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On Our Cover

THE WHOLE WORLD needs the Good News of Jesus Christ. A Young Woman's Auxiliary member symbolizes this missionary organization's concern to keep its members in touch with the world for the purpose of sharing Christ with the world. She wants to emphasize YWA Focus Week, Feb. 10-16. This special emphasis is in line with Baptist observance of 1963 as World Missions Year.

Music Workshops

NEW ORLEANS—A choral clinic, reading sessions for new anthems, lectures and recitals make up the bulk of the program for the Church Music Workshop set for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Jan. 21-25.

Leading in the choral clinic sessions which are set for two periods each day will be DuPre Rhame, director of the division of fine arts at Furman University. Other leaders in the workshop include William Reynolds, editor of Church Music Materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Jack Rowe, assistant professor of music at Howard College, Clifford Holcomb, associational music specialist for the Sunday School Board, and faculty members at the seminary's school of church music.

A highlight of the week will be dedication of the W. Plunkett Martin Music Library at the seminary. Before his death Dr. Martin had served many years as professor and Dean of the Church Music School at New Orleans Seminary.

Bethany Press Coming Out With Elliott Book

ST. LOUIS (BP)—Bethany Press here announced it has bought paperback rights to "The Message Of Genesis," controversial book written by Ralph H. Elliott.

The book will come out in February, the first in a line of 26 paperbacks from Bethany Press, publishing arm of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Both Elliott, still serving as interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., and Bethany director D. K. Wolfe said corrections of spelling and typographical errors will be the only changes from the first edition.

The back of the paperback edition will comment:

"The original publication of Professor Elliott's 'The Message Of Genesis' was accompanied by controversy and misunderstanding. In making the book available to the reading public, the publishers are concerned that the author's opinion may be judged on the basis of first-hand rather than second-hand report.

"This book has been called conservative by many of our reader-advisors, but all have pointed out it has liberal overtones

Devotional

Thy Will Be Done?



James F. Tisdell, Battle Creek Church, Springfield

"... Nevertheless not my will, thine be done". (Luke 22:42) Thus did Jesus pray on the eve of his death on a Roman cross. I have often wondered if we who call ourselves His disciples and are called by His name really have the grace and humility to pray this prayer. Even though we are not faced with such a cross we still ought to be able to utter this prayer. I am afraid that too often our prayers differ greatly from this sublime one of Jesus'. Could this be the reason we often seem to be powerless and out of harmony with the Lord?

There are at least three ways we violate this prayer of Christ's. We violate not only with our words but to greater degree with our actions.

It appears that some pray, "Not thy will, mine be done". These people are grossly selfish in their motive and actions. They are only concerned with their own feelings and none other. These people have very little radiance as Christians.

There are others who seem to be praying, "Not thy will, OURS be done". These believe their particular church or organization is always right regardless of what others say or believe. They cannot accept others who hold different opinions than their own. Most of the time the Lord is left completely out of their considerations.

Still others seem to be praying, "Not thy will, Theirs be done". These are the people who just don't care. They refuse to bear any responsibility whatsoever. It's always others who must do the Lord's work. Our churches seem to be well stocked with such people.

Oh what a difference it would make and what a transformation would take place if all of us would, from the depth of our hearts pray, "Not my will, but, Thine be done".

and without exception each has recommended that in the name of religious and academic freedom it be kept in print."

Grant Goes To New Library

RALEIGH (BP)—Meredith College here has received \$50,000 from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation toward construction of a new library building.

Present library facilities are located on the second and third floors of the administration building at the North Carolina Baptist woman's school.

Meredith's half-completed, eight-year enlargement program, with its goal of \$5.6 million, includes plans for an air-conditioned library costing \$600,000.



... "Bossy Dictator Pastors"

● In the Reflector of January 3rd, your editorial "Roadblocks In The Way", you closed by asking the question, "What do you think is the main obstacle to the advance of Christ's cause today?"

I noticed the reasons given in the editorial but in my opinion not one of them is the main obstacle.

I would say that the main obstacle is "bossy, dictator pastors, and lack of Christian love and fellowship among church members".

There are very few humble, consecrated pastors who would lead people into a deeper Christian experience, but most pastors now seem to be obsessed with the idea that they are the "Big Boss" of the church and that it is their job to "Run" the church.

You asked the question and this is my answer.
—A Member



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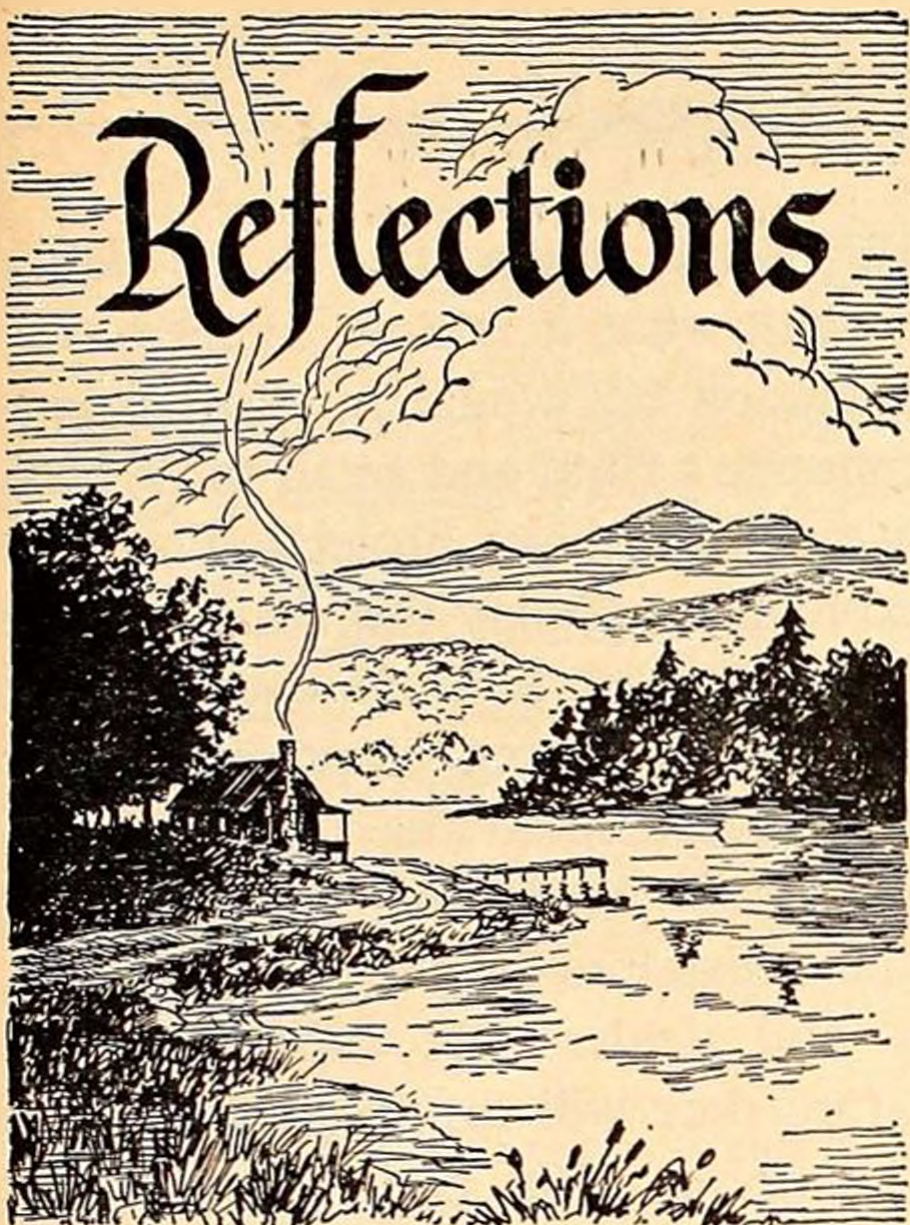
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Conference To Seek Better Public Relations

Public relations representatives and heads of Tennessee Baptist institutions meet in Nashville, February 7-8, to study public relations problems and plans for improvement, announced Gene Kerr administrative assistant for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 7, in the State Board building.

Leonard Holloway, executive assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, will speak during the opening session on "Trends in Public Relations."

"Our Problems and Plans" will be discussed by public relations representatives from the hospitals, children's homes, and schools. After the discussions, William Pitt, secretary, Stewardship Department, TBC, will speak on "A Look at the Cooperative Program." Those attending the conference will learn some new methods of photography from Bill Knittle, a representative from Dury's, Nashville.

Following dinner in Belmont College din-

ing hall, Dr. Don Krimel, professor of public relations, Boston University, will bring the address. Krimel, a former U. S. Department of State public information official, has served as a special consultant in the U. S. Department of Defense and the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He has a doctorate in political science and is associate editor of *The Quarterly Review of Public Relations*.

"Selling Our Institutions" is the subject Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the TBC, will present during the Friday morning session. Kerr will relate some observations followed by Krimel who will evaluate the work of the institutions and answer questions about public relations problems.

If the energy, money, and resources now going into shelters were to be put to work in the making of a better world, we would do far more to safeguard the American future than all the underground holes that could be built in 1,000 years. And if we are serious about shelters, let us make the UN into a shelter broad enough and deep enough to sustain an enforced peace under law.—Norman Cousins, *Saturday Review*.

Recently, I was stunned by a phone call from a man politically prominent in our state. He asked for suggestions of good, reliable persons who might run for good, in the legislature in a forthcoming special election. I mentioned a young executive in our church who is keen, likeable, honest. He is the type of person who would make responsible, worthy governmental decisions. Later, I discovered that he was willing but his employer said: "Absolutely, no! It would take too much time from your work."

Democracy does take time. But what will Communism take?—John Y. Elliot, "Responsibility," *Watchman-Examiner*.

No one climbs alone! This simple statement was made by a member of the party that successfully scaled Mount Everest. It applies in one's work. We do not climb alone. Other labors join ours. It applies to our character. Don't forget the molding of your character done by your loved ones. And it applies to our religion. No one climbs alone. Spiritual growth tends to develop a community. Frank Laubach once said: "God does not give all His truth to one individual. He gives some of it to all who seek, and then He expects us to get together and share it so we can find the whole!"—Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, "Bread of Life," *Grit*.

Better to have a poor man's health than a

Illustration Made To Order

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—The Sunday morning congregation of the First Baptist Church here will long remember the pastor's sermon on the second coming of Christ.

Earl Kelly, the pastor, on a recent Sunday had just completed quoting, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:27), when a large light globe hanging from the twenty five foot ceiling came crashing to the floor.

It landed in front of the pulpit as it made its shattering impact against the floor.

The preacher was not to be out done. As the eyes of a wide awake congregation were upon him, he pointed to the broken globe and said, "His coming will be just as sudden, unexpected, and as devastating to the dreams that are not Christ-centered".

rich man's disease. Money brings nothing to a worn out man. The healthy laborer is better off than a sick millionaire. Health is above all money and the strong body is infinite wealth.—Leon Guterman, *Wisdom*.



