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CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
May 7 - 14, 1972

People And Places



Hatcher

Chuck Hatcher, a junior at University of Kentucky, has surrendered his life for service in the area of agricultural foreign missions. A member of First Baptist Church, Highland Heights, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatcher, of Alexandria.

A. T. Johnson, outstanding layman in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ten Mile Association, died March 17. He would have been 93 years old on May 6 and had been a Mt. Zion member since boyhood days.

He served as Mt. Zion Sunday School secretary from the age of 17 until illness incapacitated him three years ago and was a Mt. Zion deacon for 46 years. He was honored for his faithful service by being elected "Secretary Emeritus." He also had attended every annual meeting of the Ten Mile Association in its history until his illness.

A mini-course plan for summer graduate study in teacher education has been announced by Georgetown College. Each course will be completed within a period of two or three weeks and give two or three hours credit. Such courses will be available over a

Notice

When making requests for information or materials from the Baptist Building in Middletown, please make sure your return address is included. Several requests for SBC messenger cards, Charity Fund Offering materials, tracts and other material have been received recently with no return address. If you have requested materials and they have not arrived, you may want to re-order, making sure that a return address is included.

nine-week period throughout the summer, according to Ray Alexander, chairman of the education department.

Information on the mini-course plan can be obtained by writing Ray Alexander, Director, Graduate Study, Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324.

St. Matthews Baptist Church has voted to conduct a "double session" Sunday morning schedule. Two preaching services at 9:30 and 10:50 a.m. will be conducted simultaneously with two Sunday School sessions. Pastor Alton McEachern explained that the new schedule is an attempt to eliminate a severely crowded condition without new buildings.

A Light On "Religious" Tragedies is the title of a book written by W. K. Sisk, Jr. Sisk, born in Dixon, Kentucky, now is retired and living in Sturgis. The volume deals with such tragedies as lost church members, shallow consecration, prayerless believers and powerless disciples. The book may be ordered from the author whose address is 1201 North Main Street, Sturgis, Kentucky 42459.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I'd like something that looks like a Cadillac to my wife and a Volkswagen to my congregation."

DEVOTIONAL



Earl Pike
Pastor, Bloomfield
Baptist Church

Have you considered lately the importance of the keys that you carry around? A few days ago, I had a speaking engagement in another church. I had planned my message and, at the last minute, I ran to my car to leave and suddenly realized I did not have the keys. What a wonderful feeling when I finally found them.

If we are to find happiness and satisfaction in life, we need a key ring filled with certain keys. Let me mention only a few that I believe are much needed.

The first key on every person's ring should be the key of love. Think of what Paul says in I Corinthians 13:3, (Modern English) "If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing."

Think where we would be if God had not loved us so much and sent His Son. Love is the world's most important key. Love opens hard hearts, builds homes, cares for helpless children, feeds the poor and heals the sick. First of all, be sure you have the key of God's saving love in your heart. It is the master key.

The key of friendliness is one often neglected in our busy world. I once knew of a boy that liked to ride his bicycle up and down the street. Most of the neighbors did not mind except one lady who frowned at him much of the time. Finally, he stopped his bike and walked over to her porch and said "If you ever need anything from the postoffice or store, I will be glad to get it for you." Now she is his best friend.

Along beside the key of friendliness hangs the key of kind words.

- A careless word may kindle strife;
- A cruel word may wreck a life;
- A bitter word may hate instill;
- A brutal word may smite and kill;
- A gracious word may smooth the way;
- A joyous word may light the day;
- A timely word may lessen stress;
- A loving word may heal and bless.

—Author unknown.

If we are to have the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, we must be willing to share all the keys on our key ring with those we meet each day.

The Bible In The Home

Many cultural changes have taken place in the last several decades. When our forefathers came to this country they established homes much like those of Europe. That is, large houses were built for two or three generations. Spacious dining rooms and kitchens enabled them to read the family Bible (often brought from abroad) and family devotions were a part of family living. Yet, in recent generations we are building smaller houses, and each generation lives to itself.

The family has disintegrated in its work and interests. A recent architectural trend from separate dining rooms and large kitchens has definitely made Bible reading and family devotions more difficult.

Also, we change houses and furniture so frequently that our children do not build up a sense of security and stability as they live in these changing homes. Added to this is the trend toward packing the old family Bible away! Thus we have broken down the traditional associations of Bible and home; family life and devotional periods; the worship at the table. The activity of yesterday's home centered around the Bible. The activity of today's home centers around the telephone.

I. THE WORD IN THE HEBREW HOME. The Jewish home offered abundant opportunity for the children to attach their spiritual learning to objects and object lessons. Fragments of Scripture were worn on the person and the Law was read frequently at the table. The family table was the center of religious life. Here the prayers were usually offered and the great sacred feasts were celebrated. Through succeeding generations the Hebrew people have had the family table and God's Law linked in their thinking.

II. GOD'S WORD ACROSS THE SEAS. As generations unfolded, the Scriptures continued to be handed down by verbal recitation. With the invention of the printing press, the Bible became a valuable possession of each Christian. Yet in many lands these Christians were not permitted by law to read and use the Book. Some of them sought a way out.

For example: A European carpenter went to the little carpenter shop in the back of his modest home. In the shop one of the great decisions of his life had to be made. After long deliberation and prayer, he and his faithful wife had decided that they must leave the religious oppression of their land and seek out, with the faithful few, the new land of religious liberty in America. It had been a difficult decision to

make. The lives of his three children were at stake. The future of his family, economically and socially, was at the crossroads. But so devout was he that he felt that the need for religious worship and service was more significant than anything in life. After much arranging, he was finally able to book the precious space necessary to take his family on a fragile, little sailboat for America.

Here he stood before his workman's bench. He looked at his beautiful tools, many of them handmade in fine Swedish steel. Which tools should he take to the new land? Strict orders had been given him and his family relative to the few things they could take on the voyage. But three tools out of a life's

A. Donald Bell
Professor, Southwestern Seminary

saving of instruments! There was the hammer that seemed to have been made for his own hand, balanced perfectly just for him. And so, he put that in his little case.

What would the second tool be? So many of these fine instruments had been his means of building lovely furniture and constructing strong homes. Next he picked a precious chisel and, difficult though it was to leave the others, he took just the one and placed it in the satchel. Finally he selected his best saw, a saw that he knew would soon be used in erecting a new empire in a strange land. He packed the three tools in the satchel and walked slowly back to his house.

In the meantime, in the kitchen, his faithful wife was in the process of selecting the few cooking utensils that she could take. Oh how many things she would need in establishing a new home in a strange place. She selected a few needles and a good pair of scissors, a choice carving knife and a handmade wire strainer. She wanted to take the rolling pin which she had used in baking the many delicacies her family loved but she decided it was too large and something else could be used in the colonies to serve this need. So she selected from her many precious things just a few things she would be permitted to take. The children were upstairs in the home selecting one doll, toy or plaything to carry.

