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People And Places

Steve Silcox, a student at Campbellsville College, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the Erlanger Baptist Church. Steve is the first "son of the church" to be licensed by the church. At present there are five other young people in preparation for vocation Christian service.



Silcox

First Baptist Church, Loyall, will celebrate its 50th anniversary on June 23-24, according to an announcement by pastor Bill Messer. The pastor says several former Loyall pastors have indicated their plans to return for the special services and invitations will be mailed to all available names and addresses of previous members.

Tom Petree was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Melbourne Heights Baptist Church on Sunday, May 6.

An examining council was convened on April 12 to examine Petree for ordination. The council was composed of five ministers, two laymen and three laywomen. The council unanimously recommended that the church proceed with his ordination.

Petree is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina. He is married to the former Judy Stricker of St. Louis, Missouri. Petree is a student at Southern Seminary and will receive his master of divinity degree in December, 1973.

Highland's Baptist Church, Lexington, licensed Harold Ward to the gospel ministry in March. He was saved at the age of 16 and has worked as a layman for 44 years. Ralph Huffman is pastor of the Highland's church.

New officers of Georgetown College's Baptist Student Union for the coming year are: Carol Bailey, Montpelier, Ohio, president; Steve Florence, Georgetown, vice president; Greg Marshall, Evansville, Indiana, treasurer; Ken Perkins, Owenton, evangelism chairman; Carol Upton, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, church liaison; Waltraud Woyack, faculty liaison; Alan Black, Greenville, CSO director; Cathie Craig, Waynesville, Ohio, social chairman; Rozanna Dalton, Sturgis, music chairman; Jill Keister, Scott Depot, West Virginia, missions chairman; Greg Smith, Louisville, worship chairman; and Debbie Rish, Medina, Ohio, BYW representative.

A memorial resolution was drawn up in memory of Mrs. Ila Dinning Breedlove by the Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church, Franklin, Kentucky. She was a member of the church from 1916 until her death on March 18, 1973. Besides serving "the Sunday School as a devoted and faithful teacher" and a "consecrated leader with Baptist Young People's Union," she

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"Find out what smart aleck shouts 'Amen!' every time I sneeze!"

served in numerous positions in the WMU at the local, regional and state levels.

Eugene D. Smith, Route 2, La Center, Kentucky 42056, was among the recent graduates of Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida. He received a master of theology degree.

Revival Reports

Forks of Dix River Baptist Church, Lancaster, reports a good revival with Charles Burress, Perryville Baptist Church's pastor, as evangelist. Visible results include five professions of faith, one addition by statement and numerous rededications.

Pastor Bob Brooks reports two goals were met on the last Sunday of the meeting. These were the goals of 200 in Sunday School attendance and a \$3,000 building fund offering. He also reports that an anonymous giver has contributed \$5,000 to the church debt.

Binghamtown Baptist Church, Middlesboro, held a revival recently in which James Jackson, Middlesboro, directed the music and H. C. Chiles, Murray, was the evangelist. W. B. Bingham has been the pastor of Binghamtown Church for 23 years.

First Baptist Church, Carrollton, held revival services April 15-22. Pastor J. W. Farmer served as the evangelist and John W. Lynch led the singing. On the last Sunday of the revival attendance was 272 in Sunday School and over 400 attended preaching services. The church has received 40 new members within the past few weeks.

Highland's Baptist Church, Lexington, held a week of revival in April led by laymen. Jim Drury, Ray Simmons, Harold Ward and Jim Whetsel were the evangelists. Bill Marcum, Cecilia Marcum and Henry Davenport, all from the Revelation Baptist Church, were the musicians. Thirty rededications and three professions of faith were reported. Ralph Huffman is pastor of the Highland's church.

Lockport Baptist Church, Henry County, held a revival April 16-21. The evangelist was Louis S. Thiele of Mulbury, Illinois. Pastor Houston C. Jackson reports six professions of faith.

Crabtree Avenue Baptist Church, Owensboro, held revival services April 29-May 6. Billy L. Funderburk of First Baptist Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming, led the music and Norris Smith, Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, was the evangelist. Pastor Buddy Maddux reports 33 professions of faith with 68 other decisions.

Lewis Drummond-Professor Of Evangelism

By Alton H. McEachern
Pastor, St. Matthews Baptist
Church, Louisville

It's a long way from playing in a dance band in Dixon, Illinois, to teaching evangelism in London and at Southern Baptist Seminary. That's the route Lewis "Louie" Drummond has gone. This only child is the first professor of evangelism in Great Britain or Europe. His post is at prestigious Spurgeon's College in London. This year he is Billy Graham Visiting Professor of Evangelism at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Lewis Drummond grew up in Dixon, Illinois, with an Evangelical United Brethren background. His father was an American and his mother came to the States following the First World War. A native of Yorkshire, England, she once served in the Woman's Royal Air Force. Following in his mother's footsteps, Lewis was in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Drummond was converted shortly before he entered military service. He was baptized in Japan by a Southern Baptist chaplain. The chaplain was a graduate of Howard (Baptist) College in Birmingham, Alabama. On leaving the Air Corps, young Lewis enrolled at Howard College (now Samford University). As a junior in college he was called to be pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Columbiana, Alabama. On graduation from college in 1950, he married Betty Rae Love of Dothan. The couple moved to Texas and Lewis entered Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. He served two pastorates while earning BD and ThM degrees. Then in 1956 he returned to Birmingham as pastor of the Glen Iris Baptist Church.

In 1959 Drummond went on a preaching mission to England. He chose to go to Yorkshire for he had relatives there whom he had never met. Their experience in England whetted the Drummonds' appetite to study there. How could they make such a move? Betty suggested that they resign this pastorate, borrow some money, and go to England to do graduate study.

"But, I'm almost 35," Lewis protested.

"Well, you'll never do it any younger," she said.

With such encouragement, Lewis entered the University of London. He received his PhD from that University's King's College in 1963.

The couple returned to the States. Drummond preached in a series of church revivals. One of these was at

Munfordville, Kentucky. The meeting resulted in the conversion of nearly 50 persons. Two laymen in the Munfordville Church recommended Drummond to the pulpit committee of Louisville's Ninth and O Baptist Church. They extended a call and Drummond served the 3,000 member church for 4½ years.

In 1967, George Beasley-Murray, then principal (president) of Spurgeon's College, came to the United States to attend a Baptist World Alliance meeting. While in the States he went to Louisville, seeking a prospective professor of evangelism among current graduates at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Britisher's search proved fruitless. Two days later, Beasley-Murray phoned pastor Drummond from St. Louis to ask if he would consider the post. Drummond and Beasley-Murray were acquainted from Drummond's student days in London. Things seemed to fall into place for both men.

After making some financial adjustments, the Drummonds went to London in the fall of 1968. He took an 80 percent reduction in salary to go to the new post.

Since going to Britain Drummond has published a book, *Evangelism, the Counter-Revolution*. It has a practical approach to pastoral evangelism. Drummond is convinced that pastoral evangelism is the greatest need of British Baptist churches.

The professor views the state of affairs among Baptists in Great Britain with alarm. The churches have lost 4,000 members a year since 1906. Many congregations have gone out of existence. The Baptist membership in England and Ireland is down to 250,000. "At the present rate of attrition," he says, "there will be no Baptists left in Britain in 50 years!"

"Baptist churches in Britain and western Europe must learn to evangelize or they will die. God has no grandchildren, only children!" Drummond exclaimed.

Professor Drummond is favorably impressed with the students in his classes at Southern Baptist Seminary. "They definitely have a new enthusiasm and commitment to evangelism," he says. He attributes this in part to



Mr. and Mrs. Drummond

the spirit of the "Jesus Movement" which characterizes many in the current college generation. "I find no need to defend the theology of evangelism," he says, "I simply have to dispel the bizarre caricature of evangelistic methods which some students have."

"Theological education is a strange paradox," Drummond says. "At times you wonder if you are doing any good. Then you realize evangelism is something more caught than taught."

The evangelism professor's hobby is flying. He became a pilot during his Louisville pastorate. In London, he often flew out of Biggin Hill Aerodrome, the airfield made famous by the Spitfire fighter planes which figured prominently in the Battle of Britain during World War II.

Drummond believes that he is in the will of God in his role as professor of evangelism.

Editor's note: Since this article was written, Lewis Drummond has accepted the appointment of permanent Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Seminary.

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

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Boyce Baptist College Meets Long Time Need

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has moved to fill one of the greatest needs of Southern Baptists. High quality denominationally oriented training for Baptist preachers who have not had college training has been championed in this column more than once over the years and the Southern Baptist Convention will be wise in approving the seminary charter changes to make this possible.

Over one half of Southern Baptist pastors have not had college training and few of these could be expected to make it in seminary classes. They are some of the most effective pastors among us and they fit many churches better than seminary graduates. Moreover, it appears many without college training will respond to the call to preach in the years ahead and need for Bible college level training will continue.

There is available such training now but all of it is not the kind that will produce pastors who are balanced and inclined to be cooperative with the denomination. Independent Bible colleges and seminaries have usually been started by one man whose doctrinal position and denominational attitude not only are reflected but prevail throughout the curriculum. The result is a flow into churches of students and graduates with one viewpoint and sometimes a critical attitude toward the denomination. Such pastors often lead cooperating churches of long standing to eliminate Southern Baptist literature, stop gifts through the Cooperative Program and even withdraw from the association and convention.

Students cannot be blamed for developing such a mind set. They are given only one side and the odds are stacked against their seeing all sides and making an independent judgment.

Big Men For Big Shoes

It's always gratifying to see members of an organization who have proven their ability and commitment to the point of being given a larger place of responsibility. This is the case of both Don Blaylock, newly elected director of Baptist student work in Kentucky, and Barry Allen who moves into full-time service as assistant business manager of the executive

We do have Bible school institutions now which are doing a sterling service but enough for only a fraction of those needing such training. One of these is Clear Creek School, sponsored and supported by Kentucky Baptists. The graduates of Clear Creek are among our most effective and cooperative pastors in Kentucky. Another Bible college in Kentucky is Mid-Continent in Mayfield which has trained many pastors for our churches.

