

**THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2003, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 23 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling \$633,000 and received \$2.7 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over \$2.0 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received \$5.3 million in contributions during 2003 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2003, the Foundation held \$112.9 million under management.

During 2003, our distributions totaled \$5.7 million, with charity receiving \$3.8 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving \$1.9 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., \$25 million has been distributed to individuals and \$44.1 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of \$69.1 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

2003 Distributions

