



News and Notes from the...

Lakeland Association

networking to motivate and multiply healthy, mission-minded believers

**Fall
2009**

Right here, Right Now is the theme of this year's "Care and Share" Offering for State Missions. The planting of new churches, as you see described in the adjacent article, is not just something in the past. Your gifts for state missions enable the Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention to continue assisting new works in areas like ours.

Stories of perseverance highlight celebration

The first time Ralph and Betty Turnbull attended the fledgling church, some members were entertaining the thought of disbanding. Such an inauspicious beginning didn't dissuade the couple, however, from eventually joining the group of families. For the next twenty years they put forth their best efforts to help the church become firmly rooted in the village of Brown Deer. Following retirement in 1980, the Turnbuls moved to Ohio but left behind a daughter, Peggy Kressin, who has been a part of the Brown Deer Baptist Church for all but one year of its history.

Former members, including the church's first pastor, Gerald Murphy and his wife, Ann, and former pastor Grant and Yolanda Hignight, joined the congregation in celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 12-13.

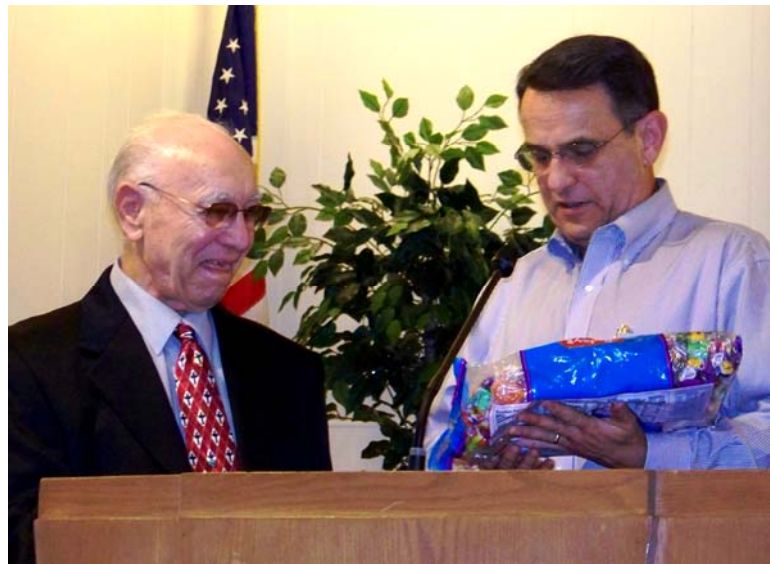
Throughout the weekend members recounted stories of overcoming obstacles like inadequate facilities. The entire ceiling of one building, an old farmhouse they nicknamed the "church of the fallen door," collapsed just minutes after the last piece of furniture was removed to relocate to another site.

Gerald Murphy didn't think the Lord had called him from Texas to close a church. He led the church through a period when its existence seemed in question to some. He remained until 1967. (see Brown Deer, p. 2)



Long-time lay leader, Peggy Kressin, shares some of the rich history of the Brown Deer church.

Deacon honored for half-century of service



Candy Man—Lakeland Association director, Keith Cogburn, presented Cameron with a bag of candy, observing that even though Parkside was removing his "harness," the people there and elsewhere would continue expecting his trademark piece of candy with a handshake. Cogburn added that he was updating the deacon's stock to include newer options beyond peppermints and butterscotch.

Word has it he's served on every team or committee, and held all the positions that Baptist churches have ever conceived. About the only thing Billy Cameron hasn't done in his fifty-two years of deacon service is lead the Woman's Missionary Union.

On August 30 members of the Parkside church and friends from Kenosha and Racine area congregations gathered to express their gratitude to this father of three; grandfather of seven, and great-grandfather of fourteen. Having committed (see Cameron, p. 2).

Later this year, Lakeland Association director, Keith Cogburn will be traveling to Israel for a study tour with interfaith religious leaders from the Milwaukee area. The trip is sponsored in part by a humanities grant secured by Paula Simon, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations. He will depart on Monday, November 30, and return Tuesday, December 8.

Brown Deer 50th anniversary (cont. from p. 1)

Following a lengthy tenure by Carl Camp (1967-1986), Grant Hignight became pastor in 1987. By then the church was beginning to outgrow its original building. Measures like two worship services allowed the church to raise funds for another building program which resulted in a new multipurpose sanctuary in 2000.

Challenging circumstances early in the decade gave the church's lay leadership opportunities to demonstrate qualities of steadfastness and perseverance. James Appleby (2004-2008) oversaw a period of growth and widening multiculturalism in the church. With its new pastor, Larry Griffith, in place just a matter of weeks, the Brown Deer church looks forward to the challenges, opportunities, and blessings which lie ahead. The congregation hopes that the qualities which have sustained it throughout its first fifty years will keep it in good stead for the next half-century.