But the need is too great to be met by the few schools supported by states and local churches and the harm to the denomination from independent schools is too evident. It's time and past time that participation and financial support for such education come from the Southern Baptist Convention.

The seminary extension program has served us well but has not met this need. A more formal setting and wider curriculum are necessary for training pastors. The extension work will continue to have a vital place for laymen and for preachers who cannot avail themselves of more intensive training.

In a real sense this approach is not new for the seminary but is in keeping with its original purpose and the dreams of its founders. The Bible college will be named for James P. Boyce, the father of Southern Baptist theological education and the first president of Southern Seminary. Boyce, himself, was a scholar and highly trained but was concerned for many of his fellow preachers who had not the same opportunity. He said each minister, regardless of his educational background, should have access to theological instruction, for otherwise the mass of the ministry cannot be adequately trained. While the seminary has always been open for a limited number of non-college graduates, it remains for the Boyce Bible College in 1973 to complete the 1856 dream of Boyce.

board after serving on a part-time basis as a seminary student.

Blaylock has had wide exposure to Kentucky Baptists as campus minister at Morehead several years ago and for the past two years as student minister for several colleges in western Kentucky. He is an able speaker, a tremendous musician and a talented enter-

tainer. He has the rare quality of relating effectively with the young generation and with adults.

Allen has a business background and college training in business administration. He also has a definite sense of mission with the denomination and prepared for this with seminary training. He has made a fine impression upon his fellow workers in the Baptist Building.

While expressing confidence in the future ministry of these two young men it is most appropriate to recognize one of the most outstanding ministries in all the life of Kentucky Baptists. This is the one of J. Chester Durham who served as student work director from 1942 until he assumed new responsibilities recently as assistant to executive secretary Frank Owen. He is by far the oldest staff member of the executive board in point of service and his name is synonymous with student work in Kentucky and all over the Southern Baptist Convention. He has demonstrated the remarkable ability to keep up and often stay ahead of the revolutionary changes in youth and youth ministry. In fact, he has been the innovator of many effective programs in student work used in Kentucky and elsewhere.

Durham must take the blame and praise for most of what we have today as student work in Kentucky. The total budget for Kentucky Baptist student work when he took over in 1942 was \$4,300. This included his salary, the salary of a part-time secretary and all the program. The student department budget next year exceeds \$240,000 and from none in 1942 the campus student centers now number seven with a corps of 16 full-time workers.

As he devotes his experience and ability to assisting secretary Owen in projecting and coordinating the all important work of the executive board, Mr. Durham must look back over his ministry with students with gratitude and satisfaction. His swan song in student work was sung at the recent executive board meeting. In his last official appearance in this capacity he saw one of his trainees selected to succeed him and also one of his long planned projects approved by board members. This was the authorization of construction of a \$292,000 Baptist student center on the campus of the University of Louisville. And added to all this is the realization he is still around in a very meaningful capacity.

Meet Me In Portland

In this issue we have all the available information on the programs of the convention and its satellite groups which will meet in Portland next month. This is our annual practice and is designed to provide a guide for those attending and helpful information for those not attending but who will be praying for these meetings.

No especially controversial issue seems to be in prospect for Portland. This doesn't mean there will not be efforts by individuals to start some fireworks but without pre-convention planning and organizing these generally don't get off the ground. This might be one of the quietest conventions in several years and we could use one like this.

This is not to say important issues will not need prayerful consideration by serious minded messengers. In these crucial days the directions we take as a denomination and the way we use our financial resources are crucial. And messengers have a responsibility at this point. Committee and agency recommendations usually emerge from long and careful study and represent the best thinking but often an observation, question or objection from a messenger on the floor provides new light on the matter.

Southern Seminary president Duke McCall has

served notice he will revive the Stewardship Commission debate and argue for transferring responsibility for stewardship promotion from a separate commission to the Executive Committee. The same proposal was defeated last year in Philadelphia even though it had the support of top Southern Baptist Convention leaders. I favored the recommendation last year and would vote again for it because I believe a better job could be done. It is doubtful if such a move is approved because the record teaches that we reluctantly kill anything once it is started. We create such things at the drop of a hat but years are required to put them away.

Portland and the west promise a delightful experience of business and pleasure for messengers, especially those taking their families. Many of us whose children have grown up and gone now wish we had taken advantage of more such opportunities in the past. Invariably something is always forgotten on such a trip but here are three things among many that better not be forgotten. These are messenger cards signed by the church clerk, extra expense money or a credit card in reserve for the high prices and extra blankets or a sleeping bag apiece for those using campers or unheated trailers. See you in Portland.

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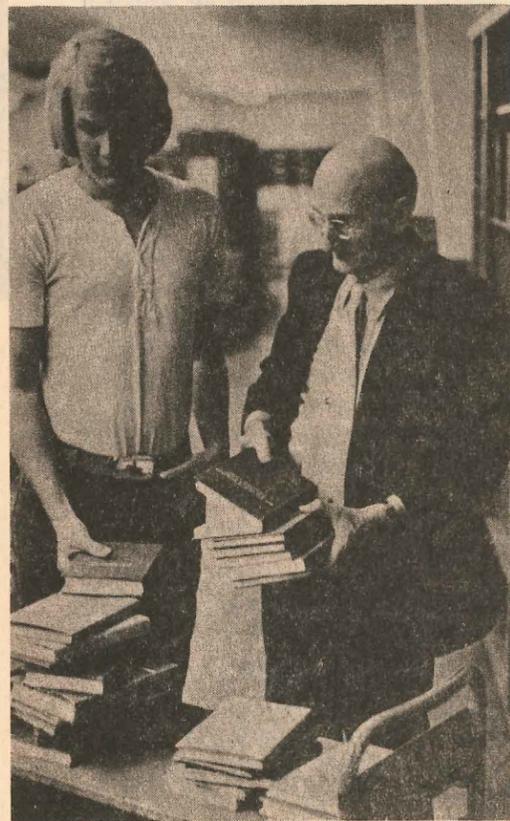
Georgetown Honors Six Alumni

Six Georgetown College alumni will receive the annual Alumni Achievements Award, according to Robert Cohen, Lexington, chairman of the committee. Cohen is a 1957 graduate of the college.

This year's honored alumni are Mrs. Horace Hambrick ('49); George W. Redding ('27); David C. Jackson ('50); Charles C. Smith ('51); Genus E. Crenshaw ('48); and Thomas K. Shuff ('22).

The awards were presented at the Alumni Association smorgasbord in the Cralle Student Center, Friday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Hambrick, Georgetown, is the wife of Horace Hambrick, chairman of the college history department. In 1971 she was named Scott County Outstanding Woman and has been active in community and college affairs.



NEW CENTER ESTABLISHED—Brantley Parsley, right, director of library services for Campbellsville College, examines some of the new editions to the college's library that comprise the Center for Public Policy. This center, established in cooperation with American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, provides materials that bear on current public policy. The materials are prepared by leading authorities in the areas of economics, law, education, journalism and politics.

Redding is chairman of the college religion department and has been a professor of Bible and philosophy at the college since 1943.

Jackson is the former president of Oneida Baptist Institute. He joined the Institute as principal in 1958.

Dr. Smith practices medicine in Louisville. From 1961 until 1963, he was on the faculty of the University of Louisville school of medicine.

Crenshaw is a Southern Baptist home missionary with the Seminole and Miccosukee Indians in Florida. He was instrumental in arranging the 1973 inter-term study program for a Georgetown College class who lived among the Florida Indians for the month.

After graduating from Georgetown in 1922, Shuff received his law degree in 1926 from Harvard. He practices law in Georgetown, and was recently named Georgetown's Citizen of the Year. In 1971 he was named Scott County Outstanding Citizen by the Jaycees.

World Baptists Begin Vietnam Relief Effort

Baptists have set a minimum goal of \$50,000 for alleviation of suffering and assistance in reconstruction in Vietnam and nearby parts of Southeast Asia.

Chester J. Jump of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, chairman of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, said that actually twice this amount — \$100,000 — is needed for "a program worthy of world Baptists."

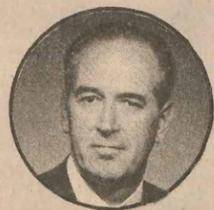
Assistance to the war ravaged areas will begin in May, Jump announced, and will be administered in large part by Baptist organizations already in the area.

A total of nine to ten million persons are estimated to have been made homeless by the hostilities in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, Jump said. A large proportion of these are infants and children.

He estimated also that approximately one million persons are in need of medical attention, most of them civilians as distinguished from fighting personnel.

Financial contributions — money, not materials — are being sought to underwrite the Baptist aid effort. Gifts can be channeled through denominational offices in all parts of the world, or sent direct to the BWA offices in Washington and London. (BP)

Highway Markers



FRANKLIN OWEN
Executive Secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention

Highway markers are important. One notes them reassuringly while driving across country. They become tenfold more important as one passes through a busy town or city in which there are many traffic routes in which to take wrong turns.

I made my way from West St. Louis County, where I visited my mother in Missouri Baptist Hospital, across the busy, confusing, many-directioned thoroughfares of St. Louis by watching the highway markers.

Twice along my way I got lost. I drove a sizeable distance without seeing any signs, and each time I turned back to where I last saw the markers and picked up the trail again.

John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" pictures life's journey to the "celestial city." You and I are on that journey too, and there are certain streets down which we are sure to find the highway markers. There are other streets (wrong ways) that do not have these reassuring labels.