DON KRIMEL

Plans for future conferences and programs will be discussed.

The Friday afternoon program features a joint meeting with the Committee on Boards. "Trustee's Responsibility to Tennessee Baptist Convention" is the subject of Dr. Kendall. Several institution heads, including Dr. Herbert Gabhart, president, Belmont College; Gene Kidd, administrator, Mid-State Baptist Hospital, and James Gregg, general superintendent, Baptist Children's Homes, will present brief reports of needs of their institutions. Floyd Cates, chairman of the Committee on Boards and pastor, First Church, Pulaski, will speak on "How We Can Work Together."

Members of the Committee on Boards include: Dillard Mynatt, Madisonville; Charles Ausmus, Knoxville; Eugene Cotey, Murfreesboro; Paul Palmer, Memphis; Tom Madden, Tullahoma; D. M. Renick, Memphis; O. C. Rainwater, Loudon; and J. E. Sharp, Bells.

EDITORIALS

Brazen Schemes

Lobbyists' brazen dealings at our state capital should shake Tennesseans awake before they are victimized by selfish interests. One notorious example: the well-heeled liquor crowd's recent reception and dinner for our state legislature. Purpose: to make liquor flow more freely in Tennessee.

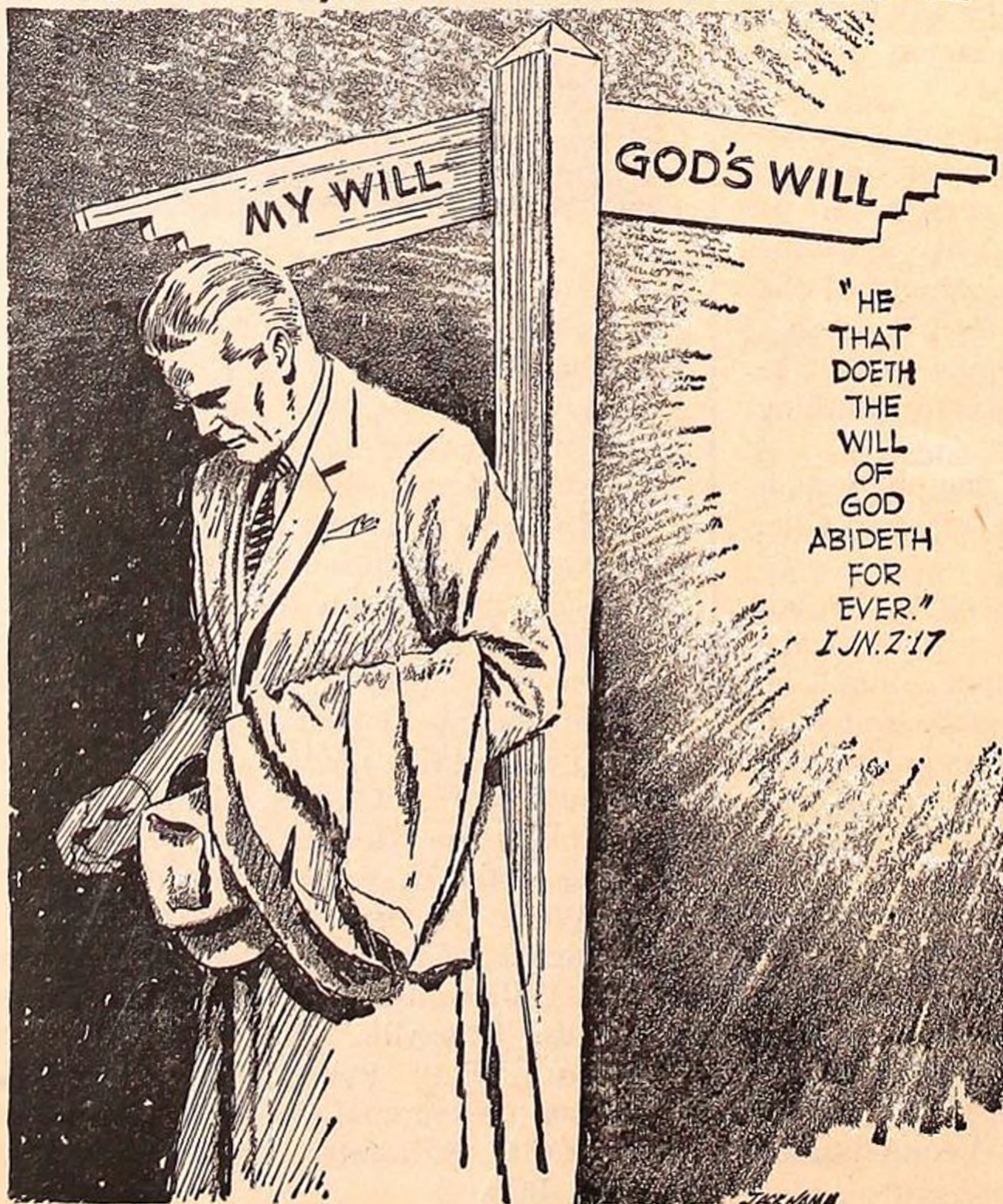
Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Tennessee played hosts to the senators and representatives sent to Nashville to represent the people. This lobby is one of the shrewdest, most heavily financed pressure groups. It continually seeks the selfish interests of distillers, dealers and strong drink promoters. It clothes the liquor industry in the garb of financial saviour to a hard pressed government. It gets voices to plead for selling liquor by the drink and for municipal option, as if this were the way to better enforcement. It hides the grim facts of its frightful economic and moral cost. If this lobby gets its way with our legislature the people will be duped.

Only eight Tennessee counties are now wet. This is a situation that is bad enough. The thing can get

worse. And it will for the whole state if the liquor industry gets away with what it is now trying to do. The so-called local option bill would in effect cancel out the vote of Tennessee's rural and small town citizenry. No longer would they have protection as now in a countywide referendum. Today they have no real voice against the sale of beer in their county. The beer people silenced them by getting the present law on the books altogether favorable to the beer industry. Now the whisky interests are driving for the same favor. They fed the legislators to get it.

If the distillers and dealers get their measures through the legislature they will drive liquor sales to more profits for themselves. But they will push the state further downhill morally. How silly to argue that removing present curbs will give greater respect for the law! Yet in a brazen bribe, the liquor interests argue that way, promising five million more in state revenue if present curbs and restraints are knocked out. Some gullible souls may swallow this big lie. Our legislators should prove they aren't fish to be caught with such a lure.

NOT MINE, BUT THINE -- LUKE 22:42



Our Work Calls For Joint Endeavor

Churches can't go it alone. They need help, one from the other. That's why we have associations and conventions. Good help came from a recent joint meeting of Sunday school and Training Union leaders from associations in our state. They put their heads together to solve some common problems. They concluded it was highly important to keep open a line of communication to every church. They felt many plans depended on having associational meetings. At the same time they acknowledged they couldn't get the job done through mere meetings.

The concensus was, to major on helping churches—not on promoting a "program" as such. They nailed as false the concept that only large churches have ability, talent and spirituality. Need was voiced to provide a balanced program and make every meeting purposeful. "Show me" methods were approved over "tell me." Personal development comes from consistent training, they agreed. The possibility of small groups as a means of continuous study in churches was suggested. Associational workers felt they must

Two Memphis Churches Report Largest Baptisms In State

NASHVILLE — Two Memphis churches led Tennesseese Baptists in number of baptisms during the past state Convention year with a Nashville church in third place among the 2716 cooperating with the TBC. Cherokee Baptist Church, with 187 baptisms and Bellevue with 174 headed the list. First, Nashville had 147 baptisms during the 12 month period. Jarry Autrey, pastor of Cherokee Church for six years, left Tennessee to become pastor of Houston's Woodridge Church, Jan. 6. Dr. Ramsey Pollard is pastor of Bellevue, and Dr. H. Franklin Paschall is pastor of Nashville's First Church.

Three other Tennessee Baptist Churches had each more than 100 baptisms during the same time: First Clarksville, John D. Laida, pastor, added 112 by baptism; Highland Heights, Memphis, Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor, baptized 110, while East Ridge of Chattanooga, Henry C. Preston, pastor, re-

ported 108 baptisms.

There were 33 churches listed in the top 25 positions for baptisms during the convention year of 1961-62 according to F. M. Dowell, Jr., Secretary of Evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Thirteen churches were also listed as "firsts" in number of baptisms according to their respective membership groupings with churches ranging from those under 50 to those above 3,000 in membership.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION CHURCHES IN THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE PLACES WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF BAPTISMS FOR 1961-62

Church	Number of Baptisms	Pastor
1. Cherokee, Memphis	187	Jarry Autrey
2. Bellevue, Memphis	174	Ramsey Pollard
3. Nashville, First	147	H. Franklin Paschall
4. First, Clarksville	112	John D. Laida
5. Highland Heights, Memphis	110	Slater A. Murphy
6. East Ridge, Chattanooga	108	Henry C. Preston
7. Park Avenue, Nashville	96	Bob Mowrey
8. Fairlawn, Memphis	96	Bobby C. Moore
9. West Side, Knoxville	94	John B. Ridge
10. Seventh Street, Memphis	93	Thomas J. Tichenor
11. Memphis, First	90	R. Paul Caudill
12. Thrifthaven, Memphis	89	Pete Steelman
13. Ardmore, Memphis	88	J. Russell Duffer
14. Colonial, Memphis	88	Hollis D. Jordan
15. Athens, East	85	J. Leonard Stafford
16. Westhaven, Memphis	83	Ted J. Witcher
17. First, Tullahoma	83	Tom Madden
18. Belmont Heights, Nashville	82	Harold J. Purdy
19. First, Gallatin	82	James P. Craine
20. Wells Station, Memphis	80	Clint A. Oakley, Jr.
21. First, Elizabethton	80	Wilford M. Lee
22. Graham Heights, Memphis	79	
23. Spring Creek Road, Chattanooga	77	Whitt M. Aiken
24. Rugby Hills, Memphis	77	Hiram LeMay
25. Woodbine, Nashville	76	Sidney A. Waits
26. Leawood, Memphis	75	Jerry L. Glisson
27. Brainerd, Chattanooga	74	J. Ralph McIntyre
28. Tennessee Avenue, Bristol	72	Willard Tallman
29. Emmanuel, Memphis	70	Allen Steelman
30. First, Maryville	70	J. William Harbin

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Note To Friends Of Dr. & Mrs. Walter Pope Binns

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Pope Binns, former president of William Jewell College, will regret to learn of their near fatal accident. Dr. Binns had returned to his home in Falls Church, Va. after being out in his car. He put the car in the garage, which is connected with the house. Inadvertently the engine was left running and carbon monoxide gas seeped into the house. Sometime later Mrs. Binns complained about being ill. Dr. Binns assisted her to her bed and called the doctor, who in turn called the nearby rescue squad. By the time the rescue squad arrived, Dr. Binns himself was overcome by the fumes. Both were taken to the Fairfax Hospital.