III. GOD'S WORLD IN A NEW LAND. Many weeks later the family landed in the new America. The father went forth with hammer, chisel and saw to erect a house out of the lumber of the wilderness. Within the house he made the furniture. The mother hung

her valued cooking utensils in the crude kitchen and the children placed their prized possessions in the corner of the sleeping room in the little attic. Here in this early American home could be found these few manufactured items each brought with much care from the old country — but in addition to these there was one other thing! Before tools and toys were selected back in Europe, this family and other families reverently carried the Family Bible up the gangplanks of the tiny vessels.

IV. GOD'S WORD ON THE MOVE. As time passed, other families had to make decisions much like the family mentioned above; because now the great caravans began going West. On the prairie schooner space was even more limited than on the ships of the sea. And so, hundreds of families again had to decide what precious items they would take West into a newer land. But these stalwart Christian forefathers of ours, in almost every case, took the family Bible again.

Many a family Bible was jostled in the back of a covered wagon. When night came with the dangers of the open country at hand, these strong pioneers gathered around the evening fire and opened the family Bible. Who can estimate the strength that these rugged people found in God's Word out in the open loneliness of strange places?

Finally they came to the Midwest and then later to the far west. Again, out of the wilderness they constructed new empires and here as log cabins went up in the form of homes, churches and schools, there was the large family Bible. It was the only piece of printed material in some homes and the only manufactured article in some schools and churches. The Word of God stood central in the lives of these pioneers.

A few generations later one still found these Bibles in the farmhouses of our land. In grandmother's house it was on an antique table in the corner of the living room. Each year grandmother crocheted a new doily to go under the Bible which father read every day. In another home it was on top of a little pump organ and was used along with hymn singing when the family gathered together. In the little churches, these Books became the pulpit Bibles and the source of church and family unity.

Thus the Word, spoken or written, has been a psychological focus of security as well as a spiritual guide. Adjusting lives need this security in changing times.

WESTERN RECORDER

"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"—JAMES 3

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Will We Live In A Homeless Society?

A real estate salesman was trying to sell a house to a lady. "Why should I buy a house," she replied, "I was born in a hospital, educated in a schoolhouse and courted in an automobile. I spend my mornings on the golf course, my afternoons at bridge parties and I live out of a delicatessen. As soon as I die I will be rushed to a funeral home. All I need is a two car garage."

This reply would be humorous if it were not so true of many wives and mothers of our day. The woman's liberation movement has many commendable goals but to use it for an excuse to get away from the chores of housekeeping and the care of children is a tragedy. A home can hardly be a home without a wife or mother who makes the menial household chores a joyful experience. Some wives and mothers have to work in these days of high costs of living. This is commendable but the costs later in heartaches over wayward children may be higher than the costs of living.

Next week is Christian Home Week on our denominational calendar. Some churches have planned helpful conferences for mothers, fathers and children. Other churches will hear a sermon on this topic. Hopefully no church will let the week pass without some emphasis and education on the Christian home.

The plight of the American family life is revealed in the marriage statistics. Last year 2,158,000 marriage licenses were issued, according to a report in the cur-

Looking Before Leaping Into A Bus Program

Until recent years churches using buses to reach people for Bible study and worship were few and far between. Not so, now. More and more churches are starting a bus ministry to reach children and adults who otherwise would never be reached.

"A Baptist church without a bus ministry promises to soon be as unique as a Baptist church without a baptistry," said a fellow Baptist editor recently in an editorial plea for planning carefully before starting a bus program. This may be a slight overstatement of the growth of the bus ministry but it serves to show its widespread use. The editor was pleading for careful attention to such things as driver and vehicle safety and adequate liability insurance.

rent issue of *Life* magazine. During the same year 773,000 divorces were granted. Nationwide this means one of every three marriages failed but there are some areas in the United States where half of all marriages end in divorce.

The Christian home we once knew is under great stress and strain. The Bible, family prayer or even a blessing before the meal are unknown in many homes. Labor saving devices such as an oven which will turn itself on, cook a roast and turn itself off, gives a wife opportunity to spend more time away from home. Most fathers devote themselves to the task of earning a living for the family and are home only long enough to eat, stretch out in an easy chair and watch television. Actually some families go for days without the father and his children seeing one another due to working hours.

Today strange marriage experiments make us really wonder about the future of home life. Trial marriages in which a couple lives together for a year or so and then decides whether or not to marry legally, the unmarried who never intend to marry but live together as husband and wife, collective marriages in which a group of unmarried and married live together and other deviations from the Biblical teaching on marriage seem to be more and more popular.

Will we live someday in a society which is marriageless and homeless? No, not likely. Surely not so if we have Christ and His teachings in our homes. This is what Christian Home Week is all about.

Surely no church will leap into a bus program without first making provision for safe equipment, a trained bus driver and sufficient insurance. But there is more to planning a bus ministry than these matters. Those who have used a bus program successfully have learned much to pass on to those planning to begin one.

A growing number of Kentucky Baptist churches have successful bus ministries. One of the churches beyond Kentucky using a bus ministry most successfully is Travis Avenue Baptist in Fort Worth, Texas. The story of the outreach of this church is told in a book coauthored by James Coggins, the pastor, and Bernard Spooner, the minister of education.

Last September Spooner in an address at a national bus ministry conference in Birmingham listed some of the pitfalls to avoid in a bus ministry. A condensed version of his address appears in the June issue of *Outreach*, a Baptist publication beamed toward church staff members and leaders in Sunday School.

Here are some cautions advocated by Spooner before entering into a bus outreach program. Space will not permit much more than a listing of some of these pitfalls.

- Don't expect buying buses and running them will automatically result in reaching more people. The bus might well come back empty if prospects have not been previously visited and cultivated.
- Don't expect all members of the church to approve a bus program at the start.
- Don't expect buses to pay for themselves in additional offerings from those riding the buses. This is an outreach ministry in which the church is investing.
- Don't assume that a separate organization is necessary for a bus ministry. The bus outreach program can well be handled by the Sunday School organization.
- Don't let the bus ministry become a child evangelism program. Reaching girls and boys, teaching

them and preparing them for the gospel message is our task. God can be counted on for the miracle of regeneration.

- Don't steal riders. The objective of a bus ministry is to reach those who are not already being reached.
- Don't try to do the job with half-hearted workers. Commitment and enthusiasm are necessary characteristics for faithful and effective workers in a bus ministry.
- Don't assume that all workers are good visitors. Training in how to visit and enlist will be needed for many volunteers.
- Don't assume that a good start is a guarantee of continued success. Enlisting and training new workers is a never ending task.
- Don't assume that reaching one or two members of a family means the whole family will be reached easily. The bus program must be augmented by helpers from the Sunday School to visit and enlist other family members of the bus riders.

For those already involved in a successful bus ministry the above will sound like old hat. It may be helpful for those who are thinking about starting such a ministry. A bus outreach ministry could give new life to many churches but looking before leaping is needed to avoid as many pitfalls as possible.

BAPTIST FORUM



CHILES DEFENDED ON TONGUES

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Mrs. Edward Prigge of Versailles who wrote you in regard to H. C. Chiles' interpretation of the Sunday School lesson. I believe Chiles is entirely right in his understanding of the Scripture and the work of the Holy Spirit. Someone needs to inform Mrs. Prigge of a few things about her involvement in tongues.

(1) Nowhere does Christ tell us we have to speak in tongues in order to have joy, peace, power and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives; the Corinthian idea does not adhere to this (I Corinthians 12:30).