Too often I meet the child of God who doubts his salvation, who needs reassurance that he is on the way. Sometimes I have the feeling that the person never has really chosen the way, but just happened upon it and liked its course for a time, but left it at the first point of discomfort because his presence upon it was a mere coincidence in the first place. He hadn't really made a choice (read the parable of the seed that fell in shallow soil — Matthew 13).

Others who suffer doubts and need reassurance sometimes seem truly to be children of God but careless souls, not watchful of the highway markers, who have long been driving down streets where there are no reassurances.

The reassuring markers are numerous, but they are to be found only along certain thoroughfares of life. Worship Way has many points of reassurance. Service Lane is almost as well marked. Prayer Boulevard and Scripture Avenue will constantly comfort you; or if you want an exceptionally well-marked, quiet road with little traffic, but unusually fine quality travelers, try Sunday Evening Trail. It is one of the most rewarding, best marked roads on the map.

"The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city." (Eccl. 10:15)

—Frank Owen

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS ANNOUNCED —

Brazilian Pastor, Moyers, Chafin, Fletcher Slated To Address WMU

A nationally known commentator on the American scene and former White House press secretary, a flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, a missions executive and the anchor man of the new Baptist televangelism series will deliver major addresses at the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union annual meeting June 10-11.

The WMU convention will meet in Portland, Oregon, Sunday evening, June 10 through Monday evening, June 11, preceding the Southern Baptist Convention June 12-14.

Major speakers for the women's meeting will be Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS); Nilson do Amaral Fanini, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niteroi, Brazil; Jesse Fletcher, director of the missions support division for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; and Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, and host for the television series, Spring Street USA.

Theme for the session will be "All Things Are Made New," according to Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Texas, president of WMU. The theme points to the possibility for individuals to find new life, new attitudes, and fresh awareness in Christ, Mrs. Mathis said.

Moyers, former press secretary to president Lyndon B. Johnson and later publisher of Newsday in Garden City, New York, will address the convention on Monday evening, June 11, on the topic, "Listening to America 1973," a sequel to his best-selling book, *Listening to America*.

Chafin, former director of the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who currently is host on the television series sponsored by the mission agency, will be the keynote speaker for the opening session on Sunday night. Chafin's topic will be, "Making Things New Again."

The flaming Brazilian evangelist-pastor, Nilson Fanini, will be the lead speaker Monday morning. Fanini, pastor of the church in Niteroi across the bay from Rio de Janeiro, will tell Southern Baptists how their foreign mission efforts have taken root and are flourishing in Brazil.

In the major Monday afternoon address, Fletcher, of the Foreign Mission Board, will sketch the trends and challenges confronting foreign missions in an address on the topic, "As New as Tomorrow."



Chafin



Fletcher

Immediately following the Sunday night service slated at the Memorial Coliseum, a reception will honor the Northwest Baptist Convention on its

Pastors' Aim At 'Equipping Man Of God'

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, slated in Portland, Oregon, at Memorial Coliseum, June 11, will feature a day packed with preaching aimed at "Equipping the Man of God."

The proposed program for the conference, scheduled on the Monday preceding the Southern Baptist Convention, was released by Vander Warner, Jr., president of the Pastors' Conference and pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia.

Warner said the program was designed "to help fellow pastors from across America including many who come with anxieties, frustrations and disappointments. Others," he said, "come from hard places that demand more of a man than God ever intended for one man. Some of them might have lost 'the wonder of it all.'"

"It is my hope that we will help these men by giving them something new to think about, something different to try, and a reaffirmation in some cases of the faith," Warner said.

The full day of preaching will include a dozen major messages and five personal testimonies.

Speakers for the opening session on Monday morning, June 11, will be: Padgett Cope, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; J. C. Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida; Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia; Harper Shannon, pastor; and Jack Taylor, pastor of Cas-

25th anniversary. Portland area Southern Baptist churches will join the convention for their evening services.

The anniversary celebration, slated in the adjoining exhibit hall, will feature entertainment by the Spring Street Singers, a musical group starring in the television series Spring Street USA.

In the first of four presentations on language missions in the west, Oscar Romo, language missions secretary for the Home Mission Board, will present four home missions workers for testimonies.

In addition, on Sunday evening, "Ministry 73," a group of singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will present a concert. The group is directed by Phillip Landgrave.

For three Monday sessions the WMU will move to Portland's Civic Auditorium. Session times will be 9:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Each session will begin with a theme meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins, pastor's wife and WMU leader from Dothan, Alabama. (BP)

tle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

The afternoon session will feature messages by Clyde Martin, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia; Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama; John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston; and E. V. Hill, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and president of the predominately black California Baptist convention.

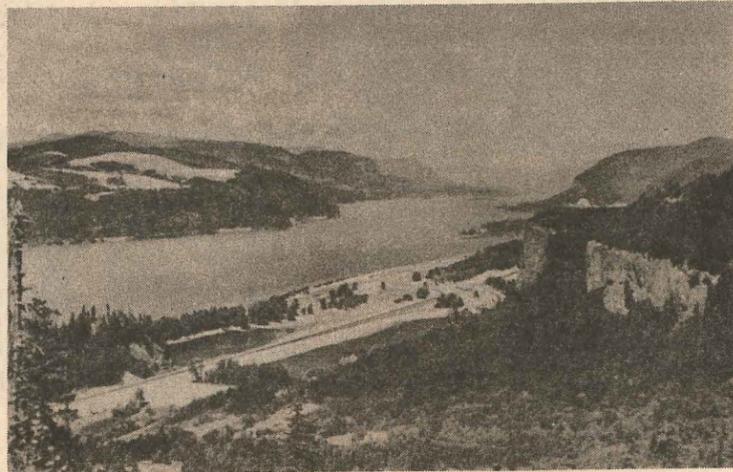
Closing session speakers will be R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; and S. Franklin Logsdon, itinerant Bible teacher from Largo, Florida, and former pastor of Moody Memorial Church in Chicago.

Personal testimonies will be presented by Miss Rachael Saint, Wycliffe Bible Translators missionary to the Auca Indians in Ecuador; Bob Harrington, evangelist known as the "chaplain of Bourbon Street" in New Orleans; Jess C. Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida; W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky; and Jack Carter, minister of music, Kempsville Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. (BP)

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AWAITING THE VISITOR—The Columbia River has carved one of the world's most beautiful gorges through Oregon's Cascade Mountains. Crown Point is 750 feet above the river and 24 miles east of Portland where the Southern Baptist Convention will be held June 12-14. Highway 30 passes eleven waterfalls and eight state parks in the area. This is just one of the scenes awaiting many SBC messengers.



SEMINARY GROUP TO PERFORM —

Church Music Conference Slates Six Concerts

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, slated in Portland, Oregon, Friday and Saturday, June 15-16, following the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a half dozen concerts, a series of Round Robin conferences, and conclude with a discussion of trends in church music by two noted composers and arrangers.

The two-day conference, expected to attract about 200 Southern Baptist church musicians from across the nation, will conclude with presentations by Kurt Kaiser and Ralph Carmichael, two of the nation's leading religious composers and arrangers.

Kaiser will discuss trends of performance in new music and Carmichael

will speak on trends in church music today.

Following their back-to-back presentations, the choir of First Nazarene Church in Portland will present the premiere of the new youth musical, "God Is Here — I'm Here — Now We Can Start" by Kaiser and Carmichael.

During the two day session, about a half-dozen concerts will be presented during the program.

Plans for the program were disclosed by Carl Perry, president of the conference and minister of music for First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The opening Friday morning session will feature a concert by Ministry '73, the chorale from Southern Baptist The-

ological Seminary, Louisville, performing the conference's commissioned anthem entitled "He Came, He Comes."

Written by Southern Seminary professor Phillip Landgrave who will conduct the choir in the presentation, the commissioned anthem is part of a cantata Landgrave has written entitled, "The Gospel According to Christmas."

All sessions, except the Friday night program, will meet at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 1000 Multnomah Street. Following the Friday evening banquet at the Sheraton, the conference will move for the night session to First Baptist Church, 909 Southwest Eleventh, Portland.

In addition to the presentations by Carmichael and Kaiser, major addresses will be made by Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville; and Jean Berger, professor at University of Arizona, Tucson, who will lead a "master class" and present his new choral drama, "Yiphtah and His Daughter."

Friday afternoon sessions will feature five simultaneous round robin conferences led by experts in the field of arranging tours for youth choirs, developing sound systems, publishing music and anthems, building spirituality in group singing, and staging and choreography. (BP)



Ministry '73, musical group from Southern Seminary

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Business Sessions, Inspiration Highlights Program

Carrying out the theme, "Share the Word Now," the program for the Southern Baptist Convention's 116th annual session in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, will conclude with a "Share-the-Word Celebration" featuring an address by Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield.

The proposed agenda for the three day convention, which begins Tuesday morning and concludes Thursday night at the Memorial Coliseum, was released by the chairman of the convention's committee on order of business, Russell H. Dilday, Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The "Share-the-Word Celebration" during the closing Thursday night ses-

Miss Clawson, now married to Ragan Courtney of the staff of Second Baptist Church in Little Rock, has been featured on many nationwide television programs, including Spring Street USA, the televangelism program of the SBC Home Mission Board, and the CBS Newcomers. She is the daughter of Thomas W. Clawson, pastor of Hot Wells Baptist Church, San Antonio.

The celebration will close with a brief service of commitment led by Ralph H. Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston.

Both the Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening convention sessions will emphasize missions, with the focus Tuesday on foreign missions and Wednesday on home missions.

church music department for the SBC Sunday School Board.

Seven musical groups have been scheduled to sing during the sessions, providing music for inspiration, Reynolds said.

The groups include: The Celebration, from First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas; The Spring Street Singers, organized for the SBC Home Mission Board's television program, "Spring Street USA"; The Revelation Singers of Arapahoe Baptist Church, Littleton, Colorado; the Lower Columbia Singers of Longview, Washington; The Free People and The Trouveres, both of California Baptist College, Riverside; and the Chapel Choir of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.



