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**From the Desk of J. David Pittman,  
Director of Missions**

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” is the opening sentence in *A Tale of Two Cities*. The English novelist Charles Dickens was the author of this book who used these words to describe what was taking place during the French Revolution. His description has often been used by someone to set the stage for what has been taking place in their pilgrimage of life.

The same words could be used to describe the recent things that have taken place in the life of the Concord Baptist Association. God has graciously blessed our work together in many wonderful ways. The Lord has opened the windows of heaven and poured out his blessings on us that are too numerous for us to count.

At the same time we have been receiving these unusual blessings we have been the recipients of some bad news from some of our churches. The bad news hurts because of the fact that when one of our churches hurt we all hurt. The old saying, “Into each life a little rain must fall,” seems to hold true.

As believers our goal should be to develop into a mature Christians who are not controlled by our outward circumstances but rather are controlled by the inward presence of Christ in our lives. Paul put it this way in *Philippians 4:11*, “For I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” We must not let circumstances control us we must let Christ presence in our lives control us.

Let’s all encourage each other in our Christian walk. When good or bad news comes our way let’s continue to move forward together encouraging each other in every way. In this we help each other in our life’s journey. As we help each other we demonstrate the love of God to others.



This picture shows David Pittman presenting Bo Childs of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation the Concord Baptist Association check to be placed in an interest bearing account. These funds are from the sale of the association’s property on South Church Street. These funds will be used to purchase land for our new office facility, construction of our new building with the remaining funds being used to institute a perpetual Mission/Ministry Fund.

**Tim’s Notes**

**Tim Fisher, Kingdom Growth Coordinator**

Seven years ago I cried out to the Lord, “Why Lord, why did this have to happen?” I just had a wonderful few days of deep sea fishing with my friends from Harvest View Church. I had just returned home from Florida when I received a phone call from my sister-in-law Cheryl. She asked me to come to the hospital because my brother Steve was sick. I drove to the hospital expecting to spend some time with Cheryl and to have prayer with my brother who I thought was having some minor stomach problems. With in 5-10 minutes of my arriving we received word that my brother had passed away. I went through all types of emotions from anger, sorrow, confusion to crying out to God and asking “How could You let this happen? Steve is only 46 years of age, he has a wonderful wife, two awesome teenagers and he has given up his job to go into fulltime ministry, he was happy and serving the Lord. God, how could you let this happen?” I could say that I handled this event in my life with out struggle but that would not be true. I questioned God, I doubted God, I even argued with God, it was a very difficult time in my life that made me a whole lot stronger and brought me closer to God. I still have questions and uncertainties about why God allows some things to happen but my faith and trust in God has grown and I am thankful. The point of this article is simply this, struggles will come but God is more than enough and will always be there for us. Let me give you two scriptures to look up, *James 1:2-5* and *Philippians 4:4-7*.

*Go for the goal!*

**Concord Baptist Association**

**Annual Meeting**  
Giles Creek Baptist Church  
Monday, October 16

Watch for further details in our next newsletter.

**Our Folks**

**Attention Clerks and Pastors - By now you should have received the 2006 ACP. If you received it and are not the person responsible for preparing it this year, please give it to the proper person. These forms are provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and are mailed to our office to be distributed to the churches. They are coded specifically for your church. Please contact the association office if you have questions or need additional information.**

**Fosterville will be in revival September 17-20. Mike Ruffin, former pastor, will lead the services. The services will begin at 7 pm each night.**

**Midland has begun construction on their new education building.**