

President Carter to Address Southern Baptist Men in Atlanta

Southern Baptists will participate in a week of activities including an address by the president of the United States, the preaching of Martin Luther King Sr. and vivid multimedia presentations on the Bold Mission Thrust goal to evangelize the world when they gather in Atlanta for the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in June.

The 121st annual session of the 133-year-old SBC will run June 13-15 at the Georgia World Congress Center but activities and meetings related to it will get underway on Sunday afternoon, June 11 and close on Friday afternoon, June 16.

Jimmy Carter will speak at a rally during the National Conference of Baptist Men at the Omni Coliseum on June 16, the day after the SBC closes. That meeting is sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

Besides King, personalities for the main meeting include Ga. Governor George Busbee, Atlanta; Quaker theologian D. Elton Trueblood of Earlham,

Pa.; an interview on tape with British social critic Malcolm Muggeridge; Christian actress Jeanette Clift George, Houston, Tex.; Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Tex., who will deliver the SBC president's address; Jesse C. Fletcher, president of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., convention sermon; Forrest Feezor of Shelby, N. C., retired executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Harry N. Hollis Jr. of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, Tenn.; and Sarah Frances Anders, who chairs the sociology department, Louisiana College, Pineville, La.

The evening sessions will feature testimonies, interviews, filmed sequences showing persons at work in Bold Mission Thrust all over the world, a variety of guest musicians and speakers, music written for the occasion by William J. Reynolds of the SBC Sunday School Board's Church Music Department, specially orchestrated and recorded accompaniments and set designs.

The first portion of the television segment on Thursday morning will include a media presentation of "The Power of Television, a Status Report," featuring well known television personalities to be announced and the taped interview with Muggeridge. It will explore the power and influence television has over the minds of children and adults.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns for the SBC Christian Life Commission, will follow that with an address on "Morality in Television—A Plan for Action." It will deal with how Christians can take action to affirm what is good about television and change what is wrong with it.

The "Prayer Service for Spiritual Awakening," which resulted from an action by the Kansas City Convention in 1977, will take place Thursday afternoon following an address by Martin Luther King Sr., a Baptist preacher and father of the slain civil rights leader. King will speak on "America's Need for Spiritual

Awakening."

Feezor, 85-year-old interim pastor for First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, N. C. and retired Texas Baptist chief executive, will lead the prayer service, designed to set a spiritual tone for Southern Baptists' worldwide efforts for evangelism and social concern.

The convention will feature expanded time for business, resolutions and reports from SBC agencies and shorter daytime sessions.

Business items on the agenda of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, with over 13 million members in all 50 states, include a vote on a proposed \$75 million national Cooperative Program unified budget and election of officers. Allen, elected in Kansas City last year, likely will be reelected to a traditional second one-year term as SBC president. Some 16,000 persons are expected to register as messengers. Last year's registration in Kansas City, Mo., totaled 16,271 and a record 18,637 registered in 1975 at the Norfolk convention.

Board Takes No Action on Alley

The University of Richmond's board of trustees received an undisclosed number of resolutions related to a controversy surrounding Robert S. Alley, former chairman of the department of religion, during their March meeting.

The controversy erupted after a Dec. 6, 1977 speech to a group of atheists in Richmond in which Alley reportedly told the audience at First Unitarian Church, "Jesus never really claimed to be God or related to him." In the height of the furor, university president, Bruce Heilman, who apologized for Alley's comments, said Alley, a tenured professor and department head, had been transferred out of the department of religion, at Alley's request, to the chairmanship of the university's area studies program.

The furor eventually resulted in a series of resolutions from various quarters which reportedly express pro and con sentiment on faculty and student resolutions urging Alley's return to the department of religion.

"The board took no action on the resolutions from churches, faculty, students and other groups," a spokesman said, "except to affirm the intention to maintain open lines of communication

and specifically to meet with representatives of the Arts and Sciences Council and AAUP (American Association of University Professors) Chapter of the University of Richmond."

No word is available about what next step the trustees, who earlier reaffirmed the university's statement of purpose as a Christian institution, may or may not take. They meet next during university commencement exercises May 14.

No statement has been issued as to contents of communications with the board but it is a matter of public record that a faculty resolution requested the reinstatement of Alley. The resolution was based on support of academic freedom, not support of Alley's statements, reports indicate. Although no figures are available as to attendance of faculty or how they voted, the resolution reportedly was not unanimous.

A student petition in support of Alley was also submitted to the administration.

Students, on Christmas vacation when the furor erupted, returned to the campus and joined battle on both sides on the pages of "The Collegian," campus newspaper. They staged a brief demonstration at the home of Heilman Jan. 20

and the student petition supporting Alley gathered 880 signatures out of 3500 full time students enrolled.

Editorials in "The Collegian" and letters to the editor have expressed both support and condemnation for Alley's statements and university actions.

The faculty reportedly had two meetings to discuss the matter before asking the trustees to reinstate Alley. Alley was quoted as saying he was willing to again assume the chairmanship of the religion department if requested to by the board but is not seeking it.

Radio-TV Names Eight

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission approved the commission's budget request to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee for \$4 million from the Cooperative Program, voted to close the Richmond, Va., Radio and Television Commission office, elected Harold E. Martin of Montgomery, Ala., chairman of the commission and ratified eight new executive staff positions.

"The largest portion of the commission's budget—nearly \$3 million—will be used for its preaching programs on the

air," said Paul M. Stevens, commission president.

"The other money will be used to build audiences for those programs, to counsel people who contact the commission for spiritual help and for technical assistance to churches and conventions," said Stevens.

Harold E. Martin, the new chairman of the trustees, is editor and publisher of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser Journal. He is a 1970 Pulitzer Prize winner.

Charles Roden, vice president of technical assistance, was named senior vice president of administration. Clarence Duncan, assistant executive vice president, was named senior vice president of personnel. Jerome Pillow, vice president, marketing services, was made vice president and administrative assistant. Paul Brown, assistant vice president in engineering, was named vice president of engineering coordination.

Four new assistant vice presidents were named: Mrs. Glenna Morrow, assistant vice president, managing services; Mrs. Bonita Sparrow, assistant vice president in charge of promotion; Paul Schmidt, president, management services; Cheryl Turner, assistant vice president of audience research and response.