(2) The Corinthian church should not determine our teachings for today because they had far too many problems of their own. Paul dealt with tongues in I Corinthians as a problem and not as a teaching.

(3) Most of us today need to learn to pray in our own native tongue before we start praying in one we haven't learned. The greatest majority of peo-

ple I know anything about just need to start praying.

(4) The gifts of the spirit are given to us in order for the entire church to be helped (I Corinthians 12:7). The problem with tongues is that many who claim to have it become so egotistical and pious that they try to force it on the rest of the church and consequently the church is split and splintered into fragments. It doesn't take a Bible scholar to know that that is wrong.

(5) Paul has the answer to this problem of tongues in the church today: "First, however, let me tell you about something else that is better than any of them! If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them, and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, what good would it do?" (I Corinthians 12:13; 13:1, Living Bible.) When tongues splits a church, then love is not present.

I think we need to make this business of tongues a matter of prayerful consideration. We need to seek earnestly to find God's will. The devil al-

ready has too many instruments at work. Let us pray earnestly to understand the best ways the Holy Spirit can use us in His world today. Let's not follow men like these Mrs. Prigge mentioned in her letter but let's follow what Jesus Christ would do. We can't go wrong that way.

Bowling Green C. Wyman Copass

Going to the Convention?

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has arranged with Allegheny Airlines for a special rate of \$66 for a roundtrip ticket from Louisville to Philadelphia. This price is available on jet flights leaving Saturday, June 3 at 3:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 4 at 10:20 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Monday, June 5 at 7:05 a.m. and 10:20 p.m.

Ticket holders may return any time they choose as long as the return flight is made on Allegheny Airlines.

Interested? Write Convention-Philadelphia, c/o Kentucky Baptist Building, Box 43433, Middletown, Kentucky 40243.

A \$66 check made payable to Allegheny Airlines should be included. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Deadline is May 10.

President's Panel Recommends Relief To Nonpublic Schools

The President's Panel on Nonpublic Education, in its long-awaited report, has recommended federal income tax credits to parents for part of their tuition payments to private and parochial schools.

The tax credit plan, estimated to cost \$500 million a year, is the most expensive of four major recommendations.

This plan "makes the best sense from an economical, political and constitutional standpoint" of any of the current aid proposals for private schools now before Congress, according to panel chairman Clarence Walton, president of Catholic University.

The three other major proposals call for tuition reimbursements for nonpublic school children in any future plans for federal aid to education, a construction loan program and federal assistance to inner-city poor families through a variety of aid programs.

Specific recommendations for the urban poor call for experiments with educational vouchers, supplemental income allowances for nonpublic school tuition for welfare recipients and the working poor, an urban assistance program for public and nonpublic schools, and full enforcement of present laws entitling private school students with certain benefits.

The panel's report dealt at length with the complex issues of aid to parochial schools and present constitutional law as interpreted in a number of Supreme Court decisions.

Criticism of recent high court decisions cropped up at several places in the report.

The private school panel accused the court of an "inadequate perception of realities in parochial schools" in recent decisions striking down aid programs in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. (BP)

MDs Offered Vacation, Service

Medical doctors are needed to volunteer for a combination vacation and Christian service opportunity at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this year.

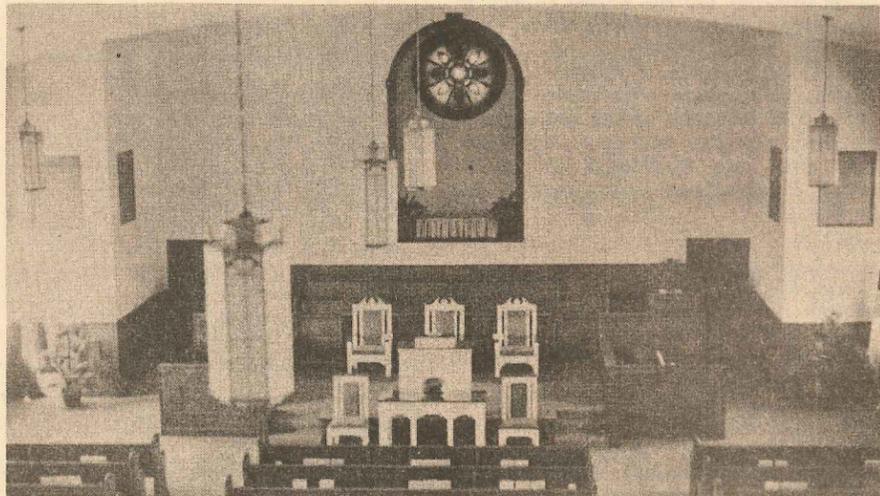
According to Ken McAnear, manager of the Southern Baptist nationwide assembly, an effort is made to have two doctors each week who would like to attend conferences and provide medical service on a rotating schedule.

The assembly offers doctors who will volunteer for one or more weeks the use of an apartment and dining hall

privileges for his family. Working hours are spent in a clinic staffed with registered nurses.

Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, 18 miles east of Asheville, North Carolina.

Interested doctors may write to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, P.O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.



DEDICATION — Stanford Baptist Church dedicated its new building Sunday, April 16. Franklin Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, and KBC executive secretary elect, was the speaker for the occasion. The new building is air-conditioned with a capacity of 450 and includes a fellowship hall, offices and preschool department. In conjunction with the service there was an Open House for the newly renovated educational building. Carson Bevil is pastor of the church.



Mother's Day

On May 14 we honor our mothers. It is one of the tender days; for mothers are close to the heart of every living person. It is time for family reunions, for going to church together with mom and dad or for remembering her who once was very much with you but is now with the Lord.

A man recently made his will and set up a million dollar trust fund for his mother of fifty years ago — a cause dear to her but denied her benefactions because of his father.

Hospital Day

Denominationally, Mother's Day is Baptist Hospital Day in the churches too. It is a time for thinking of the health and welfare of others and for the important part which our Baptist hospitals play in the healing ministry.

The Hospital Offering for Charity is taken on this Sunday and sent through our state convention treasurer at Middletown for this purpose. Every person should make an offering. Every church should send that offering to us marked "Mother's Day Charity Offering."

Healing the poor

The Mother's Day Offering for Charity is used to bring healing to those who are unable to pay for it in our Baptist hospitals. Many doctors give their skill and services without charge for these patients who need medical care but do not have the money to pay for it. In this day of increased medical costs, how much more important for us who can to give that others might be healed. Do your part.

Hospital campaigns

With the growing need for hospital beds and care, our Baptist hospitals are expanding and upgrading their buildings and equipment.

They are in campaigns for funds for this increased ability to heal humanity's hurt.

Why not share now? Why not make a continuing pledge for three or more years?

Why not put your Baptist hospitals in your will? Like our colleges and schools, they need not only present buildings but endowment for operations and the future.

Harold G. Sanders

Southern Baptists Second —

U. S. Church Membership At 131,945,953

Membership in U.S. churches and synagogues stood at 131,945,953 in 1971, according to the 1972 *Yearbook of American Churches*.