James Sullivan



Owen Cooper



Glenn Sullivan



Grady Nutt



Dotson Nelson

Convention
Personalities

sion will be coordinated by the SBC Sunday School Board, with Louisville entertainer Grady Nutt as master of ceremonies.

Designed to call messengers and visitors "to a more frequent and deeper sharing of their Christian experience now," the celebration will be presented in three parts: "The Word We Share," "The Way We Share," and "Our Commitment to Share."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will begin the first part, emphasizing the urgency of "sharing the word now."

Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of Today's English Version of the New Testament, will present sketches of New Testament scenes as portions of the scripture are read.

Vocalist Cynthia Clawson of Little Rock and Miami Dolphins veteran Norm Evans have been added to the final night program.

Both will give testimonies concerning their experiences in sharing the gospel, said Dilday, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

Major addresses are scheduled on Thursday by a black Baptist minister, Frederick Sampson of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit; and by a seminary ethics professor, William M. Pinson, Jr., of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Other major addresses include the annual convention sermon, scheduled Wednesday morning, by Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham; and the president's address, slated Tuesday morning, by SBC president Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Cooper, chairman of the board for the Mississippi Chemical Corp., and the first layman elected as SBC president in 13 years, will preside throughout the three day convention.

Each of the five morning and afternoon sessions will open with a theme meditation brought by Sullivan, whose lead-off message during the Thursday night session will conclude the meditations on the theme, "Share the Word Now."

For the second consecutive year, music will be under the direction of William J. Reynolds, secretary of the

Open Hearings On Restructure Slated

The Committee of Fifteen, a special study committee assigned to study the structure and organization of the entire Southern Baptist Convention, will hold an open hearing at the June 12-14 session of the convention to allow any convention messenger an opportunity to make suggestions to the committee.

The hearing will be scheduled at the Hilton Hotel, Director's Suite, on Wednesday afternoon, June 13, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., according to committee chairman E. W. Price, Jr., pastor of Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina.

"We want to give an opportunity for any Southern Baptist attending the convention to present a point of view before the committee before our study is complete," Price said.

The committee was appointed in 1970 and assigned by the SBC Executive Committee to study the total program

and structure of the convention. Last year, the committee made three recommendations to the convention in Philadelphia.

Two proposals, approved by the convention, expanded the scope and membership of the Radio-Television Commission and Brotherhood Commission. A third recommendation, which would have transferred the stewardship programs from the SBC Stewardship Commission to the Executive Committee, was defeated by the convention.

Price said that at this time the committee does not plan to make any recommendations to the convention in Portland.

RECONSIDERATION —

McCall Vows Debate On St'ship Commission

The president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Duke K. McCall, has notified Southern Baptist Convention leaders that he plans to introduce a motion at the denomination's convention in Portland, Oregon, which would ultimately dissolve the Stewardship Commission as an agency of the convention.

The motion, almost identical to one which was defeated at the 1973 convention in Philadelphia, would transfer the programs now assigned to the Stewardship Commission to the SBC Executive Committee, effective October 1, 1974.

McCall, who was executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee before becoming president of Southern Seminary in 1951, detailed his plans to make the motion in a letter to Baptist Press, to the president and secretary of the SBC, and to the executive secretaries of the Stewardship Commission and Executive Committee.

Writing in the October, 1972, issue of *The Tie*, the seminary's alumni publication, McCall argued that the defeat of the recommendation from the Committee of Fifteen, a subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee assigned to study the structure of the SBC, was a "blunder" and gave notice of his intention to see that the issue "gets a full airing" when the SBC meets in Portland, June 12-14.

McCall charged that the matter was not well handled at the convention in Philadelphia, and that the messengers were told that if they defeated a motion to refer the recommendation back

for further study, information would be forthcoming in a debate period. But after the vote to refer was defeated, the convention quickly went on to defeat the original recommendation, without any additional debate or information.

"This leftover matter must be reviewed in the convention in Portland in 1973," McCall wrote in *The Tie*. "The Lord willing, I intend to see that the issues get a full airing without the restraint and suspicion that it is a power grab by the Executive Committee."

McCall, in telephone interview, admitted he is likely to draw criticism by bringing up the matter personally, since there is a tradition that one SBC agency head never speaks on the floor of the convention against another SBC agency.

He was quick to point out that he was "motivated neither by opposition to the Stewardship Commission nor support of the Executive Committee... I have no ax to grind."

Asked why he planned to make the motion, McCall responded: "Frankly, I think the Cooperative Program will grow at a faster pace, and thereby theological education will be better undergirded" with promotion of the Cooperative Program placed under the SBC Executive Committee than under the Stewardship Commission.

"The very character of the SBC makes the SBC Executive Committee the stackpole of our cooperative efforts, including cooperation between the SBC and state conventions," McCall said. Thus, he argued, the executive secretaries of the state conventions and the executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee are the key persons in promoting the Cooperative Program.

McCall said he did not feel the state executive secretaries were as enthusiastic in their promotion of the Cooperative Program as they should be, primarily because they feel they are left out of the planning process.

McCall said he had written to each of the state executive secretaries of the state conventions, and that all but two of those who responded had favored his proposal to transfer the stewardship functions from the Stewardship Commission to the SBC Executive Committee.

Seminary President Duke K. McCall



WESTERN RECORDER

McCall's proposal in *The Tie*, however, drew strong criticism from an editorial in *The Capital Baptist* by editor James O. Duncan, who also serves as the state stewardship secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Duncan questioned why McCall had not polled the state stewardship secretaries to get their views as well as the state executive secretaries. "Since when do we turn such decisions over to about 25 people?" he asked.

"The Stewardship Commission is doing a fine job," Duncan's editorial concluded. "The work of the commission is growing. The commission needs our support, not some who keep trying to abolish it."

In Nashville, the executive secretary of the SBC Stewardship Commission, James Lackey, said he had not had an opportunity to discuss with McCall his proposal.

Lackey said that when McCall's article appeared in *The Tie*, he wrote to the seminary president, and invited him to come to Nashville to discuss the matter with the staff and see what the commission is already doing to promote the Cooperative Program. McCall did not respond to the letter, Lackey said.

In a telephone interview, McCall conceded that the Stewardship Commission was indeed doing a good job. "Thank God for that. While the present system is not failing, surely there is a better way."

What we are talking about, McCall said, is not "good vs. bad," but "good vs. better."

McCall said he felt the issue was important enough for a full airing and discussion at the Portland convention. (BP)

NOMINATIONS —

Convention Sermon Nominations Open

Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention session in Dallas are being accepted by the SBC committee on order of business, the committee's chairman said.

Russell H. Dilday, chairman of the committee and pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, said the committee would give serious consideration to every name submitted before making its recommendations to the convention in Portland, June 12-14.

Dilday asked that suggestions be sent to the committee in care of the chairman by writing to him at 2715 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

BIBLES —

10,000 Copies To Be Given Away

More than 10,000 marked copies of the New Testament will be given away to the people of Portland during sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, June 12-14.

SBC president Owen Cooper said the Bibles would be made available, free, to any person attending the convention who would pledge to give one copy away to some person he or she might meet while in the city of Portland.

Cooper urged the convention messengers to use the mark New Testaments in personal witnessing to carry out the theme of the convention sessions, "Share the Word Now."

"It's going to take some effort to give away 10,000 Bibles that week," Cooper commented, "because there are not that many waitresses, bellhops, taxi drivers, hotel maids and others with whom convention-goers usually come in contact."

Cooper said the free Bibles were made available "through the generosity of a group of Southern Baptists interested in witnessing and sharing the Word, now."

A dedicatory program will be held in the Baptist Book Store exhibit area at the Portland Coliseum on Tuesday at 8:45 a.m., just prior to the opening session of the convention, Cooper said.

Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, will preside over

the dedication program. John Smarge, a businessman from Silver Springs, Maryland, will lead a prayer of dedication.

Cooper said that convention messengers could stop by the Baptist Book Store exhibit at any time during the convention and pick up a free copy of the marked New Testament. "All we ask," he said, "is that you not keep it for yourself, but that you share it with someone who needs the gospel." (BP)

LAYMEN —

Luncheon Set

A laity luncheon featuring ministry testimonies will be held June 13 at the Travelodge during the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon.

James E. Johnson, director of the Lay Ministries Department of the Brotherhood Commission and coordinator of the luncheon, said men and women will share their experiences in a wide variety of forms of Christian ministry.

Other speakers will include Owen Cooper, president of the SBC, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

The Free People, a folk singing group from California Baptist College at Riverside, will provide a musical program.

Similar luncheons for lay people have been held the last two years at annual meetings of the SBC.

Shuttle Bus Service Planned

Shuttle bus service will be provided between downtown Portland hotels and virtually all metropolitan Portland areas to the Portland Coliseum for the benefit of persons attending the Southern Baptist Convention and related meetings, June 11-14.

Continuous service will be provided from the coliseum to downtown Portland areas, and persons who have accommodations in outlying areas will be able to use regular express bus service to downtown Portland on a fare basis and use the shuttle buses from the downtown area to the coliseum, according to convention arrangements chairman Dan C. Stringer.

Shuttle buses will operate beginning at 7:30 a.m. daily, and concluding at 10:30 p.m., Monday morning through Thursday evening.

Use of the shuttle service will be available to anyone holding a \$3 ticket, which is good for any part or all of the four-day period.

Tickets may be purchased at the registration area in the coliseum during the convention. Convention messengers may use the buses on Monday and Tuesday mornings without a ticket so they may wait to purchase tickets when they register, Stringer said.

Outlying areas providing regular express bus service to downtown Portland, connecting with the shuttle buses, include Lake Oswego, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Gresham, Oregon City, Forest Grove and Vancouver.