Their doctor reports that both are progressing satisfactorily, and were to leave the hospital Thursday, January 17 to spend about a week at their son's home in Alexandria, Va. before returning to their home.

The son's address:

Mallory Binns
7601 Weyanoke Court
Alexandria, Virginia

Dr. Binns' address:

1630 Sleepy Hollow Road
Falls Church, Virginia

New PR Director For Belmont College

Jim Cox, news copywriter at the Baptist Sunday School Board since September, 1959, became director of public relations of Belmont College, January 16.

Formerly of Tampa, Fla., he attended Mars Hill (N. C.) College and Florida State University, Tallahassee, and is completing some work now at Peabody College.

Cox is married and his wife, Sharon, is secretary to the Administrative Assistant of TBC.

themselves set personal examples in training. They affirmed need for a continuing spirit of fellowship. This involves understanding and appreciation of one educational group by the other, with Sunday school and Training Union supporting each other rather than being competitive.

Many churches are uninformed. Associational or-

ganizations can help churches do what needs to be done. These Sunday school and Training Union workers from over the state, sharing their experiences, put down their study group findings in such definite fashion as to pinpoint their objectives, evaluate their programs and help the churches accomplish their task.

Tennessee Topics

Harry Hunter was ordained as a deacon by Leawood Church, Memphis.

Miss Evelyn Schwartz, missionary now on furlough from Indonesia, has moved to Winchester, Tenn. (Address: 414 S. High St.), from Fort Worth, Tex. She is a native of Winchester.

Pastor and Mrs. David J. Smith and children have moved into the new parsonage of English Creek Church, Newport. He is the former pastor of Piney Church in Big Emory Association.

Clyde Hall, minister of education at First Church, Elizabethton, has resigned to assume a similar position with Gambrell Street Church, Fort Worth, Tex. as of February 1.

After more than a year as pastor of Gum Springs, Cumberland Association, Mack Brooks has resigned to finish his college work.

MADISON-CHESTER ASSOCIATION
—Paul Waters has resigned as pastor of First Church, Bemis, to become pastor of Walnut Hill Church, Harriman. Jack Carver has resigned Clover Creek Church and is now pastor of First Church, Summertown in Lawrence Association. Highland Park ordained the pastor's son, John Speights, to the ministry December 23. Mercer has called George Clark as pastor. Holmes DePriest has resigned as pastor of Meridian Church to accept Sand Ridge Church in Beech River Association. James R. Chandler recently presented Preston Street Church with a new Hammond organ.



LEXINGTON—First Church here ordained seven new deacons and elected another to active status. Front row, l. to r. Will Rogers, John E. Lewis, D. L. Butler, W. H. Wood; second row, Calvin L. Shugart, Dr. Wesley F. Jones, Jr., Kenneth Hanna, Lee Wallace. Pastor Edwin Deusner was assisted in the service by Dr. W. C. Boone, J. V. Reeves, Carl McNeill and Billy Hammonds.

Sam Hoskins, 30, is the new minister of youth and recreation at First Church, Nashville. He began his service with the Nashville church January 3, coming from a similar position with Southern Avenue Church, Memphis.

Mrs. Vieva Woodruff resigned December 30, 1962, as director of the choir at First Church, Elizabethton. She has faithfully and efficiently served in this capacity of interim director on different occasions for almost 20 years. The church bulletin of January 13, was used in connection with Appreciation Day to honor Mrs. Woodruff.

Jason Faile has resigned as pastor of Santa Fe Church in Maury Association.

Springview Church, Maryville, has completed a new parsonage costing approximately \$15,000. The brick home consists of three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, dining room, study, two utility rooms, one half basement and one and one half baths. It was built on an acre lot given by one of the deacons. Larry Isaacs is the pastor.

Harold Collins, pastor of First Church, Newport, has accepted a call as pastor of First Church, Americus, Ga. His resignation at Newport is effective February 13. Collins has served the East Tennessee church for the past six years. The church has made considerable progress under his leadership including expansion of church facilities which include the new education building now near completion.

L. H. Coleman, director of the Baptist Student Union at Memphis State University and professor of Bible at Union University Extension division, has resigned these posts to become pastor of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, Ark. Director of the BSU for more than seven years, Coleman will assume his new duties February 9. The Pine Bluff Church has a membership of 1600 and a Sunday school enrollment of 1300.

Southside Church, Shelbyville, Charles W. Smith, pastor was the 13th Tennessee Baptist church to sponsor a Cuban refugee family when the congregation welcomed the Alberto Perez family December 22. Pastor Smith has written of the blessings which the experience brought Southside church. Interest in Cuban Refugee Resettlement continues to grow throughout the state according to Leslie R. Baumgartner, secretary, TBC Missions Department. Those considering sponsoring a family should contact Rev. Robert Fricke, 3318 N. W. 17th Avenue, Miami 42, Florida. Telephone 633-0872.

Former Women's Leader Dies

RICHMOND (BP)—Mrs. Minnie (William Carey) James, one-time President of Woman's Missionary Union, died here Jan. 10.

A native of Texas, she served as President of the Southern Baptist Convention Auxiliary from 1916-1925. As wife of a Baptist minister, she lived in Kentucky, Virginia and Alabama.

"Nine years of wise planning and steady growth marked the years she was President," according to Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, present Executive Secretary of the Auxiliary.

To perpetuate her loyalty to the women's group, the Union established the James Memorial Training School for young women in Bucharest, Romania, in 1930.

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Walter Early Austin, a retired farmer of Maury City, died January 10 in Kennedy Hospital, Memphis, after a brief illness. He was 69. Funeral services were held January 12 at Maury City Church where he had served as deacon.

Emmett Hagar, 76, of Hermitage who had served as a deacon of New Hope Church for 56 years lost his life in a hunting accident January 4.

W. S. Johnson of Asheville, N. C. who died Christmas eve was a graduate of Carson-Newman College. He served as a deacon for over 50 years. One of his sons is Vaughn M. Johnson, pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Funeral services for Clemmie A. Kelley, 41, of Clifton were held January 4 from Clifton First Church where he was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. A. L. Wade officiated.

Mrs. Myrtis McMillan of Memphis died January 9 after a year's illness. She was 66. Mrs. McMillan came to Memphis 40 years ago. She was a member of LaBelle Church and had taught a Sunday school class for many years.

Mrs. Della Owens, 79, wife of J. Hurley Owens, died January 9. She was a charter member of Calvary Church, Chattanooga, and later of Memorial Church at Hixson.

John Hescue Pouncey, retired merchant, farmer and landowner of the Quito community, died January 5. He was 91. Pouncey was the last charter member of Fellowship Church in Big Hatchie Association where he served as deacon and was a former Sunday school superintendent for many years.

Cecil Whitaker, moderator of Cumberland Gap Association and pastor of Riley Memorial Church, died Monday, January 14. Funeral services were conducted January 16 at Cove Springs Church.

A Call To Prayer

Our world is a sick world—disillusioned, war-scarred, head-dizzy, body-weary, sin-smitten—a world in despair. Human philosophy is bankrupt. Nations, weary and wicked, walk on the edges of abysses. Men and women everywhere are bewildered and distracted by the problems and difficulties of life. Some leaders “loose wild tongues that hold not God in awe.”

There are so many problems that cannot be solved, so many dangers that cannot be averted, so many burdens that cannot be borne by human strength and wisdom, ingenuity, and genius. What we need is what God can do. What God can do will be done for us when God's people pray. There is nothing so necessary in the lives of the churches and individuals today as earnest, continued, importunate prayer.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

The needs of the world are so many and varied and complex. The evils that threaten to lead our greatest graces to the grave and leave the world no copy are so strong, defiant, daring. Apart from the right kind of prayer, there is little hope for us to achieve what God wants us to achieve.

Jesus said: “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” Andrew Murray said: “In relation to his people, God works only in answer to their prayer.” Jowett said: “I'd rather teach one man to pray than ten men to preach.” Spurgeon said: “Cares are manifold; therefore let your prayers be manifold, for prayer is the sword that will cut the Gordian knot if it cannot be untied.”

By these words we learn that great is the law of intercession. Abraham interceded for wicked Sodom, Moses for wayward and complaining Israel, Samuel for the nation changing its form of government, Elijah for an apostate nation in disaster and for the Zarephath widow in poverty and sorrow, Paul for the churches he founded, Jesus for the disciples he called.

Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—and when we take time, really pray.

Let us remember that Goodell said: “He who prays most, helps most”; that Pierson said: “Every step in the progress of missions

is directly traceable to prayer”; that Eugene Stock said. “He who faithfully prays at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field”; that the poet said: “The place where we can reach the store of hoarded gold and free it for our Lord, the place where God himself descends and fights for us is the place of prayer.”

You CAN pray. You may muzzle a man so that he cannot articulate a syllable, but you have not made it impossible for him to pray. You may cast a man into a dungeon and load his limbs with chains, keeping him from all manner of communication with his fellow man, but you cannot keep him from having conversation with God. And what is more, and better still, you cannot keep God from coming to the help of his people—to the help of his people against their foes, for God has promised to be, in our behalf, an enemy to our enemies. The door has never yet been forged, the dungeon never yet constructed, the adversary never yet so mighty that can exclude God from his people.

Prayer is the highest of all our privileges as followers of Jesus. Of that privilege no human power can deprive us. Let us prize it highly and prove it thoroughly in these serious days through which we are passing.

Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight—all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let

**Tennessee Baptist Association-
al Missionaries recently held
their annual conference at State
Baptist Executive Board Building,
Nashville. These two pictures
were made at the occasion.**

us pray for our churches, that they may fill their God-appointed missions. Let us pray for all agencies of our Conventions, that they may have the wisdom which is from above. Let us pray for our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word *concern* out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for nations in distress, for our own nation, for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders, for all hearts that they may hold no malice, our tongues and pens, that we be not hurtfully critical. Let prayer be our portion. Let prayer be our pastime. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice. Let us be found at the throne of grace, not only with holy boldness, but with serene confidence—knowing that God is faithful to perform that which he has promised, and that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to power that in us worketh.



Bob Patterson, newly elected secretary of the Sunday School Department, TBC, is shown addressing associational missionaries at their annual dinner. Looking on is W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer TBC, who presented Patterson to the group.



Shown above are six of the seven associational missionaries who began missionary work in the state during the past year. They are from L: Phil Shelton, Dyer; Thomas Bryant, Concord; A. R. Nelson, Jr., Stewart; H. D. Knight, Central; Melvin J. Howell, Weakley; Shirley DeBell, Truett. Not shown is Bryan Campbell, Northern Association.

Dr. Lee, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

Will You Do Your Part?