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New Southern Baptist Press Association officers [l-r]: Bob Terry, editor, Word and Way, Jefferson City, Mo., secretary-treasurer; Alvin C. Shackleford, editor, Baptist and Reflector, Brentwood, Tenn., president elect; and John Roberts, editor, Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., president.



SBC president Jimmy Allen told the executive committee at its semiannual meeting in Nashville that declines in baptisms have put the convention in a "pre-panic" stage and Baptists must not rush into hasty decisions to "change their game plan." The scene is the SBC Building's Austin Crouch Room.



Some Ruin It for All

We have come to a sad day. The generosity of American givers to all kinds of charitable organizations and religious projects is being threatened by a few unethical religious hucksters and by reputable religious personalities who are careless in their manner of operation.

Baptists should be acutely concerned over this abuse because we regard voluntary giving as basic to our religious experience and to the health of churches and religious organizations. We hold that coerced giving to religious causes would be more tyranny than religion.

But to hold to this cherished principle of voluntary giving today is difficult in light of its abuse. A most flagrant and inexcusable example is the recently revealed fraudulent fund raising and graft of the Baltimore based Roman Catholic Pallottine Missions in South America, Australia and India.

Resorting to a sweepstakes which offered such prizes as a Dodge Coronet or Apache Eagle camper, this outfit using a computerized mailing list raised \$56 million in less than five years. Records revealed that as little as 2½% of the income of this organization was used for the mission causes for which it was raised. Father Carcich of this group has been indicted on 60 criminal counts of misappropriation of funds.

The Pallottine Missions scandal is all the more shocking because the Roman Catholic hierarchical system usually doesn't allow for operators like Father Carcich. Fast and loose operators in religious fund raising are found more frequently among groups like Baptists where no denominational control is exercised and are even more often found among independents who answer to no one, apparently not even to their own consciences.

Donald Kyer, a Baptist preacher with Louisville connections, was recently indicted in Roanoke, Va., on charges of mail fraud related to fund raising.

Even the fund raising methods and expenditures of renowned religious personalities like Billy Graham and Oral Roberts raise questions. Mr. Graham was hurt last year by the revelation of a large fund put aside by his association and unreported to its donors. The large amounts poured into Oral Roberts' projects appear to be mainly controlled by one man.

No wonder Congress is now considering a charity disclosure law which would require groups seeking gifts by mail to offer basic data on where the money will go and how much is used for overhead.

Actually wise givers should not have to have the protection of such legislation. No contribution should be sent to individuals or organizations without first seeing a strict accounting and a certified audit of the financial operations. Generosity and gullibility play into the hands of hucksters.

There is a place for contributions to organizations other than the church but only after the church has at least the tithe and these outside organizations are checked out. To divert contributions which rightfully belong to the church to other organizations or individuals is to dishonor Christ because it ignores the organization he left on earth to do his ministry. And when a contribution is placed on a Baptist offering plate there is no doubt about how it will be used. The giver decides with other church members how it will be used and has a regular report of its disposition.

No one prizes utmost freedom in all religious activities more than I but when freedom is abused by some, all of us are subjected to some control. This may have to be.

Guest Editorial

A Danger Facing Baptists

Jack Gritz, Editor
The Baptist Messenger [Oklahoma]

There are so many good things about our churches and denomination that we regret the necessity of saying a word of caution or sounding what might seem to be a negative note at times. But in this writer's opinion at this time we are facing a grave danger in many of our Baptist churches and we need to become aware of it and to do something about it.

It is tragically true of some and too true of too many. The danger is that we shall quit being the churches of the common people. If we live up to what God intended and planned for us, we shall be the churches for all the people.

If you doubt this, look at the Assembly of God and Pentecostal Holiness churches and even the Jehovahs Witnesses. They are growing by leaps and bounds while we slowly inch forward in reaching people. Most Baptist churches are quietly middle-class with a sprinkling of the wealthy among them. That is good as far as it goes but it does not go far enough. Where are the poor—the outcast—the downtrodden?

God's word has some clear things to say on this subject. And in the main we seem to have ignored them. For example: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? But ye have despised the poor. . . . If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin. . ." (Js. 2:5,6,9).

God wants all people saved—rich, middle-class, poor—not just some. We had better be the kind of churches where everyone is really welcome and can feel that they "belong."

One of our seminary professors has said: "We Southern Baptists don't need more programs—we need more people, people who really love the Lord and want to reach souls for him." Are we willing to let all distinctions be obliterated and see people as people? Do we want all kinds of people—saved people—in our churches?

Baptist Forum

Always a Baptist

I am writing in regard to the letters in recent Western Recorder issues from Lloyd Perrin and Rogna Tankersley.

My first thought when I read the letter from Miss Tankersley was that I would like to know more about her. That is, how old is she, is she a Baptist and what size is the church she belongs to? Also, is it a rural or city church? This might seem irrelevant but I live in Trigg County near Cadiz and it is a mostly rural area and I once belonged to a church that was in a town and a large church. Now I belong to a small church and having been in both I think I can speak objectively. I am not old or not young, so perhaps I can see the viewpoints of both ages more clearly.

Perhaps this does not seem to be the type of letter one would write in regard to the issue of our Baptist faith, but I think that the problem in some of our churches is that the young or the more militant of any age want to change and others do not. It is the same way in our government but that is a different issue.

As for myself, I agree with Bro. Perrin but I suppose Miss Tankersley got upset as it did seem to be arrogant. However, I have often said that I believe that I would have become a Baptist even if I had been reared in another faith. History has shown that many people have studied the Bible and become Baptists, perhaps more than have accepted another faith.

So, I say that I appreciated Bro. Perrin's letter and if it seemed to be too positive, well, any denomination has the same prerogative. But I have studied the beliefs of all the major denominations and will always be a Baptist.

Mrs. Sally Boyd
Cadiz

Lou Came Through!

This year's extreme winter weather has caused great hardships for many people of Louisville and Jefferson County. Many were stranded on icy roads, or found themselves marooned without heat, food and other necessities for long periods of time.

However, in the midst of the snow, ice, turmoil and confusion, many groups and individuals "rose to the occasion." They donated their time and efforts to helping those hit hardest by the severe winter crisis.