The count, compiled by the National Council of Churches, indicates a slight rise (from 62.4 percent in 1970 to 63.2 percent in 1971) in the percentage of population having religious affiliation.

But this statistic is not considered conclusive and the total cannot be compared to the previous over-all figure of 128,505,084, partly because of the addition of denominations in the 1971 tabulation.

"Only on an individual Church-by-Church basis can losses or gains be accurately reported," said Constant H. Jacquet, Jr., editor of the *Yearbook*, which this year for the first time was published in Nashville by Abingdon Press, a United Methodist agency, rather than directly by the National Council.

Jacquet strongly warned against drawing hasty conclusions from statistics in the *Yearbook*. In terms of a quarter-century trend, he said, growth in over-all membership is at a "standstill."

In many cases, the 1972 *Yearbook* must compare 1969 and 1970 figures because that was all that was available at the time the volume was edited. Moreover, statistics from the various churches do not always reflect the same time periods. Some are known to be quite out of date.

Jacquet also noted that some groups such as the Roman Catholic Church and a number of Protestant denominations include baptized infants as members while other churches omit all nonconfirmed persons.

Using the total from the 1971 Official Catholic Directory (Kenedy) which appeared in the spring of 1971, Roman Catholic membership is placed at 48,214,729. The total of 193 Protestant groups, including Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses which are not strictly Protestant, is cited at 71,712,896.

Twenty Eastern and Orthodox Churches are said to have 3,850,483 members: Old Catholic, Polish National Catholic and Armenian, 848,400; Buddhists, 100,000, and miscellaneous, 449,445. The latter category includes Spiritualists and the Ethical Culture movement.

The constituency of Jewish congregations is set at 5,870,000.

In terms of parishes or local congregations, the following breakdown is given. Protestant, 296,187; Roman Catholic, 23,708; Eastern, 1,460; Jewish, 5,000; miscellaneous, 1,587; Old Catholic, Polish and Armenian, 655, and Buddhist, 60.

In 1971, the Catholic Church recorded an increase of 343,640 (or 0.7 percent) over 1970, when a loss was reported.

The *Yearbook* states the Southern Baptist Convention received 140,342 new members, a 1.2 percent increase which did exceed the 1.1 percent rate of population growth. In 1970, the Convention had 11,628,032 members, making it the nation's largest non-Roman Catholic denomination.

Catholic with 8,759,625. The Anglican Church of Canada was shown to have 1,126,570 members in 1970 and the United Church of Canada 1,033,533.

The 1972 *Yearbook* also contains data on contributions received by selected denominations. Forty-five groups having a total membership of 42,941,762 received \$3,826,852,386, or \$89.12 per member. Of this, \$71.34 per member stayed in local parishes.

In the 1971 *Yearbook*, 48 groups (not

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Communion	Inclusive Membership
1. The Roman Catholic Church	48,214,729
2. Southern Baptist Convention	11,628,032
3. The United Methodist Church	10,671,774
4. National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.	5,500,000
5. The Episcopal Church	3,285,862
6. Lutheran Church in America	3,106,844
7. United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.	3,087,213
8. Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	2,788,536
9. National Baptist Convention of America	2,668,799
10. The American Lutheran Church	2,543,293
11. Churches of Christ	2,400,000
12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	2,073,146
13. United Church of Christ	1,960,608
14. Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America	1,950,000

However, the Southern Baptists have already released results of newer research showing that the 1971 membership was 11,870,619; with 240,739 new members accounted for.

According to the data available to the *Yearbook* some small Protestant denominations registered increases between 1969 and 1970. The Christian Reform Church, from 284,737 to 285,628; the Church of God (Anderson, Indiana), from 147,752 to 150,198; the Church of the Nazarene, from 372,943 to 383,284, and the Seventh-day Adventist Church, from 407,766 to 420,419.

Losses were reported by many "mainline" Protestant denominations. The United Methodist Church was down from 10,824,010 to 10,671,774; the United Presbyterian Church, from 3,165,490 to 3,088,213; the Lutheran Church in America, from 3,135,684 to 3,109,844; the United Church of Christ, from 1,977,898 to 1,960,608, and the Episcopal Church, from 3,330,272 to 3,285,826.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) dropped from 1,444,465 in 1969 to 1,424,479 in 1970, but new figures show that the 1971 total was only 1,391,210, a decrease of almost 40,000.

For Canada, the 1972 *Yearbook* shows 12,560,720 members in 29 denominations. By far the largest is the Roman

necessarily the same as in the year later tabulation) received \$3,099,589,399, or \$87 per member, indicating a rise in per capita giving between 1969 and 1970.

Using 1970 figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce, expenditures for religious construction have continued to decline from a 1965 high. In 1970, \$921,000,000 was spent for new construction, as compared to \$949,000,000 in 1969 and \$1,207,000,000 in 1965. The effect of inflation must be taken into account when dealing with these figures, Jacquet noted.

The new *Yearbook* reports an increase in the number of ordained clergy. The total given is 393,826, compared to 387,642 the previous year. Of the total, 235,189 are said to serve parishes, and that is up from 217,360 in the previous report.

The *Yearbook* for 1972 contains information on 236 religious groups in the United States and 76 in Canada. The volume has been published annually, with a few exceptions, for 56 years. Standing orders this year will be filled by Abingdon Press and the book will be available in bookstores at \$8.95 per copy.

Following is a list of the 14 largest denominations in the United States, according to the figures published in the *Yearbook*.

Vietnamese Baptists Operate Orphanage

In 1967 a group of Christian service-men stationed in Vietnam became concerned about the number of orphans in the Camranh area where they were stationed — so concerned that they did something about it. They began collecting money and making plans to start an orphanage.

Soon they had a building. Then, to their dismay, they were told that the government of Vietnam would not permit foreigners to operate an orphanage. They sent out an SOS to Baptists in Vietnam for sponsorship.

The outlook was dim, for Baptist missionaries had been in the country only seven years and the number of Vietnamese Baptists was small. Organized churches could still be counted on one hand as most preaching points were not yet organized into churches. However, each Baptist group sent a representative to a called meeting.

The decision of the representatives was to sponsor the orphanage. A Baptist was selected to run the home and a board of directors was chosen.

Today there are 43 children at the home, located in the town of Ba Ngoi at the edge of a crowded housing area. Additional buildings have been erected and applications are being accepted for more children.

The home accepts children orphaned by death of one or both parents and

children of disabled parents. The home retains custody of children who are not adoptable.

Nguyen Xuan Ha, director, has just organized the home into the "cottage system" and children are presently divided into four cottages. An adult is assigned to each unit.

Under the home's "Big Brother-Big Sister" program, interested individuals or groups assume financial sponsorship of a child.

Diane Gryseels, a missionary journeyman trained in social welfare and assigned to Camranh, reflects on the happiness of the children: "The Vietnamese are accustomed to the large family group, communal type of living. There is no 'me, mine,' etc. It is 'ours' to which they're accustomed.

"Thus they fit perfectly into the cottage situation. There is no big adjustment which must be made by a child in the western world.

"The children are making good grades in school and they are clean and healthy," Diane continues. "They now have their own cattle, goats, pigs and chickens."

American servicemen in the Camranh area have taken a big interest in Camranh City Christian Orphanage since its beginning. They've given the orphanage their money, time, work strength and their love.