"Be strong
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it; tis God's gift."
Maltbie Davenport Babcock

BAPTIST MEN—ROYAL AMBASSA-



DORS—hear this! We have a load to lift. In Taiwan (Formosa), off the coast of Com-

unist China, there are over seven million Taiwanese like the little girl in the picture. They have never heard of Christ. They need medical help. To carry Christ to them, there are only two Southern Baptist couples—Richard and Tena Morris from Tennessee are one of these couples. Close your eyes and listen in your heart to the siren of this emergency.

Richard needs a panel truck with sound equipment to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to this people. He needs medical equipment and supplies to give simple first-aid to millions who have never seen a doctor. The cost is about \$6,000 plus shipping. The project has been approved by our For-

By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

eign Mission Board. If each man sent in the cost of two packages of cigarettes—if each Royal Ambassador sent in the price of five ice cream cones or one show—we would have enough to buy the truck, equip it, and ship it to Taiwan. Surely each of us will respond to this.

One day you will read the story of this truck on Taiwan. We want each of you to know you had a part in it.

What money is sent must be above our tithes and offerings to our own church. So—we will be glad to receive as little as you might send, but we cannot accept more than \$1.00 from any one person. Any monies received above and beyond the initial costs of the truck and equipment will be invested in additional equipment and supplies.

Brotherhood Presidents and Royal Ambassador Leaders, please see that all your men and boys know of this need. Encourage your boys to earn theirs by—say—washing cars.

Send your money in NOW to: THE

RICHARD MORRIS MISSION PROJECT, Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville 5, Tennessee. We want to present the truck to Richard Morris in person at our Royal Ambassador Congress in Nashville, Saturday morning, April 13, 1963.

I could tell you of many other needs of our missionaries around the world. It would break your heart. Our Brotherhood Department felt it could meet only one need and we chose that of Richard Morris because he is our own from Tennessee. We can help others if we will give through our church to our Cooperative Program. But instead we are beginning 1963 with a budget deficit in Tennessee alone of \$134,668.00. Our people are keeping most of the Lord's tithe and spending it on themselves. Our churches are keeping 85% of the money they receive. How can we expect the Lord to continue to bless us? I tell you He won't.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Romans 12:1

Richard will be given a combination sound and first-aid panel truck by the Brotherhood men and Royal Ambassadors of Tennessee to take back to Taiwan. This will be given to him personally at the Royal Ambassador Congress on April 13.

Richard was born in Memphis, but grew up in Somerville. He was an honor student at Fayette County High School. His Senior year he captained the football team and served as Editor of the school paper. He took two years of pre-med training at Duke University. Feeling the Lord was calling him to preach, Richard entered and finished Union University at Jackson, Tennessee, and then completed his studies at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He then served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Iron City, Tennessee, until he and Mrs. Morris were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958 to Taiwan.

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Seated from left to right: Daughter Marilyn, Missionaries Richard and Tena Morris, and daughters Grace, Rozanne, Melanie, and Beverly.

Cauthen Sees Parallel Growth In Giving, Going

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board had 1,627 missionaries under appointment and 12 missionary associates under employment as it entered 1963, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said in his report to the Board at its January meeting.

Contributions received by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962 came to \$19,673,233, he reported. Of this, \$8,452,410 came through the Cooperative Program and \$9,349,594 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "Some days are required for closing the books related to miscellaneous income," Dr. Cauthen continued. "It is anticipated that when the figure is determined the income for the year will be in excess of \$20,000,000.

"The growth in giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering is paralleled by growth in the number of people who are volunteering for mission service and the appointment of people who go. There are indications that in 1963 the Board may appoint a record number of missionaries."

Speaking of 1963 as World Missions year, Cauthen said: "Southern Baptists will this year devote major attention to our worldwide responsibilities in a way never before known in our history. This should result in a deepening of convictions about our world task and a high anticipation among Baptists everywhere that advance in world missions be greatly accelerated.

"We are rapidly approaching the primary advance goals which have long been set before us, and, as those goals are reached, we will be setting before Southern Baptists new horizons of missionary advance and fresh concepts of ways in which we can, in a day of increasing urgency and need, make effective our testimony on a world scale."

On recommendation of its Orient committee, the Board called Southern Baptists to earnest prayer for the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, which will culminate in evangelistic campaigns held throughout Japan from late March to early May, and for related evangelistic campaigns in the Philippines, Korea, Taiwan (Formosa), Okinawa, Guam, Singapore, and probably Hong Kong.

In other action, the Board employed three additional missionary associates. Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Oody, of Arcata, Calif., will serve in Liberia, where he will teach at Ricks Institute, a Baptist school (kindergarten through high school) near Monrovia. Dr. Ruth R. Berrey, of Birmingham, Ala., will serve in Nigeria as pediatrician with Baptist Health Service, which has headquarters in Ogbomoso.

Factors Favor Continued Baptist Growth In Europe

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said in

his report that "the outlook for 1963 seems on the whole to be quite promising" throughout most of the area for which he has responsibility.

He noted particularly that in Europe there are many factors which favor continued Baptist growth. "The remarkable economic recovery of Europe provides a strong base for developing independent churches, even though Baptists are still a very small minority and in most countries they have few members in the more favored economic groups," Dr. Goerner said. "The growing spirit of unity throughout Europe and prospects of free trade, with a lowering of trade barriers and a stimulation of exchange between various countries, augur well for continued growth of a liberal spirit and opportunity for the evangelical witness."

Dr. Goerner said a radio recording studio, designed to serve all of the Baptists of Western Europe, will probably be put into operation in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, by early summer. "This will provide greatly increased opportunity for the production of well-prepared Baptist programs of inspirational, educational, and evangelistic nature in several languages," he continued. "Broadcast facilities are still limited, but progress is being made on a Protestant broadcasting station in Switzerland, which when completed should multiply the usefulness of such programs."

He said there are encouraging signs of increasing maturity on the part of some of the smaller Baptist conventions in Europe. He gave as an outstanding case the Italian Baptist Union, which, effective January 1, assumed full legal and administrative re-

Evangelism Promoted By New Filmstrip

ATLANTA (BP)—"The waters of baptism are stirred and a new member finds a place of service. Each year thousands express their faith with the words, 'I know Christ died for me, and I accept him as my personal saviour.'"

This narration begins "Church Centered Evangelism," a new color filmstrip, which presents the year-round Southern Baptist division of evangelism.

The narration is printed in illustrated tract form. Extra copies of this tract also titled "Church Centered Evangelism" are available free from the Home Mission Board Tract Service, 161 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta 3, Ga.

The 48-frame color filmstrip, free to missionaries on request to the Home Mission Board, is now available through Baptist Book stores for \$3.50.

sponsibility for its work, carrying out an agreement reached in June, 1962, in a meeting of Italian Baptist pastors, Southern Baptist missionaries, and the area secretary at Severa, the summer assembly grounds in Italy.

"The Italian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) will continue to work in Italy, providing a fraternal organization parallel to the national convention," Dr. Goerner explained. "Missionaries from America will work in close cooperation with Italian Baptist churches and help in various activities. Missionaries will continue to have a prominent part in the institutional work in Italy, with an emphasis upon theological education, the training of young women, and the publication of Baptist literature.

"At the request of the Italian Baptist Union, however, the Foreign Mission Board will continue to send men with pastoral and evangelistic training, whose primary duty will be the establishment of the Baptist witness in areas in which there are no churches and strengthening of weaker congregations throughout the nation. The aims of the Italian Baptist Union and of Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy are ultimately the same."

Crawley Summarizes Orient Work In 1962

In his report to the Board, Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, summarized Southern Baptist mission work in that area during 1962. "The outstanding event of the year was our location of a missionary couple in India with the hope that this will be a means of opening the door for us to carry on a regular program of missions in that land," he said.

(The Foreign Mission Board entered four other countries in 1962—Uganda in Africa and Trinidad, British Guiana, and the Dominican Republic in Latin America—bringing its total number of overseas mission countries to 52.)

Seven new stations of missionary residence were opened in Orient lands where mission work was already established, and the first church to grow out of Southern Baptist work in Vietnam was organized.

Dr. Crawley listed among other events of the year the organization of a Baptist convention for the island of Luzon in the Philippines; the beginning of "The Baptist Hour" radio broadcast on Okinawa and maturing of plans for a Baptist television program on Taiwan; the beginning of Baptist student work in Manila, the Philippines, and securing of property for a permanent student center in Bangkok, Thailand; the awarding of the first diplomas by the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary; the election of Dr. Leon Chow, an outstanding Baptist leader on Taiwan, to assume responsibility as president of the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary; and the opening of a Baptist center in Petaling Jaya, Malaya.



THE DEVIL'S CUP—Steve Kirkwood (right) reminds liquor store owner Lou Carter (left) that it's against the law to sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Steve's younger brother, Jay, has told him that Carter provided him with beer and liquor whenever he wanted it. The film points up the teenage drinking problem, and the frequent hypocrisy with which such drinking is viewed by parents who themselves drink socially. "The Devil's Cup" is a film in "The Answer" television series for 1963, produced and distributed by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission in Fort Worth. It will be telecast this week end in Tennessee over the following stations:

Call Letters	City	Channel	Time
WTVC	Chattanooga	9	1:30 p.m. Sat.
WMCT	Memphis	5	7:30 a.m. Sun.
WLAC-TV	Nashville	5	3:00 p.m. Sun.
WCYB-TV	Bristol	5	12:30 p.m. Sun.

Check your local newspaper for possible time changes.

Sunday School Reflections From Associational Leadership Conference

For the second time in as many years associational officers from all over Tennessee assembled at Nashville, January 3 and 4. Historical First Baptist Church served as host to over 365 associational officers representing Sunday School and Training Union work throughout the state.

Highlights of the combined sessions, in which both Training Union and Sunday School workers participated, included seven study groups related to areas of general interest to the associational officer. The conferees were divided into study groups, met for discussion and sharing, and then shared duplicated reports of findings with the entire conference.

One of the general program features emphasized "making the most of personal contacts." Mr. Bob Patterson and Miss Ethel

McIndoo, representing the Tennessee Sunday School Department, and Miss Laverne Ashby, representing the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, presented a skit with an evaluation period. In the skit, the right and wrong techniques of personal relationships were demonstrated through mock visits of an associational officer with a church worker.

The Tennessee Sunday School Department presented some of its calendar highlights for the year. These included:

- State Sunday School Convention
First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro,
March 7-8
- State Vacation Bible School Clinic
for associational teams,
Belmont Heights Church, Nashville,
March 25-27

Training Union Department

Suggested Promotional Emphasis



Broadway Baptist Church of Maryville has completed another successful "Football" season in their Training Union. This was a contest between Broadway and eight other churches in Tennessee to see who could have the largest attendance on given Sunday nights. A touchdown was scored for each 50 people attending Training Union. Churches participating were: Red Bank, Chattanooga; Lincoln Park, Knoxville; First, Maryville; Brainerd, Chattanooga; Wallace Memorial, Knoxville; Temple, Memphis; Central, Fountain City; and Cherokee, Memphis.

Broadway's Training Union averaged 374 curing this eight week period. David R. Walker is the Broadway pastor and Don R. Erwin is minister of education.

