

## exchange:

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** – Fountain City UMC currently seeks an applicant to fill the **Director of Children's Ministries** position. Qualifications: B.S. or B.A. in children's ministry, education, human development, or related area. (In lieu of a degree, extensive experience and training will be accepted.) Three years experience in a children's program is required. Good computer skills are a plus. Submit resume to church office at 212 Hotel Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37918, Attn: Melissa Smith. Phone (865) 689-5175. Detailed job description available upon request. ☎

**HAYESVILLE, N.C.** – Position available: **Coordinator for Volunteer Ministries**, Hinton Rural Life Center. For more information phone (828) 389-8336 or email [hinton@dnet.net](mailto:hinton@dnet.net).

## united methodist men:

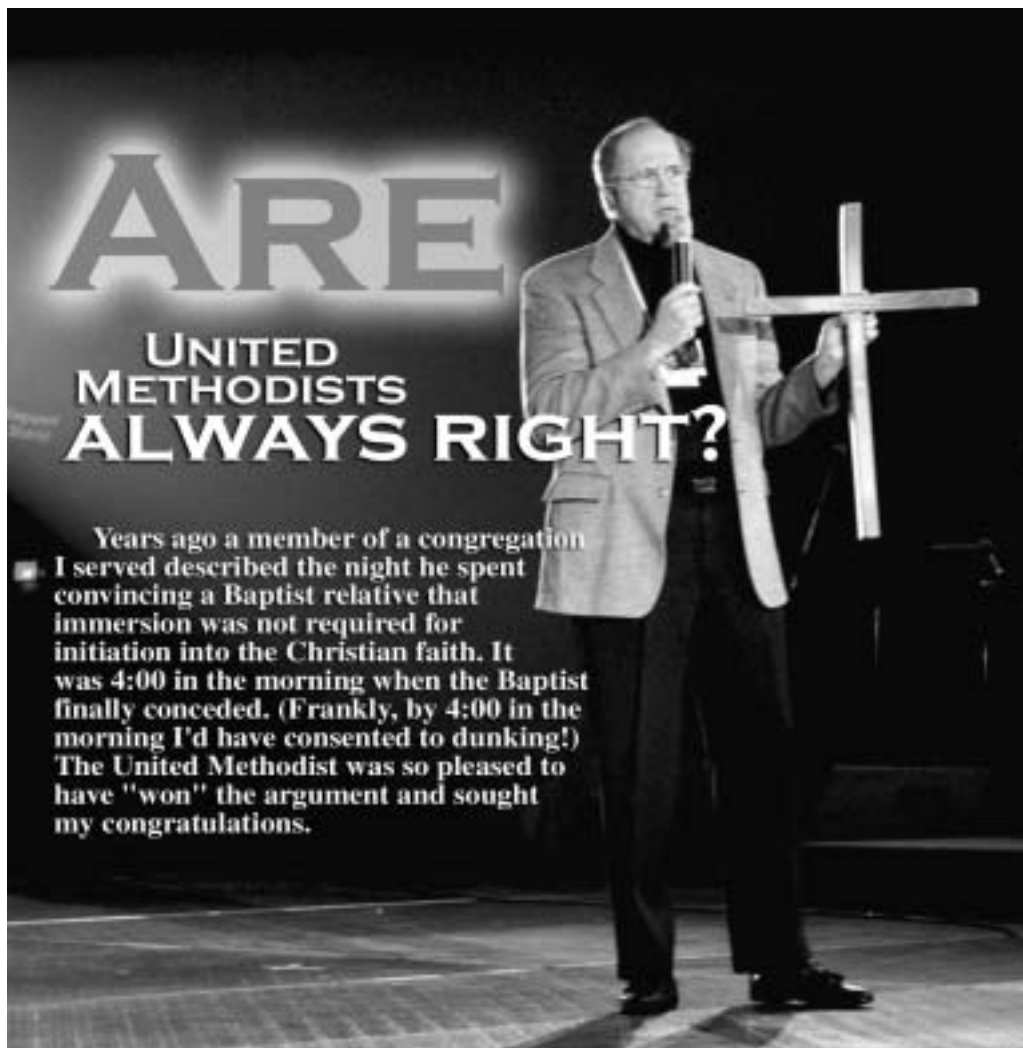
■ **Freeman Leadership Award**

The Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Men recently established the Freeman Leadership Award for pastors actively participating with the men of his or her church. Any local fellowship, district superintendent, or official of the annual conference may nominate a pastor who demonstrates a commitment to the ministries of men in evangelism, missions, and spiritual growth. For a nomination form, contact the president of your district's United Methodist Men. Or contact James Bellamy, Holston Conference UMM President, at P.O. Box 15, Powell, TN 37849, phone (865) 938-3563. Nominations are due by Feb. 15.