Adequate parking is available at the coliseum at the cost of 50 cents per entry, 75 cents per day, or \$3.00 per week, Stringer added.

Tuesday Morning, June 12

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration — The Celebration, First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Charles Collins, minister of music
- 9:15 Call to Order
Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
Special Music — The Celebration
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan, president, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:35 Report of Registration and Constitution of the Convention — W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, retired executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tennessee
Committee on Order of Business — Russell H. Dilley, Jr., chairman, pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 9:40 Welcome
- 9:50 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
- 9:55 Congregational Singing
- 10:00 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 10:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:05 Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:25 Congregational Singing
- 11:30 Special Music — Mr. and Mrs. James Yates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 11:35 President's Address — Owen Cooper, chairman of the board, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 12:15 Benediction — Peter Lord, minister, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville, Florida

Tuesday Afternoon, June 12

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration
- 2:20 Introduction of Resolutions
- 2:40 Congregational Singing — Sam Fort, student work and church music director, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Oregon
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2:55 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:10 Election of Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
- 3:40 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:10 Election of Officers
Ambassador Service National Award
Miscellaneous Business
- 4:30 Benediction — Glenn Sullivan, minister, First Baptist Church, Russellville, Kentucky

Tuesday Evening, June 12

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration — The Lower Columbia Singers, Longview, Washington, Ted Campbell, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing — Duane Barrett, director, brotherhood and church music departments, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California
Scripture — Louis Nobles, president, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi

Southern Baptist Convention

June 12-14

Memorial Coliseum
Portland, Oregon

THEME: "Share The World Now"

OWEN COOPER, president; chairman of the board, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, Mississippi

JAMES E. COGGIN, first vice president; pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Prayer — W. L. Sewell, associate executive secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, Louisiana

- 7:15 Annuity Board Report
- 7:30 Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 7:45 Stewardship Commission Report
- 8:00 Foreign Mission Board Report
- 9:00 Benediction — Allan Fulmer, attorney, Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday Morning, June 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration — The Revelation Singers, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, Littleton, Colorado, Terry Low, director
- 9:15 Congregational Singing — John Johnson, music faculty, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California
Special Music — Randall Veazey, concert soloist, Foley, Alabama
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:35 Election of Officers
- 9:55 Sunday School Board Report
- 10:15 Committee on Resolutions Report (first)
- 10:35 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 10:40 Congregational Singing
- 10:45 Special Music
- 10:50 Convention Sermon — Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama

GEORGE W. BULLARD, second vice president; executive secretary, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

PORTER W. ROUTH, treasurer; executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee

Alternate: Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

- 11:20 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of constitution changes and other)
- 12:45 Benediction — Gilbert Barrow, minister, First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Florida

**No Convention Session
Wednesday Afternoon, June 13**

Wednesday Evening, June 13

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration — The Spring Street Singers, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, Buryl Red, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee
Scripture — Douglas Watterson, minister, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Prayer — W. Perry Crouch, executive secretary, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 7:10 Christian Life Commission Report
- 7:45 Home Mission Board Report
- 9:00 Benediction — Bill Montgomery, minister, St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City, Florida

Thursday Morning, June 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration — The Free People, California Baptist College, Riverside, California, Larry Longshore, director
- 9:15 Congregational Singing
Special Music
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan

- 9:35 Resolutions Committee Report (final)
- 10:15 Denominational Calendar Committee Report
- 10:20 Committee on State Papers Report
- 10:25 American Bible Society Report
- 10:30 Special Music — Russell Newport, businessman, Springfield, Missouri
Address — William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 11:00 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 11:05 Baptist World Alliance Report
- 11:20 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 11:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction — Pat Harrison, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama

Thursday Afternoon, June 14

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration — The Trouveres, California Baptist College, Riverside, California, Curtis Cheek, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
Theme Meditation — James L. Sullivan
- 2:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 3:00 Committee on American Baptist Seminaries Report
- 3:05 Education Commission Report
- 3:20 Historical Commission Report
- 3:35 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report
- 3:55 Special Music
Address — Frederick Sampson, minister, Tabernacle, Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan
- 4:30 Benediction — Gerald Buckley, minister, West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Mississippi

Thursday Evening, June 14

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration — Chapel Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas Tom Mosley, minister of music
- 7:00 Congregational Singing — William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee
Scripture — Harold Killian, minister, Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina
Prayer — Russell McIntire, director of development, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 7:10 Presentation of Officers
- 7:15 Women's Missionary Union Report
- 7:30 Brotherhood Report
- 7:45 Share-the-Word Celebration — coordinated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
Master of Ceremonies — Grady Nutt, entertainer, Louisville, Kentucky
The Word We Share — Annie Vallotton, illustrator, Today's English Version of the New Testament, Paris, France
The Way We Share — Senator Mark Hatfield, Salem, Oregon
Our Commitment to Share — Ralph H. Langley, pastor, Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- 9:00 Benediction — Hoffman Harris, minister, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia

Pastor's Conference

MONDAY, JUNE 11

MEMORIAL COLISEUM

PORTLAND, OREGON

Theme: "Equipping the Man of God"

Monday Morning

- 9:15 Hymn and Prayer — Richard Stephenson, executive secretary, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
- 9:20 Welcome and Response
- 9:35 Special Music — Anton Disselkoen, minister of music, Bethany Lane Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland
- 9:40 "I Love to Go Soul Winning" — Padgett Cope, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 10:00 "Believing God in the Desert" — J. C. Mitchell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida
- 10:25 Special Music — Steve Bushey, minister of youth and music, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri
- 10:30 "The Pastor's Other Family" — Charles Fuller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia
- 10:55 Congregation Singing — Offering
- 11:05 "Equipped as Pastor" — Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama
- 11:25 Special Music and Testimony — Jack Carter, minister of music, Kempsville Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- 11:35 "The Must of the Filling" — Jack Taylor, pastor, Castle Hills Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
- 12:05 Adjourn

Monday Afternoon

- 1:45 Hymn and Prayer
- 1:50 Testimony: "God's Word in My Life" — W. R. Dav-

- enport, president, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky
- 2:00 "Call of God to the City" — Clyde Martin, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia
- 2:20 Special Music — Earl Davis, minister of music, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia
- 2:25 "Preaching to Broken Hearted People" — Jaroy Weber, pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama
- 2:50 Election of Officers
- 3:00 Offering
- 3:10 Testimony: "The New Bob Harrington" — Bob Harrington, chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 3:20 "Equipped as an Evangelist" — John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- 3:45 Hymn and Special Music
- 3:55 "Equipped to Love" — E. V. Hill, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California
- 4:25 Benediction — B. Grey Allison, president, Mid-American Baptist Theological Seminary, Little Rock, Arkansas

Monday Evening

- 6:45 Hymn and Prayer — Miss Bertha Smith, director, Peniel Retreat Center, Cowpens, South Carolina
- 7:00 Testimony: "Learning to Follow Jesus" — Jess C. Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 7:10 Presentation of New Officers
- 7:20 Special Music — Steve Bushey, St. Louis, Missouri
- 7:25 Testimony: "Called to Those Who Hated" — Rachel Saint, missionary to the Auca Indians of Ecuador, Wycliffe Bible Translators
- 7:40 Offering and Prayer
- 7:50 "Survival Techniques" — S. Franklin Logsdon, itinerant Bible teacher, Largo, Florida
- 8:15 Special Music
- 8:20 "Jesus Still Saves Around the World" — Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
- 8:40 Special Recognition
- 8:45 Hymn and Special Music — Ed and Bette Stalnecker, evangelistic singers, Memphis, Tennessee
- 8:55 "When Do Preachers Preach" — Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee
- 9:40 Adjourn

Church Music Conference

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 15-16

SHERATON MOTOR INN

PORTLAND, OREGON

Friday Morning, June 15

- 9:00 Call to Order and Presentation of the Program — Carl Perry, president, Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and minister of music, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
- 9:05 Welcome to Portland! — Sam Fort, state music secretary, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Oregon
- 9:10 Interlude — Miss Carol McClure, harpist, Louisville, Kentucky
- 9:25 Concert by Ministry '73 — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Chorale, directed by Phillip Landgrave, professor, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
Cantata — "The Gospel According to Christmas," by Phillip Landgrave. The cantata includes the 1973 Church Music Conference commissioned anthem, "He Came, He Comes," by Phillip Landgrave
- 9:55 The Nashville Sound — Loren R. Williams, music sales specialist, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:05 Message: "A Singing Religion" — Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 10:30 Exhibit break
- 10:50 Honorary Membership Presentation to Mrs. B. B. McKinney, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:00 Master Class with Jean Berger, professor, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, presenting his new choral drama, "Yiphtah and His Daughter"

Friday Afternoon

- 1:15 Hymn: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"
- 1:20 Concert — The Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, directed by Tom Mosley
- 1:50 Piano Concert — Max Lyall, professor, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2:15 Round Robin Conferences (five conferences running simultaneously, beginning at 2:15 and repeated at 3:10 to enable participants to choose two conferences)
- "Youth Choirs on Tour," led by Steve Hilson, Stitt Coombs Evans Talent Agency, Los Angeles, California
- "Sound Systems—Display and Demonstration," led by Bruce Braun, technician, National Broadcasting Co. (NBC-TV), Los Angeles, California
- "How To Get Your Anthem Published," led by Don Hinshaw, publisher's representative, Carl Fisher, Inc., New York City

"Building Spirituality in Group Singing," led by Sonny Salsbury, composer for Word, Inc., and minister of music in Yakima, Washington

"Choreography, Staging," led by Alex Plasschaert, choreographer, North Ridge, California

- 3:10 Repeat five Round Robin Conferences listed above
- 4:00 Departmental Conferences:
Local Church Division
Educational Division
Denominational Division
Instrumentalists
Conference Wives' Fellowship

