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# Christian Motivation

I Cor. 15:58



O. Wyndell Jones, First Church, Trenton

This chapter of I Corinthians is given to show the order of the Christian life. Paul shows that man is saved by an active faith in the gospel which had been preached unto them. He gives the order of the resurrection of our Lord and gives proof by relating the names of those who saw Him. Paul points to the fact that as all men died



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### ... Who is Going to be the Bishop?

● Dr. C. DeWitt Matthews' article, "No Place For Ministerial Midgets" in the Baptist Program, June, 1964, has some disturbing undertones.

His concern is obvious. His perception is keen. He writes of the secularization of church life; the changing concept of a minister's principle function; the complaints of informed laymen of mediocrity among preachers; and other relevant problems. This is all thought provoking. It is a needed stimulus. It should excite self-analysis for us all. However, there are remedial suggestions incongruous with Baptist traditions and practices. Dr. Matthews suggests:

#### 1. Informational Clearing Houses.

He says, "Thus far we have refused to recognize the practical aid in having an informational clearing house in each state on qualified ministers who are available and churches who need them."

Qualified ministers? Who is to say who is qualified? And for what church? I for one refuse to have my name stuck in an Informational Clearing House, a card, a number to be punched and neatly filed by some IBM operator. The operator might punch the wrong key and I would wind up in some high church with an elite con-

gregation repulsed because I said "aint" and "never-done-it". Anyway, the baronages, peers, pur sang, and all the other haut monde, gentle-folk and the like, would likely object to sermons such as, "Ye must be born again"; "Be sure your sins will find you out", and, "In the Beginning God created the heaven and earth" - particularly the latter. This would reflect on the clearing house.

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Objections to Informational Clearing Houses—I can think of many. What about the local church? No one on earth knows their need as they do. Are we to rule out the operation of the Holy Spirit? There is a real danger! If such a clearing house should be created, it would have to be staffed. This costs money. Our budgets are already overtaxed. Further, the person at the head of such an office would be endowed with power parallel to the Speaker of the House in Washington.

The word, "bishop", keeps coming to my mind. It may be because my Methodist neighbor was transferred at the most recent conference. I dislike the tendency toward centralized government. The Supreme Court has usurped power that was never intended to be theirs. I don't want to say the suggestion under discussion is analogous, but it could be.

#### 2. Uniform Educational Requirements.

According to Dr. Matthews we have too many inadequately trained ministers. He suggests uniform educational requirements for ordination to the ministry. Just what the professor means by uniform I am not sure. I would venture he means at least four years of college. Very likely the minimum would mean graduation from seminary.

If the above assumption is correct, there are a lot of preachers who are not qualified. I am for education. I appreciate scholarship. I believe a minister should acquire all the learning and skills possible. His job is the greatest on earth. But lay down certain standards and say meet these or you cannot be ordained is a tragic and dangerous thing. This idea gets around. A pulpit committee from a half-time rural church recently specified they were looking for a seminary graduate. Salary \$150.00 per month. How ridiculous can we get? No, I am not a seminary graduate. I wish I were. But I'm not going to quit preaching because of it. See:

"For ye see your calling, brethern, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are." I Cor. 1:26-28

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13

"Unlearned and ignorant men" does not mean they were illiterate, but they had not received the technical training of the Jewish schools. They had been with Jesus though and they were capable of commendable conduct before the Sanhedrin and the world at large.

Amos of his own confession was not theological-ly trained. He was "no prophet, neither . . . a prophet's son" 7:14. And he was a fair country preacher. There have been thousands of good preachers without formal training. There always will be. Not every preacher will worship at the altar of higher learning. Besides many churches still will practice local autonomy and will love and follow their pastors—because they have confidence in them and because they felt led of God to call them.

We've made great progress under the present method. Why not allow the Holy Spirit to continue to superintend in these matters? I'm afraid of Bishops.—Geo. A. Hern, 1577 Dellwood Ave., Memphis 27, Tenn.