To those agencies which gave such fine service to our community, to the grocery stores which donated food to the needy, to the schools and churches which provided shelter and to the individuals who shoveled sidewalks and ran errands for the elderly and handicapped, I extend my heartiest congratulations on a job well done and thanks in behalf of the entire city of Louisville.

I am honored and greatly proud to represent a community where love, compassion and a sense of community togetherness still prevails.

Romano L. Mazzoli
Member of Congress

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Jews for Jesus

I realize there are differences of opinion among Southern Baptists concerning "Jews for Jesus." To me, the thing that hurts most is the doctrine of what I call "Christian Zionism." "Christian Zionism" is the belief of Zionism as it pertains to the Jews in Palestine. However, there are many Southern Baptists who do not believe in the doctrine of Zionism, and I would like to go on record as being one.

This doctrine seems to put the Jews on a pedestal, as having some special privilege to God and real estate. It seems to me that the Bible teaches God is no respecter of persons, this side of Calvary, and in Christ there is no east or west, north or south, black or white, Jew or Gentile (Rom. 10:12-13; Gal. 3:28). And what is said of people concerns land also. (Not the holy land but land of the Bible).

Hal Lindsey's book *The Late Great Planet Earth* supports the doctrine of Zionism which is nothing more than modified "Larkinism." Many today are so sold on this doctrine, and they are so sure the Bible upholds their doctrine, they think it is pure blasphemy to believe otherwise. If you don't go along with the dispensational theory of Bible interpretation, they are ready to put you in the camp with all the liberals.

The Christian approach to the "Jews for Jesus" is to impress upon him that he is just another human being for whom Christ died. That he's been a Jew does not give him any special privileges to God or land. Neither does it give him any lesser privileges to God or land.

Burney Manning
Somerset

Give Roses to the Living

"Give me the roses while I live, Trying to cheer me on. Useless the flowers that you give after the soul has gone."

This is a verse from a song I sang when I was young.

Little did we know about Humphrey until we listened and watched his funeral. Isn't it sad? No one would have believed all the wonderful things before his death. They would have been classified as political gain.

Christian people, why can't we take a few minutes and tell people the good things about them while they live?

Mrs. Janie Finch
Louisville

That was Virginia!

I agree with Presnell Wood's article in the Feb. 15 issue of *Western Recorder* that the local church would be the best place to give our money if the local church is doing the things God wants us to do, such as spreading the gospel and meeting the needs of the people.

But how can one in clear conscience support the local church with these objectives in mind and find out that a percentage of that money may be going to pay one's salary that is teaching that Jesus was not the son of God and never claimed to be and that the Bible is not true?

The money also goes to pay people's salaries who let a man teach this and when outcry is made he is moved to another area of the university and says that this was neither a demotion nor a promotion.

So we as Southern Baptists will continue to pay these salaries.

I have a son and, if it be God's will, I'd like to see him called into the

ministry. But if these professors are permitted to teach such heresies, should I continue supporting such beliefs or does 2 John 9:11 apply in such a case, which says, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the father and the son. If there come any unto, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds?"

James R. Quire
Bagdad

Editor's Response

You state your point well but none of your church contributions goes to help pay the salaries of teachers in the University of Richmond to which you refer. Baptist colleges are sponsored by state conventions and so only Kentucky Baptist colleges receive Cooperative Program funds from Baptist churches in Kentucky. Our seminaries are sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and so all six of them benefit from Cooperative Program contributions from churches in all the states.—Editor

Sex at 16?

As a committee concerned with moral values, we met on Feb. 10, 1978. This letter is to express our concern. There is an apparent increase in the use of sex and profanity in the media. We express our strong disapproval of programming like this. An example of our disapproval is the promotion and televising of "James at 16" Feb. 9, 1978 which presented sexual intercourse as the primary experience of a male becoming 16.

We are encouraging our Kentucky Baptist constituency of approximately 800,000 persons to register their complaints to TV stations, networks and sponsors concerning this matter.

We do affirm the value of the media for information, education and entertainment. We do not believe that the repeated, flagrant use of profanity and sex contribute to healthy morality and to wholesome family living.

James Britt, Chairman
Christian Life Committee
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Gary Coltharp, Chairman
Christian Life Committee
Long Run Baptist Association

This is a copy of a letter sent to the president of NBC.—Editor

Keep the Ladies Out!

Husband of one wife—what does this mean? There have been many people in the last few years that have wondered what this means. It means simply just what it says. Matt. 24:24 says, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets; and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." If man doesn't take the Bible at its face value, how can he believe any of it? The Bible was written many years ago and it is God's word and his word shall always stand. In the last 100 years there have been many versions of the Bible written and they have changed the whole meaning of God's holy word.

The holy Bible is truth without a mixture of error for its matter; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end, the true center of Christian union. The

books of the Bible were written by holy men of old, as they were moved by the Holy Spirit in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally and verbally inspired and free from error, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

Many passages of the scripture show us the true roles of men and women. Gen. 3:16 says that the woman shall be under the rule of the man. Prov. 31:3 says, "Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings." I Cor. 14:34 states: "Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law." I Cor. 11:3 reads: "But I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

The third chapter of I Timothy tells us the requirements of a bishop (or preacher) and a deacon. Both must be the husband of one wife. How can a woman be a husband? If a woman should not be a teacher of men and should be silent in the church, how then can she preach?

I Pet. 3:7 says: "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

So now you can see what the Bible says. No man can change God's word for it will remain forever. Allowing women to preach causes confusion in the church and, therefore, cannot be of God. To stop this confusion, let not a woman enter into the pulpit or deaconship of the church.

Alonzo Dixon
Mousie

From Disaster, Blessing

Kentucky Baptists helped us so much during the April 1977 flooding that we thought it might be of interest to the readers of *Western Recorder* to know how our church is doing.

We are so thankful to Kentucky Baptists for the wonderful way they came to our aid. And a special thanks to Bro. A. B. Colvin for his invaluable help and compassionate concern for us.

We have purchased land on Rt. 23 above the flood area. In March we hope to begin building our new sanctuary and educational building. Our new location will help us reach a greater area in our ministry of the word.