Friday Evening

- 6:00 Southern Baptist Church Music Conference Banquet, West Ballroom (tickets must be purchased in advance, prior to June 1, \$5.50 each)
Entertainment: The Spring Street Singers, directed by Beryl Red

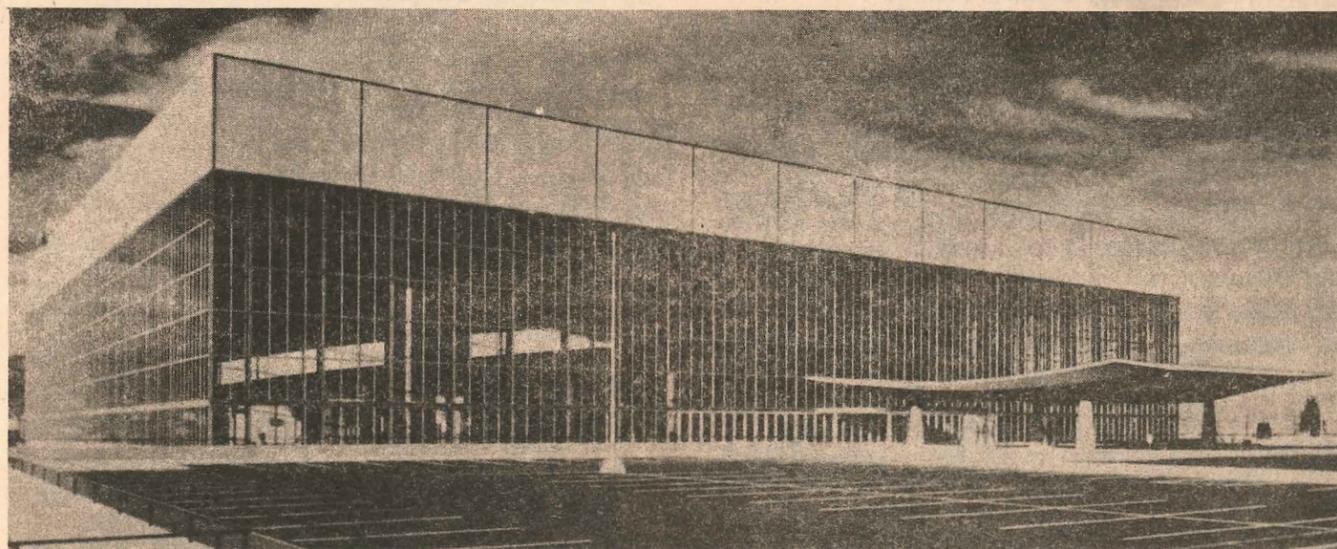
Friday Night

Session at First Baptist Church, 909 Southwest 11th, Portland

- 7:45 Organ Prelude — Mrs. Kathleen Skipton Stewart, First Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon
- 8:00 Worship Service — William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee
Soloist: Randall Veazey, tenor, evangelistic singer and voice teacher, Foley, Alabama
- 8:30 Concert by Miss Mary Costa, star of the motion picture, "The Great Waltz," and former soloist, Metropolitan Opera
Accompanied by Max Lyall, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

Saturday Morning, June 16

- 9:00 Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- 9:05 Conference Business Session
Registration Committee Report
Membership Committee Report
Resolutions Committee Report
Secretary-Treasurer Report
New Business
Introduction of New President and Council Members
- 9:30 Concert — "The Trouveres," California Baptist College, Riverside, California, directed by Curtis Cheek
- 10:00 Exhibit break
- 10:20 "The Trends of Performance in the New Music" — Kurt Kaiser, Word, Inc., Waco, Texas
- 10:40 "The Trends in Church Music Today" — Ralph Carmichael, composer, conductor, arranger
- 11:00 Premiere performance of new youth musical, "God Is Here — I'm Here — Now We Can Start," by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser
Performed by the choir of First Nazarene Church, Portland, Oregon
- 12:00 Adjourn



Memorial Coliseum — Site of Pastor's Conference and Southern Baptist Convention.

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Woman's Missionary Union

SUNDAY-MONDAY, JUNE 10-11

PORTLAND, OREGON

Theme: "All Things Are Made New"

Sunday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Coliseum

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — congregational singing and special music; directed by David Ford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

"Walking in Newness of Life" — testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goad, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Vietnam

"Language Missions in Today's West" — panel presentation coordinated by Oscar Romo, language missions secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Speakers: Joe Vasques, San Francisco, California, developer of Spanish ministries in Portland; Fanny and Christine Toledo, Indian singers, Gallup, New Mexico; Willie Johnson, Eskimo pastor, Anchorage, Alaska; David Saludez, staff member, Kalihi Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii

"Ministry 73" — concert by singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, Phillip Landgrave, director

"Making Things New Again" — message by Kenneth Chaffin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Benediction — Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee

Upon adjournment of this session
Woman's Missionary Union and
the SBC Home Mission Board

invite you to join the
Silver Anniversary Celebration
of the Northwest Baptist Convention
in the adjacent Exhibit Hall

Featuring entertainment by:

Jerry Clower, humorist, Yazoo City, Mississippi;
and The Spring Street Singers, stars of
the television series, "Spring Street USA"

Monday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

Portland Civic Auditorium

"Just Ask a Woman" — call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins, Jr., Baptist Young Women director, Calvary Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — directed by David Ford, annual meeting music director

"There's a New World Coming" — address by Marjorie Jones, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil

Business

"Giant Steps Cross-Country" — panel report by: Mrs. I. W. Bowen, III, Forsyth, Georgia, president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Hughes Scherff, Clarksburg, Missouri, president of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, Alabama, president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Gilmer Cross, Lexington, North Carolina, president of North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Alabama, public relations director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union

"Language Missions in Today's West" — coordinated by Irvin Dawson, language missions department, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia

Speakers: Harold Heiney, Southern Baptist home missionary among Indians, Pine Ridge, South Carolina; Mrs. Irene Stark, leader in ministries for the deaf, Renton, Washington; Mrs. Huron Polnac, Southern Baptist home missionary, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Fern Powers, leader in ministries for international seamen, Olympia, Washington

"Look What You Started" — address by Nilson do Amaral Finini, pastor, First Baptist Church, Niteroi, Brazil

"Prayer for a New Day" — Mrs. Robert Fling, former SBC Woman's Missionary Union president, Pleasantville, New York

Monday, June 11, 2:00 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman" — call to meditation, Mrs. T. Marshall Collins, Jr., Dothan, Alabama

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song" — David Ford, Nashville, Tennessee

Business

"There's a New World Coming" — address by Mrs. Carlos Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania

"Language Missions in Today's West" — Chinese Baptists in California, presentation coordinated by Harold Hitt, Southern Baptist home missionary, Clackamas, Oregon
Concert by choir of Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

"Lifting the Veil of Yemen" — address by Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Alabama

"As New as Tomorrow" — message by Jesse Fletcher, director, missions support division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

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"Rising from War Ashes" — address on Baptist women of Vietnam by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

"Listening to America, 1973" — address by Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator, Public Broadcasting System, Garden City, New York

"Prayer for a New Day" — Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

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Theme: "Share the Word Now"

Sunday Afternoon

1:30 Registration

2:00 Sharing in Worship — Charles A. Tidwell, associate professor of church administration, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Lee Williams, Jr., area worker, Union Baptist Association, Houston, Texas

2:20 Life as Relationships — J. Lyn Elder, pastoral care instructor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California

2:40 Call to Order
Appointment of Committees
Program Preview

2:55 The Price of Improved Leadership — James L. Sullivan, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

3:25 Music

3:30 The Priority of Sharing the Word — Joe David Heacock, dean, school of religious education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

4:00 Benediction — C. G. Helderman, minister of music and education, Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, South Carolina

Sunday Evening

7:00 Sharing in Worship — Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Texas

7:20 Our Relationship to God — J. Lyn Elder, Mill Valley, California

7:40 Music

7:45 Panel: Reaching More People — Mission Ministries, Allen H. Meeks, secretary of religious education, religious education department, Alaska Baptist Convention, Anchorage, Alaska; Children's Ministries, Melvin A. Bradley, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas; Bus Ministries, D. Lewis White, consultant, extension activities section, Sunday School department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Personal Ministries, Bernard M. Spooner, minister of education, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Downtown Ministries, Joe Burnette, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina; College Ministries, Dan Yearly, college director, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

8:20 Discussion

8:30 Music

8:35 Let the Laymen Share — Owen Cooper, president, Southern Baptist Convention, Yazoo City, Mississippi

9:00 Benediction — M. R. Anderson, minister of education, University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Florida

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9:00 Sharing in Worship — Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Texas

9:20 Our Relationship to Ourselves — J. Lyn Elder, Mill Valley, California

9:40 The Challenge of Sharing in More Places — Harold K. Graves, president, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California

10:05 Panel: Sharing in More Places — In Unchurched Areas, R. L. Pattillo, Jr., director, Sunday School department, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, California; In Mid-city, Bennie D. Hindmon, Jr., pastor, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; In Mini-VBS, John W. Perkins, Jr., Sunday School director, church development department, Illinois Baptist State Association, Springfield, Illinois; In Home Missions, Bob Tremaine, Division of Home Missions, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Worcester, Massachusetts

10:45 Dialogue in Cluster Groups

11:10 Personal Reflections on Sharing the Word — Mrs. Cecil Wood, First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona

11:30 Benediction — Bob Flegal, division director and Sunday School director, Sunday School department, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Monday Afternoon

1:30 Sharing in Worship — Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Texas

1:50 Our Relationship to Others — J. Lyn Elder, Mill Valley, California

2:05 Sharing Helps — Robert A. Dowdy, Broadman catalog house specialist, Broadman Press, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

2:20 Simultaneous Conferences:

1. Youth Involvement
2. Personal Ministries
3. Innovations in Church Schedules
4. Implementing Curriculum
5. Open Space Teaching and Team Teaching
6. Programmed Instruction and Gaming
7. Enlisting and Training Leaders

3:20 Break

3:35 Simultaneous Conferences (Repeat of 2:20 p.m. sessions)

4:35 Adjourn

Monday Evening

7:00 Sharing in Worship — Charles A. Tidwell, Fort Worth, Texas; Roy Lee Williams, Houston, Texas

7:20 National Conclave — William E. Young, supervisor, children's section, church training department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

7:35 Business Session
Committee Reports
Recognition of Past Presidents
Presentation of New Officers

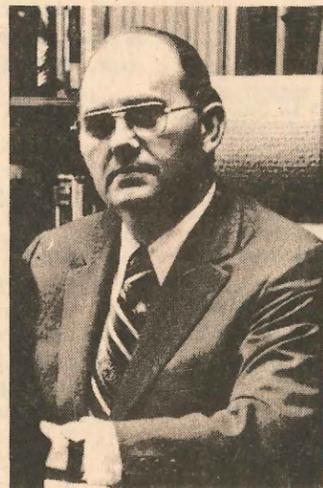
8:00 Mini-Concert

8:30 Share the Word Now — Peter McLeod, pastor, First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

9:00 Benediction — Luke E. Williams, Jr., minister of education, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas

Why changes were made in the Insurance Program

By
Darold H. Morgan



This is the fourth in a series of informal messages by the Annuity Board President.

