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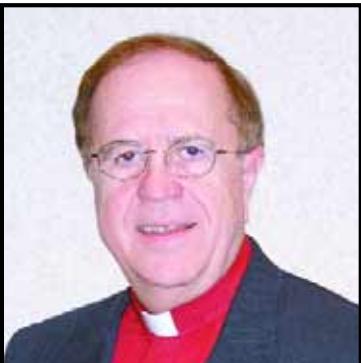
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Church**

A PARTIAL REPORT

First missionary of the church, the Apostle Paul wrote of "seeing through a glass darkly" and of only "knowing in part."

This Journal is a very partial report of what occurred at our Annual Conference session and in our churches throughout the year. We cannot possibly describe what took place in our hearts as we worshipped and prayed and celebrated many stories of transformation, healing, forgiveness, outreach and spiritual growth. Our gathering was, more than anything else, a rich "means of grace." This was the intended purpose of the Annual Conference as envisioned by John Wesley.

These pages record the vital statistics of all our Holston congregations. But they reflect only partially the vibrancy of our people who lived out the gospel faithfully and compassionately. This book lists the names of many people, some of whom were elected to various boards and agencies, others appointed to certain churches, those who provided leadership for the conference as well as the newly ordained and retired and those who stepped over to the other side of Jordan. This Journal though is just part of our story. The rest of our untold story is about the persons whose names were recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life last year through the efforts of passionate disciples of Jesus Christ.

We thank God for what is written in this Journal as well as what is written in our hearts and that which is recorded by the angels of heaven. We now sense our challenge and mandate to go back to our communities with the Good News of the hope and love offered in Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray W. Chamberlain, Jr."

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