- Associational Vacation Bible School
Clinics for church Vacation Bible
School workers—April-May
Nursery, Beginner, Primary Workshops,
First Baptist Church, Cookeville,
April 8-9
West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson,
November 25-26
Associational Planning Meetings,
September 3-13
Action Night in the associations,
September 10 or 17

The Spirit of the people attending this Associational Leadership Conference was one of optimism, enthusiasm, and determination. Problem areas were confronted. Plans were made for reaching every church with the help needed through the function of the associational organization and the dedicated services of the individual associational officer.

Dr. Fred Kendall, Tennessee executive secretary-treasurer, closed the Conference with a searching challenge to dedication to the task at hand. The interest and participation of these 365 associational Sunday school officers promise an enlarged and improved Sunday school ministry in many churches in Tennessee, resulting in souls reached and claimed for Christ.

Could Your Church Sponsor A Cuban Family?

The question could better be asked: "Would your church sponsor a Cuban family if it could?" This question can be answered: "It can if it will!" But how?

Many Baptist Churches in Tennessee have expressed deep concern for the Cuban problem. Some have investigated the possibility of sponsoring a family, but, like most, done little or nothing to make these dreams a reality.

For years our missionaries, as our Christian representatives, have been telling these people of Christian love and concern for their lives. Now, we have opportunity to put our beliefs and teachings into practice.

We as Baptists have the greatest opportunity to meet the call of "direct missions" today more than ever before with our Latin friends. We support whole-heartedly the ideas and concepts of our Southern Baptist mission programs at home and abroad. This is as it should be. But now, the opportunity is at home-base! Either we score or we will be called "out." Of course, we desire to score. The question is, "But how?"

Brainerd Hills Baptist Church of Hamilton Association is a small church with only 350 members and a budget of less than \$30,000. Yet this church is sponsoring three Cuban families. Two by choice and one by fortune. You can too!

The pastor, Marshall M. Vaughn, has been to Cuba many times for revivals and other special meetings. An asset to any church is for its pastor to have a special interest in our Latin neighbors. The pastor has opportunity to encourage or discourage mission opportunities to his church.

All Tennessee pastors have received literature and appeals from our TBC secretary of missions, Leslie Baumgartner, encouraging church sponsorship of Cuban refugee families. Rev. Robert Fricke and Rev. Milton Leach, Home Board representatives in Miami report approximately 152,00 Cuban refugees now in that area. Appeals have been made to and through all state conventions and associations to aid in this very worthy mission opportunity . . . assisting Cubans who have fled a Communist controlled country. Efforts have been made by our Southern Baptist Convention, our Home Mission Board, and by our Government to relocate some of these refugees. Schools, housing, and other public facilities in the

Pastor Marshall M. Vaughn of Brainerd Hills Church, Chattanooga is Co-chairman of the Cuban Refugee Relocation Committee for Hamilton County Baptist Association.

Miami area have long-since become overcrowded. Cuban refugees are still pouring into that area at approximately 2,000 each month. The question is: "How can we help?"

Here is the answer: Would your church be willing to provide a small, modestly furnished apartment or space in private home for one month, two months—or possibly only two or three weeks? Would the women of the W.M.U. in your church take responsibility for two or three pantry showers to guarantee meager basic foods until the Cuban family could relieve them of that responsibility? Would your Brotherhood take the responsibility to find a job for the male member of a Cuban family that would substantiate a livelihood for his family? If so, then you can sponsor a Cuban refugee family.

All these people ask is to be given an opportunity for survival and a chance to prove themselves worthy. The main thing your

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Marshall M. Vaughn  
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church needs to do is simply demonstrate *faith at work and trust in an all-sufficient Saviour!*

You may say, "Our church is financially unable to undertake this great responsibility!" This is the easy way out. Why not be a co-sponsor? Two churches, three, four, or more could, if they would, work in a cooperative effort to sponsor one of these destitute families. I repeat: "*Your church can if it will!*"

Many will ask: "How do we know they will not be communists in disguise?" Here is your answer: The families that will be placed for your sponsorship are not and have never been associated nor in sympathy with the communistic movement of Cuba! These families have been "screened" by our Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as by our representatives associated with our Home Mission Board and come to you recommended by both groups. Some of these refugees are Protestants; some are Baptists, and some are Catholics, but all are human beings seeking new life. These people have fled a godless, atheistic government in search of a democracy of God-fearing citizens who can give them spiritual as well as physical security. Family ties have been broken. All personal property and sentimental attachments have been forfeited to the communist government. Many have placed their lives in jeopardy to escape the iron-clad rule of communism. These are

Dr. R. Q. Leavell Dies

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, 71, President emeritus of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, died Jan. 15 in Chattanooga where he was assisting First Church in its Bible Study week.

Native of Oxford, Miss., Dr. Leavell was head of the Home Mission Board's department of evangelism, pastor of First Church Gainesville, Ga. and First Church, Tampa, Fla. before heading the administration of New Orleans Seminary in 1946. He led it in relocating to its Gentilly Boulevard site and in constructing 85 buildings on its new campus. During his 12 years as president the seminary grew from 331 to 1200 in student enrolment and increased its faculty from 10 to 39, gaining also full accreditation with the AATS.

Dr. Leavell wrote a number of books, many on evangelism. His most recent volume, "Studies in Matthew—The King and The Kingdom" was this year's SBC January Bible study book. In 1961 The Convention, meeting in St. Louis, named Dr. Leavell First Vice President.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17 in the chapel named in his honor at the New Orleans Seminary.

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professional men and women as well as skilled technicians and honest laborers who have sacrificed all for the freedom we boast.

As churches, not only in Tennessee, but in the entire Southern Baptist Convention, we are challenged to help meet these needs. We are being called upon to assist in relocating and re-establishing hundreds of these families. You can help if you will!

As a concluding thought: We spend thousands of dollars in our mission efforts to win souls all over the world for Christ. We do this because we know that every dedicated soul is a victory for our Lord and these souls will be tools of witness in the great world-mission effort. We are now faced with this mission opportunity here at home. Every Latin won to Christ here in our country will one day return to his native land a missionary for the cause. Cuba will one day need the testimonies from its own people.

Are you interested? Your church can secure information from the office of the Secretary of Missions, Rev. Leslie Baumgartner, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee. Or you may contact Rev. Robert Fricke, 3318 N.W. 17th Ave., Miami 42, Fla. Phone 633-0872. The family will be flown, at the Government's expense, to your nearest municipal airport where you will meet them and take them to their new start in life.

Do this now! Talk to your pastor now! You can be another church fulfilling the great commission of our Lord in meeting this mission opportunity which is so demanding now in our own country. You can if you will, but, will you?



# Attendances and Additions

| Church                    | S.S. | T.U. | Add. |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| Alcoa, East               | 136  | 91   |      |
| First                     | 377  | 190  | 2    |
| Ashland City, First       | 102  | 52   |      |
| Athens, Central           | 132  | 53   |      |
| East                      | 368  | 168  | 1    |
| First                     | 607  | 250  |      |
| Niota, First              | 116  | 31   |      |
| Riceville                 | 68   | 28   |      |
| Auburntown, Prosperity    | 95   | 49   |      |
| Bristol, Tennessee Avenue | 555  | 202  | 1    |
| Mission                   | 76   |      |      |
| Brownsville               | 522  | 134  |      |
| Bruceston, First          | 184  | 67   | 4    |
| Chattanooga, Brainerd     | 895  | 352  | 3    |
| Calvary                   | 283  | 79   | 1    |
| East Lake                 | 438  | 180  |      |
| First                     | 1013 | 276  | 1    |
| Morris Hill               | 257  | 105  | 1    |
| Northside                 | 366  | 75   |      |
| Oakwood                   | 373  | 129  |      |
| Red Bank                  | 1138 | 337  |      |
| Ridgedale                 | 453  | 189  | 4    |
| St. Elmo Avenue           | 383  | 130  | 1    |
| White Oak                 | 456  | 128  |      |
| Woodland Park             | 353  | 185  |      |
| Clarksville, First        | 834  | 268  | 1    |
| New Providence            | 252  | 94   | 1    |
| Pleasant View             | 221  | 74   |      |
| Cleveland, Big Spring     | 311  | 176  |      |
| First                     | 509  | 182  | 1    |
| Westwood                  | 184  | 58   |      |
| Clinton, First            | 549  | 156  |      |
| Collierville, First       | 236  | 100  |      |
| Columbia, Highland Park   | 432  | 189  |      |
| Pleasant Heights          | 199  | 89   |      |
| Cookeville, First         | 547  | 121  |      |
| Washington Ave.           | 159  | 92   | 2    |
| West View                 | 142  | 80   | 1    |
| Cowan, First              | 107  | 45   |      |
| Crossville, First         | 223  | 74   |      |
| Denver, Trace Creek       | 121  | 83   |      |
| Dickson, First            | 192  | 60   |      |
| Dunlap, First             | 173  | 56   |      |
| Dyersburg, First          | 601  | 230  |      |
| Elizabethton, First       | 463  | 181  |      |
| Good Will Center          | 104  |      |      |
| Oak Street                | 163  | 75   | 1    |
| Siam                      | 190  | 97   |      |
| Etowah, First             | 275  | 98   | 2    |
| Gladeville                | 118  | 63   | 1    |
| Goodlettsville, First     | 417  | 178  |      |
| Greeneville, First        | 388  | 142  |      |
| Greenbrier                | 315  | 147  | 2    |
| Harriman, South           | 434  | 175  |      |
| Trenton Street            | 308  | 102  |      |
| Walnut Hill               | 208  | 94   |      |
| Hixson, Central           | 289  | 178  | 9    |
| First                     | 323  | 100  | 2    |
| Memorial                  | 289  | 142  |      |
| Humboldt, Antioch         | 233  | 100  |      |
| First                     | 474  | 176  |      |
| Jackson, Calvary          | 556  | 264  | 1    |
| First                     | 961  | 326  | 1    |
| Parkview                  | 335  | 101  |      |
| West                      | 795  | 388  | 5    |
| Jellico, First            | 176  | 103  |      |
| Mission                   | 22   |      |      |
| Johnson City, Central     | 615  | 220  |      |
| North                     | 136  | 80   | 1    |

