

# Tucker Swamp Baptist Church

# THE EXPERIENCE

37527 Seacock Chapel Rd., Zuni, VA 23898

August 2009



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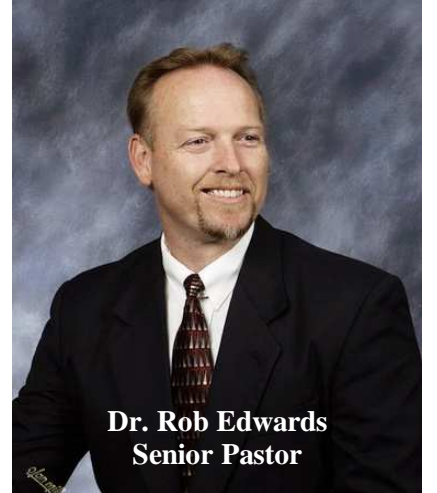
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## From Pastor Rob

Most of the time, when I write a newsletter article, it's about one specific topic related to our church and its ministry. This article is a little different. There are so many things that are happening right now, that I want to share about them all, but I don't really have space. So, I'm just going to share some "popcorn" thoughts with you about each of these things.

- So far this summer we have had four mission teams that have gone out and returned. The total number of people who went on these trips is around 120. Thank you to everyone who sacrificed time and money to share the gospel through these teams.
- Many of you have gone on vacation this summer, travelling to many different places. Please, don't forget that even though you may not be here, this ministry still continues. Its financial needs also continue. Please don't forget to send in your tithes and offerings. We were \$4,000 ahead of budget before the summer started, and now we are \$7,000 behind.
- If you have not made plans to attend VBS, please come. In addition to the excellent youth and children's teachers, we have an outstanding adult teacher for the week, John Anderson. Make sure you don't miss it!
- A big thank you goes out to Beverly Bryant who has served for almost a full year longer than she said she would while our church decided whether we can fund a full-time youth and children's minister. Hopefully, we will be able to give Beverly a break soon, since the search team for a new youth minister has been selected.
- Finally, thank you to all those who have helped move our food pantry expansion project along. The food pantry has needed the ministry space for quite some time. Hopefully, we will be able to finish by the end of this month.



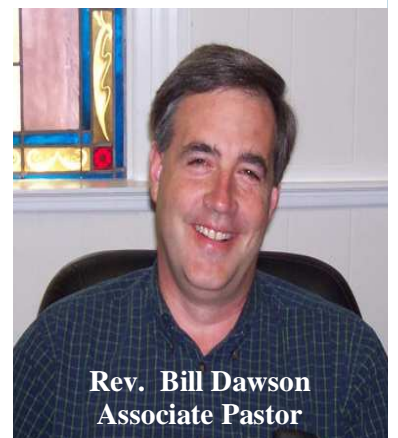
**Dr. Rob Edwards**  
Senior Pastor

Pastor Rob

## From Pastor Bill

### THE TOP 10 SIGNS YOU MIGHT BE SOUTHERN BAPTIST:

10. You need a committee to approve the potluck dinner.
9. You think God's presence is strongest on the back three pews.
8. You honestly believe that the Apostle Paul spoke King James English.
7. You judge the quality of a service by its length.
6. You wake up in the middle of the night craving fried chicken and interpret that feeling as a call to preach.
5. You believe that you are supposed to take a covered dish to heaven.
4. You think someone who says "Amen" while the preacher is preaching might be charismatic.
3. Sitting in a different seat is considered "leaving your comfort zone."
2. You've ever been involved in a "friendly discussion" about the color of the carpet in the sanctuary.



**Rev. Bill Dawson**  
Associate Pastor

### AND THE NUMBER ONE SIGN YOU MIGHT BE SOUTHERN BAPTIST:

1. If hearing "How many Southern Baptist Pastors it takes to change a light bulb?" makes you respond, "Change?! What do you mean 'change?!' My dear grandmother donated that light bulb and my father gave the sweat of his brow to install it 15 years ago. Pastor, if you think you're going to come in here and start changing things, you've got another thing coming!"