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Every family needs medical and hospital protection! Ministers and church employes are not excluded. They, too, get sick and run up huge medical bills. We know. Last year almost \$5½ million was paid in claims through the Health Benefit Plan we administer for church employes.

We're thankful we can offer a plan that helps our people when their bodies hurt. Without this protection, the financial impact of major illness or accident can be ruinous to them.

Yet, we have been acutely aware and concerned about rising costs of medical and hospital protection.

After coming to the Board, I felt our members were tired of all the changes we had to make to keep the plan going. I wanted to stabilize the insurance program for them. To do this, a committee of trustees, all insurance specialists, and the Board staff studied the problem. Our decision to make changes and seek bids from different companies came from this study.

With the old plan, we tried to administer a true group plan. To be effective, a group plan must have 75% of all eligible members participating. About 35% enrolled. Without the necessary enrolment, costs had to rise. We also learned there was a very direct relationship between costs of medical insurance within different areas of the nation and within age groups of members.

We faced three alternatives:
(1) Operate the old plan without changes and anticipate future premium increases;
(2) Close the plan entirely, or
(3) Change the plan altogether.

We eliminated the first two. To continue the old plan would violate the spirit of the recommendation of messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, who last June asked the Board to consider changes.

To close the plan would create problems for our members. Most would have to get protection elsewhere; others would be unable to get coverage anywhere, because of pre-existing health problems.

Our only feasible alternative was to change the plan entirely. Out of our study came the now available "Designed Insurance Protection for Employes of Southern Baptist Churches." It is a new kind of program underwritten by Aetna Life & Casualty which has individual and group coverage concepts.

The program provides life insurance, disability income insurance and medical benefits. Members are classified by age and geographical location. We believe the only fair way to stabilize the program for all is for each to assume his share.

The program allows a member to select coverage based on his personal need. He has a choice of three different schedules of life insurance and four separate plans of medical and hospital protection. In addition, he may include long term disability income protection relating to his salary.

We sincerely believe our new program will result in improved benefits, service and stability despite the higher costs for some members.

We appreciate the support we have received in the changes made. We look forward optimistically to the challenging future as we see the new insurance program becoming a major segment of our ministry.

Let us tell you more about the insurance program. Write me. I'll see that you get information as quickly as possible.

EVANGELISTS —

Four Addresses Planned

The Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, slated to meet in Portland, Oregon, on Wednesday afternoon, June 13, during the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature four major messages, including an address by the convention president.

Closing speaker for the evangelists' conference, which meets on the afternoon when there is no scheduled session of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be Owen Cooper, industrialist from Yazoo City, Mississippi, and president of the SBC.

The evangelists' conference will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m., with sessions in the Civic Auditorium.

Opening speaker will be Adrian Rogers, who last year became pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, after several years as pastor of First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Florida.

Other speakers will be Bill Spencer, evangelist from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and David Stockwell, evangelist from Fort Worth, and a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

ANNUITANTS —

SBC Luncheon Set

The annual Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will take place in Portland, Oregon, Wednesday, June 13.

Site of the luncheon will be the Pavilion Room of the Hilton Hotel. Time is 1 p.m. The luncheon is held each year during sessions of the SBC.

Tickets may be obtained, without charge, at the Annuity Board booth in the Exhibit Hall on Monday and Tuesday, June 11-12.

All individuals who receive benefit payments from the Annuity Board are eligible to attend this luncheon, board president Darold H. Morgan of Dallas said.

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All messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, June 11 through 14, are invited to take advantage of a hospitality suite to be

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Executive Room D at The Benson on Broadway will be open daily Monday, June 11, through Wednesday, June 13, from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. during the convention. In addition to a restful respite from the groups and crowds, refreshments and snacks will be offered throughout the day and evening.

As a special service to messengers, coffee and sweet rolls will be available between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. each day.

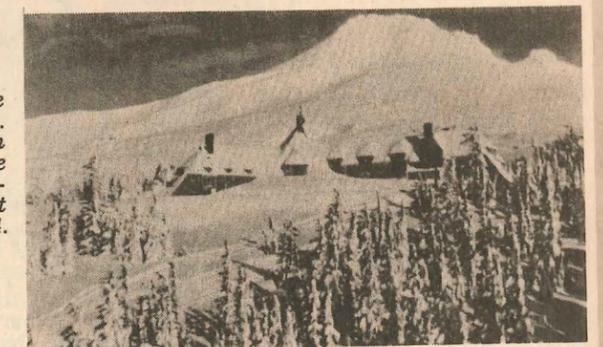
CAMPERS —

Portland Rally Set

The National Campers on Mission Rally in Portland prior to the Southern Baptist Convention still has about 20 spaces left for full trailer hookups or tent space at the Trailer Park of Portland. Beginning 8 p.m., Friday, June 8, and ending at a 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 10, the rally will include a camping witness training session Saturday morning, and reservations include space through Thursday during the SBC. Reservations may be made through the Special Missions Ministries Department at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309.



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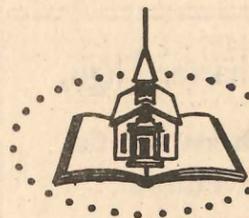
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By H. C. Chiles

(These Lessons for June 3, 1973)



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Genesis 1:26-28

All that anyone knows about the origin of man is what we are told in the Scriptures. The creation of man was the result of God's sovereign decision (verse 26), and by God's direct and immediate act (verse 27). If God had not decided to create man, he never would have been called into being. God purposed that man should have dominion over "every living thing" upon the earth.

When God made man, He made him in His own image, so there is an unspeakable dignity attached to him. What does it mean when the Bible says God created man in His image? In no sense of the word does it mean that God is a corporeal being. There is nothing in the Bible which indicates that God looks like man because He created man in His own image. The Scriptures plainly teach that God is Spirit (John 4:24). So this image was not material or physical but rather a likeness of personality. Just as God knows, feels, and wills so man, made in His image, knows, feels, and wills.

With a genuine need of God, and having a capacity for fellowship with Him, man was given the wonderful privilege of choice. Along with this privilege, he was given the responsibility for the choices which he made or makes. After conferring on man the privilege and the ability to multiply and replenish the earth, God also impressed upon him the fact that He expected him to be faithful in his stewardship of the rest of God's creation. Because God has given man dominion over his environment, he is responsible for the surroundings in which he lives. It is truly amazing what one who is linked to God can do to transform the environment in which he is placed.

Psalms 69:1-2

Although he was made in God's image and given the privilege of choice, he chose to obey the admonition of Satan instead of doing as God had commanded him. His decision brought about his separation from God and his expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

Overwhelmed by his misfortunes, the writer described himself as being in the process of drowning in a sea of

troubles. Bewildered, he pictured himself as being without a firm foundation on which to stand in a troubled and extremely difficult era. In his distress the psalmist called upon God to deliver him lest he perish under the pressure, and that in the very near future.

Ecclesiastes 2:20-23

The writer revealed that he had sought the ultimate meaning of life in various ways without consulting God for the knowledge which he needed. Recalling his experiences, in honesty he found it necessary to acknowledge that his evaluations had been inaccurate and his priority had been misplaced. He concluded that his labor and toil had been in vain. In disappointment he frankly acknowledged that it is a waste of time and effort to spend one's life in the accumulation of things which leave life so empty and unsatisfying. Real satisfaction of heart and contentment of mind are the fruits of right relationship with God, a proper philosophy of life, a clear conscience,

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Exodus 20:1-2

This passage appropriately begins with God because our first duty is to God. Unless we are rightly related to God, we shall never be able to live correctly before others.

The Ten Commandments, which constitute a condensed summary of man's moral obligation to God and to man, came directly from God through Moses to the children of Israel. Apart from God, Moses did not have any more understanding of those things than did the youngest Israelite. Moses was merely the human agent through whom

and the expenditure of one's energies in working to accomplish God's will.

Acts 17:26-27

In these verses the Apostle Paul, in speaking to the philosophers of various schools of thought, to teachers of all kinds of knowledge, to people of wealth, and to students from numerous nations who had assembled at Mar's Hill, Athens, epitomized man's efforts to find fulfillment in various ways other than through the true worship of the living God and the doing of His will. Paul emphasized the fact that any and every kind of religion will not satisfy the needs and longings of man's soul.