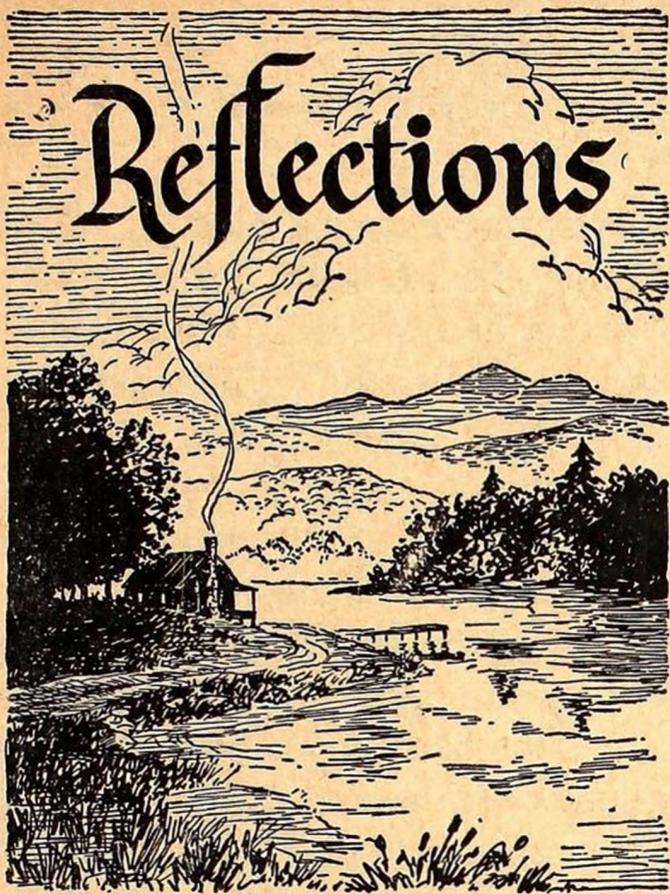
in the first Adam that all who believe will live in the second Adam.

After Paul assures Christians that the ultimate victory is already won, he then challenges them to be unmovable. We are assured that our labor for the Lord will not be in vain nor will the efforts go unfruitful.

The one great problem today with many church members is the fact that they do not have the correct motivation. There is false security and too much compromise set as an example by many "would-be" leaders in Christian circles. Men need to be told that self must die in order to bring forth fruit. You will lose your sense of importance when you die to self. Christ came into the world to glorify the Father, and now that task is ours. Men are majoring on minors and trying to find something new in the test-tube of religion, but we are told that Christ is the Offering which is sufficient for all men of all time. There is too much religion in the world today, but not enough Christianity.

**ON THE COVER**

**DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY—Mission-minded boys like this Ambassador, Pioneer, and Crusader are the products of Southern Baptist churches observing Royal Ambassador Week Nov. 1-7. For this seven-day period the spotlight is turned on Royal Ambassadors and their activities and accomplishments through missionary education.—Photo by Brotherhood Commission**



## N.T. In U.S. Idiom Published By Bible Society

NEW YORK (RNS)—The American Bible Society, which for nearly 400 years has been distributing millions of Scriptures around the world, is translating the New Testament into English for the first time since it was founded in 1816.

First to be published in the paperback series of translations is the Gospel of St. Mark, under the title "The Right Time," from Chapter 1, Verse 15: "The right time has come, and the Kingdom of God is near."

The translation, based on a Greek text, is in the American idiom and in prose, with short, simple and direct sentences. Most subordinate clauses are eliminated and the active verb is generally used.

Type is set in modern, paragraph format with section headings in bold face. Quotes are used for direct speech, and where necessary, single quotes are used within double quotes.

Dr. Eugene A. Nida, the society's secretary for translations, said the new edition of the Scriptures "recognizes the need for a more easily understood English Bible.