Missionary James M. Gayle assists a latecomer through the cafeteria line at the Camranh City Christian Orphanage.

Two weeks ago the base which began the orphanage was "standing down," soon to leave Vietnam in the current pullout of American troops. The men invited the children for a farewell steak supper. At their final worship service together, the orphanage choir sang for the men. It was a nostalgic occasion, a moment to be remembered, a memento to take home.

"What's going to happen when the support of American servicemen is gone?" I asked Diane.

"I think the home will make it," she said. "They've been getting ready, saving up. And now the Baptists in Vietnam are stronger. They can help more than they could when the orphanage was first begun."

Hawaii Baptists Purchase Academy Site

The Hawaii Baptist Convention, in a public auction in Honolulu, has purchased a 13½ acre estate at a cost of \$553,000 as the new home of the Hawaii Baptist Academy.

Purchase of the property for the academy was authorized in a called meeting of the convention's executive board one day prior to the public auction.

Included on the "beautifully landscaped property" is a large residence with 9,000 square feet of floor space. The building was constructed of reinforced concrete in 1910.

A portion of the current Academy property on Heulu Street is under option to lease for development into a condominium. Funds realized from the lease will be used to help finance purchase of the new property, convention leaders said. (BP)

New Directions Suggested For SBC Work With Blacks

Southern Baptist and National Baptist race relations workers suggested new directions for cooperation and changes in black-white relationships at the first National Conference on Work with National Baptists, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of work with National Baptists, the conference drew 70 Southern Baptist Convention departmental workers and National Baptist consultants to discuss ways to reorganize the department and make it more contemporary and relevant.

Objectives, structure and program design were considered for possible changes. "We'd like to rewrite the whole cotton-picking thing," quipped Victor Glass, head of the department.

Among the major issues discussed was a proposed name change for the board's department which works with National Baptists. Before 1959 it was called department of Negro work. After 1959 it was changed to department of work with National Baptists.

National Baptist is still correct terminology because it can refer to any one of the three National Baptist conventions, he added. The National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and Progressive National Baptist Convention, all have the same basic theology



KBC inter-racial worker Bill Rogers, front row left, listens to address by Louisville native Emmanuel McCall, of the HMB department of work with National Baptists.

as Southern Baptists but with differing governing bodies, Glass noted.

The group was concerned with the terminology of the proposed changes in name because blacks in the field dislike the idea of getting something free from Southern Baptists and having "missionaries" sent to them.

An attempt was made to make the work more fraternal than paternal, Glass said. Most seemed to like the terms "black-white relationships" and "cooperative ministries." (BP)

Ramsey Pollard Shares Retirement Plans, Is Former SBC President

On his 12th anniversary as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, former Southern Baptist Convention president Ramsey Pollard announced plans to retire effective June 1.

"I will spend the remaining part of my life conducting revival meetings and in related Christian activities," he told the congregation during a celebration honoring him on his 12th anniversary as pastor.

"I hope to spend some time in assisting Union University (Jackson, Tennessee) in its campaign for capital funds and to continue to serve as president of the board of directors of the World Evangelism Foundation in Abilene, Texas," Pollard said.

Pollard, 69, became pastor of the 8,700 member church in 1960, succeeding R. G. Lee. The previous year, in Louisville, he had been elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He served from 1959-61.

Pollard also has been president of the SBC Pastors' Conference and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and chairman of the SBC Radio-Television Commission. (BP)



Pollard

HMB Appoints Five Missionaries

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's board of directors has appointed three new career missionaries, one to serve in Baltimore, Maryland, and a missionary couple to work in Atlanta, Georgia.

Appointed as a field worker in Baltimore was Miss Bobbie Jean Murphy, a native of Montgomery, Alabama.

Miss Murphy, a graduate of Alabama State College in Montgomery and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, previously directed the Baptist Center and served as a summer missionary for the Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville, Alabama.

Other new appointees include Terry and Rebecca Moncrief, Christian social missionaries in Atlanta. Moncrief, an Augusta, Georgia, native, is director of the Clark Howell Techwood Baptist Center in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Southern Seminary, and University of Georgia, Athens.

A native of Union, Mississippi, Mrs. Moncrief is a graduate of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Jackson, Missis-

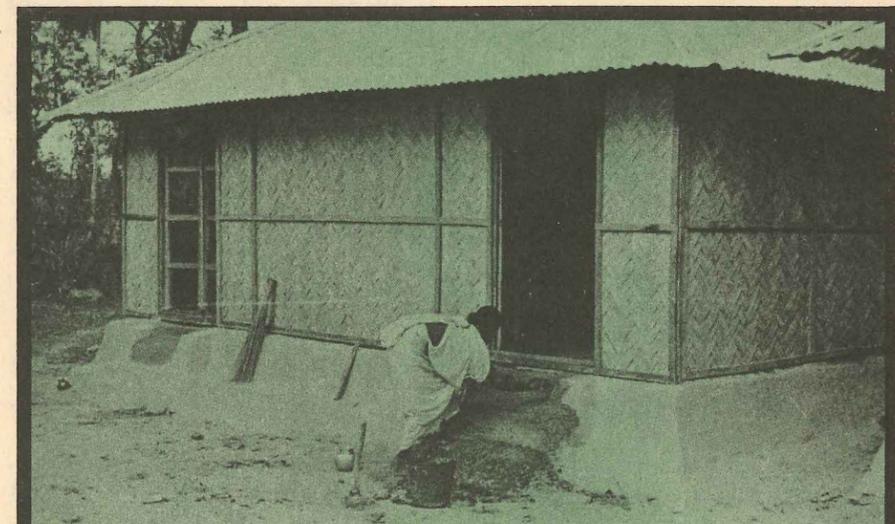
sippi; and the University of Alabama. She also attended Southern Seminary. (BP)

Former SBC President Grey Sets Retirement

J. D. Grey, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced his plans to retire as pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, effective no later than December 31, 1972.

Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two terms from 1952-1953, has been pastor of the New Orleans church for almost 35 years. He is also former member of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee and former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

In announcing his plans to retire, Grey said that if the church should call a new pastor before December 31, his retirement date will be adjusted to coincide with the coming of the new pastor. (BP)



BANGLADESH REBUILDS — A woman builds the steps of her new house which Southern Baptists helped to provide in Kashempur, a village in Bangladesh. Kentucky missionary James F. McKinley, Jr., directs the construction of the 126 house village. In the villages of Brahman Kitta and Namrasudra Para 195 houses are almost complete. "Some of the houses are not being completed so that the owner will have some participation in the building other than just his labor," McKinley said. "We are extremely grateful to Southern Baptists for providing us with funds to do this work and for the privilege of being in Bangladesh at this opportune time."

Southern Seminary Names Vice Presidents, Promotes Patterson

As part of a major administrative reorganization, trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have named two seminary staff members to newly created vice presidential posts.

Named vice president for business affairs was Badgett Dillard and elected vice president for development was Wesley M. Pattillo, Jr.

Dillard, a native of Georgia, has been the seminary's director of administration and business manager since 1966.

Pattillo, a native of Alabama, joined the seminary staff in 1965 as news director and is currently serving as executive assistant to the president.