It's funny to look at how we tend to label people but the reality is we do it every day and those we come in contact with in our families, jobs, and communities do it to us. How would they describe you if all they had to go on was your actions? Would you be described as a hard worker, compassionate friend, Southern Baptist? As we go through our daily routine, let's remember the words to the song, "You're the only Jesus some will ever see."

Pastor Bill

**Warmer**  
... through fellowship  
**Deeper**  
... through discipleship  
**Stronger**  
... through worship  
**Broader**  
... through ministry  
**Larger**  
... through evangelism

### How to be saved from Your Sins

Admit

that you are a sinner.

Believe

that Jesus is God's Son who died to save you from your sins.

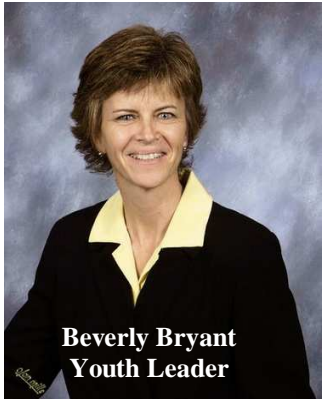
Commit

your life to the Lord.

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# YOUTH MINISTRY



Beverly Bryant  
Youth Leader

## Upcoming Opportunities

AUGUST

6 & 7 YEC

9 Fishing Trip at the Johnsons

12 Youth to Consulate Health Care

21 Church-wide Youth Sponsored Outing to Norfolk Tides Game

## COMMUNITY

Jesus took "Twelve Ordinary Men" and transformed them into twelve of the most influential people in history. He did this in four steps: He called them to conversion (salvation), he called them to ministry, he called them to apostleship and then he called them to martyrdom.

**CONVERSION:** Coming to salvation, recognizing Jesus as the true Lamb of God and Lord of all, and embracing Him by faith

**John 1:35-36** "Again, the next day, John (the Baptist) stood with two of his disciples. And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus."

Here they became disciples (mathetes-learners, students). They learned from the master Himself. He taught them, they experienced Him personally.

**MINISTRY:** His call to them to full time devotion to spreading His word.

**Luke 5:3-11** . . . . "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.' So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him."

**APOSTLESHIP:** (apostoloi-messengers, sent ones) Here we go from the learning stage to the active stage. Jesus felt His chosen twelve were finally ready to be messengers. He sent them out, two by two (community).

**Luke 6:13** "And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:"

**Mark 6:7** And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits."

**MARTYRDOM:** The giving of your life for a cause. How about the willingness to give your life for The Gospel? Giving 150% all the time even when being fully aware of the consequences, both good and bad. Yes, eleven of the twelve were killed for the sake of the gospel, only John lived to an old age and he was exiled on an island but it started way before their physical death. They gave their life that day when Jesus called them to be fishers of men. "They forsook all and followed him."

**Matthew 28:18-20** The Great Commission

**COMMUNITY** . . . . the disciples had it. They loved one another, they studied together, they edified one another, they supported the same cause, they loved their LORD and they came to know each other through The Gospel. A relationship builder that is everlasting, never-changing built on a solid rock—Jesus Christ.

Twenty of your church members left on July 20 to go to Andrews, NC to do mission work. They were a group of mixed ages, backgrounds, not all even knew each other but we came back with **COMMUNITY** built on The Gospel. God is good. AMEN.

*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*  
**1 Corinthians 12:13**

## PRAYER NEED



Scott and Trish Morris, Raven (age 12), Mikayla (age 2)  
(Patrick and Cathy's family)

House burned on July 27, lost everything

Please keep them in your prayers and talk to Cathy about their material needs.

Praise God that no one was hurt!!!!

In celebration of their commitment to Christ and their covenant of marriage for a lifetime, you are cordially invited to a

*65th Wedding Anniversary  
Breakfast*

in honor of

*Mr. and Mrs. Junius  
Bradshaw*

Sunday, August 16, 2009  
8:00-9:45 AM

Tucker Swamp Baptist Church  
Zuni, Virginia

Your presence as their extended family and friends will be the gift and blessing to them on this special day!