God has kept his promise to us in Rom. 8:28. For out of the flood has come one of our greatest blessings. And out of the flood came a renewed respect and love for Kentucky Baptists.

Earl Waugh, pastor
First Baptist, Allen

A Timely Reminder

Your editorial of last week (2/8/78) is excellent, timely, needful and possible for all who will just read John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Heb. 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Then put these in practice.

Thanks again for the timely reminder.

R. B. Hookbs
Bowling Green

Central's in Our Hearts

Our young daughter, a high school junior, has a very rare disease. Beverley has been hospitalized several times in Central Baptist Hospital and we cannot praise the staff and personnel there too highly. It seems they cannot do enough for you. The atmosphere of service, friendship and love is simply wonderful. Her doctors, Wilson Sebastian and Charles Schindler, have been simply marvelous to us on every occasion. One cannot but be deeply impressed with everything about Central Baptist.

This is not always the case in every hospital and only those who have known both types can fully appreciate the concern and kindness manifested at Central Baptist. While it is true that most physicians and nurses are overburdened much of the time, it is magnificent to know that numbers of them still manage somehow to put humanity first in all they do. The families of patients never forget them.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverage Refitt
Langley

Hinson or Powell? Which?

Without getting involved with whatever controversy rages between Glenn Hinson and Bill Powell it would seem that Kentucky Baptists deserve a considerably more objective presentation of Baptist confessions than that considered by Hinson (Guest Editorial, 1/11/78). It is surprising that one so well versed in the historical faith of our fathers could so easily ignore vital concerns that exceed even the obvious. Could his bias be showing?

Hinson's contention that a belief in the inerrancy of the scriptures has not been consistently held by Baptists as demonstrated in certain Baptist confessions is an erroneous one. He is correct in asserting that "the Second London Confession and those based on it" declare that the Bible is the "infallible" word of God. Paragraph one of chapter one of the Philadelphia Confession of Faith reads: "The holy scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience."

If anything, the New Hampshire Confession and the two Southern Baptist confessions based on it have an even stronger statement on inerrancy although that particular word is not used. They affirm that the Bible "is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter." The "truth without any mixture of error" refers undoubtedly to "the Holy Bible." Simply because the word "inerrant" is not used by no means indicates that it was not believed and confessed by our Baptist forefathers. That the Bible is "truth without any mixture of error" is simply the same truth in more and different words.

Of the five basic confessions, three of them declare the Bible to be "truth without any mixture of error," and two of them actually use the word "infallible."

The only ones who can decide whether or not a college or seminary teacher should believe that the Bible is "inerrant" are the people in the pew who pay their salaries. It would appear that we are at a crossroads in which we will either affirm or deny the faith and heritage of our fathers.

Thomas M. Atwood, Pastor
East Baptist Church, Paducah

Multitude of Opportunities

There are so many different programs Southern Baptists have developed in the last few years to involve laypersons in missions that the average Southern Baptist can't keep them all straight.

There's the Mission Service Corps and the Christian Service Corps. But what's the difference?

And then there's the Journeyman, US-2, Sojourner, SPOTS, COM and a myriad of others with more traditional names.

If you find it confusing, you're not alone. Even the denominational professionals can't keep up with them all.

Below is a partial list of most of the programs, especially those of the Home Mission Board, that seek to involve volunteers, and a brief description of each:

Mission Service Corps [MSC]—The newest program offering missions involvement to volunteers in state, home and foreign missions, for one to two years. The volunteers are supported financially by "sponsors"—the volunteer himself, other individuals or churches that underwrite the cost of the volunteer's travel and living expenses. It is the only program Southern Baptists have with direct sponsorship.

Christian Service Corps [CSC]—A Home Mission Board program involving laypersons in both short-term and long-term opportunities in the USA. Volunteers pay their own expenses and provide their own support. Short-Term CSC volunteers serve from one week to three months, or any period shorter than one year. Long-Term CSC volunteers provide their own support by working in secular jobs and doing mission work in their spare time. They do not have "sponsors" and do not work full time in missions as do Mission Service Corps personnel.

US-2 Missionaries—A Home Mission Board program for college graduates, 27 years old or younger, who serve for two years in Home Mission projects, usually supervised by career home missionaries. They receive a small stipend (salary) from the board.

Missionary Journeymen—The Foreign Mission Board's lay volunteer program, offering opportunities for laypersons who serve from one week to one year on a foreign mission field at their own expense. Volunteers usually pay their own travel expenses and provide their own financial support.

Summer Missions—Two types: Baptist Student Union offering both home and foreign mission opportunities and Home Mission Board sponsored. The oldest, and perhaps big-

gest, volunteer program among Southern Baptists.

Semester Missions—Closely related to summer missions, but lasting from 15-20 weeks in the fall, winter or spring months. A Home Mission Board program.

SPOTS [Special Projects Other Than Summer]—Short-term college student-oriented projects during holiday and semester breaks. SPOTS grew out of beach ministries in the late 1960s with witnessing programs to thousands of students on holiday flings during spring breaks.

Sojourners—Home Mission Board program for high school students or graduates up to age 25 who pay their own way for 10 weeks of mission work.

Innovators—A new Home Mission Board program for youth who find secular work (example: waitress in a resort center) while at the same time helping a church or missionary. Similar to CSC, only for youth.

Campers on Mission [COM]—A Home Mission Board program involving families who will share the gospel as they camp in various sites across the United States. There are state rallies and a national rally to help the campers to learn how to effectively witness at the campsite.

On and on the list could go, with numerous other programs that provide opportunities for lay involvement, such as the lay renewal program sponsored by Brotherhood and Evangelism, lay led revivals, Witness Involvement Now (WIN) schools, TELL evangelism and dozens of others.

Serving all these programs is a new procedure called Volunteer Involvement in Mission (VIM), sponsored jointly by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Volunteer Involvement in Missions [VIM] is not a program, it is a process using a computer to match the gifts and talents of volunteers with specific mission needs. Volunteers are asked to fill out a detailed application listing their talents and abilities and the length of time they would be available for volunteer mission projects. The computer then matches the needs with the human resources.

If you are interested in any of these programs, there is one central address you can write for an application and for more information: Volunteer Involvement in Missions, 1350 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, GA 30309.