As part of the reorganization, the trustees approved the creation of positions as provost and vice president for student affairs. No appointment to the posts were made, however.

The new organization will go into effect August 1, the beginning of the seminary's fiscal year.

In other actions, the trustees promoted one faculty member, named another to an endowed chair and granted tenure to a third.

Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., assistant professor of religious education, was promoted to associate professor. Coleman, a native of Arkansas, has been on the faculty since 1966.

W. Morgan Patterson, professor of church history at the seminary, was named to the endowed David T. Porter chair of church history. A Louisiana native, Patterson has been on the faculty since 1959.

Granted tenure was Peter Rhea Jones, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation, a faculty member for the last four years.

Two long-time employees of the seminary were honored by the trustees. They paid tribute to T. R. Allen, Jr., superintendent of building and grounds since 1939, who retires this summer to live in Phoenix, Arizona; and D. Swan Haworth, professor of psychology of religion since 1960, who will become director of pastoral counseling at Bowman Gray Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Re-elected as chairman of the board of trustees was Edward L. Byrd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Florence, South Carolina. (BP)



Wesley M. Pattillo and Badgett Dillard

Scholarships Provided For Baptist Colleges By Highland Church

Highland Baptist Church in Louisville will provide six \$400 scholarships for students attending Baptist colleges in Kentucky. The action was recommended unanimously by the missions committee and approved in a business session without opposition.

Each of the three Kentucky Baptist colleges will receive two scholarships. Students from Highland will receive first consideration for the scholarships but, in the event no Highland students apply, the colleges will decide who will receive the scholarships. The scholarships will begin this fall and are for two years which means each student selected will receive \$800.

In the preface to the recommendation the missions committee expressed the feeling that without renewed interest and financial assistance our Baptist colleges can not continue indefinitely. The recommending group also expressed the conviction that, in most instances, Christian education received in our Baptist colleges will better equip the students for living a Christian life.

Recognizing that one church could never provide the vast financial needs of our colleges, the committee said many churches making a small contribution could assure the continued success and future of our schools. At the same time the scholarships would demonstrate to our youth that we do care.

The Highland pastor is Donald J. Burke and Uhlan Rose is chairman of the committee recommending the scholarships.

ian Andrew D. Lester, director of the School of Pastoral Care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, was appointed special instructor in pastoral care. Fred W. Reid, Jr., chaplain and professor at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, was appointed special instructor in clinical pastoral education.

Lester and Reid were appointed with Frank Askins, chaplain at John Umstead Hospital at Butner, North Carolina, as certified chaplain supervisors. The seminary is offering additional courses in clinical pastoral education as part of its preparation for beginning the new doctor of ministry degree next fall, seminary officials said.

The \$75,000 bequest came from the estate of the late Talcott W. Brewer of Raleigh, North Carolina, a long-time supporter of the seminary.

Trustees also accepted a \$1,000 bequest from the estate of the late Mrs. J. B. Hipps, a former missionary to China, whose husband was the seminary's first professor of missions.

In other action, the trustees re-elected Claud B. Bowen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, as president of the board. (BP)

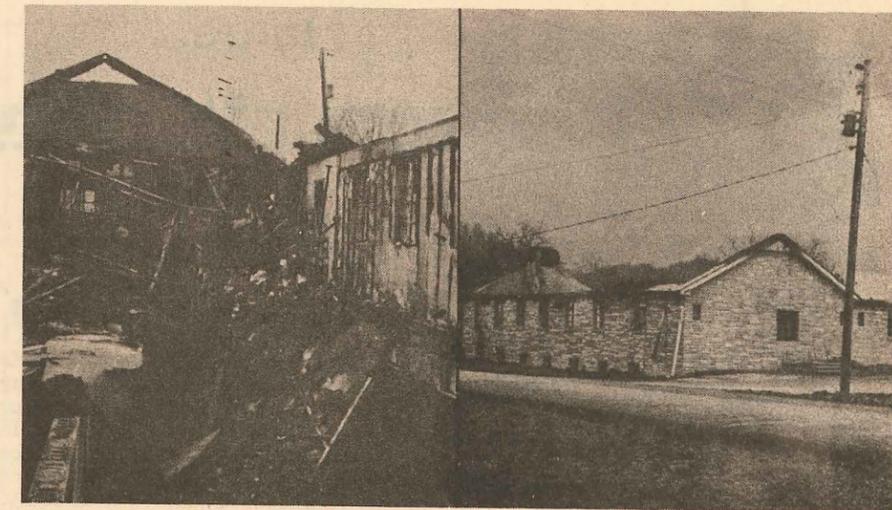
Twentieth Anniversary Celebrated By Graves

Trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary meeting in Mill Valley, California, honored president Harold K. Graves for 20 years as administrator of the seminary, approved faculty promotions and sabbaticals, and announced plans for construction of new student and faculty housing projects.

At a banquet honoring Graves on his 20th anniversary as president, trustees presented him with an engraved watch and plaque praising him for "outstanding leadership and dedicated service as president."

In other actions, the trustees voted to proceed with construction of six three-bedroom apartments and authorized sale of a narrow strip of land and a one acre plot of land.

Re-elected chairman of the board of trustees was H. J. Flanders, professor of religion at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. (BP)



CHURCH BURNS — Sandy Hook Baptist Church, in Greenup Association, was destroyed by fire on April 12. Cause of the blaze was believed to be an electrical storm. The building was gutted by the fire with only the walls left standing. However, the fire damage was so severe that one wall had to be pushed down and the others may be demolished soon. Pastor Davis King said the church had just finished remodeling the building when the fire occurred. Although the building was estimated at \$75,000 value with its improvements, only \$20,000 of insurance was carried. The congregation now uses the Elliott County courthouse.

Midwestern Trustees Honor Berquist On Retirement

Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, sponsored a gala banquet honoring retiring seminary president Millard J. Berquist who is retiring July 31 after 15 years as president.

Nearly 650 persons, including trustees, faculty members, students, area pastors and friends of the seminary, attended the banquet.

Trustees unveiled a portrait of the first and only president of the semi-

nary and presented him with two cash gifts from the trustees and faculty members totalling \$2,400.

A battery of speakers paid tribute to the retiring president. Included in the group were Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board; seminary presidents Olin T. Binkley of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Grady C. Cothen of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; William Jewell College president Thomas S. Field; and Donald E. McIntosh, an architect and deacon at First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, where Berquist was pastor for 18 years before becoming president of the seminary.

In response, Berquist said that the significance of the banquet was not a tribute to the administration but a demonstration of acceptance and deep appreciation for what Midwestern is and has done as a seminary.

In business sessions following the banquet, the trustees voted to establish an annual lectureship named the Millard J. Berquist Lectures in honor of the retiring president.

Elected president of the board of trustees was Carlos Bradley of Kansas City, a grain elevator operator, who is chairman of the committee to nominate a president to succeed Berquist. (BP)



MISSION STATION WINS AWARD — Missionary Herbert W. Baker, director of the Taiwan Baptist Radio and Television Studio, Taipei, and Mrs. Christine Mao, program department head, display the TV Golden Bell Award certificate presented to the station by the cultural bureau of the Taiwan ministry of education.