If unable to attend the breakfast, you may visit the Bradshaws at their residence from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bradshaw  
Rev. and Mrs. Steve Bradshaw

## NEW BIRTH



**Peyton David Justus**

Born: June 29, 2009

Weight: 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Parents: Frank & Amy Justus

Grandparents: Steve & Rosemary Horne

## Our Sympathy to . . .

Donald Brothers family upon his recent death.

Barbara Myers upon the recent death of her brother, Frank Holland.



## Called Business Meeting

to vote on

Slate of Officers, Teachers,  
Committees, and Workers  
for the 2009-2010 Church Year

**Sunday, August 23**

following worship



**Sunday School  
Leaders Meeting  
and  
Care Group Training**  
Wednesday, August 19  
6:15 pm



**CHURCH-WIDE  
YOUTH SPONSORED OUTING TO  
NORFOLK TIDES  
GAME  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

See Beverly for information.



## VBS KICK-OFF Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm

## VBS Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6

6:00-8:30 pm

**Dinner Each Evening at 5:00**

**Reservations Required**

**Cost: Adults—\$4.00**

**Children—\$2.00**

**Family of four—\$12.00**

**Family of five—\$13.00**

**Saturday's meal is free!**

**You may make reservations by**

- calling the church office
- using the sign-up sheets in Sunday School
- using your Sunday bulletin tear-off tab

**GOOD DAY, MATES!** Get your ticket to climb aboard the Boomerang Express. The VBS train is coming and departing for the Outback August 2009. Vacation Bible School is for all ages! Please make plans now for your whole family to attend and bring your friends and neighbors.

Contact Mary Beth Gribble at 242-3882, Rebecca Leinart at 242-6923 or the church office at 242-6553 for more information.

See you down under!

### MENUS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Dingo Dogs (w/chili)  
Aussie Chips  
Bonzer Beans

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Chook on the Barbie  
Pommy Potatoes  
G'Day Green Beans

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Jack-A-Roo Chops  
Ridgy-Didge Rice  
Boomerang Broccoli

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Kookaburra Casserole  
Sheepshagger Sweet Peas

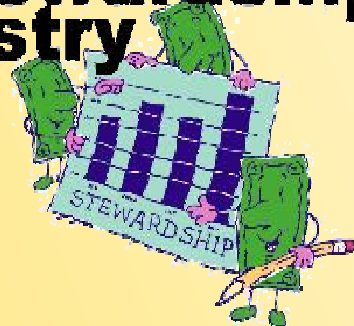
#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Melbourne Mac-A-Roo-Ni  
Sydney Salad

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Sandgroper Subs  
Walkabout Soup

## Stewardship Ministry



### WHAT IS A TITHE?

The word, of course, means a "tenth." People quibble over such questions as whether it is before or after taxes, whether it should go to a single ministry, whether it should be put ahead of absolute necessities, and the like. Such niggling misses the point. The Lord cherishes a ready giver whose heart puts him and his service ahead of everything. One of the saddest things that can happen to people comes about so naturally. When hard times come, when they lose their jobs or inflation runs wild, the first place they cut is often their tithes. Usually their intentions are good. "I'll make it up next week," they rationalize. And God lets them go. He does not pressure, but that is the worst thing they can do. That, I believe, is the time to step up your giving. That is the time you need something from God. "Prove me," the Lord says. "Give, and it will be given to you . . ." Luke 6:38

