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One-hundred years of Scouting will come to life at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, July 26–August 4, 2010. Approximately 45,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff from all 50 states, territories, and many foreign countries will have the opportunity to live, work, and play together in an atmosphere of Scouting fellowship. The setting for the quadrennial jamboree is Fort A. P. Hill, near Bowling Green, Virginia.

Most Scouts visit areas close to Fort A. P. Hill before or after attending the National Scout Jamboree. Popular visiting sites have been Washington, D.C.; New York City; Williamsburg, Va., to visit the Jamestown Settlement; and various Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields. The United States Military

Academy at West Point, New York, and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, are also popular sites.



Many units are having a special recognition to mark the 100th Anniversary. The closing arena show will be unlike any other jamboree arena show in history. It will be big, bold, interactive, and unforgettable! You won't want to miss it! Plans are

to Webcast the show, allowing anyone with Internet access to virtually join in this huge celebration.

The first Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree was scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1935 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Unfortunately, the jamboree was canceled due to a polio outbreak in Washington. When the first Jamboree was finally held in 1937, Dan Beard lit the opening campfire using flint and steel. Scouts from all 48 states brought the wood that was used in the campfire. There were some 27,232 Scouts camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, 16 national jamborees have been held, the last in 2005.

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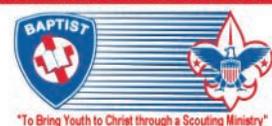
By Jay Ramer

Last autumn I stood on the parade grounds at Cub Scout Camp George Thomas near Lawton, Oklahoma. The weather was cool with a mist of fog. On one side of the field was a creek lined with ancient Burr Oaks on the brink of transform-

ing to their fall dress. On another side was a craftsman lodge that serves as the headquarters for the camp. Slightly down the hill stood the flag poles and the meadow grounds on a morning filled with Cub Scouts enjoying a weekend of camping with their families.

The camp stood at attention as one Cub Pack followed the protocol for presenting colors. The caller barked his orders and the color guard followed his commands. They walked to the flag pole with the Stars and Stripes neatly folded in a triangle. (Cont. page 2...)

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Cub Scouts Give Me Faith (cont.)

The camp was ordered to salute and the Scouts placed their index fingers on the tips of their caps. The color guard clipped the ends of the flag to the rope of the flagpole and hoisted it quickly before reforming and being commanded “at ease.”

When you see a Cub Scout in his dark blue and yellow uniform, standing smartly, eyes fixed on our nation’s flag holding the Cub Scout Salute, it stirs optimism about our country. Sure there is plenty out there to cause us concern, but when you see that boy you know that the American spirit is alive and well. While our nation will be tested, our future is bright because of these boys.

His uniform may be dirty, wrinkled or not completely tucked into his belt, but he’s doing his best; he really is. Sometimes you just have to remember that he is, after all, a boy and will soon learn that his uniform stands for character.

When he becomes a Boy Scout he will memorize the Scout Law, which says a Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient,

Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. All of these character traits that we should earnestly practice are woven tightly into Scouting.

As they earn merit badges for citizenship, first aid, swimming, hiking, nature, outdoor skills, engineering, and communications, they will be rewarded



for learning about duty to God and Country. And that is barely scratching the surface of the list. I have seen Scouts accomplish many things I had no expectation young boys could do.

This year is the 100th anniversary of

the founding of the Boys Scouts of America. The first troop began right here in Oklahoma. An Anglican Missionary who had worked closely with the English founder of Scouting Lord Baden Powell came to Pawnee and began a troop that is still alive and well. Since then, Scouting has influenced and trained many American boys as they have grown into men and become presidents, scientists, civic leaders, astronauts, teachers, doctors, entrepreneurs and many other professions.