Southeastern Expands Faculty

The board of trustees for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary meeting in Wake Forest, North Carolina, added six new members to the seminary's instructional staff and accepted a \$75,000 bequest to the seminary.

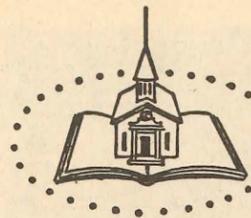
Four visiting professors were named to teach during the next year. Included were George R. Wilson, Jr., professor at Hong Kong Baptist College, named visiting professor of Christian education; William Lumpkin, pastor of Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, named visiting professor of church history; Theodore F. Adams, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, visiting professor of preaching; and William C. Lamb, evangelism secretary for the North Carolina State Convention of Baptists, visiting instructor in evangelism.

In addition, two others were named special instructors. Former Kentuck-



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Acts 5:38-40

So successful were the apostles in preaching Christ that the Jewish authorities imprisoned them. God immediately sent an angel to release the apostles from prison and to command them to continue their preaching. Upon learning that the apostles were preaching again in the temple, the officers again took them into custody. When they were brought before the Council for questioning, Peter and the apostles explained their refusal to obey the mandate not to teach in Christ's name. It was stated that they were not in the world primarily to obey man but rather to obey God.

Peter boldly and bluntly declared that Christ had been crucified unjustly but that God had raised Him from the dead. A mere reference to the resurrection was like flinging a burning match into a keg of powder. The apostles told them that the Christ Whom they had put to death was ready and willing to forgive their sins if they would repent. Instead of humbling themselves and repenting of their sins, these enraged opponents of the apostles resolved that they would kill them.

Gamaliel, a member of the Council, quickly arose and advised his associates not to kill the apostles. This outstanding teacher of the law thus restrained these wicked men from slaying the apostles. Gamaliel's theory was that if the work of the apostles were not of the Lord that it would quickly come to naught. On the other hand, if it were of God and they injured the apostles then they would be guilty of opposing God. Therefore, he said, "Let them alone." Gamaliel was concerned that his associates avoid being arrayed against God. According to him, time had done its work upon Theudas and Judas of Galilee and it could do the same upon others.

While Gamaliel's advice was not what the members of the Council wanted to hear, they agreed with him that they should not slay the apostles. Nevertheless, they proceeded to flog or beat them with thirty-nine stripes each and forbade them to propagate their faith.

With bleeding backs and pain-racked bodies the apostles went their way full of joy. They rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for their

Saviour and Lord. Because of their gratitude to Christ and love for the souls of men, they were ready to face any foe, to suffer any hardship or to make any sacrifice which might be necessary to proclaim the gospel of Christ to those who needed it so badly. It is not surprising that they continued to do precisely what the members of the Sanhedrin forbade them to do.

Acts 6:1-7

As the membership of the Jerusalem church increased with rapidity, its problems multiplied speedily. Among the poor in the church to whom daily distribution of food and money must be made were many widows. The Greek-speaking widows thought that they were not getting their proper share of the alms which was distributed by the apostles. Thinking that they were the victims of discrimination, they began to murmur about the way in which the apostles were handling the daily ministrations. Various other Grecians also joined in the circulation of the charge of discrimination in the distribution of alms.

When the complaints reached the ears of the apostles, they called the church together and laid before the assembly a suggested plan for the solu-

tion of this problem. This plan was suggested not only to avoid all suspicion but also because the apostles recognized the necessity of the division of labor. They knew that their major task was prayer and the ministry of the Word. They were convinced that it was wrong for them to neglect prayer and the ministry of the Word for this important but less vital task, which could be performed more efficiently by laymen.

The apostles suggested that a special group should be selected to give their specific attention to this work of charity. They recommended that the church select seven men of unquestioned integrity, in whom the members had implicit confidence, to look after the distribution of church funds and other kindred matters. This procedure, when followed, would allay all suspicion and would also enable the apostles to give their undivided attention to the weightier matters.

In compliance with this proposal, seven reputable, spiritual and wise men were chosen and set apart as "helpers" of the apostles. That action was exceedingly wise. What a pity that many of our ministers and churches today do not exercise similar wisdom!

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Luke 4:16-21

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Since there were no regular speakers in the synagogues, those in charge designated some competent and honorable person to conduct the services. It was the custom that when a distinguished visitor was present the one in charge of the service would invite him to read the Scriptures and then deliver

any message he might have for the people. Such an invitation was extended to Christ and, always alert to embrace every opportunity to speak to the people, to preach and to serve, He readily accepted the invitation. The synagogue service included two scripture lessons: the one from the Law and the other from the Prophets.

When Christ stood to read, the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Turning to the sixty-first chapter of that great prophecy, which begins with the statement, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," He read the verses which declared God's purpose to send the Messiah to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were

bruised and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. What a mission!

After reading that messianic passage in a most impressive fashion, Christ gave the scroll back to the attendant, who had handed it to Him, and sat down, which was a sure sign that He was about to speak. This was in keeping with the Jewish custom — they stood when they read and sat when they taught.

In front of Christ were the acquaintances, associates and patrons of former years. With the attention of all riveted upon Him, Christ made the explicit and startling declaration that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in Him. At first they marveled at His words. As soon as they began to think about His claims for Himself, they became very angry at what He had said.

Romans 10:14-18

Churches are the custodians of the good news that Christ died, was buried and arose. The personal proclamation of this glorious gospel is the inestimable privilege and the imperative duty of every Christian. Preaching the gospel of Christ is the greatest task that has ever engaged the mind and energies of man. Such a task challenges the very best that noble lives possess.

By their noble thoughts, generous contributions, unselfish actions and helpful deeds, many hope to earn the forgiveness of their sins, obtain salvation and get to heaven. But all such attempts are futile. Through the gospel of Christ, God has made known His saving message but to many people it is not acceptable.

Because God's message of salvation by grace through faith in Christ is for all men, it must be carried to all of those who have never heard it. The only way whereby the unsaved can escape from condemnation is through Christ. Before people can trust or believe on Christ for salvation they must hear about Him. There is no possibility of their hearing about Christ unless somebody carries the message of the gospel to them. What a pity that so many people in the world have never had a messenger from whom they might hear the glorious gospel!

If preaching is to be heard, preachers must be sent. When they go, the purpose of their preaching should be to bring people into the proper relationship with God. However, for preaching to be truly effective in bringing about the desired results, it must be believed.

Our possession of the gospel and the positive command of Christ place us under this obligation, from which there is no evasion or exemption. It is our inestimable privilege and imperative duty to share the gospel with all who have never received it. To this end we need to recapture the vision of a lost world, the missionary passion and the spirit of sacrifice.

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Attracting crowds as large as singer Elvis Presley, a ten day evangelistic crusade in Mobile, Alabama, led by evangelist James Robison of Hurst, Texas, closed out with 2,395 professions of faith and 3,683 total public decisions.

It was the largest number of conversions reported in a single crusade ever led by the 28 year old Southern Baptist evangelist. Robison set records two years ago by recording the largest number of conversions in local church revivals in Pasadena and Irving, Texas, Southern Baptist churches.