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SBC agency heads projected plans for a national conference prior to the SBC meeting in Houston in June 1979 on Christian education and bold missions. Clockwise, l-r: Ben C. Fisher, Education Commission; Carolyn Weatherford, WMU; William G. Tanner, Home Mission Board; George E. Capps Jr., Education Commission; Glendon McCullough, Brotherhood Commission; George E. Bagley, Education Commission chairman; Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board.

Baptist News in Brief

Women's Thinking Needs Changing: Weatherford

It is incredible that "the manipulation and self deceit of the 'Total Woman' approach to life and relations between the sexes is being presented as the attitude of the Christian church toward women," the executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union told a women's conference in Columbia, S. C.

Carolyn Weatherford, addressing the "Conference on Women in the Church in the future," said as women move into leadership roles in the church and elsewhere it is "feminine attitudes that need more changing than males' atti-

tudes."

She urged those attending the conference, spearheaded by women's organizations in 15 major denominational groups in South Carolina, to form support groups for women involved in seeking new roles in church and society.

Women who actually move into leadership roles report that they receive the least support and the most criticism from women in the church, she said.

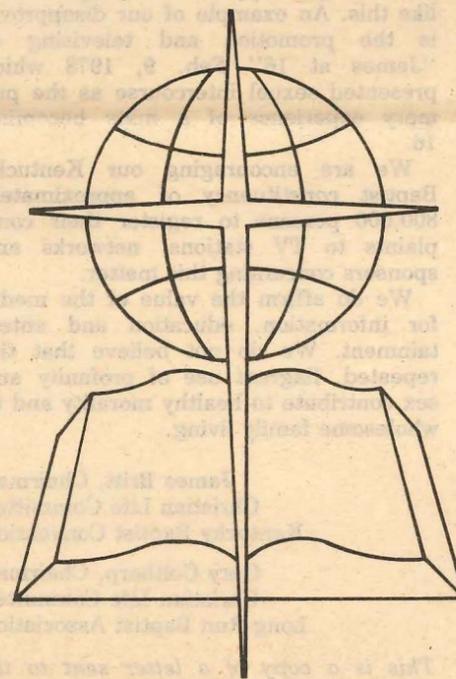
"The Christian woman needs to say, 'I can do all things with Christ,' and go forth to do, not what God has called her husband or father to do, but what God has called her to do," she said.

Christians Don't Speak Same Language

By the end of 1977 at least one book of the Bible had been published in 1631 of the world's languages and distinct dialects, according to the American Bible Society.

Twenty-eight new languages were reported for the first time. The complete Bible is now available in 266 languages, the New Testament in 420 and portions of scripture in 945.

Geographically, Africa has the largest number of languages (480) in which at least one Bible book has been published since the invention of printing. Asia has 421; Latin America, 265; Australia-South Pacific, 226; Europe, 176; North America, 61. Two international languages, Esperanto and Volapuk, are included.



This logo will be recommended by the SBC executive committee to the 1978 SBC meeting in Atlanta. The art is an adaptation of metal sculpture on the front of the SBC Building, Nashville. It was chosen from 64 proposals. If approved, it would voluntarily be used by churches and Baptist organizations.

If You Aren't Going, Please Say So!

The Baptist Sunday School Board is asking those holding confirmed reservations at Ridgecrest and Glorieta who will not attend to cancel immediately. Lengthy waiting lists for some 1978 conferences prompt the request.

Groups and individuals needing fewer rooms than those they have reserved may write: Glorieta, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87535; Ridgecrest, Box 128, Ridgecrest, NC 28770.

Search Panel Asks Prayer

The Search Committee of 15 named by Ted Sisk to bring a nomination for an executive secretary-treasurer to succeed Franklin Owen met at the Baptist Building in Middletown Feb. 7. Twelve of the 15 members were present in spite of a heavy snow in central and eastern Kentucky. Two previously set meetings had been canceled because of the severe winter.

The committee will be meeting frequently to accomplish the task assigned it. The committee earnestly requests the prayers of all Kentucky Baptists that it may be led by God's spirit to God's person for this position. Verlin C. Kruschwitz, chairman, will be open to suggestions anyone may wish to present. His address: Box 448, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

Does Your Church Need Help?

Bold Mission Thrust will provide a youth group or group of adults to assist in mission vacation Bible schools, backyard Bible clubs, census and building work such as painting and roofing.

This help will be available to eastern Kentucky churches during summer months.

There will be no cost to the church except for materials used. Group mem-

bers will provide their own housing and other expenses.

Groups should not be used to do the work of the local church but should do that which the church could otherwise not complete.

If interested write Robert C. Jones, Kentucky Baptist Convention, Box 43433, Middletown, KY 40243.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Personnel

Randy Dill Moves to FBC, Fulton
Randy Dill accepted the position of minister of music, First Baptist Church, Fulton.

He is a graduate of Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary. Dill has served Oak Hill Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.; Maceo Baptist Church; Whitesville Baptist Church and was a vocal high school director, Owensboro.

He is married to the former Nikki Hartsell of Magnolia, Ark.

Liberty Church Calls Lee Taylor
Jim Follis resigned Liberty Church, Sulphur Fork Baptist Association, to accept an Indiana pastorate. Lee Taylor, assistant pastor at Liberty, has been called as pastor.

Gleitz Resigns Grace Baptist Church
Larry A. Gleitz resigned as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Independence, effective Feb. 28.

Congregations

Morningside to Hold Revival Mar. 19-26
Morningside Baptist Church, Pleasure Ridge Park will hold revival services Mar. 19-26 at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Jay Brown, director, Kentucky Baptist Department of Evangelism, will be evangelist and Ronnie Sanders will be youth evangelist. Harold G. Sanders is pastor of the six-year-old church.

Elsie Hayes Wins Read-a-thon
Miss Elsie Hayes, First Baptist Church, Leitchfield, received a mission read-a-thon award after reading 41 mission books and 46 mission magazines within one year.

The event was sponsored by the First Baptist Church WMU. George W. Smith is pastor.

Houseparent Accepts New Position
Andrew S. Creel will direct Christian education activities at Spring Meadows Children's Home beginning Apr. 1.

A native of College Park, Ga., Creel received the M.Div. degree from Southern Seminary in June 1976. He has been a houseparent at Spring Meadows for the past year.



