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SHOES FOR AFGHANISTAN



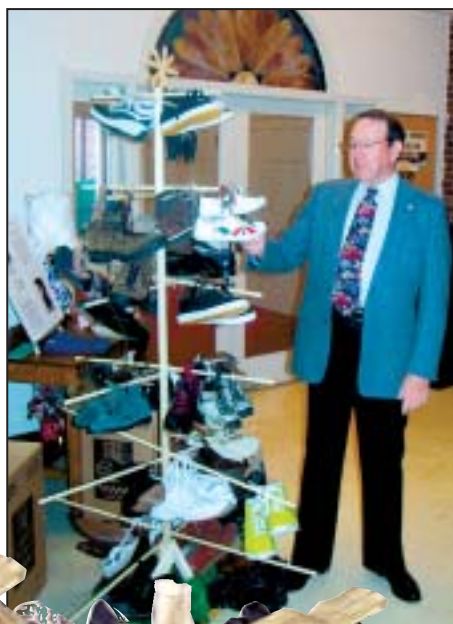
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■ Johnson City, Tennessee:

The Rev. David Lovelace and Steve Baldwin show off a few of the 400 pairs of shoes recently collected at Munsey Memorial UMC. Munsey was one of hundreds of Holston congregations participating in a conference-wide mission project benefiting Afghan refugees. The shoes were picked up by Stop Hunger Now on Dec. 15 for shipment to Central Asia. Final figures will be reported in a future issue.

■ Jefferson City, Tennessee:

Bobby Sharp places a pair of shoes on the "shoe tree" at First Jefferson City UMC in the Morristown District. Submitted photo



New year begins

With hip events for young people

Enjoy the holidays, then get ready for a year that promises to deliver big on events for Holston laity. **➤ Resurrection**, happening on Jan. 11-13 and 18-20, is the conference's wildly popular retreat for middle and senior high students. The annual event draws 10,000 for two weekends of music and worship.

➤ Divine Rhythm, in its second year as Holston's unique retreat for young adults beyond high school, will be held on Jan. 18-20.

➤ Then on April 6 and 7, the Board of Laity will put on its annual spiritual growth and training weekend, known as **Transformation**, in Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Music for Resurrection 2002 will be provided by the ever-popular James Ward and his contemporary Christian band from Chattanooga. The message will be provided by Shane Claiborne, a Holston native currently in ministry at The Simple Way community in Philadelphia. The cost at the door is \$40.

A highlight at this year's Resurrection is Discovery workshops for students who feel a call to the ministry. Scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., the "Convocation on the Call to Ministry" will lead participants through a gifts assessment and provide guest panelists to discuss their own callings. Students should register for the workshop by calling (423) 928-2156 or visiting www.holstonyouth.com. The workshops will be held onsite at Gatlinburg Convention Center.

Salt & Light, the conference youth touring choir, will also be holding auditions on both Saturdays of Resurrection at 1 p.m. in room 21 of the convention

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