I stood there on that fall day saluting the flag with my oldest son, a Boy Scout, my middle son a Webelos Cub Scout, and my youngest, a kindergartener one year away from eligibility who absolutely cannot wait to follow his brothers and begin his own scouting journey. So much so that he had confiscated one of his brothers’ outgrown uniforms and proudly wore it as if he belonged. He even smartly mimicked the salute to the flag. Back straight, chin out, heels together, a proud “Cub Scout.” I felt as if I had stepped out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Yes sir, this country is going to be just fine.

Baylor’s Institute for Studies of Religion to Conduct First-Ever Research on the Long-Term Benefits of Scouting

One hundred years ago February 10, 1910, Chicago publisher W.D. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America. A century later, over 110 million Boy Scouts across the United States have recited the Scout Oath. Countless famous Americans from the past 100 years have participated in Boy Scouts – names like Neil Armstrong, Walter Cronkite, Gerald Ford, Andy Griffith, John F. Kennedy, Ross Perot and Steven Spielberg.

Yet, for all its history, no one has ever scientifically studied the impact that Scouting has had in fostering positive youth development. In other words, if a Scout truly is “trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient,

cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent,” as the Scout Law imparts on a boy, does that Scout stay that way when he grows up?

Baylor’s Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR) is tackling exactly that question thanks to a two-year grant from the John Templeton Foundation. ISR co-directors Dr. Byron Johnson and Dr. Rodney Stark will lead the study working with the Gallup Polling organization to see if Scouts really have better quality family lives, are better citizens, are more patriotic, etc., as anecdotal evidence would suggest. “For decades, the Boy Scouts of America has used outcomes research to strengthen our programs and curriculum,” says Chief

Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca. “The research produced by Baylor University is very important and at this crucial time, we expect to learn a great deal from the research as we embark on our next 100 years.”



In Memory of Wayne “Hub” Simmons



R. Wayne “Hub” Simmons, 63, of Hendersonville, took the hand of Jesus, Monday, January 25, 2010, after a lengthy illness. He was an active,

born again Christian of the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville, where he served on several committees before his health prevented him from participating. He became a member and leader in the Boy Scouts in 1983, first in Raleigh in the Occoneeche Council, and then in Franklin in the Daniel Boone Council.

In 1997, he became a leader in Troop 628 at First Baptist Church. Due to his efforts, a Cub Scout Pack was formed as well as a Venturing Crew, which are both still active. Since 2001, the Troop has celebrated 19 Eagle Scouts, and is expecting two more before the end of this year. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary scouting organization, where he received the Vigil Honor in 1995, the Founders Award and the James E. West Award. He earned two Wood Badge Training Award Beads, one for Cub Scouts and one for Boy Scouts. He received the

Silver Beaver Award in 2003, the highest award given by a Scout Council. He was an active member of the ABS for many years, and received the God and Country Adult Religious Award. He hosted several ABS Reunion Conventions at Ridgecrest and Cragmont Free-will Baptist Camp.

In 2007, when his health started failing, Troop 628 surprised him with a “This is your Life” evening. Over 200 old friends came from all over the country to honor him. He said that most men didn’t get to hear good things about themselves before they died, and he was most honored and humbled at the things that were said.

Hub was born with disabilities, but never let that get in the way of serving. Even though he spent several years in a wheelchair, he still found a way to be of service to his community, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas, as well as service through the Lions Club, Future Farmers of America, and the Boy Scouts. He felt that serving by giving your time was as important as giving your money.

He attend his 45th high school reunion in Fayetteville, TN, in 2009 even though he was gravely ill. His classmates honored him with a Future Farmers of America blanket and a standing ovation, since everyone felt that it would be the last time all of them would be together.