The one week crusade at Mobile's Municipal Auditorium, with overflow crowds of 10,000 on the last few days, was extended an additional two nights by crusade leaders.

"There has never been anything like this before in Mobile," crusade chairman Jaroy Weber, pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church, said. "It has just been fantastic."

On the final Sunday, churches throughout the city reported hundreds of additions. One 80-member church had 20 additions by profession of faith.

Backed by some 70 churches of the Mobile Baptist Association, the crusade drew a total attendance of nearly 70,000 persons.

Peak crowds came on the final Sunday, when more than 11,000 persons jammed the auditorium to overflowing, and again on the last night of the crusade, when the largest number of conversions was also reported.

Not since singer Elvis Presley was in town had Mobile's Municipal Auditorium ever seen a local audience pack the house beyond its normal crowd capacity of 10,000 persons. (BP)

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Super Summer '72 Plans Evangelism Training For Youth

Super Summer '72 is a three week adventure in training over 1,000 young people to share their faith in Jesus Christ. Three speakers for the event will be Terry Bradshaw, who was the number one draft choice for the pro football Pittsburgh Steelers; Tom Lester, who plays "Eb" in the television series "Green Acres"; and Richard Hogue, leader of the new spiritual revolution.

These men will play parts in something Southern Baptists have never done before — training young people to be responsible for the gospel. Barry St. Clair, Home Mission Board director of high school evangelism, said, "They will learn commitment to Christ, commitment to each other and commitment to the church."

Among others participating in the training at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, will be Fenton Moorhead, minister to the generation gap at First Baptist of West Palm Beach, Florida, with 600-700 young people in his youth program. He was a part of a nationwide Easter special showing how young people are open to Christ.

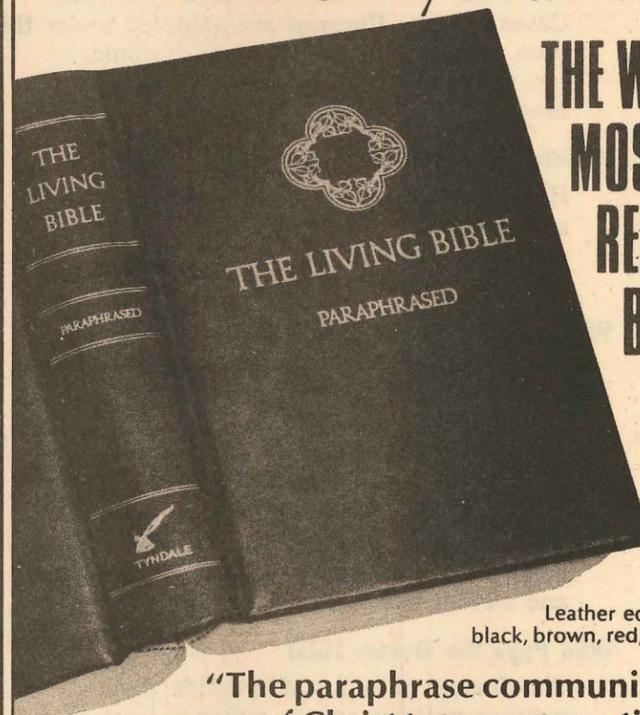
Rick Carreno was a member of Hell's Angels and was a drug addict. Christ changed his life and he will be at the session to share his experiences.

Dave Wells and Claudia Turner (runner-up to Miss America in 1970) and Mike Davis will sing for Super Summer. They have been traveling all year testifying to what Christ can do with music.

Albert Long, one of only two athletes in the history of the University of North Carolina to win four varsity letters, will bring the enthusiasm he shares in high schools all over America.

Super Summer '72 is sponsored by the evangelism department of the Home Mission Board. If you need further information contact your state evangelism director or Barry St. Clair at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309.

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Hospital Charity Fund- How It Works

Why a Sunday School Hospital Charity Fund?

In order for Kentucky Baptists to have a systematic plan to provide hospital care for the poor and destitute.

Who Recommends Charity Patients?

The local Baptist church through its pastor, Sunday School superintendent, and chairman of the board of deacons.

Who Is Eligible For Charity?

Anyone in an acute condition who is unable to pay for hospital care if recommended by a local Baptist church.

How Does One Apply For Charity?

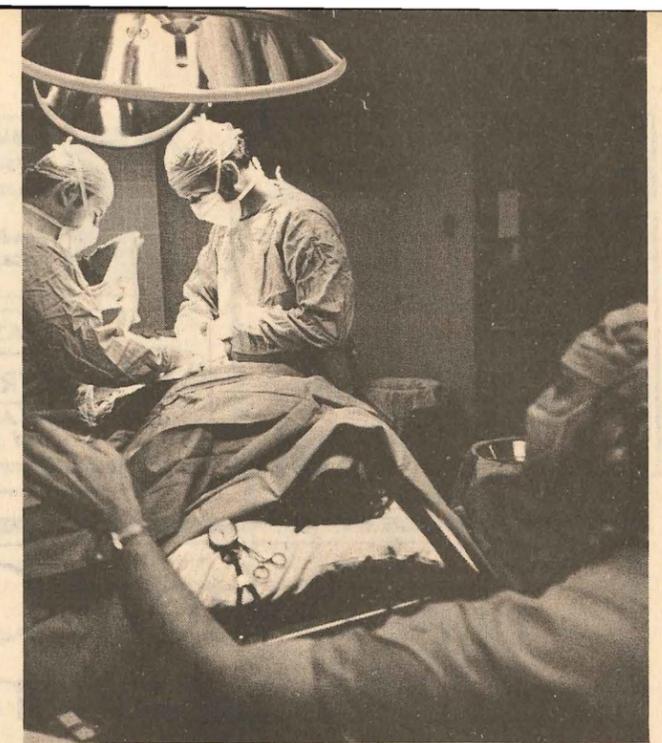
The pastor uses an application blank provided by the hospital. He then secures proper information from the patient's doctor, fills in the necessary information, calls the hospital in advance, and then submits the application blank.

Are Needy Emergency Patients Eligible?

Yes! In emergency cases, application blanks may be completed after admission of patient providing arrangements have been made in advance by telephone or telegraph.

Must One Have No Money To Be Eligible?

Not necessarily! A charity patient may be able to pay part of his bill. The charity fund will pay the remainder. After the patient has returned home, he receives a bill for his hospital expenses marked "Paid by the Baptist Sunday Schools of Kentucky."



What Types of Illnesses Are Accepted?

Cases of acute illnesses are accepted under this plan. Due to shortage of funds, chronic, incurable, tubercular, or mental cases may not be accepted.

Which Doctors Care For Charity Patients?

Highly qualified private practicing doctors serving on the active staff in our hospitals provide all needed care. This includes the finest specialists available.

Where Will the Medical Work Be Done?

Charity medical help will be provided at the nearest Baptist Hospital — Central Baptist in Lexington, Kentucky Baptist in Louisville, and Western Baptist in Paducah.

What About Needed Specialties?

If specialized treatment is required, the patient will be sent to the hospital equipped and staffed to provide whatever is necessary.

Who Pays the Doctor Bill?

The doctors on our staff provide their services without cost to either patient or Sunday School Charity Fund.

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