"We have used simpler versions in other languages in the missionary field overseas because people have different levels of education and comprehension. Now we have

### STATE CONVENTION

**The Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 10-12 at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. Preceding the Convention the annual Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference also meets at Bellevue with its opening session Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. First Convention session opens at 2 p.m. Tuesday with final session Thursday night, Nov. 12.**

**Hotel and motel accommodations in Memphis are listed on page 8, also a map of Memphis showing location of Bellevue Baptist Church and location of hotels and motels on page 9.**

one in English which can be used both overseas and here at home.

"The translation of the Scriptures is a continuing process and no translation is ever final. Our goal is to give every man a copy of the Bible in his own tongue and in the form he best understands."

Basic translation of the New Testament books is being done by Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, research associate of the ABS's translation department. He is being assisted by an interdenominational committee of clergymen and scholars.

The society distributed some 34.4 million copies of Scriptures in this country and abroad last year. Although it has sponsored and assisted in Scripture translations—mainly by missionary groups overseas in foreign languages—it has not directly translated the New Testament into English until now.

## Nobel Peace Prize Awarded To Dr. King

OSLO (RNS)—Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., noted Negro Baptist minister and leader of the non-violent movement for civil rights, was named winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

His selection—among a list of from 20 to 30 names—was announced here by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament which, as usual, gave no specific reason for its choice.

Dr. King is the third Negro and the 12th American to win the Nobel Peace Prize. The first Negro was Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary-General, winner in 1950; and the second, Zulu Chief Albert John Luthuli, a Christian opponent of South Africa's racial segregation policies in 1960.

In proportion as Christian theism emphasizes the role of man, it may neglect the significance of God. When belief in God is vindicated on the supposed grounds of its constructive effect upon human behavior, does not God become secondary rather than primary, a construct of man rather than a constraint over him? If belief in God is a useful hypothesis, beneficial to human life, is not God man's creation rather than his Creator, dependent upon man's judgment rather than a judge over man?—Edwin Leroy Long, Jr., *Religious Beliefs of American Scientists*.

There is much in the world to make us afraid. There is much more in our faith to make us unafraid.—Frederick W. Cropp, *Houston Times*.

A man who is too big to study his job is as big as he will ever be.—William E. North, *Nylic Review*.

They love the old who do not know the new.—German Proverb

Experience has taught that consistent results are almost always the product of long, painstaking work, frequently the labor and thought of many men working together. Charles Kettering shared that view with such conviction he was willing to defend it against the judgment of the U. S. Supreme Court. One of the Court's decisions had suggested that many inventions are born of "a flash of genius." Kettering, speaking from his own experience, mentioned the then revolutionary wire recorder. This device, he was willing to admit, was indeed "a flash of genius." But, he observed dryly, it had taken some 40 years to light it up.—*Capsuled Comments*.

### To the Wives of Pastors, Ministers of Education, and Ministers of Music:

This is to most cordially invite you to attend the Twelfth Annual Wives' Luncheon to be held during the State Convention at Memphis, Nov. 10, at 12:30 p.m., in Bellevue Church dining room. A most delightful program of music, comedy, satire, and some spiritually serious moments will challenge and inspire all who take part in the fellowship.

Those serving as officers for the 1964 luncheon meeting are: President, Mrs. Wayne Dehoney, Jackson; Vice-President, Mrs. Livy Cope, Memphis; Secretary, Mrs. Edwin Hunter, Halls; Prayer Chairmen, Mrs. Elmer Bailey, Memphis, and Mrs. Emmett Johnson, Memphis.

Theme of the program will be, "My Fair Lady."