President’s Message

By Jeff Thompson

2010 is an historic year. First, it is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scouts are being recognized across the country for their contribution to American values and leadership. Second, the Association of Baptist for Scouting has had the opportunity to proclaim its mission in many venues. Smoky Eggers has spent the past months meeting with Baptist Scouters promoting our Endowment and the future of ABS. Our secretary, Merri Addison, has worked diligently to update our records and to make sure we are communicating with our membership. Our membership chairman, Bobby Boykin, has been working to update our association’s by-laws and to examine ways to bring our record keeping up-to-date. Our Senior Vice President, A. J. Smith, has had a successful year writing and sending articles about our association to various Baptist newspapers. Our former President, Chip Turner, has been working at the national level both through the Relationship Division and through the Chaplain Division of the 2010 National Jamboree to promote Baptist Scouting. Finally, we have the opportunity this summer to lead seminars and have ABS promotional tables at several national Baptist denominational meetings.

Promoting Scouting as method of leading youth to Christ to Baptist Churches

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Jamboree City to Rise Again One Last Time in Virginia

At dawn on July 26, 2010, dew on the empty fields will shimmer in the growing daylight. And then...here they’ll come! By noon, throngs of Scouts will carry their gear and tents, and gateways will begin to emerge from the empty ground. By dusk the landscape will be transformed into a bustling city of 18,000 tents, 3,600 patrol kitchens and 43,000 Scouts and Scouters. The transformation occurs in mere hours, making Jamboree City the fastest growing city in Virginia, if not the

world, which will be the last one to be held at Fort AP Hill.

Amid this new city will be many of our members who are there to serve the Scouts and Scouters, the citizens of Jamboree City. Most of its workers have jobs that allow them to service the spiritual needs of the city’s citizens through the Chaplains Corp or contact in the Relationship area.

Each citizen of Jamboree City has brought with them special skills and

abilities. Together, they will make history and stories that will be told for generations of Scouters to come. When the city is dismantled and each group travels back home, they will also take with them a renewed belief in the values of Scouting for today and tomorrow that they received from their experience of participating in a Jamboree.

Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, located in Fayette and Raleigh Counties, WV, will be the permanent site for future Scout jamborees.

Scouting Honors Reaves for Lifetime of Service

By Penny L. Pool

Frank Bell Reaves of Wadley was recently honored with the Boy Scouts Heart of an Eagle Award at the Cheaha District American Values Dinner.

Along with Reaves, two others in the district were honored—Herman Terrell and Moran Colburn. This event was part of the 100-year anniversary celebration of Scouting whose birthday was February 8.

District executive Steven Miles of Talladega, Clay and Randolph counties said Reaves was selected due to his lifetime dedication to Kiwanis, the ministry and the Boy Scouts. It is easy when you look at his biography and the things he has accomplished, Miles said, speaking of a number of his activities from his work with recreation programs to military service to serving on the Wadley council.

“Frank is a great guy. He exemplifies what Scouting is all about. We were fortunate to have an honoree like him this year,” Miles said.

When selecting honorees those doing the selection look at service to community, service to God and service to the Boy Scouts of America, Miles said. He noted that Reaves was instrumental in getting Scouting started in the Wadley area. Both of Reaves’ sons, Forrest of Wadley and Fletcher of Ozark, along with his grandson, are involved in Scouting.

The honorees were presented with a wooden-base, glass award etched with the heart of an eagle. Scouts from troops throughout the district helped with the festivities held at Shocco Springs Baptist Convention Center in Talladega.

Alabama football great Bobby Humphrey gave the keynote address. He was a renowned running back at the University of Alabama from 1986-1989. Many of his rushing records still stand today. He was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Reaves has served on the district’s advisory council for 15 to 20 years. About 60 years ago he got started in Scouting while he was a junior high student at Randolph County, he said.

He was the ninth of ten children, and as a child of the great depression he learned very young that God, character, family, honesty, integrity and education were the keys to a successful life, according to the information presented at the banquet.

Reaves received his bachelor of arts degree from Samford University, his master of education degree from the University of Georgia, his master of arts degree from Long Island University and his master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary. He also took advanced studies at Michigan State University, Texas A&M, Texas Woman’s University and Jacksonville State University.

