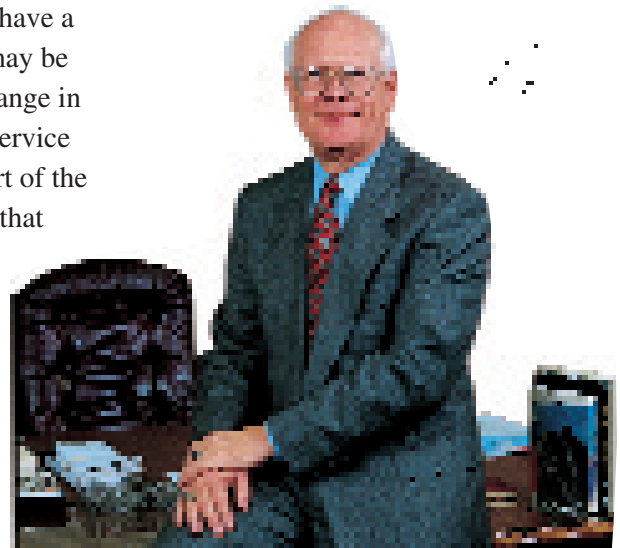
without interruption by electing a new executive vice-president, Mr. Tim Norton. He began working with the Foundation on August 2 and will be a valuable addition to the staff. A

graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Tim has many years of experience in planned giving.

Again it has been a blessing to serve so many of you as you serve our Lord.

I pray God's richest blessing on each of you.

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W.L. (Bo) Childs, Jr., CFP® President-Treasurer

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Education Grant and Scholarship Recipients

(Listed by Association)

Alpha

Adam T. Smith

Beech River

Kayla B. Baker
Tyler L. Brasher
Jessica B. Broadway
Michael D. Crandall
Amanda L. Foley
Andrew G. Hays
Bobby C. McCord
Jason R. Todd
Lacy M. Ward
Andrew R. Wilkinson

Beulah

Shawn E. Chandler
Chelsea L. Cox
Elizabeth N. Owen
Anthony B. Ray
Jared M. Shumate
Johnnie M. Stephens

Big Emory

Jared W. Branham
Samantha K. Jones
Daniel L. Leslie
Scott A. Mowery
Edwin A. Sams
Kayla B. Wadlington

Big Hatchie

Merri Beth Byrd
Jeremy O. Wright

Bledsoe

Leigh K. Andrews
Natalie A. Diaz
Rachel C. Huddleston
Blake O. McKinney

Bradley County

John Z. Eldredge
Mary Kate Work

Campbell County

Sarah Faith Morris

Carroll-Benton

Hillary M. Bush
Hunter C. Herrin
Sarah C. Owen
Ashley A. Pirtle
Robert H. Simpson

Chilhowee

Keith A. Allmon
Kayla D. Brown
Rachel E. Davis
Stephanie D. Goode
Morgan B. Goodrum
Victoria A. Walker

Clinton

Curtis J. Atkins
Morgan E. Owens

Concord

Trevor M. Atwood
Katelyn E. Ervin
Joshua M. Gallaher
Jonathan R. Gann
Jessica N. Riley
Claire F. Robbins
Glenn T. Suggs

Cumberland

Kristina A. Martin

Cumberland Gap

Holly R. Alexander

Cumberland Plateau

Patrick G. Baldwin
Katrina D. DeVore
Thomas J. Kindrick

Duck River

Mark W. Brown
Meagan J. Brown
Heather H. Carter
Martha A. Hurst
Robert C. Tuggle
Brent N. Walker

Dyer

Kayla E. McCanless

East Tennessee

Brittanye L. Crum
Amber N. Shelton

Gibson

Katie R. Adkins
Timothy R. Chandler
Cherish B. Cooper
Walter A. Hammond
Lucas C. Littleton
Michael G. McEwen
Corey M. Raines