Tickets, at \$1.50, will be on sale at the entrance to Bellevue sanctuary, beginning with the first session of the Convention. These will remain on sale until the time of the luncheon, or until the capacity of 150 has been reached. Get your ticket early—we'll miss you if you aren't there!!—Mrs. Edwin Hunter, Secretary

# EDITORIALS.....

## Convention Caps One of The Best Years

The 90th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention opening Nov. 10 in Memphis will bring to a close one of the best years Tennessee Baptists have experienced. We should all be grateful to God for the evidences of His favor upon us during the past twelve months. Indications are that it will be a record year from a financial standpoint with receipts exceeding those of any year in our history. From reports in many associations, there are also evidences of an upsurge in baptisms during the year. Final figures will not be available till the Convention on total baptisms. Certainly from our own contacts we consider this a peak year in the experience of fellowship and in a sense of unity among Tennessee Baptists. The spirit throughout the state is inspiring. Solid gains have been registered in many phases of our cooperative work. A sense of oneness and of dedication is evident.

The three-day program, Nov. 10-12, at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis will center on "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Worship". The first session opens at 2:00 Tuesday, Nov. 10. The conclud-

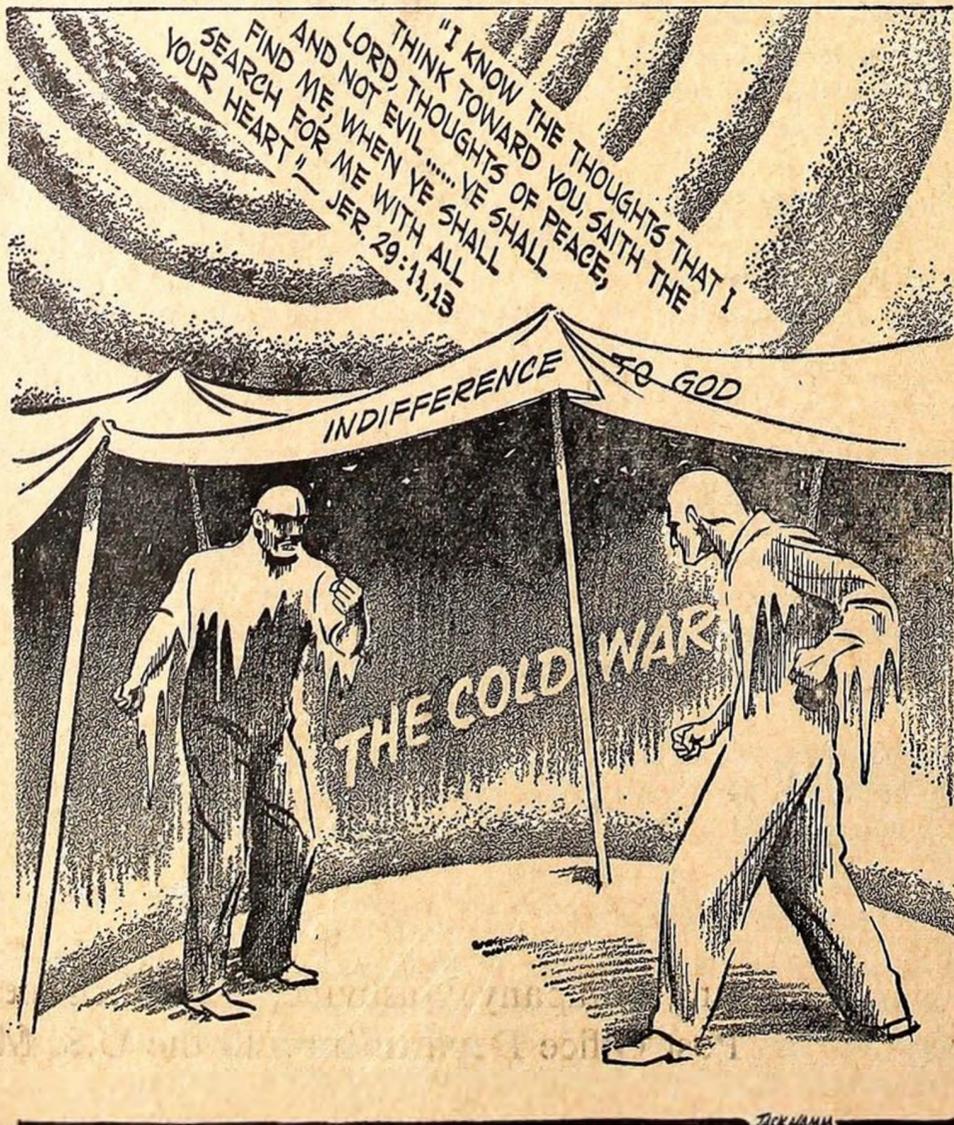
ing session will be Thursday evening, Nov. 12. Sub themes of the 7 following sessions will consider: "Worship and Men"; "Worship and Music"; "Worship and Teaching"; "Worship and Missions"; "Worship and Money"; "Worship and the Home"; and at the concluding service, "Worship and Youth".