Dill



Wolfe

Wolfe Goes to Minors Lane
R. Dale Wolfe, former pastor of Walnut Ridge Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind., accepted the pastorate of Minors Lane Baptist Church, Louisville.

Wolfe attended Christian Theological Seminary, Southern Illinois College of Bible and a Seminary Extension center. He and his wife have seven children.

David Hicks Going to Bluefield
David Lynn Hicks, Louisville, accepted a call from Parkview Church, Bluefield,

Scholl Seeks Church Staff Position
F. Thomas Scholl Jr., Lexington, is a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Scholl is a member of Calvary Baptist Church and a graduate of Georgetown College. His area of concentration at Princeton was preaching and counseling. He is available for consideration as a staff member. His address is Rte. 2, Ft. Springs-Pinchard Pike, Lexington, KY 40511 (telephone: 606-255-0248).



Brown



Scholl

Baptist Tabernacle Celebrate 85th
Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, will observe its 85th birthday Mar. 28 at 6:30

Va., effective Apr. 1.
Hicks and his wife, Bonnie, are Mississippians and both are graduates of the University of Mississippi and Southern Seminary. They are parents of two sons, Grant, 7, and Bay, 5.

Hicks served two pastorates in Kentucky and was BSU director at the University of Mississippi six years.

Alabama Native Pastors Corn Creek
Corn Creek Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Baptist Association, called John Holloway as pastor. He resigned as assistant pastor, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville.

Holloway and his wife, Jane, are natives of Alabama. He is a student at Southern Seminary.

Penile Selects New Preacher
Penile Baptist Church, Louisville, called Walter House as pastor and his wife, Artie, as music accompanist.

House is former acting executive director of the American Council on Alcohol

p.m. The celebration will be held in the activities building at Walnut Street Baptist Church. To make reservations send one dollar to Baptist Tabernacle, 2854 West Market St., Louisville, KY 40212. Registration deadline is Mar. 22.

Paris FBC Celebrates 160th Year
First Baptist Church, Paris, observed its 160th anniversary with special services Feb. 19. Known for its outstanding pastors, the first pastor of the congregation was Jeremiah Vardeman, one of the most effective and influential early Baptist preachers in Kentucky.

Members with long records of service were recognized in the anniversary service which was followed by dinner and fellowship. Western Recorder editor C. R. Daley was guest speaker. Robert B. Wallace is pastor.

Mason to Dedicate New Building
Mason Baptist Church, Grant County, will dedicate its new church building Sunday, Apr. 2 at 2:30 p.m. A. B. Colvin, assistant to the executive secretary, Kentucky Baptist Convention, will deliver the dedication address.

Deaths

Frederick P. Loman, retired Baptist chaplain and pastor, died in Sandy Springs, Ga., at age 70. A native Russian, he frequented many Kentucky Baptist churches while serving as chaplain at Welborn Baptist Memorial Hospital, Evansville, Ind. He retired in 1972 but remained in Evansville until last September when he and his wife moved to Georgia. Loman is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Hartman.

Jerry Ashby, pastor of Tiburon (Cal.) Baptist Church, died Feb. 13. He was a native Kentuckian and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Curtis L. Niceley, retired Baptist minister, died in Louisville Feb. 27 at age 88. A native of Oak Ridge, Tenn., much of his ministry was spent in Kentucky. He taught at Bethel College, Russellville, and pastored in Vine Grove, Sturgis and Louisville. Memorial services were conducted Mar. 1 at Yorktown Church, Louisville, from which he retired. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial

Problems, Washington, D. C. He also pastored Liberty Baptist Church, Skylight and was associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Madison.

New Salem Calls Petty to Pastor
Larry E. Petty accepted the pastorate of New Salem Baptist Church, Valley Station.

He is a Louisville native and a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. He recently resigned as pastor, First Baptist Church, Covington, after six years.

Petty and his wife, Doris, have three sons.

Pruitt Accepts Call to Florida
William D. Pruitt resigned as pastor of Pollard Baptist Church effective Mar. 19 to become pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Gainesville, Fla. During his four-year ministry the church sanctuary has been renovated, Sunday school space redecorated and growth taken place in all areas of church life.

Kentuckians Appointed by HMB
Tom and Romelia Adams have been appointed missionaries by the Home Mission Board. They will serve in Crystal Lake, Ill., where he will be church extension director for Fox Valley Association.

Adams, a native of Murray, has pastored churches in Henderson, Charlestown and Murray. He is a graduate of Murray State and Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Adams, the former Romelia Hooks, a native of Caldwell County, has been learning center director at Dempster Jr. High, Mt. Prospect, Ill. She is a graduate of Bethel College, Murray State and has worked as a high school librarian.

The couple has four children.

Binghams Appointed Associates
Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Bingham, Louisville, have been appointed missionary associates by the Home Mission Board.

The Binghams will continue to live in Louisville where he will serve as director of missions.

He and his wife, Lillian, have two children.

\$42,000 from Murray FBC

First Baptist Church, Murray, has voted to give \$42,000 to the Kentucky Baptist Convention for the purchase of land for a new Baptist Student Union Center on the Murray State campus.

The church gave the gift as an expression of their continued commitment to Christian witness on the campus. They also expressed appreciation for the campus ministers who have led the program.

Bill Whittaker pastors the Murray congregation.

Park. He is survived by his wife, the former Trailing Arbutus Broome; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Cox, Louisville, and Mrs. Dix Winston, Owensboro; a son, Dillon T. Niceley, Elizabethtown; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Harold Noe, pastor of Huff Settlement Baptist Church, Upper Cumberland Association, died Feb. 20. Services were conducted Feb. 22 at Calvary Baptist Church, Loyall. Noe is survived by wife, Ruth, and two children, Tim and Cathy.



John Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, and his wife were recent guests of Gov. and Mrs. Julian Carroll. Wood spoke at the Governor's legislative prayer breakfast and also accompanied the governor to Washington to attend the President's prayer breakfast Feb. 2.



One of the programs through which Southern Baptists hope to fulfill Bold Mission Thrust is Mission Service Corps. Can we confront every person in the world with the gospel by the year 2000? The goal has been embraced and programs for such outreach launched.