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Kelso

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Women of Grace

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Just returning from Michigan where I have spent the past week with my family has left me with many thoughts and emotions. My parents, my sister and my brother all live there with their families. We have wonderful times together and then there are those goodbyes! What torture! We hug, and sob, and hug again, and then the tears come to me for days. I have a wonderful time with my sister, going to art fairs and antiquing. We catch up on all of the events we can only talk about in person. It seems when we are together, that we haven't really been apart. I am blessed to have a precious sister to share life and friendship with. Webster's dictionary defines a sister as "one of the same kind." How thankful I am for the many sisters God puts on my path each day. I have sisters in Peru now, and I pray for them regularly and look forward to seeing them again soon. I have sisters at work and I am thankful for a place to work where I am joined with others because of the same Father. I have you, my sisters at church. What a blessing you are to me. You are my family when mine is seven hundred miles away! What a great God we have, one that provides a sister whenever and wherever we need one. Never forget that beautiful gift God has given us – a family to love and cherish where we are "one of the same kind" with the same Heavenly

Father. My prayer is that we "sisters" at Tucker Swamp Baptist Church will find ways to lift each other up, help where there is hurt or pain, and love in spite of our faults.

Of course, sisters need to have a little time together doing what men say we do best so don't forget our shopping day at the Williamsburg Outlet Malls on August 22. Sign up and pay your \$5.00 (for gas and snacks) so we can ride the coach together. If the coach fills up, we will add as many cars as needed. Sign-up sheets are already circulating so hurry and sign up so we can make the necessary arrangements. Remember, no child care will be provided for this event.



The Women of Grace are proud to present the BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG! Our sisters at the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center (BRPC) located in Lynchburg, Virginia provide a safe home for unwed mothers where they receive Christian counseling, medical care and maternity clothes, as well as opportunities to earn clothing and furniture for their new baby. Sign out a baby bottle from the vestibule or the back hallway. Fill it with change, cash or a check, and return any Wednesday or Sunday after service until September 27. You will be blessed along with the women who need a loving sister.

Thank you for your generosity and support for the beautiful children at the New Life Children's Home. We arrived in Peru with

**LADIES DAY AWAY**  
Saturday, August 22  
**A Day of Shopping in  
Williamsburg**

The first 20 women who pay  
\$5 will have a seat  
reserved on the TSBC coach.  
\$5 will cover gas and snacks.

Ladies ages 18-99 are  
invited!

\$1,500.00 and plans to buy clothes, shoes and toys, but another church had just provided for those needs. However, we learned that there are many other needs at the home including a new washer and dryer. We left the money with Brother Mike Kennedy and told him to use it for what the children needed most. He promises to send us a picture of their purchase. We will pass that information along as soon as it is available.

I consider it an honor to call you my sisters. May we remain "one of the same kind" throughout eternity.

In Christ,  
Donna Dawson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00-9:15am Orchestra Practice 9:15-9:30am Choir Practice 9:30pm Praise & Worship in Chapel 9:30-9:40am Special Music Practice 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship/Extended Session/Children's Worship 6:00-8:00pm Youth Activity	8:00am Devotion/Walking 6:45pm Boy Scouts Mtgs.  	10:30am Staff Meeting	8:00am Devotion/Walking 5:15pm Family Supper 6:15-6:45pm Preschool & Children's Choirs 6:45-7:45pm TEAMKIDS & Veggie Tales Connection 6:15-7:45pm Youth Activity 6:15-7:45pm Pray/Bible Study/ Adult Discipleship 7:45pm Adult Choir Practice			
						<b>1</b> VBS Kick-Off 4:00 pm
<b>2</b> No Family Breakfast  	<b>3</b> No Boy Scouts Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> YEC— Coach Reserved	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Deacon Retreat  1:00-5:00pm Treasure Home School Group Kick-Off—FLC Reserved
<b>VBS—Boomerang Express 6:00-8:30 pm Dinner at 5:00 Each Evening</b>						
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> No Boy Scouts Meeting  6:30pm WoG Steering Committee Mtg.	<b>11</b> 11:30am Forever Young Lunch (Staff Cooking)	<b>12</b> 6:30pm Youth to Consulate Health Care—Coach Reserved	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bryant/Jones Wedding Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9:00am Food Distribution  4:00pm Bryant/Jones Wedding  Nothin' Butt Fun Fundraiser
<b>16</b> 8:30am Breakfast for Junius & Freda Bradshaw  12:30pm Senior Lunch Bunch to Cowlings—Coach Reserved  Slate of Officers & Workers Available	<b>17</b> <b>Newsletter            Articles Due</b>  	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:15pm Sunday School Leaders Meeting & Care Group Training	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00pm Adult Game Night  Church-wide Youth/Adults to Tides Game	<b>22</b> 8:00am Ladies Day Out— Coach Reserved
<b>23</b> Vote on Slate of Officers & Workers	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm TEAMKIDS to Consulate Health Care—Coach Reserved	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Missions Council Mtg.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