He has served as adjunct professor for two universities in Georgia and is currently serving as an adjunct professor for Southern Union State Community College in Wadley, where he is teaching or has taught ethics, psychology or sociology.

Licensed as a minister at the age of 17, he was ordained seven years later. Back in his college days he went on mission trips in the summer. He holds dual ordination certification through the Southern Baptist Convention and through the Congregational Christian Church. He has pastored many churches and served as a chaplain in the military. He says he will still gladly preach anywhere they will let him with an hour’s notice.

He went to Michigan as a tentmaker and worked with school systems in Clinton, Michigan.

A chaplain in the military has to be certified and endorsed by a church or denomination. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam in combat areas, including Kason in the northern part of South Vietnam. He served from July of 1966-July 1967 and again from September 1970-September 1971. He also served in Germany for three years for a total of five years overseas.

As an army chaplain he was banned from carrying weapons, but said some still did and would get in trouble if anyone found out. He was awarded two



Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Awards and various other military commendations.

“One of my responsibilities was to write a letter to the family of anyone missing, captured or wounded. In the United States I had to notify families when I was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Ft. Polk, Louisiana and Ft. Riley, Kansas,” he said.

Toward the end in Vietnam the news media were not really reporting what was going on. They represented that everything was winding down but “we had as many as 50 memorial services in a week’s time,” he said.

A sad situation was when his assistant, “who I spent 24 hours a day with was killed when I was there. I was supposed to be on a convoy with them and plans got changed at the last minute. I felt very blessed. I was scheduled to go and he asked to go in my place because he had business in Da Nang,” Reaves said. His assistant, Jose Zayas, was killed in that convoy shortly before they were to return stateside. Due to the slowness in getting his deceased friend back to North Carolina when he got back he went to High Point, N.C. and conducted his friend’s funeral, he said.

He wouldn’t talk about the war for a long time and would not watch war movies, he said. He had served in various outfits, such as with the military police, with a signal unit that handled communications and with construction engineers who built roads and bridges

with little interference from the Viet Cong because they used the roads and bridges too.

At one time he was with the 101st Airborne Air Mobile, he said. The chaplains conducted religious services and counseled family, he said.

He had first joined from a sense of duty because he felt everybody should be involved and because his four older brothers were also serving. All together they had about 65 years of military service, he said, dating from one brother who served 18 months in World War II to “two of us who were in more than 20 years.”

He liked to be proactive and call in a family for counseling if family was not adjusting or the children were having problems in school.

He has been involved with coaching or officiating youth sports about 28 years, he said, across the country and with soldiers in Germany and Vietnam.

“I’ve had a world of interesting experiences. I never was good at anything so I had to keep changing,” he said of his

many occupations.

Right now he is training to be a crisis worker to work with the Alabama Baptist crisis teams with the understanding he will not go overseas as some do. He’s been to the first training session and plans to go to one in May to get his certification.

In June he will celebrate being married for 50 years to Vicky Knight from Frog-eye. He married her in 1960, five years before he went on active duty. After all his travels he returned to Wadley in 1997. He has lived longer there than anywhere else, he said.

“When my wife and I were married 36 years we’d moved 33 times,” he said. “Randolph County, Alabama, is home. My boys shifted here and there and always considered Wadley home. One was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and one was born in Wiesbaden, Germany.”

He likes his job of liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board and looks forward to getting the softball field fixed with some fundraising activities that can be held to pay for it, he said.

President’s Message Continued...

has been our mission since two years ago at our retreat at Shocco Springs in Talladega, Alabama. We are beginning to see fruit from all this hard work. Please keep ABS in prayer as we continue this journey. If you would like to help us in this mission, please let us know. Follow our progress at www.baptistscouters.org and follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Association-of-Baptists-for-Scouting/83072677173.