## bishop's perspective:

By **Ray W. Chamberlain Jr.**

*Resident Bishop*



### Cross of Love:

*Holding a cross and expressing grief following a recent hate crime in Newport, Tenn., Bishop Ray Chamberlain addresses the crowd at Resurrection 2002. See story on page 5.*

**T**he truth is, we United Methodists affirm immersion, sprinkling and dipping. But the Baptists may be right. It's simply that we have a United Methodist perspective. We believe a lot of things that may be proved wrong over time. We have changed our position on many issues. We do not claim infallibility. But we do have a way of looking at and being in the world and understanding Scripture that is "Methodist." We may not always be right but we are a people who share a common set of Christian values hammered out over time with integrity. We believe as Christians, informed by our Wesleyan theology, that one cannot hold Ku Klux Klan values and be a United Methodist. (We grieve over the recent cross-burning on the lawn of one of our wonderful United Methodist layman in Newport, Tenn.) We believe as United Methodists that God calls women into ordained ministry. We deplore it when the aged are isolated and devalued.

We adhere to our core UMC values as we make appointments to our Holston Conference congregations and will not discriminate on the basis of race, age or gender. Some may not agree with this. Most of our Baptist and Catholic sisters and brothers do not accept ordained women. But this is not a personal choice issue. This is a United Methodist position. We honestly, humbly and prayerfully take this stand because we believe it to be faithful to scripture. We are convinced it represents God's dream for the human family – a dream still deferred. Other denominations may make another case. But for us, we will both believe and practice what our denomination teaches.

I am so thankful to be a part of a denomination that accepts and affirms women in ordained ministry and insists that ethnicity is not a barrier in appointment making – nor is age. And so it is with thanksgiving that we appoint preachers to congregations without regard to gender, race or age.

Are we right about this issue as United Methodists? I believe we are. We expect all to embrace this Wesleyan perspective who take the name "United Methodist."

May God be pleased with our interpretation of Scripture. ■

## in memoriam:

■ **Harold Davis**

**JACKSON, Ky.** – Harold J. Davis, 96, died Jan. 15. He was a retired Holston minister who had served the Bloomingdale Circuit in Kingsport and Clintwood UMC. He was a teacher at Kentucky Mountain Bible College teacher from 1954 to 1967. Funeral services were held on Jan. 19 at McConnell Auditorium, Mount Carmel High School, in Vancleve, Ky.

■ **Tony Dyess**

**TAMPA, Fla.** – Reuben Q. "Tony" Dyess, 91, died Jan. 3, 2002, at his home in Tampa. He was a retired Holston Conference minister who had served as a conference evangelist. The Rev. Dyess is survived by wife Joye Dyess of Tampa; daughter Cherie Patterson of Tampa; son Dayton Dyess of Chattanooga; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Jan. 7 at Bayshore United Methodist Church, with interment at Garden of Ceremonies Cemetery.

■ **Lowell Parrott**

**NEWPORT, Tenn.** – Lowell E. Parrott, 95, died Jan. 11, 2002, at Baptist Hospital of Cocke County. He was a retired pastor who had served the Holston Conference for 45 years. The Rev. Parrott is survived by wife Cora Strange Parrott of Newport; sister Joyce Baker of Norfolk, Va.; brother George Parrott of Sevierville; two grandchildren; and one great grandson. Funeral services were held Jan. 14 at Costner-Maloy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Paul Lamb and the Rev. Paul Jennings officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

■ **Doris Snapp**

**BRISTOL, Tenn.** – Doris Davidson Snapp, 74, of Bristol, Tenn., died Jan. 9, 2002, at Bristol Regional Medical Center. She was ordained a deacon in the Holston Conference in 1990 and had served Fairview, Sinking Springs and First Bristol United Methodist Churches. She attended State Street United Methodist Church. The Rev. Snapp is survived by her husband, Richard A. Snapp; son, Jonathan P. Snapp of Knoxville; one niece; and one nephew. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 13 in the chapel of Oakley-Cook Funeral Home. ■



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