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|-------------------------------|------|-----|----|
| Pine Crest                    | 190  | 72  |    |
| Kenton, First                 | 207  | 65  |    |
| Macedonia                     | 83   | 49  |    |
| Kingsport, Cedar Grove        | 189  |     |    |
| Colonial Heights              | 413  | 177 | 1  |
| First                         | 895  | 221 | 1  |
| Litz Manor                    | 260  | 121 |    |
| Lynn Garden                   | 456  | 151 |    |
| Kingston, First               | 428  | 208 |    |
| Mission                       | 29   |     |    |
| Knoxville, Black Oak Heights  | 172  | 76  |    |
| Broadway                      | 799  | 324 | 1  |
| Central Ft. City              | 986  | 356 | 4  |
| Fifth Avenue                  | 652  | 218 |    |
| First                         | 788  | 258 | 2  |
| Fort Hill                     | 190  | 87  |    |
| Grace                         | 273  | 171 |    |
| Lincoln Park                  | 842  | 281 |    |
| Lonsdale                      | 288  | 108 |    |
| Smithwood                     | 608  | 243 | 2  |
| South                         | 517  | 203 | 2  |
| Wallace Memorial              | 544  | 250 | 1  |
| Chapel                        | 189  | 110 |    |
| LaFollette, First             | 309  | 105 |    |
| Lawrenceburg, First           | 157  | 75  |    |
| Highland Park                 | 236  | 131 |    |
| Lebanon, First                | 608  | 166 |    |
| Hillcrest                     | 143  | 77  | 4  |
| Rocky Valley                  | 102  | 51  |    |
| Southside                     | 172  | 71  | 1  |
| Lenoir City, First            | 364  | 129 | 1  |
| Kingston Pike                 | 89   | 57  |    |
| Oral                          | 122  | 87  |    |
| Lewisburg, First              | 333  | 94  |    |
| Lexington, First              | 345  | 86  | 2  |
| Madisonville, First           | 309  | 112 |    |
| Manchester, First             | 246  | 109 | 4  |
| Martin, First                 | 362  | 125 |    |
| Southside                     | 91   | 40  |    |
| Maryville, Broadway           | 530  | 334 | 1  |
| Wildwood                      | 96   | 65  |    |
| McMinnville, Magness Memorial | 239  | 50  |    |
| Forest Park                   | 44   | 39  |    |
| Shellsford                    | 186  | 150 |    |
| Medon, New Union              | 70   | 52  |    |
| Memphis, Ardmore              | 666  | 267 | 1  |
| Barton Heights                | 183  | 88  |    |
| Bellevue                      | 1416 | 731 | 9  |
| Brunswick                     | 129  | 76  | 1  |
| Buntyn Street                 | 191  | 98  | 5  |
| Charjean                      | 301  | 145 | 1  |
| Dellwood                      | 366  | 137 |    |
| East Park                     | 169  | 72  | 2  |
| Egypt                         | 129  | 86  | 17 |
| Ellendale                     | 159  | 80  |    |
| Elliston Avenue               | 254  | 146 | 2  |
| Eudora                        | 817  | 372 | 4  |
| Fairlawn                      | 449  | 230 | 2  |
| First                         | 1361 | 379 | 12 |
| Forest Hill                   | 88   | 48  | 3  |
| Graceland                     | 626  | 244 | 2  |
| Hickory Hills                 | 201  | 71  |    |
| Jackson Ave.                  | 136  | 95  | 3  |
| Kennedy                       | 489  | 235 | 1  |

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| Kensington                     | 298  | 100 |    |
| LaBelle Haven                  | 650  | 247 | 3  |
| Lauderdale Hts.                | 72   | 50  | 3  |
| Leawood                        | 459  | 200 |    |
| Levi                           | 406  | 140 | 3  |
| Longview Heights               | 389  | 160 |    |
| Lucy                           | 104  | 62  | 2  |
| Malcomb Avenue                 | 161  | 60  | 1  |
| McLean                         | 497  | 246 | 2  |
| Merton Avenue                  | 424  | 135 |    |
| Millington, Second             | 70   | 50  | 1  |
| Mt. Pisgah                     | 97   | 82  |    |
| Mountain Terrace               | 124  | 106 | 4  |
| National Avenue                | 318  | 158 | 2  |
| Orchi                          | 106  | 39  |    |
| Peabody                        | 163  | 106 | 1  |
| Prescott Memorial              | 447  | 167 | 2  |
| Raleigh                        | 498  | 218 | 2  |
| Range Hills                    | 104  | 60  | 6  |
| Rugby Hills                    | 217  | 157 | 4  |
| Scenic Hills                   | 186  | 100 | 6  |
| Second                         | 365  | 116 | 1  |
| Seventh Street                 | 366  | 118 | 3  |
| Sky View                       | 315  | 167 | 2  |
| Southern Avenue                | 706  | 279 | 1  |
| Southland                      | 180  | 80  | 2  |
| Thiffland                      | 624  | 244 | 5  |
| Union Avenue                   | 802  | 248 | 3  |
| Vanuys                         | 111  | 55  |    |
| Wells Station                  | 659  | 227 | 1  |
| Westhaven                      | 190  | 101 | 4  |
| Whitehaven                     | 635  | 162 | 3  |
| White Station                  | 131  | 69  |    |
| Middleton, First               | 101  | 50  |    |
| Milan, First                   | 406  | 154 |    |
| Northside                      | 159  | 87  | 1  |
| Mission                        | 11   |     |    |
| Millersville, First            | 71   | 52  | 1  |
| Morristown, Alpha              | 85   | 50  |    |
| Bethel                         | 180  | 92  |    |
| Buffalo Trail                  | 244  | 76  | 2  |
| Bulls Gap                      | 101  | 39  |    |
| Cherokee Hills                 | 101  | 66  | 3  |
| Enterprise                     | 113  | 66  | 2  |
| Fairview                       | 121  | 29  |    |
| Hillcrest                      | 234  | 87  |    |
| Leadvale                       | 130  | 66  |    |
| Morristown, First              | 737  | 236 |    |
| Rocky Point                    | 69   | 33  |    |
| Russellville                   | 109  | 37  |    |
| Westview                       | 153  |     | 1  |
| Whitesburg                     | 87   | 29  |    |
| Murfreesboro, First            | 625  | 150 | 2  |
| Calvary Chapel                 | 105  | 57  |    |
| Southeast Mission              | 156  | 91  |    |
| Third                          | 384  | 145 |    |
| Woodbury Road                  | 207  | 87  |    |
| Nashville, Brook Hollow        | 473  | 158 | 3  |
| Bordeaux                       | 186  | 47  |    |
| Criewood                       | 540  | 178 | 1  |
| Dalewood                       | 392  | 100 |    |
| Donelson, First                | 799  | 228 |    |
| Donelson View                  | 161  | 76  | 2  |
| Eastland                       | 556  | 165 | 3  |
| Eastwood                       | 212  | 101 | 11 |
| Elkins Avenue                  | 112  | 59  |    |
| First                          | 1291 | 423 | 15 |
| Carroll Street                 | 180  | 62  |    |
| Cora Tibbs                     | 64   | 20  |    |
| T.S.P.                         | 412  |     |    |
| Freeland                       | 115  | 32  |    |
| Gallatin Road                  | 402  | 121 | 3  |
| Glenwood                       | 292  | 83  |    |
| Grace                          | 833  | 257 |    |
| Haywood Hills                  | 284  | 126 | 1  |
| Hermitage Hills                | 293  | 136 |    |
| Hill Hurst                     | 155  | 58  |    |
| Immanuel                       | 349  | 121 |    |
| Immanuel Chapel                | 34   | 16  |    |
| Inglewood                      | 846  | 172 |    |
| Cross Keys                     | 70   | 12  |    |
| Training School                | 112  |     |    |
| Joelton                        | 215  | 117 |    |
| Lockeland                      | 533  | 156 | 4  |
| Madison, Parkway               | 155  | 71  | 5  |
| Park Avenue                    | 796  | 301 | 7  |
| Riverside                      | 371  | 108 | 1  |
| Valley View                    | 100  | 24  |    |
| Rosedale                       | 194  | 99  |    |
| Third                          | 226  | 67  | 2  |
| Tusculum                       | 383  | 119 |    |
| Una                            | 253  | 112 |    |
| Oak Ridge, Glenwood            | 392  | 138 |    |
| Robertsville                   | 663  | 208 | 4  |
| Old Hickory, First             | 524  | 185 | 3  |
| Mission                        | 22   | 25  |    |
| Temple                         | 251  | 143 |    |
| Philadelphia, Cedar Fork       | 139  |     |    |
| Portland, First                | 299  | 104 |    |
| Pulaski, First                 | 253  | 96  |    |
| Rockwood, Eureka               | 99   | 61  |    |
| First                          | 451  | 148 |    |
| Rogersville, Henard's Chapel   | 106  | 88  |    |
| Savannah, First                | 259  | 78  | 1  |
| Selmer, First                  | 264  | 93  |    |
| Sevierville, First             | 504  | 158 |    |
| Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills | 172  | 92  | 1  |
| Sidonia, Pleasant Grove        | 81   | 49  |    |
| Somerville, First              | 223  | 112 |    |
| Springfield                    |      |     | 5  |
| Sweetwater, First              | 317  | 98  |    |
| North                          | 204  | 51  | 1  |
| Mission                        | 21   |     |    |
| Trenton, First                 | 492  | 134 |    |
| White Hall                     | 115  | 70  |    |
| Trezevant, First               | 138  | 49  |    |

## Two Memphis Churches Report

(Continued from Page 5)

| Church                  | Number of Baptisms | Pastor          |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| State Line, Kingsport   | 70                 | Tony Gonzales   |
| 24. Phillipi, Cleveland | 68                 | James Baker     |
| 25. Graceland, Memphis  | 66                 | E. Lowell Adams |

Listed below are the churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention having the largest number of baptisms in the following membership groupings:

| Church Membership | Church                  | Association    | Baptisms | Pastor              |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| 1— 49 members     | East Robbins, Oneida    | New River      | 9        | Robert Wright       |
|                   | Peoples                 | Knox           | 9        | Charles E. Stunnell |
| 50— 99            | Orebank, Kingsport      | Holston        | 34       | R. T. Burger        |
| 100— 149          | Four Point, Cleveland   | Bradley        | 33       | Clarence Miller     |
| 150— 199          | Block City, First       | Holston Valley | 27       | Wallace Starr       |
| 200— 299          | State Line, Kingsport   | Holston        | 70       | Tony Gonzales       |
| 300— 499          | Westhaven, Memphis      | Shelby         | 83       | Ted J. Witche       |
| 500— 749          | West Side, Knoxville    | Knox           | 94       | John B. Ridge       |
| 750— 999          | Thriffland, Memphis     | Shelby         | 89       | Pete Steelman       |
| 1000— 1499        | East Ridge, Chattanooga | Hamilton       | 108      | Henry C. Preston    |
| 1500— 1999        | Park Avenue, Nashville  | Nashville      | 96       | Bob Mowrey          |
| 2000— 2999        | Cherokee, Memphis       | Shelby         | 187      | Jerry Autrey        |
| 3000 up           | Bellevue, Memphis       | Shelby         | 174      | Ramsey Pollard      |



## Associational Missions Leaders To Emphasize Prayer In Meeting

ATLANTA (BP)—“Let us pray” will be heard many times during the Associational Missions Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Mississippi. February 11-15.