To honor the 100th anniversary of the BSA, the US Postal Service will release a “Celebrate Scouting” stamp. A tribute to the impact of a century of Scouting on the American landscape, the stamp will be widely available

during the summer of 2010. For more information, visit <http://scouting.org/100years/100years/100YearsStamp.aspx>

Chaplains Corner

Rev. Sam Houston

The mission of the Association of Baptists for Scouting is “to bring youth to Christ through a Scouting ministry.” Wouldn’t it be great to have a “great awaking” among our churches in bringing Cub, Boy and Venturing Scouting to over 10,000 churches in 2010? Mr. Fred Rogers a lay Presbyterian minister said, “The world of tomorrow will belong to those who have brought it the greatest hope.” We need you to make



Scouting a priority in your church. Our first priority is to pray. Our prayers will make a difference.

Elton Trueblood, the great Christian philosopher, said that every successful organization must have a passion, a philosophy and a program. We, as Baptist Scouters, have the best in all of the youth organizations—reaching youth for Christ. Let’s let our light shine in

the dark, let’s burn for Jesus.

What was Jesus’ philosophy? “You will receive power after the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses”; Acts 1:8. Jesus meant that every Christian is to be His witness.

Wouldn’t it be great to have a revival that begins with Baptists Scouters? Have a great day.

A Biblical Perspective on the Scout Law

In 1911, the *Official Handbook for Boys* was published by the BSA with a framework and its foundation being the Scout Law. The 12 points of the Scout Law have Biblical support:

1. A Scout is trustworthy. I Corinthians 4:1-2
2. A Scout is Loyal. Proverbs 1:9:22a
3. A Scout is helpful. Matthew 25-35-35 and Proverbs 3:27
4. A Scout is friendly. John 15:12-13
5. A Scout is courteous. I Peter 3:8
6. A Scout is Kind. Ephesians 4:32
7. A Scout is Obedient. Ephesians 6:1
8. A Scout is cheerful. Proverbs 17:22a

9. A Scout is thrifty. Proverbs 21:5a

10. A Scout is brave. II Timothy 1:7 and Joshua 1:6

11. A Scout is clean. Psalms 51:10

12. A Scout is reverent. Proverbs 19:23 and Psalms 34:9

These 12 points for living are guidelines with a Biblical precedent. Millions of young people have been positively influenced by this foundation of Scouting. As long as young people are led in the Scouting adventure by Christians committed to the truths of the Scout Law, America has a bright future in store!

A Dreamer and Doer in Troop 40

The First Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, sponsors Troop 40, which has turned out an impressive number of Eagle Scouts. Sir Winfred Duval, a fine young Christian of Haitian descent, is an outstanding student at Orlando's Edgewater HS and an Eagle Scout in Troop 40. He was recently named a Disney Dreamer and Doer by Walt Disney World Co. The marquee in front of his school now proclaims to all who pass it by on Edgewater Drive, "Congratulations Sir Winfred Duval, Disney Dreamer and Doer."

Young people considered for the Disney Dreamers and Doers program are those who make a difference in their community. They are nominated by their schools for the honor and must be a role model to others through volunteer service during and after school hours. Of the hundreds of nominations, only 15 students receive the award each year.

Jamboree to Be Record-Setter for Baptists

By R. Chip Turner

Jamboree City, one of the largest cities in Virginia, will be "home" to nearly 45,000 Scouts, unit leaders, and Jamboree staff members. Almost one-in-ten (9%) of all "residents" will be Baptist.

Helping minister to this "city" will be the 16 Baptist chaplains, the most to ever serve at such an event. They represent five different Baptist denominations. Chip Turner is Vice Chairman of Chaplaincy Services and Headquarters Chaplain Coordinator. Current ABS President Jeff Thompson is Assistant Headquarters Chaplain Coordinator as well as Hospital Chaplain Coordinator.

The Association of Baptists for Scouting will have an exhibit throughout the Jamboree. Joe Yoke and a team of seven ABS members will serve throughout the Jamboree. If you will be at the Jamboree, be certain to visit the ABS booth in the exhibits tent.