- 1st Sunday—August 2**  
 Crib Melissa Brinkley 562-5226  
 Kelly Bryant 242-4409  
 Toddlers Lois Gurganus 569-1665  
 Lanita Fuller 562-0246  
 1's Teresa & Jacob Higginbotham  
 2's Susan & Pat Boyle 516-2899  
 3's Jeff & Chrissy Byrum 242-4186  
 4's Sarah Randall 242-9547  
 Rebecca Burks 242-4238
- 2nd Sunday—August 9**  
 Crib Bonnie Detar 569-8088  
 Alyce Bass 859-9069  
 Toddlers Kara Eason 562-7177  
 Ali Detar 569-8088  
 1's Betty Ward 242-9891  
 Sandra Quillen 242-3668  
 2's Chris & Kara West 242-9652  
 3's Karen Ross 876-5442  
 Margi Reed 242-3208  
 4's Joanne Dixon 357-2983  
 Tricia Phelps 562-7078
- 3rd Sunday—August 16**  
 Crib Becky Carter 242-6681  
 Brittany Kelso 242-9603  
 Toddlers Tammy Henry 859-6411  
 1's Betty Lou Edwards 357-3513  
 Carol Darden 357-4457  
 2's Lynn & Lynn Goodrich 569-1023  
 3's Billy & Mary Powell 242-9436  
 4's Melissa Jackson 569-0036  
 Peggy Jordan 562-2679

- 4th Sunday—August 23**  
 Crib Crystal Whitley 516-8946  
 Toddlers Adeline Tillett 562-6861  
 Katie Joyner 357-2560  
 1's Sterling & Jamie Johnson 569-9515  
 2's Vicki Brinkley 242-3350  
 Beverly Ellis 562-0541  
 3's Mark & Dena Haydu 562-3389  
 4's Karen Webb 923-3414  
 Michelle Blair 569-1290
- 5th Sunday—August 30**  
 Crib Lauren Gallagher 562-2902  
 Shannon Lucas 653-7611  
 Toddlers Allison Flick 859-6852  
 Kristin Ivey 569-8278  
 1's Shelva Edwards 562-3629  
 2's Betty Horton 242-6718  
 Cindy West 242-6014  
 3's Rob & Shelia Darden 562-5278  
 4's Gordon & Lisa Calhoun 859-2675

**Sunday Nursery Workers —10:45 AM**

**Please note:**  
 If you have any questions or concerns about the Sunday nursery schedule, please contact your nursery leader. If you are scheduled for  
 Week 1—contact Melissa Brinkley 562-5226  
 Week 2—contact Kara Eason 562-7177  
 Week 3—contact Peggy Jordan 562-2679  
 Week 4—contact Beverly Ellis 562-0541  
 Week 5—contact Shannon Lucas 653-7611

- 2nd Tammy Porter  
 Kelby Lilly  
 9th Michelle Blair  
 Dennis Blair  
 16th Tommy Harrell  
 Chrissy Byrum  
 23rd Tammy Porter  
 Worker Needed  
 30th No Children's Church