Hamilton County

Sarah M. Bolton
Paul S. Cable
Justin M. Huggins
Christopher A. Lee
Jeonghwan Lee
Carrie D. Morris
Daniel N. Tomin

Hardeman County

Caleb S. Stallings
Candance M. Stallings

Haywood

David M. Conway
Savannah N. German



1 Tennessee Baptist Foundation Scholarship Awardees!

Holston

Brandi N. Cutshaw
Adam M. Harvell
Allison T. Huggins
Sean A. Lee
Ross E. Parmly
Morgan C. Riddle
John A. Venters

Indian Creek

James D. Alley
Meagan A. Frazier
Juliana E. Robbins
Logan Z. Shull
Taner J. Swinea
Dillon T. Warren

Jefferson County

Lauren M. Sharpe

Judson

Alex D. Wood
Michael L. Wood

Knox County

Luke A. Bowes
Mackenzie S. Britton
Leslie D. Connors
Major H. Dalton
Daniel J. Douglas
Paige D. Hickam
Nathan T. Houston
Megan L. Hurst
Lauren A. Mitchell
Allison N. Mynatt
Brooke E. Stiles
Nathan E. Tarr
Adam J. Tilson
Andrew G. Vanderford
Madison A. Wright

Lawrence County

Jenny L. Wilkins

Loudon County

Cheryl D. Arp

Madison-Chester

Bethany A. Banks
John B. Burleson
Samuel L. Burleson
Robert G. Cali
Hunter D. Gray
Hannah E. Guthrie
Sarah D. Johnson
Emily A. Kisner
Molly A. Mercher
Cara D. Mynatt
Hannah L. Nelson
Rebekah J. Pennington
Kevin A. Reed

Maury

Dan C. Reed

Midland

Joseph C. Gunter

Mid-South

Dawn M. Baxter
Katherine A. Chandler
Kaitlyn A. Curlin
Megan M. Daniel
Courtney M. Finch
Ashley E. Fish
Kevin J. Furniss
Jennifer L. Gentry
Ross C. Gentry
Jonathan D. Hatcher
Joy L. Howard
Junchen Liu
Jordan M. McDugle
Kelly B. Morris
Terrance L. Nash
Lauren D. Ritchie
Robert A. Sumner
Meredith A. Taylor
Sarah L. Thompson

Andrea C. Wade

Kathryn R. Warburton
Daniel H. Wilson
Rebecca L. Wilson
Rebecca E. Young

Nashville

Amanda R. Baldwin
Jeanna L. Bardin
Laura S. Brown
Robert N. Brown
Joseph D. Chapdelaine
Joseph T. Coppage
Clark T. Davidson
Laurel A. Frazier
Jacob W. Guinn
Lauren R. Hall
Anna M. Laarz
Mary E. Laarz
Sara J. Lee
Caitlyn D. Miller
Kristen M. Miller
Kalli S. Nicks
James A. Post
Mitchell S. Robertson
Matthew G. Rosenbaum
Kristena J. Sherman
Shelbi B. Turner
Elizabeth A. Wilmore
Lucas E. Wilmore

New Duck River

Abbi Foster
Lauren B. Fralitz
Keith A. Wortham

New Salem

Legon A. Craighead

Nolachucky

Jonathan S. Darnell
Leslie B. Jones
Ender J. Palencia
Stephanie A. Seal

Riverside

Jessica F. Dickson
Kyley H. Dickson
Jeannetta S. Stephens

Robertson County

Chad S. Beck
Laura A. Johnson
Abigail C. Mullen
Brandon R. Steele

Sequatchie Valley

Tiffany B. Easterly
Robin L. Wolfe

Sevier County

Joseph K. Stewart
Corie A. Williamson

Shiloh

Jared K. Littlejohn
Brent K. Rainwater
Devon M. Sledd

Stone

Elijah B. Akers
Judah L. Akers
Sarah A. Akers
Rebecca L. Emrich
Lori A. Sexton

Sullivan

Heather Houser
David A. Mann
Jonathan A. Mann
Tyler J. Strong

Sweetwater

Christa D. Cardin
Audrey E. Dorsett
Jackie M. Spradlin

Tennessee Valley

Joshua T. Cruver
Laura A. Poole

Truett

Katie M. Stokes

Union

Stacey N. Miller

Weakley County

Greg S. Alderdice
Riley E. Auvenshine
Kayla M. Lusby
Samuel K. Lusby
Joshua T. Moore
Sarah E. Smith