The Mission Service Corps, if achieved, will consist of 5000 additional volunteer missionaries by the year 1982 who will give from one to two years of contributed service on mission assignment somewhere in this country or elsewhere in the world under the direction of our world mission programs. These volunteers are being enlisted, not only to contribute their services, but to pay their own way while in

service.

Do you know such tremendous volunteer prospects? People who want to serve directly in Christian missions, people who can afford to give this time and even pay their way? Maybe you know people (perhaps even yourself) who are willing to give time and strength, whose local friends and acquaintances believe in them to the extent that they would pay the way.

Remember, the dream is to add 5000 more witnesses, in addition to the 5000 Home and Foreign Mission Board employes and plus all the state missionaries of various sorts. So the funds for the

sending of Mission Service Corps must be separate from and over and above all our permanent mission structure which must continue to grow during the same period of time. Our varied efforts must not defeat each other.

Volunteers for this program can get application forms through our office or the Home Mission Board, the latter of which is to be the clearing house for sorting out and approving for assignment those who apply, based on their qualifications and adaptability to the needs at home and abroad.

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Second in a Series

Custom—Made People

by Henlee H. Barnette

With the discovery of the molecular structure of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) by James Watson and Francis Crick in the early 1960s, we are approaching the stage where it is possible to design desired people by genetic engineering. It sounds incredible, but it is a real possibility in the not too distant future.

Genes are molecules of DNA and the basic units of heredity. They carry the genetic code which determines our makeup in terms of the color of the eyes, hair, skin and size.

Genetic engineering is the alteration of some aspects of the genetic structure. Goals of this procedure are to enable people to give birth to a child, ensure that the child will be normal and produce human beings with the finest possible genetic attributes.

It has been estimated by some geneticists that the cells of every individual carry three to 10 potentially harmful genes. About one person out of five has a genetic defect which will be passed on to the offspring.

Approximately 25 percent of our hospital beds are occupied by persons suffering conditions wholly or in part genetically related. About one-third of our hospital beds are occupied by mental patients and of these possibly 18 percent are due to defective genes. Fifteen percent of all cases of true mental retardation are genetic in origin.

Eugenics is the science concerned with the improvement of hereditary qualities. Four major types of genetic engineering control are used to achieve these qualities. Negative eugenics seeks to limit transmission of defective genes through adoption of children and sterilization. Positive eugenics uses the techniques of artificial insemination by AID (from donor other than husband) in case the husband carries defective genes.

Gene selection for the test-tube babies and cloning is another method. Finally, there is the alteration of the genetic structure by chemical or microsurgical techniques.

Genetic counseling aims at preventing the conception of individuals with serious hereditary diseases and disorders. Genetic data are gathered and the counselor presents the facts to the counselees. Risks of having a genetically defective child are stated and alternatives presented. But the counselee must be the ultimate decision maker.

Genetic screening is the testing of an individual or a group of persons to

determine carriers of defective genes. This testing can be done before or after birth.

The goals of such screening are to detect at an early stage genetic diseases and to guide those afflicted to medical help; to detect carriers of genetic diseases so that they can make informed choices about having children; and the alleviation of anxiety of non-carriers of hereditary diseases.

About five years ago biochemists developed a method for mixing genes from any two organisms to produce a whole new creature. This procedure, sometimes called "gene-splicing" or recombinant DNA, takes the DNA groupings and splits one from two different organisms and mixes them. Possible benefits of gene splicing includes progress against genetic diseases and cancer, new forms of life for growing super-wheat and other plants that produce their own fertilizer, and combating pollution by cultivating organisms to eat oil spills.

A bundle of ethical issues arises from genetic manipulation. In relation to genetic counseling and screening, who own the data? Does the doctor or the patient own it? Does the counselor have the right to furnish data, say on a sickle-cell anemia patient, to an employer or an insurance company? Does society have a right to require genetic screening for carriers of defective genes? Does the state have the right to force carriers of defective genes to refrain from producing genetically defective children? Denmark does. Society's right transcends that of the individual. Marriage licenses are denied in Denmark to persons carrying certain genetic defects until one of the couple has been sterilized.

These are complex questions and there are no easy answers. The Bible does not speak directly to the issues raised by genetic manipulation. However, God wills the health of his children. This is a solid principle in scripture. He desires human beings to be whole persons. When genetic engineering, in the control of competent and caring engineers, is used to improve mankind genetically, socially and culturally, it is in keeping with God's will of love.

We can give our children bad genes as well as a bad environment. We can pass on a blessing or a curse. It is our duty to pass on to our children healthy genes. This responsibility is in harmony with God's will of love, the willing of the well-being of oneself and others.

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Missions People

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Jones are missionaries to Taiwan (Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China). She is the former Helen Brandon, born in Louisville. Before they were appointed in 1968 he attended Southern Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Clement, missionaries to Ecuador, arrived on furlough (R.R. #5, Russellville, KY 42276). He is a native of Mortons Gap, Ky. They were appointed in 1965, resigned in 1972 and were reappointed in 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Baugh Jr., missionary associates to Zambia arrived on furlough (233 Rodes Ave., Lexington, KY 40507). Baugh is from Pineville and the former Jean Amis was born in Himyar. They were appointed in 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Dillard, missionaries to Kenya, returned to the field (Box 895, Nyeri, Kenya). She is the former Janet Davis of Owensboro.

Joy Hall, missionary to Nigeria, arrived for furlough (Box 374-A, RR 1, Elizabethtown, KY 42701). She was born and grew up near Elizabethtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. McNeely, missionaries to Spain, returned to the field. Natives of Kentucky, he was born in Louisville and grew up on Okolona.

The former June Hall, she was born in Pikeville and grew up in Stanford. Before appointed in 1957 he was pastor of Carlisle (Ky.) Baptist Church.

The following missionaries are attending the 14-week orientation program at Callaway Gardens (Box 535, Pine Mountain, GA 31822):

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Robertson are appointees to the Ivory Coast. Born in Owensboro, he also lived at St. Matthews near Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Orange are appointees to East Africa. He was born in Greenville, Ky.