2010 Good Shepherd Honorees

Good Shepherd Awards

Christian Diaz, San Juan, PR
Handy Douglas, Kernersville, NC
William Gosselin, Orlando, FL
Andrew Graham, Austin, TX
Ray Graham, Kings Mountain, NC
Robert Herbert, Chesapeake, VA
Clyde Jenkins, Amarillo, TX
Troy Jenkins, Grand Prairie, TX
Stephen Jones, Mansfield, TX
Gary Jordan, Wilkesboro, NC
Henry Knowles, Apopka, FL
Robert Landham, Hendersonville, TN
Cindy Landham, Hendersonville, TN
David LaRocque, San Antonio, TX
Louis Ligon, Swanton, OH
Verdree Lockhart, Atlanta, GA
Marsha Lowry, Nashville, TN
Leslie Mace, Springfield, MO
Joe Marion, Hendersonville, TN
Chris Mathes, Springfield, MO
John McDonough, Poplar Bluff, MO
Douglas McKenney, Poolesville, MD
David Morgan, Huntsville, AL
Donald Mullen, Bailey, NC
Lynda Nobles, Poplar Bluff, MO
Jeff Obenschain, Harrisonburg, VA
Kit Ross, New London, NH
Sally Sandifer, Spring Hope, NC
Theodore Spangenberg, Pensacola, FL
Gary Struckmeier, Scio, OR
Bill Sundstrom, Orlando, FL
Heidi Taylor, York, PA

David Tolliver, Jefferson City, MO
Kyle West, Newark, DE
Charles Williams, Waco, TX
Ricky Adams, Sevierville, TN
Jodie Anderson, Springfield, MO
Rapley Armstrong, Tampa, FL
Wanda Barrett, Spring Hope, NC
Byron Beck, Poplar Bluff, MO
Kevin Brewer, Sulphur, LA
John Burklund, Duluth, MN
Mary Byrd, Atlanta, GA
Milton Campbell, Atlanta, GA
David Carson, Plant City, FL
Brad Cornwell, Shelby, NC
David Cruzado, Plant City, FL

Silver Good Shepherd Awards

Arthur Allen, Kansas City, MO
Ron Black, Poplar Bluff, MO
Lloyd Brown, Fenton, MO
Tod Burnham, Hendersonville, TN
Morris, Chapman, Nashville, TN
Robert Clark, Campbellsville, KY
W.R. Davenport, Campbellsville, KY
William Hardy, Orlando, FL
James Henry, Orlando, FL
Charles Holmes, Lewisville, TX
Arthur Mallory, Springfield, MO
Ruth Mulholland, Tampa, FL
Ronald Rosson, Florissant, MO
James Shull, Franklin, TN
Ted Spangenberg, Lynn Haven, FL
John Sullivan, Jacksonville, FL

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Silver Buffalo Award

Since 1926, the Boy Scouts of America has bestowed the Silver Buffalo Award for distinguished service to youth. Each year, this award for truly noteworthy and extraordinary service of a national or worldwide character is made to men and women associated with Scouting and to others not directly associated with Scouting. It is Scouting's highest commendation and

recognizes invaluable contributions by outstanding American men and women rendered to youth.

Dedicated Scouter and ABS pillar Al Lineberry was honored with the Silver Buffalo during the BSA's national meeting this past May in Irving, Texas. Our thanks and congratulation to him and his family.

Endowment Stewardship

Thanks to Al Lineberry and our 100 Faithfuls from 1988–2007 for our first \$119,835. The following are the total gifts received as of April 1, 2010.