Dr. Jerry Glisson, chairman of the arrangements committee, which worked out the details calls attention to the excellence of the entire program, particularly to the two addresses by Gregory Walcott. Walcott, second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and well-known television personality has led in a number of special campaigns recently including revival services with a Nashville church. Thursday afternoon his theme will be "In Times Like These", and Thursday evening, "Facing the Teen-age Crisis".

Other headlined out-of-state speakers include such outstanding Baptist personalities as Curtis Vaughan of Fort Worth, Millard Berquist of Kansas City and Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond.

State Convention president David Byrd has been urging the past weeks, through pages of this paper, a record attendance at the Convention. Messenger cards can be secured by pastors and church clerks from Mr. Wallace E. Anderson, 1812 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, Tenn. 37212.

### MAN-STRUNG CURTAIN



## Election Day

Nov. 3 is almost upon us. Americans have the grave responsibility of choosing the next president. In addition, there is the responsibility to elect senators, congressmen, and those who serve here in our state legislature.

This paper will not be partisan in this election. It is not the province of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR to take a stand either for or against any candidate. It is not our responsibility to tell our readers how they should vote. But this paper does urge upon every qualified citizen to exercise the privilege of voting. This should be done intelligently, prayerfully, seeking to critically appraise the candidates. We should evaluate leadership qualities and vote for those best equipped to deal decisively yet prudently with internal and international problems.

We should ask God to give us the intelligence to

**... Preparation of Children for Response to God's Call**

● The story of the prophet Samuel and the great, efficient work he did show the advantage of an early call to the Lord's work. Samuel was dedicated to special service and responded to the call when a child. I shall ever be thankful that my parents dedicated me to foreign mission work before my birth, and that God called me to China when a mere lad. It stands to reason that one should become a better missionary, if decision is made and preparation begun early in life. Our Foreign Mission Board is calling for more missionaries. We are told to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers, but some do not respond—and why?

Since my wife and I became foreign missionaries in 1910, we have come across men and women when on furlough and since retiring who were called, but they never went. This was often because their minds and hearts had not been prepared. Although my parents, and Sunday school teachers, also a returned missionary told us of the needs, I hesitated for two years. Our Foreign Board is constantly receiving from the fields requests for more missionaries. It is having to ask men and women in active pastorates to meet these needs. A

sufficient number should be preparing for this special work abroad.

Here is a great opportunity and need, that mothers and fathers, grandparents and others prepare our Christian boys and girls for early response to God's call; and it is regarding this that we are now writing.

1. Our fine Christian children must be shown the need and be made familiar with conditions on the mission fields. To meet this let me urge that you read to these boys and girls "Epistles from Today's Apostles," letters from missionaries, printed every month in our interesting Foreign Mission Magazine, The Commission, Box 6597, Richmond, Va., subscription \$1.50 a year or \$3.50 for three years. Letters are printed from all our foreign mission fields. Keep your world map or globe nearby to locate the missionary. Show his or her picture and pray together for their work. Talk about what you are reading, encourage the asking of questions, and emphasize the importance and blessing of what is being done. Have the child express his or her desire to be engaged in such fruitful, desirable, important work. Ask the child how important is this work.