Mrs. Cora Ledford Osborne, mother of Mrs. W. Neville Claxon, missionary to Benin, died recently. Mrs. Claxon, former Emma Osborne of Winchester, Ky., may be addressed at BP 877, Contonou, Benin. Her husband is a native of Switzer, Ky. Before appointed in 1948 he was director of associational work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Mrs. R. L. Covington, mother of J. Robert Covington, missionary associate to the Bahamas, died recently. Covington may be addressed at Box 5616, Nassau, Bahamas. He was born in Wingo, Ky., and lived in Graves County, Paducah and Mayfield. His wife is the former Laurie Burnette of Fulton County.



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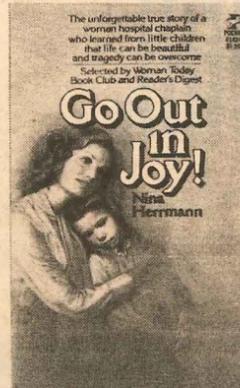
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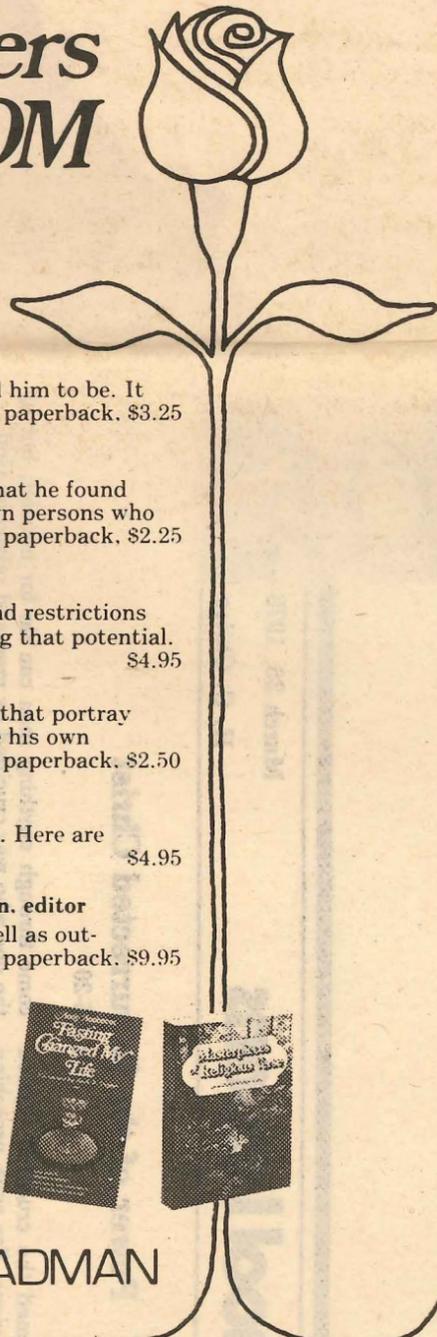
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On the day following the arrest and imprisonment of Peter and John, they were arraigned before the Sanhedrin. The apostles and the healed man were placed in front where all could bombard them with questions. In an attempt to get the apostles to incriminate themselves, the members of the Sanhedrin asked, "By what power, or in what name, have ye done this?" They thought the healing of the lame man was wrong because they had not granted the authority for it to be done.

The Answer of the Apostles—Acts 4:8-12

Standing before this august court, the most powerful body of Jews in the world at that time, Peter told them it was in the name of Christ this wonderful cure had been performed.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, whose very existence they denied, Peter charged his hearers with being responsible for the crucifixion of the saviour.

To his listeners Peter preached salvation through the cross. In verse 12 he made it plain salvation does not

come through anything man can do for himself, but by the one who was crucified by men and raised by God.

The Astonishment of the Authorities—Acts 4:13-14

The members of the Sanhedrin were astonished at the apostles' boldness in accusing them. They were amazed at their language because they perceived Peter and John were without rabbinical training.

The Action of the Authorities—Acts 4:15-18

The judge ordered the apostles outside the council room so they might decide what to do. They decided the only thing they could afford to do was to threaten them and command them not to preach again in the name of Christ. They must leave Christ out thereby ending the proclamation of the resurrection.

The Answer of the Apostles—Acts 4:19-20

The apostles promptly decided there was only one thing for them to do, namely, to go on preaching Christ regardless of physical consequences. Knowing they "must obey God rather than men," they left the council chambers undefeated. Convinced it was God's will for them to tell what they had experienced, they went forth to preach Christ to all who would listen.

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John 21:12-19

In the early dawn the tired and hungry fishermen were returning to the shore. A striking scene greeted the eyes of those seven disciples. It was that of a fire, with fish laid thereon and bread. Christ had made the fire and cooked the fish. Christ was ready to serve them breakfast. When the disciples ate they discovered the breakfast met their needs.

From this miracle, the only one we have record of being performed after his resurrection, we learn he makes provision for all of his followers. What an unspeakable blessing it is to know our Lord will supply all our needs while in Christian service.

After breakfast Christ turned to Peter and put to him the most pointed question: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" That must have struck Peter with peculiar force. Peter's answer: "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee," implied he did love Christ in spite of his previous denial of him.

In this passage of God's word two different words are translated "love." The first is the verb "agapao," which means to love deeply and devotedly. This is the kind of love God has for us. The second verb is "phileo," which means to be fond of or to love as a

friend. It was as though the Lord Jesus had said, "Simon do you love me deeply?" And Peter's response was equivalent to saying, "I have an affection for thee," or "I am a friend of thine." His answer was an admission he did not love Christ as he should but he could say truthfully he had some love in his heart for him.

Christ repeated his question, using the stronger term for "love," and Peter replied, using the weaker. When he asked the question for the third time, he used Peter's word for "love." This probed Peter's heart and he cried out "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee." He meant he had a genuine affection for Christ.

Peter was commissioned to "feed" the sheep. Our blessed saviour is eager for us to express our love in faithful service for him.

Christ committed himself to do the will of the father regardless of its cost and commanded those who believe to "follow me." Our response should be determination to obey even if it means persecution. We should share his aims until our earthly lives are terminated.

Planning an NBC Palm Sunday worship service from Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Mar. 19 are [from left] Paul M. Stevens, president, Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission; Miss Doris Ann, New York, manager of NBC News' religious programs; and C. Welton Gaddy, Broadway pastor and former Kentucky pastor, who will preach. The service will be aired 11-12 noon EST.



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