With great clarity and strong emphasis Paul let it be known that God is the source, the preserver, the sustainer, and the benefactor of life, and therefore all human actions are dependent upon His directive or permissive will and power. Therefore, this creative, active, purposeful, and powerful God should be adored, worshiped, and served by all whom He has created. □

ed in that Word and gave great devotion to it. Because of his high estimation of its intrinsic value, he gave it serious and prayerful study and applied its wholesome and soul-nourishing teachings to his personal life, and then challenged his readers to do likewise. Since men usually think of and talk about that which they love, it is not surprising that the psalmist said, "O how I love thy law!" He was truly grateful to God for the contribution which His Word had made to his personal life.

As a result of his study of, love for, and obedience to the written Word of God, the psalmist became wiser than his numerous, cunning, and crafty enemies. With it as the rule of his life and conduct, he was able to outwit and overcome them. After he had appropriated all of the knowledge imparted to him by his teachers, which he considered beneficial, he searched the scriptures for the mind and will of God and obtained from them a better understanding. From God, his teacher, he received wisdom.

Having resolutely dealt with himself, and fully determined that he should walk in the way which God outlined for him, he persisted in removing whatever appeared in his disposition, inclinations, habits, or circumstances that might cause him to enter or walk in the wrong way.

Moreover, the psalmist discovered that his own feet did not stand firm, but that, if he were not careful, they would cause him to cross over the line into the realm of disobedience. As long as one lives on earth, he never entirely masters the hindrances that are within. If he really intends to live for God, and obey Him as he should, he must remain constantly on guard lest he enter upon some sinful way.

Matthew 5:17

When Christ assumed the role of Teacher many wondered what He believed, and whether or not He would be a true Hebrew. So much emphasis was placed upon the Mosaic Law that a man was accepted or rejected by the Jews on the basis of his attitude toward the law. To avert any possible misunderstanding concerning His attitude toward the law, Christ spoke to His disciples in the hearing of the multitude and told them plainly that He had not come to destroy the law and the prophets but to fulfill them. Thus He sought to allay any prejudice on their part towards Him and to incline them to receive His teachings. Christ did not brush aside the law as something of little or no significance, but He fulfilled it perfectly. He revealed the deepest meaning of the law by which He lived and through His sacrifice at Calvary He showed the end toward which the ceremonial law pointed. □

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Gleanings

Evelyn Blount of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected supervisor of the youth department of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Miss Blount has been Acteens director for the Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. She begins her new duties May 15.

The Georgia native will direct the national planning, editing and field work for Acteens, the WMU organization for junior and senior high school girls.

A graduate of Georgia College at Milledgeville and Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, Miss Blount previously served as a church director of education and as an instructor in health and physical education.

Nearly 400 professions of faith in one evening at First Baptist Church, Nederland, Texas, has prompted the church's leaders to wonder if it's a new record for a single night of a church revival.

More than 900 decisions were recorded during the one-week revival including a total of 609 professions of faith. Tuesday night alone saw 398 professions. (BP)

Robert G. Capra has been promoted to head the Stewardship Commission's church and institutional fund raising service, the commission has announced. Capra, who has served with the commission for over a year, previously

served as assistant director of endowment and capital giving and Cooperative Program promotion. (BP)

Don Cleveland Norman, Bible scholar, author, editor and teacher who was the 1973 recipient of the Chicago Bible Society's Gutenberg Award, is retiring from his position as editor at the John A. Dickson Company to live in Florence, Italy, where he will establish a Biblical research center.

Norman is well-known through his previous affiliations within the religious press and his book, *The 500th Anniversary Pictorial Census of the Gutenberg Bible*. He was advertising manager of the *Western Recorder* from 1937 to 1938. In 1944 he became head of Moody Press, and two years later became general manager of Wm. B. Eerdmans' Publishing Company. For the past 18 years, he has been with John A. Dickson Company.



SECOND SERIES — Jack Lowndes (light suit), president of the Home Mission Board, talks about the Southern Baptist Convention with Kenneth Chafin and some of the Spring Street Singers at 21st Century in Nashville, Tennessee, where "Spring Street, U.S.A." is videotaping its second series. The Spring Street Singers will perform at the Southern Baptist Convention, the WMU Convention and the Music Directors' Convention in Portland. The Singers in the picture from left to right are Walter Grady, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University; Betsy Orr, student at Hardin-Simmons University; and Brenda Driscoll, student at Oklahoma Baptist University. "Spring Street, U.S.A." is now being seen on 27 television outlets with additional stations being added regularly. Lowndes, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia, was a former pastor of Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, and Chafin, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, was a former professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville.

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BAPTIST FORUM

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Dear Editor:
"Whoopee! Hoo-ray! Yea-Yea!" I wish that I could think of more expressions of joy with which to praise the article in the *Western Recorder* (May 12) by George W. Redding on the subject of "Academic Freedom: Are Limits Needed?" How long we have needed such a definitive statement!

We Baptists talk endlessly about freedom without really saying what it is, or knowing what it is! We believe in it, but what is it? Is it just pulling out all the chocks and "letting her go"? Is it eradicating all restraints thus permitting everyone to "do his own thing," whatever that might be? Is it reducing all society; religious, political, economic, academic, moral, etc.; to the level of life prevalent under the Old Testament Judges when, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes"? Or, is freedom real only when held within the sacred tension of responsibility and respect?

Redding's scholarly statement applies to all areas of life, not just the academic milieu. Hollywood should apply this treatment to the making of its movies. Does it have the right to degrade this country under the guise of artistic freedom? Washington, D.C., needs to make use of this discussion in its handling of subversives and revolutionaries. Does our elected government have the right to give our nation away to those who are bent on its destruction? Guns should not be granted to those who would use them to destroy and mutilate persons. Neither should freedom be granted to those who would use it as a method to destroy the freedoms of others who would use their freedom as a constructive and benevolent opportunity.

Freedom without limits is no freedom at all. In such misguided ventures, only the strong and the violent would rule. They would have freedom to exercise their strength to the detriment of everyone else who could act only

from the posture of weakness. Such a dreadful situation exists in a college or university classroom where the professor, strongly oriented in knowledge, invincible in argumentation against relatively undisciplined minds, assertive in the authority of his position, can use his "academic freedom" to mutilate the confidence of the students in the foundations upon which the school is built as well as the foundations upon which the life values of the students rest.
Danville, Kentucky J. William Hall

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Supreme Court Hears Parochiaid Cases

Three religious schools and three New York public officials challenged before the U.S. Supreme Court a federal district court decision that it is unconstitutional for a state to give public funds to religious schools in payment of expenses for keeping pupil records and in conducting school tests.

The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL), represented by Leo Pfeffer, noted church-state attorney, defended the New York court decision.

The U.S. Supreme Court combined three cases involving the same question. The parties appealing the lower court decision in the three cases were Cathedral Academy of Manhattan, Saint Ambrose School, Bishop Laughlin Memorial High School, Arthur Levitt, Comptroller of the state of New York, Ewald B. Nyquist, commissioner of education of the state of New York, and Warren M. Anderson, majority leader and president pro tem of the New York Senate.

At issue was the 1970 Mandated Services Act, which allocates \$28 million per year to New York's private schools for record keeping and for conducting school tests. The act allocates \$27 per pupil in grades 1-6 and \$45 per pupil in grades 7-12 in the state's nonpublic schools, more than 95 percent of which are religious schools.

On June 1, 1973, a three-judge federal court in New York ruled 2-1 that the act violates the establishment

clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This clause, made applicable to the states by the Fourteenth Amendment, says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The Supreme Court is expected to reach a decision on the New York Mandated Services Act by late June or early July of this year. The decision,

whatever it might be, could be another landmark in church-state relations in the United States.

A case yet to be argued before the Supreme Court involves income tax credit to parents who pay tuition to private schools attended by their children. (BP)

Baptist Agency Files Court Brief

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief asked the Supreme Court of the United States to rule that "tax credit for tuition paid by parents to nonpublic schools" is a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

The brief, prepared by the research department of the Baptist Joint Committee, was filed by Joseph B. Friedman, attorney for the committee as amicus curiae.

The current brief on "tax credit" is known as Pearl v. Nyquist. It challenges a New York law which provides for a balloon tax deduction by parents paying parochial or non-public school tuition. This "tax deduction" was described by the district court for the Southern District of New York as a "tax credit."

The New York law, which was ruled constitutional in a 2-1 decision by the district court, provides for a graduated scale of tax deductions for parochial school parents based on adjusted gross income and the number of children in nonpublic schools. The maximum benefit a family can receive under this law ranges from \$50 for one child to \$150 for three or more children.

Five arguments against the New York tax credit were advanced by the Baptist brief:

1. The legislative purpose was to provide public aid to religious parochial schools;
2. The primary effect of the law "is to grant public aid to sectarian religion and its institutions";
3. The law provides for insufficient administrative controls and results in excessive political entanglement between government and religion;
4. The tax credit provided by the New York law constitutes "an unconstitutional public support by the government of the teaching of religion";
5. The law creates "a form of compulsory religion." (BP)

'Church On Wheels' Project Successful

A "church on wheels" rolled nearly 3,000 miles through seven counties of the Irish Republic in its first 12 months of operation, seeking to "bring the church to the people."

A total of about 1,000 people were present at 60 worship services held in the churchmobile during the year. They included children's services, Bible expositions, seaside services, market day meetings and evangelism missions, Dunlop said. The churchmobile was used especially in areas where no meeting hall was available for evangelistic services.

The project was so successful that a second special churchmobile project is slated to begin in August.



REACHING GOAL — John Acree, Jr. (second from right), general chairman of the Second Mile Campaign, presents a \$100,000 check from Kresge Foundation to C. Carlton Weatherton, Baptist Fund director for Baptist Hospital, East in St. Matthews. Looking on are Homer Coggins (left), assistant to the president of Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and Wilbur L. Newton, chairman of the board of directors. Acree said this is the largest such gift in the campaign and brings the total to over \$1,200,000, the immediate campaign goal.