

# Beulah

## Land News

### New Path for the Future

Effective November 15, 2006, we resigned from the CBF Affiliate program. Below is our letter of resignation

Dear Friends & Team Members,

After much consideration and prayer, we have decided to resign our position as CBF Affiliates to pursue our ministry independently. Some of you might ask why, what happened and that is a fair question.

First, we would like to say thank you for your support and friendship. We have had a blessed time of service. Each of you have touched our lives, and we are better for the experience. We would like to make it clear that we are not upset or hurt. In fact, we are excited about moving to the next chapter of our service.

Our ministry has been one of service—assisting ministries and missionaries from many organizations. We have tried to provide our services at no or little cost to those we serve. As Affiliates, we have supported CBF by encouraging others to get involved in missions and to support the Global Missions Offering. For years, we have been able to fund the majority of our ministry from our personal retirement funds.

Our service as Affiliates has increased the demand for funds in order to accomplish our work. We have been caught in the middle trying to help some of you and also help CBF raise funds for global missions, while at the same time needing to raise support for our own ministry. We have always felt it inappropriate for us to raise funds for our ministry while representing CBF. So, we have had to make a decision as to how we would finance our ministry and where and how we will serve going forward.

Much of what we do—producing brochures, newsletters and other print media, website development, video production/editing and volunteer development/training—can be done from our home office. These are gifts we enjoy performing and sharing with others. In addition, it is our desire to continue our work with Together for Hope as much as possible.

We needed to take a step back to make this happen. I have gone back to work full time in order to provide additional operation funds. The down side of this move is that I will not be able to travel at will as in the past.

We will continue to provide stateside support for the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague. We also continue our work with the Norvi Mayfield Ministry in Chiapas, Mexico and Guatemala.

Last, we have had difficulty finding a church home here in Tennessee—the home of the Southern Baptist Convention. We have been attending a Christian Church and feel much more at home there than in any of the many Baptist churches we have visited. We are still praying about where we should call our church home, but we both feel we will be joining Boones Creek Christian Church. They could pass for a CBF church, or maybe they would say we could pass for a Christian church.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we continue to pray for each of you.

If we can be of assistance please, feel free to call or email us. Our contact information is as follows:

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Blessings,  
Nick & Ann Skipper

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## Autumn Was Awesome!

One of the great things about living in northeast Tennessee is the beautiful autumn leaves that grace the trees each year in October. This year was no exception. The abundant rain we had this year made for a spectacular display of color. We took a fall foliage drive through the mountains and captured the breathtaking beauty in photos. We have included some of the photos for your enjoyment.



*The woods on the back part of our property.*



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*One of the barns on the quilt trail ([www.quilttrail.org](http://www.quilttrail.org))*



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## Have a Blessed Christmas!

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# Blessed with Visitors



*Mitch & Shelia Taylor*

We were fortunate to have several visitors this fall. First to arrive were Shelia and Mitch Taylor. Shelia is Nick's sister. Shelia and Mitch celebrated their wedding anniversary on September 1. We all celebrated at the Captain's Table restaurant on the shore of Watauga

Lake near Hampton, Tennessee. We also took them to performances at the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee and to the Barter Theater in Abingdon, Virginia. From here they traveled on to New York before returning to their home in Amarillo, Texas.

Our next visitors were David and Nelda Thiede. The trees were just beginning to show their fall colors while they were here. They enjoyed the beautiful countryside. We took the Thiedes to the Storytelling Center and to the Barter Theater also.

For Thanksgiving, Nick's oldest daughter, Robyn Crumpton, came to visit along with her two daughters, Kaleigh and Lauren, and her niece (our granddaughter), Gina Martinez Umana. We celebrated both Thanksgiving and Christmas while they were here. We went to the Barter Theater to see "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol." We had hoped to see "It's a Wonderful Life" also, but couldn't get tickets.



*Lauren Crumpton, Kaleigh Crumpton, Ann Skipper, Robyn Crumpton & Gina Umana*

They, too, loved the countryside, and there was talk about them moving here at some future date. Lauren and Gina have already decided that they want to go to school at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City. We are delighted!

We would love to have more visitors. Just drop us a line or give us a call if you're going to be in the area. Ya'll come!