**August Counting Committee**  
 Clint & Kathy Bryant, Judy Ballance

**Deacons of the Month**  
 Jimmie Copeland, John Anderson,  
 Jerry Bryant, Scott Detar

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Steve & Lynn Ivey  
 3 Tom & Maxie Britt  
 4 P. J. & Lizzy Neiger  
 5 Roger & Nettie Boyce  
 7 Chris & Kara West  
 Tony & Elisa Wills  
 8 Clay & Tammy Porter  
 9 Daniel & Becky Carter  
 Ryan & Britney Faehner  
 11 Ken & Jan Cassidy  
 John & Audrey Cheek  
 12 J. W. & Donna Jones  
 14 Jimmy & Rachel Billups  
 15 Russell & Becky Hedgepeth  
 Chad & Mary Beth Gribble  
 16 Junius & Freda Bradshaw  
 Tom & Morgan McHugh  
 17 Ronnie & Cindy West  
 19 Barry & Brenda Wills  
 21 Jason & Bekah Witt  
 22 Hershel & Rebecca Burks  
 24 Larry & Lois Wills  
 25 Billy & Kathy Brinkley  
 David & Michelle Horton  
 28 Timmy & Karla Cobb  
 29 Lee & Tracy Gneski  
 30 Steve & Teresa Cobb

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Tommy Anderson  
 J. M. Erwin  
 Dan Taylor  
 Rita Burris  
 Sam Bias  
 Michael Roach  
 2 Michael Bryant  
 Grace Braswell  
 Pat Edwards  
 Juanita Wills  
 Sam Bass  
 3 Freda Bradshaw  
 Tommy Britt  
 4 Chris Funai  
 Whitlee Hughes  
 Mindy Webb  
 5 Vicki Noggle  
 Jordan Bowden  
 Kaylee Joyner  
 6 Randall Joyner  
 7 Peggi Hendrix  
 9 Steve Webb  
 Kathy Brinkley  
 10 Doug Chesson  
 James Horton  
 11 Kara Eason  
 Madison Pulley  
 12 Alice Oakes  
 Nathan Cobb  
 Edward O'Donnell  
 Brent Kearns  
 13 Kathy Wright  
 15 Willie Edwards  
 Joe Poe  
 Faye Johnson  
 Hunter Ellis  
 Calvert Porter
- Gracie Lucas  
 16 Dena Haydu  
 17 Hershel Burks  
 Millie Bradshaw  
 Wanda Smith  
 18 Debbie Kelso  
 20 Becky Owens  
 Tammy Henry  
 MaKayla Burks  
 Hunter Henry  
 21 Lanita Fuller  
 Austin Higginbotham  
 22 Michaela Webb  
 23 R.B. Greene  
 Felicia Mobley  
 Rob Edwards  
 Beverly Ellis  
 Jennifer Bucheit  
 24 Jason Witt  
 Jerry Sadler  
 Katrina Carr  
 Audrey Padgett  
 25 Jessica Porter  
 Tiffany Stancil  
 26 Lynn Goodrich  
 Tom Billups  
 Martha Winn  
 Marlana West  
 27 Jay Erwin  
 28 Teresa Cobb  
 Ashley Dull  
 Gracie Johnson  
 29 Linda Johnson  
 Billy Jones  
 30 Natalie Branch  
 Amy Leinart  
 Meagan O'Donnell  
 31 Deborah Byrum  
 Bret Vaughan

**NURSERY WORKERS — Wednesdays at 6:30**

- 5th Becky Owens  
 12th Vicki Noggle, Becky Owens  
 19th Melissa Brinkley, Mary Farmer, Becky Owens  
 26th Shelia Darden, Shannon Lucas, Becky Owens

**Sunday School & Worship Greeters**

- 2ne:** Tom & Maxie Britt, David Scott, Bob Porti, Sandra Brinkley, Neil Owens  
**9th:** Darlene Thomas, Donald & Audrey Padgett, Carol Darden, Sandra Brinkley, Neil Owens  
**16th:** Ron & Donna Ries, Bill Randall, Joyce Rabil, Neil Owens  
**23rd:** Melissa Jackson, Ed & JoAnne Dixon, Dan & Cinda Pack, Neil Owens  
**30th:** Carol Darden, Sandra Brinkley, Audrey Padgett, Donald Padgett, Darlene Thomas, Neil Owens, Sandy Quillen