“This is not a meeting just to deal with techniques but we want a real spiritual spark, a haystack prayer meeting,” said M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta, secretary of associational missions with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sponsored by the Home Mission Board in cooperation with other agencies, the conference will have workers from all 50 states and representatives from almost every Southern Baptist board and agency. Study groups dealing with 16 topics related to associational missions will be a major feature of the week-long meeting. Associational missionaries will study how agencies can best serve the churches.

The mission board's director of missions, Arthur Rutledge of Atlanta, says of the conference on the Gulf of Mexico, “this is a once in a lifetime conference which can add great strength to the work of our churches, associations and convention.”

## Missionaries Receive Home Board Commissions

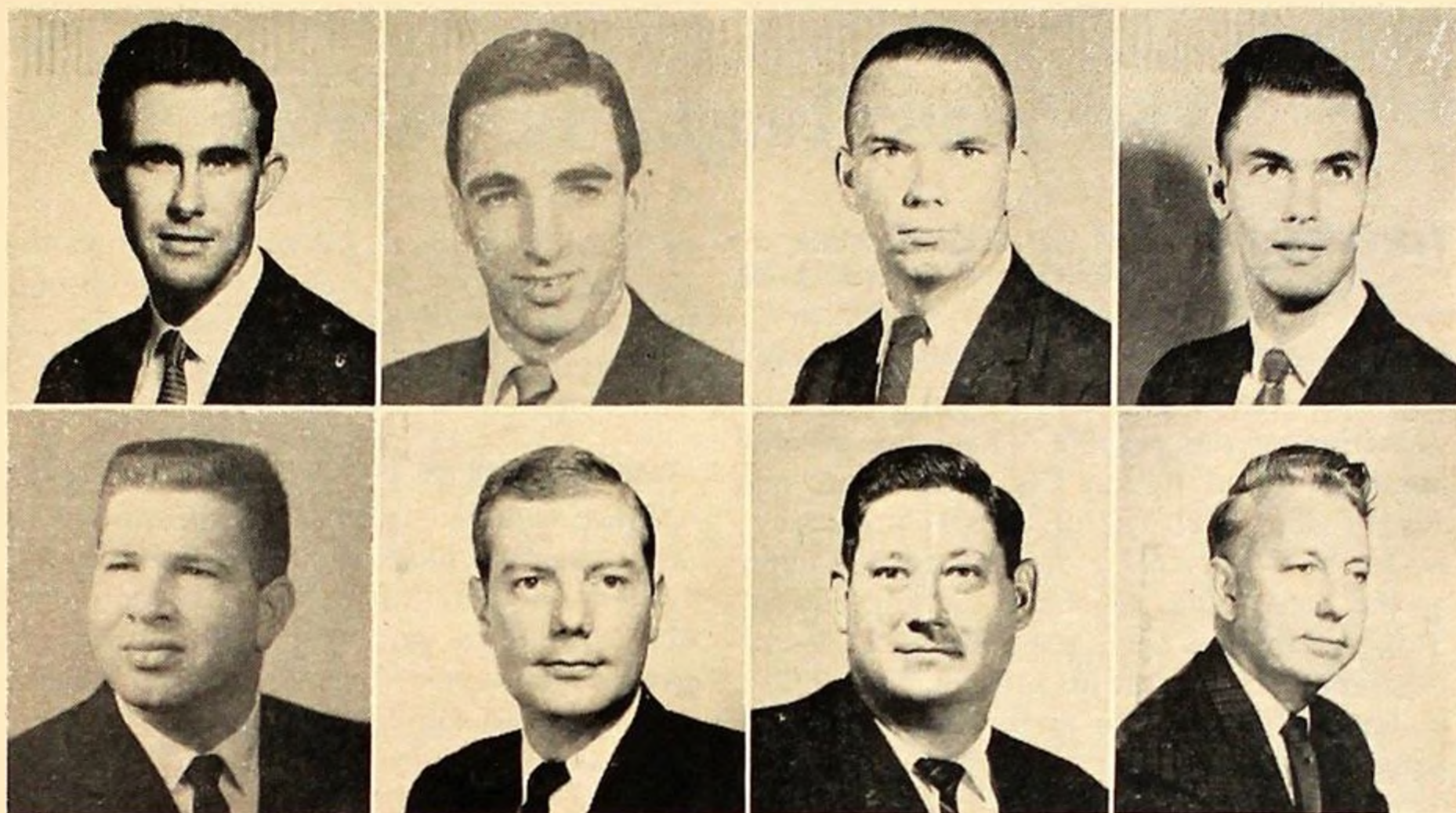
ATLANTA (BP)—Five types of missionaries to work in the United States were officially commissioned by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in a service at the board's January meeting.

The nine missionaries were commissioned following a four day orientation period of associational missions, chaplaincy, city missions, language missions, and pioneer missions.

Receiving their charge and certificates at the service were Charles L. Day as mountain missionary in Hawthorne, Nev.; Sidney J. Hall, chaplain and BSU director at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; Keith H. Harris, chaplain at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ralph W. Neighbor, Jr., area missionary, Edison, N. J.; Marion O. Reneau, director of juvenile rehabilitation, Seattle, Wash.; G. W. Reppond, Jr., area missionary in Grandview, Wash.; Rev. and Mrs. George W. Thomas, missionaries to the deaf in California; and James R. Wyatt, mountain missionary, Ridgecrest, Calif.

|                       |     |     |    |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Union City, First     | 626 | 174 | 1  |
| Second                | 261 | 126 | .. |
| Watertown, Round Lick | 193 | 86  | 1  |
| White House           | 150 | 67  |    |
| Winchester, Oak Lawn  | 107 | 48  | 4  |

## Tennesseans To Receive Degrees



FORT WORTH—Eight Tennesseans expected to receive degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here are top row, left to right, Robert C. Moore, THM., pastor of Fairlawn Church, Memphis, son of Mrs. George Moore, Jackson; John Pendleton Potts, MRE., son of B. W. Potts, Nashville; Billy H. Adkerson, MRE., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adkerson, Covington; John William Tresch, Jr., BD., son of John W. Tresch, Nashville; bottom row, James L. Gouge, Jr., MCM., recently called as minister of music at First Church, Pulaski, and son of Mrs. Gladys Gouge, Elizabethton; W. L. Howse, III, MRE., son of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Howse, Nashville; Adron Horne, DipTh., son of W. R. Horne, Jackson; and Robert A. Dowdy, MRE., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dowdy, Memphis.

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By Oscar Lee Rives

## Why Jesus Taught In Parables

**TEXTS:** Mark 3:7 to 4:34 (Larger)—Mark 4:10-20, 33, 34 (Printed)—Mark 4:23 (Golden).

"An earthly story with a heavenly meaning", so runs a well-known description or definition of the parable. There are several parables found in the Old Testament, but Jesus made much use of it in His teaching. So far as is known He did not use the fable as did some other teachers, notably Aesop. Matthew records some ten parables as found in chapter thirteen of his Gospel. The ability to tell a story well so as to convey a great truth is an art within itself, and the world owes much to its good story-tellers. One thinks, for instance, of such Americans as Abraham Lincoln or Joel Chandler Harris. One value of the parable as a teaching device is that it provides "handles" for the content of teaching whereby the listener can carry it with him for further contemplation and mastery. For this and other reasons the great throngs of Galileans heard Jesus teach with ever-growing interest for as much as one half of His public ministry. Those who aspire to approximate His teaching and preaching today do well when they make use of this ever-popular form of presentation.

The Golden Text of the lesson deserves some special mention: "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear". In it Jesus is saying, it would seem, that one's attitude towards Him and His matchless teachings determines his ability to understand and apply the truth that He brings. It is obvious that hearing, as such, is not only physical but also mental and supremely spiritual (especially that kind

of hearing which involves spiritual truth). The particular parable chosen for the printed text of the lesson emphasizes this point and will be considered in the notes that follow. Three main ideas are noted.

### THE PURPOSE OF THE PARABLES (vv. 10-12)

Since spiritual truth is mysterious, in the sense that it is hidden and must be revealed, Jesus is suggesting here that His use of parables fitted His purpose admirably because those who were willing to open their hearts and heads to Him would receive the truth while those who were unwilling on the other hand would shut themselves away from and out of such truth. The truth mentioned here centers in the kingdom of God which means in a word those who are anxious to do God's will. It is not surprising, therefore, that over and over again Jesus is recorded as saying, in parables either extended or contracted, "the kingdom of God (or heaven) is like" as an introduction to the parable that follows.

### THE PERCEPTION OF PARABLES (vv. 13-20)

One wishes that Jesus had interpreted all of His parables as clearly and fully as He did this one here called the Parable of the Sower so that the perception would be altogether accurate, but such is not the case. Some students of the Bible have called this the Parable of the Soils and with some appropriateness, although it should be remembered that Jesus called it the Parable of the Sower. Since His interpretation is so specific it is altogether out of place to offer further comment upon the parable itself. The main point, however, appears to be the responsibility for hearing and then doing the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ not only in His teachings but also in His life, death and resurrection. One is to allow nothing to interfere with the germination and final fruitage of such priceless "seed" of immortal truth and life as found in Him. Satan and shallow commitment and cares of this world must all give way to hearing and receiving and doing such glorious truth so that an abundant harvest comes to pass.

### THE PROMINENCE OF PARABLES (vv. 33, 34)

To those who had "ears to hear" our Lord unfolded heavenly truth in great abundance in the form of parables. It would seem that He did so in a sort of progressive fashion in view of the expression, "as they were able to hear it". After having spoken to them in parables He later expounded or explained them to the disciples. What a rare privilege was theirs to hear not only the parable but also its explanation! Long after He had gone away from them they no doubt recalled them with deepening appreciation. The



### ON MATTERS OF Family Living

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## Parent Is Youngster's First Speech Teacher

Not satisfied with your child's speech? It should sound familiar, for it's very likely a facsimile of your own, according to educator and author Flora Schreiber.

"Speech is imitative. If a child does not speak well, it usually means that his parent does not," the speech specialist holds.

The parent with a limited vocabulary or poor diction is apt to raise a youngster with the same speech handicaps.

Three is the age when the foundations for speech and language that will serve a child for his lifetime are laid down, Miss Schreiber feels. Unfortunately, three is also the age when parents may mistake a youngster's repetition of words or sentences for stuttering and, in their anxiety, create a stutterer. The young child's repetition of words and sentences is normal, the specialist stresses, and is caused by the gap between the child's thinking speed and his speaking speed.

"Tell the youngster stories," she advised. "When he's about 3 years old, encourage him to reciprocate by telling you stories."

... QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Speak when you are angry, and you will make the finest speech you will ever regret."

## Old Bible Translation Termed Easier To Read Than New Ones

MEMPHIS (BP)—The King James translation of the Bible is easier to read than the modern versions, Robert Gunning, nationally-known specialist on clear writing, said here.

But Gunning hastened to point out he didn't mean the King James translation, brought out in 1611, was easier to understand.

Gunning, who works with large newspapers, magazines, and corporations to improve the writing habits of their personnel, was the principal speaker at the annual conference for writers of Royal Ambassadors publications at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

simplicity of the device is also profound in nature. Small wonder, then, that we read, "the common people heard him gladly". His teachings about God and man could be grasped and followed.