Brown Deer's first pastor, Gerald Murphy

Cameron honored by Parkside church (continued from p. 1)

himself to go wherever the Lord led him, Cameron and his family left for Kenosha in 1955, after being offered a job there in the construction business. Upon his arrival—literally, after pulling into his driveway—pastor Burt Wilson stopped by to see him. The Camerons accepted his invitation to attend worship with a few other families who were forming the nucleus of what eventually became the Parkside church. Cameron found a deep sense of purpose on the front lines of Southern Baptist home mission work.

Throughout the evening friends and fellow church members recalled numerous examples of Cameron's exemplary stewardship and servant's heart.

Sept. 25 banquet kicks off ME Project Weekend

This month eleven association churches are taking an in-depth look at their Bible study and discipleship programs with the help of Christian educators from across the United States. The September 25-27 event is part of the Lakeland Association's "Minister of Education Project," a mission partnership with LifeWay Christian Resources and the Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention. "The *missional* aspect of the project," says association leader, Keith Cogburn, "should not be lost on us. These people are paying their own travel expenses, receiving no honorarium, and giving up a prime weekend for us."

The Friday evening banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel & Conference Center, 4747 So. Howell Avenue. Members of churches participating in the ME project should let their pastor know by Sunday, September 20, if they wish to attend the banquet. Tickets are \$15.00 each. For additional information, contact the Lakeland Association Office (414) 481-4944.

The ME Project continues in 2009, and extends into the new year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the next two events.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

ME Project Training School (includes all participants). This event will be tailored to address specific issues and needs that surface



Ken Marler of LifeWay taught Sunday School growth principles at a July 14 ME Project event.

during the collective ME consultative process in September. Location: Mercy Memorial Baptist Church.

Friday-Sunday, March 12-14

Second on-site visit of ministers of education. Training will be provided in strategic planning; churches will evaluate previous six month plan and produce a twelve-month plan.

A joyful, productive season....

Those who believe summer is a lazy and slow season in church life haven't done much ministry in churches like those of the Lakeland Association. These pictures reflect some of the activities of a season now passing by that was productive for training, evangelism, ministry, and for many good times and fond memories.



Pastor Roy Watson of the Monumental church (left) and Pastor Sam and Sister Flossie Brown of the Great Morning Star church enjoy moments of quiet reflection and relaxation at the Ridgecrest Conference Center. They were among the sixty members of LBA churches who attended Black Church Leadership Week there in July.



Three of Northwest's brightest and best, Joe, Alex, and Will, are pictured here preparing for worship at this year's LBA Kid's Camp, held in early July.



An unidentified Australian walked with this kangaroo on a leash in Greenfield's July 4th parade. His intention was to publicize the Layton Avenue church's VBS program, "Boomerang Express."

Temple Baptist Church (now the *Missio Dei* Fellowship) was organized in 1954 with 26 charter members. Initially, the congregation consisted almost exclusively of transplants from Mississippi who had moved to the area for employment at the American Motors Assembly plant in Kenosha. By 1963 it was the largest SBC church in the two-state area with 477 members.

Temple church makes historic change

After more than a fifty-five years, one of Southern Baptists' first churches in what later became the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention has adopted a new name. In September the Temple Baptist Church (Kenosha) became the "*Missio Dei* Fellowship." Pastor Matt Henry explains that the new name reflects an understanding that all believers are sent by Jesus as his father sent him, hence the Latin term for "mission of God." "Fellowship," he continues, refers to the "calling of the Body in its relationship one to another" and "focuses upon community, something the church values greatly." The church also believes the name distinguishes them from the many other congregations in the area, and feels that it communicates a sense of freshness and new beginnings. Henry mentions that already people have had good conversations with unbelievers who are simply wondering what the words mean.

The church remains committed to the SBC and to local support of the MWBC and the Lakeland Association. The pastor concludes: "We continue to grow in our passion for the lost and the spread of the gospel throughout this world."

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Autumn Gathering

This year's event will be held Thursday night, October 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Northwest Baptist Church. Be sure to note the change from a Saturday morning format which often conflicted with churches' busy fall schedules. Information about the meeting is being mailed to churches.

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Be sure to remember that **October is pastor appreciation month** with Sunday, October 11, designated as **"Pastor Appreciation Day."** A wide variety of ideas for observing the event are available online through web-

sites sponsored by **Christianity Today** and James Dobson's **Focus on the Family**.



In an emotional ceremony on July 26, William Mack and Rodney Bailey (pictured above, left) received diplomas from the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Both completed programs through the school's Contextualized Leadership Development Program, hosted in Milwaukee at the Mt. Horeb church. Also pictured are Clint Calvert (center) who oversees the program for the MWBC, and Pastor Roy Hopgood, director of the Milwaukee center. Bailey is an associate minister at the Mt. Horeb church who has been mentored for many years by Hopgood.