Western District

Jessica N. Frizzell
Jamie N. McDonald
Britney R. Partain
Jerrod J. Phifer
Ashley N. Riggs
Jessica A. Stier
Evan D. Twilbeck
Travis Twilbeck

Wilson County

Erin E. Bell
Krista L. Bradley
Lee W. Fallin
Mary F. Fallin
Evan R. Owens
Jared M. Prall

At Large

Joshua M. Hayes
Luke T. Moody

Teresa Garrett is recognized for 30 years of service to TBF

Teresa Garrett has served the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as accountant for 30 years. In recognition of the anniversary, W. L. (Bo) Childs, president-treasurer (*left*), presented a gift to Garrett, (*right*).

When Garrett began her work with the Foundation, accounting meant working in ledger books with a No. 2 pencil. She was responsible for converting accounting tasks to the computer and has seen that progress through several phases of ever greater sophistication.

Today she accounts for some \$115 million dollars in more than 1,000 separate accounts. Childs notes that she is “always in balance down to the last cent.”

Technology can be a great tool, but behind the technology there must be a careful and meticulous human agent. Garrett has proven to be such for 30 years.

Congratulations to Teresa Garrett, a valuable member of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation team.



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About the 2010 Educational Grants and Scholarships ...

On pages 3 and 4 in this issue of *Touching Tomorrow* you will find the names of the 239 recipients of Tennessee Baptist Foundation educational grants and scholarships for the upcoming academic year. The awards totaled \$170,500. Those awards were made possible by the legacy giving of Tennessee Baptists who included such in their Wills or gifts made to the Foundation for that purpose.

As is the case every year, there were many more applicants than recipients. Most of the applicants could have been given grants or

scholarships had there been sufficient funds to do so. Two factors made that impossible.

First, the economic downturn impacted the earnings of the underlying funds significantly. *Second*, the pool of underlying funds has not yet become large enough to provide scholarships to every qualifying applicant. That is regrettable but true.

If you would like to explore becoming part of this special legacy cause, please call us and let us help you find a way. Our toll-free number is 800-552-4644. Bo Childs, Gary Coltharp or Tim Norton will be

delighted to speak with you and assist you in any way they can.

Finally, those who made this financial assistance possible by their gifts did so with the hope that investing in the lives of outstanding Tennessee Baptist young people would be investing in the future of the Kingdom of God.

Many (and ideally all) of those who benefit from educational grants and scholarships are preparing themselves to make a Christian difference in their churches and communities. May God bless and guide them toward that end.



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Introducing Southern Baptists' new planned giving website

For the past two years, a task force of Southern Baptists have been working to develop a plan to promote planned giving in our churches. The result was recently unveiled at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Orlando.

The group represented state conventions, state foundations, seminaries, colleges, and mission boards. They dreamed of providing a resource for all Southern Baptists to use, and this website is the result of the endeavor.

The website, mylegacyoffaith.org, is devoted to providing information and resources for the stewardship of our

estates. Individuals can calculate the value of planned gifts, explore various options, complete an estate planning worksheet (either online or printed), find sermons and Bible studies on stewardship, read planned giving eBrochures, find links to various ministries across the nation that focus on this area, and a host of other options.

We would encourage you to explore the site at your convenience. Oh, the best thing—it is a free tool for you and your church to use. You can link to it and use it as you desire.

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