	Region	# Gifts	Total
DIVISION I: Al Lineberry, David Hansley and David Johnson. Best leaders to date:			
Al Lineberry and Rex Thomas	North Carolina	25	\$21,225
George Jones, David Johnson, Sam G. Berry	Virginia	10	\$7,900
Dr. Jim Henry and David Burton	Florida	6	\$5,300
Dr. Bob Doty	Kentucky	7	\$4,900
GRAND TOTAL DIVISION I:		48	\$39,325
DIVISION II: Ernest Reece, Jeff Thompson, Merri Addison, Bob Justice and Roy Gullick. Best leaders to date:			
John Farris, Sr., Roy Gullick, and Smoky	S. Carolina	16	\$15,200
Merri Addison	Alabama	9	\$5,950
Jeff Thompson	Georgia	8	\$14,250
Tod Burham	Tennessee	12	\$3,200
Joe Yoke	Arkansas	3	\$1,500
Jim Julian, Kirk Sullivan	Western Region	5	\$3,525
GRAND TOTAL DIVISION II:		53	\$43,625
DIVISION III: R. Chip Turner, Olen Jackson, Van East and Alan Carlton. Best leaders to date:			
Chip Turner	Louisiana	5	\$10,325
Ed Brown, Troy Kelley, Smoky	Texas	46	\$34,100
Bobby Boykin, Van East and Walter Lowe	Mississippi	11	\$6,600
Donna Copeland	Oklahoma	6	\$4,600
Michael Grissom	Missouri/Kansas	9	\$3,700
GRAND TOTAL DIVISION III:		77	\$59,325
Grand Total – all 18 states:		178	\$142,275
Al Linberry 1998–2007 total:			\$119,835
GRAND TOTAL (cash and pledges to 2012):			\$262,110

Pack 84 Earns Baptist Unit of Excellence Award

Cub Scout Pack 84 recently completed the requirements for the Baptist Unit of Excellence Award. Pack 84 is chartered by the First Baptist Church of Sulphur, Louisiana, which is also home to Troop 84. Earlier this year, Troop 84 was awarded “Level Two” status.

Among the requirements to earn the award are to have 30% or more of the registered youth members in the unit actively enrolled in or completed the appropriate religious emblem for their age and religious affiliation. Troop 84 saw to this in 2009 by putting on a weekend retreat at the church where seven middle school Scouts completed God and Church and four high school Scouts worked on the God and Life award. Pack 84 offered a month-long study of the God and Me program in place of regular den meetings for its Tiger and Wolf Dens in March. Eighteen boys and their parents came together each week to complete the study.

Cubmaster Patrick Stanley and Scoutmaster Kevin Brewer are both active members in their Baptist churches. Each find ways to encourage a Scout's “Duty to God” during unit activities. Sometimes these take a lot of planning, like offering the God and Country programs. Other times it can be as simple as closing weekend campouts with devotion time on Sundays or participating in Scout Sunday.

On February 8, 2010, Troop 84 held a court of honor where over 100 awards and badges were handed out. Among them were seven God & Church, four God & Life, one “Four-Star recipient,” one Good Shepard, and the Baptist Unit of Excellence for the second time. First Baptist Church of Sulphur staff were available that night to help in the presentation. Pack 84 presented its awards at its final Pack Meeting in May.

Merri Addison asked, “Do you feel this helps Scouts to appreciate and/or learn more about their faith?” In the case of Troop 84, Life Scouts have planned four Eagle projects since December 2009. Each benefitted a local Baptist church. Like any ministry, it may take a while to see the results, but they will come.

ABS 2010 National Meeting to be held at the
BSA National Jamboree
Sunday, July 25 • Time - TBD
Location: Chaplain's Activities Tent

Day's Humor: A Child's Logic

Rev. Sam Houston

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said the Cub leader.

A small boy in the den raised his hand and said, "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The leader took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" he asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently, "It means carrying a child."



Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy—myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

2010 Officers

- **President:** Jeff Thompson
- **Vice President:** A.J. Smith
- **Secretary/Newsletter:** Merri C. Addison
- **VP Membership:** Bobby Boykin
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