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## Monumental Animals\*

By Lorrie McLaughlin

If you have ever had a family pet, chances are you have grown so fond of him that you have secretly felt he rated a special tribute. Surprisingly, a few animals, birds, and even insects have had monuments erected as memorials to them.

At least two cows have had statues or plaques erected in their memory. One such statue is the likeness of a cow atop a stone monument. The plaque on the base says the statue is in honor of Springbank Snow Countess, a world champion lifetime butter producer. The plaque gives the dates of her birth and death. November 19, 1919, and August 9, 1936. The statue was erected by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada on Springbank Farm.

A cow of a different sort has been honored in Versailles, Ohio. There a plaque on a cement base pays tribute to a cow with a crooked horn. She reputedly learned to operate the town pump in order to get drinks of water for herself.

Farm animals seem to have a special fascination for their owners and friends. Rhode Island has a special statue erected on a quiet country road. It marks the spot of origin of the famous Rhode Island Red fowl.

One of the most famous dogs in the world has been immortalized with a statue in New York's Central Park. He was Balto, an Alaskan husky whose name was on everyone's lips some thirty-five years ago.

In 1925 an epidemic of diphtheria broke out in the city of Nome, Alaska. Today, of course, nearly everyone has been inoculated against this disease, but at that time the adults and children of Nome did not have this protection.

City officials sent out a call for help, asking for shipments of antitoxin. Although communities in Canada and the United States had antitoxin available, they had no way to get the supplies to Nome. Because terrible blizzards were raging, planes could not land.

A radio appeal was made for fast sled dogs. Balto and his owner, Gunnar Kasson, along with twelve other dogs, set out on the six-hundred-mile journey from Nenana to Nome. A fast team can cover about eleven miles an hour. So the courageous team faced a seemingly impossible task.

The dogs, with Balto in the lead, braved blizzards and temperatures of 26° below zero. Exhausted, with feet sore and cut from sharp ice, the team reached Nome just five and a half days after leaving Nenana. It was the first time the long journey had been made in less than nine days. The team had

## Paul's Helpers\*

By Helen Pettigrew

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| B | R | K | E |
| N | A | M | U |
| S | I | L | O |
| Y | H | T | U |

Can you find the names of five people who helped Paul at one time or another in his missionary journeys? Begin with any letter and move one square at a time to the right, left, up, down, or diagonally. Letters may be used more than once in the same name.

### ANSWERS

Barnabas, Luke, Mark, Silas, Timothy

accomplished its mission and brought relief to Nome.

In December, 1925, a monument was erected in Central Park. It shows Balto standing on the top of a great rock, with an engraving of the sled team and the driver.

In later years Balto himself went to live in the Central Park Zoo. Today his statue reminds visitors of the courageous effort he made on behalf of the citizens of Nome.

The boll weevil is usually considered a pest. On some occasions, however, it has proved to be a help in spite of the destruc-

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tion it has caused. The people in Enterprise, Alabama, have erected a monument in gratitude for what the insect did for their community.

For a long time cotton was the most important crop in the warm southern states. It grew abundantly in the area of Enterprise. Farmers continued planting it each year until the soil was exhausted. Then the boll weevil attacked the cotton. In order to make a living, farmers were forced to plant other crops. This diversification, or change, restored the soil and brought prosperity to Enterprise.

Other monuments to animals, birds, and insects have been erected in many parts of our country. They pay tribute to contributions made by these creatures of nature. These statues across the land are well worth viewing. You will especially like them if you have a camera and like to take unusual pictures. After you have seen a few of the monuments, you will agree that they

Calvin Coolidge never suffered from any inflated ego because he was President of the U. S. Falling asleep in the middle of a presidential executive day, he awoke from his nap, grinned, and asked a friend, "Is the country still here?"

I decided to go fishing one day at a farm pond where I had fished often before. I'd just got a line in when a little boy came down from a farmhouse nearby.

The boy started talking to me no sooner than he arrived. I didn't pay much attention to him. Every once in awhile a turtle's head would appear above the water, and the boy would start throwing clods of dirt or stones at the turtle. I decided if I were going to catch any fish I would have to get rid of the kid. I also thought I'd better use a little diplomacy, and try not to hurt his feelings.

I said, "Son, I think I heard your father calling you."

He looked at me and shook his head. "You couldn't have heard him, because he told me to come down here and pester you until you left." (S. Arnott)

are interesting. No doubt, you will wish to see others.

## The Old and The New\*

By John O. Cole

In each line draw a circle around the letters that spell the name of an Old Testament character. The remaining letters will spell the name of a New Testament person.

1. M A A R D Y A M
2. M P O A U S L E S
3. S N I A L H A U S M
4. J P O E S T E E P R H
5. D J A O V H I N D
6. P N H I O L A I H P
7. A T B H R O A M H A A S M
8. S T S E A P R H A E H N

### Answers

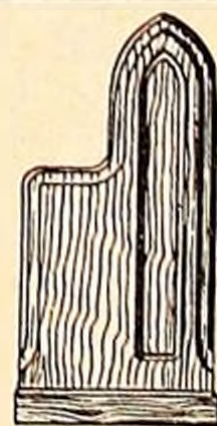
1. Adam and Mary, 2. Moses and Paul, 3. Nahum and Silas, 4. Joseph and Peter, 5. David and John, 6. Noah and Philip, 7. Abraham and Thomas, 8. Sarah and Stephen

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# Southern Baptists

## *And The Present Theological Situation*

Some months ago I was invited to speak at the Arizona Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference on the subject, "On The Main Road in The Current Theological Crisis." In my study for this occasion I drew on the many years I have spent in thinking and reading about the changing theological situation in the country as well as in Baptist groups and especially among Southern Baptists.

No one needs to tell me that this is a large and complex subject. I am only writing this at the request of my brethren connected with the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

### **Could It Be True?**

Some years ago a church historian in the east expressed his opinion that Southern Baptists were about 50 years behind American Baptists and about 100 years behind British Baptists. It turned out that he was thinking primarily about our position on the Bible and the church. He pointed out the road that organized Baptist groups have generally traveled.

First, there is usually a simple faith in God and an acceptance of the Bible as God's word. There is very little critical investigation of the Scriptures.

Then, Baptists begin to develop schools to train their ministers. Soon there is a demand for academic freedom so they can believe whatever they want to believe in connection with theology. Then there always comes the repudiation of the Scriptures as God's unique revelation to man, and from here the road leads to extreme liberalism, even to unitarianism.

I do not know whether this theory would stand up under critical investigation but I do know this is what has happened to a fringe group all through Baptist history. Perhaps it is inevitable for groups with the freedom that all Baptists demand. It is

certainly nothing to be alarmed about because a Baptist group can stay on the main road if the majority want it that way.

### **Southern Baptists Have Always Had Crises**

Baptists have always had theological crises and this certainly holds true for Southern Baptists. Let me just list a few of these and you can do your own investigating if you desire.

Around 1845 the Campbellites came along to disturb Southern Baptists on the doctrine of baptism.

Around 1850 J. R. Graves disturbed our group on the question of Baptist church succession.

Around 1890 W. H. Whitsitt caused much disturbance on the question of the Historical Succession of baptism by emersion.

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by Dr. Eugene N. Patterson

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In the early 20th Century there raged considerable controversy over the extreme fundamentalism of J. Frank Norris.

In recent decades and at the present time there is theological controversy over the question of Evolution.

All this just points up the truth that our churches, preachers, and teachers are alive and kicking. Of course, all are not kicking about the same things but this is the genius of Southern Baptists.

### **Southern Baptists and the Present Theological Situation**

If I had the time and space it would be well to go back to the first century and start with the simple Gospel, showing how this has been taken from and added to, all through the centuries.

First, the simple Gospel of the New Testament Churches; then, the developing of the Roman Catholic Church in the 5th and 6th centuries. Because of the Roman Church, the Gospel, with few exceptions, went into eclipse for a thousand years. Then the Reformation in the 16th Century. German rationalism developed in the 18th Century and extreme theological liberalism came out of this into the 19th and 20th centuries.

At the beginning of this century there were many theologians who believed that through the social gospel we would bring a wonderful new order to this world where peace and harmony would prevail. Then came World War I, and as we were recovering from the shock of this war to make the world safe for democracy, we faced World War II.

Many of the theologians who had all the theological answers in extreme liberalism before World War I, had to rethink their whole theological system, hence came neo-

orthodoxy; that is, new-orthodoxy. Many of these men have been the teachers in theological schools for the past decades in this country and in Europe.

Our Southern Baptist teachers of Bible, to a large extent in our seminaries and to some extent in our colleges, have studied under these leading world theologians. Most of us who have taught on a graduate level spend at least four years in a Baptist college and at least five years in a Southern Baptist seminary. When we are given a year's leave of absence for further study, it certainly would not be normal to spend another year in one of our own schools. So, the seminary teachers study in Oxford, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Union Seminary, New York; Harvard; Princeton; Temple University, and other schools. These professors are mature scholars, grounded in the faith of Southern Baptists, and this extra study will make them better teachers. We have a system in our seminaries that makes it possible for all of our professors to take off a year occasionally for further study. Every Biblical scholar is acquainted with sound Biblical theology, with extreme liberalism, and neo-orthodoxy.

With this brief background, it is easy to see that some of our professors, some of our pastors, and some of our people will lean in the direction of neo-orthodoxy or occasionally one will become an extreme liberal, but certainly at the present time our leadership would be classified as conservative, theologically. I do not know a pastor or a professor among Southern Baptists that could be classified as an extreme liberal.

### **Extra**

I could give a long list of Baptist distinctives that most Baptists would agree as fundamental theological truths, but instead of this I want to give something that I consider so vital to the future of Southern Baptists.

We have built our churches, seminaries, colleges, and we have filled them with people because we believe and preached the Bible. Other groups have not accepted the Bible as the only objective source of authority and they have even run out of preachers to man their churches and missions.

Let us take stock of our present situation. Some of us believe we are still on the right road. If we keep preaching with conviction and our teachers teach with conviction that the Bible is our only objective source of authority, then we will continue to win people to Christ, to build New Testament churches, and to challenge young people to accept God's call into service for Him. If we lose this conviction about the Bible, then it will not make much difference what else we do for we will end up in the ecumenical church, having a little conviction about everything and no deep conviction about anything.

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*Dr. Patterson is President of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona.*

## **Mark Harris Plans To Retire June 1**

MEMPHIS—Mark Harris, pastor of Speedway Terrace Church here for the past 29 years, has announced his resignation effective June 1.

Converted at the age of 12, Harris began preaching when he was 18. He is a graduate of Union University and Southwestern Seminary.

Since leaving the seminary, Harris has served as pastor of churches at Ridgely, Martin, Newport, and Speedway Terrace in Memphis.

After June 1 he will be available as supply or interim pastor.