2. Read missionary biographies and other such books and periodicals to these young people. Noth-

ing is more interesting, inspirational, challenging to children. These biographies remind us that we can do something tremendously worthwhile with our lives, for lost millions and for our Master. Write your Baptist Book Store or the Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., and Moody Press, La Belle at Chicago Avenue, Chicago 10, Ill., to send you catalogues of missionary biographies.

A boy who responded with others to our invitation to become a foreign missionary was asked by his teacher why he responded He replied, "For a long time I have thought of this, but it was not until someone read to me of the death of the five young missionaries murdered by the Auca Indians in South America that I decided fully that I want to become a missionary." This is the material of which many of your missionaries are made, but the young ones who are called all need encouragement and instruction.

Where is there a foreign missionary who was moved by the life and work of some great soul like Paul, Livingston, Carey, Judson or others? Have the child mention scriptures which may have influenced these missionaries to respond when young. If the child responds to the call, send his or her name and address to the Personnel Department of the Foreign Mission Board and ask them to write him a letter. Perhaps you cannot become a missionary but the child you influence can, and he will ever be grateful to you if he does go. You will be happy, and the world be blessed.—Charles A. Leonard, Emeritus Foreign Missionary, 3307 Dominion Drive, Naples, Fla.

detect and to reject misleading propaganda, mud-slinging accusations and scurrilous literature. We should support the candidate and the party whose long-range goals we can approve.

We should remember that only two-thirds of the Americans who are eligible to vote do so in elections, and that to fail to vote on our part is to forfeit a privilege and to shirk a responsibility.

We should not vote a certain ticket merely from habit but from convictions. If ours is to be a democracy, no matter how we vote Nov. 3 we must allow for others to disagree with us and still admit that they can do so and be Christians.

Let us each do our best to know from the candidates themselves what they stand for rather than judge them from caricatures drawn by the opposition. As Christians we should be prompt to reject unfounded charges, unsigned accusations against the candidate we oppose, and try to stop the circulation of unfair material favoring the candidate we support. This is a time to apply Christian principles to our citizenship.

No matter who is elected or what party is dominant, human government has its weaknesses and exhibits failures, but we have a Christian responsibility to support civil power. Jesus taught us that we have a dual citizenship. We are to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. This does not mean necessarily approval of Caesar's character, but it does call for support of government. Our responsibility is both civil and divine. We cannot

cherish and maintain the freedoms of our democracy unless we take with serious responsibility the civic-religious duty of voting.

## Late Getting Your Paper?

Have you been getting your BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR late? Some of our subscribers think the mail is slow in getting the paper to them. If you think your mail is slow listen to what happened to Mrs. J. F. Sinbenthall, secretary in the Brotherhood Department in Fresno, California. She got her October 1, 1964 mail containing her copy of the California Southern Baptist dated Feb. 4, 1960. Editor Terry Young comments: "Four and one-half years late; it looked a little tattered and worn, but it did arrive!"

We don't think any of our subscribers have fared like that, but we do know some have been slow in getting their copies of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Steps are being taken to remedy the situation. In a few weeks BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR will put into effect a mailing service on a newspaper basis, speeding up the reception of your copy in your mailbox.

If you've not been getting your paper promptly, hold on for a while. This new system which will be put into effect through the valued help of our printer, the Curley Printing Company, Nashville, and the cooperation of the Post Office Department and the U.S. Mail should get your copy to you more promptly.

# Tennessee Topics

John Blevins is the new pastor of Cross Roads Church, Alpha Association. He is a student at Belmont College.

Miss Sara Depew, for the past six years financial secretary at Central Church, Johnson City, has resigned to accept a position with Wieuca Road Church, Atlanta, Ga. Miss Depew came to Central directly from Carson-Newman College. Wieuca Road Church has 11 full-time staff workers. Miss Depew will serve as receptionist and educational secretary.

After eight years as pastor of First Church, Friendsville, Willis R. Allen has retired at the age of 66½ years. He is residing at 3416 Knox Lane, Knoxville, Tenn.

Naomi Grace, fourth daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Lusk, missionaries to Hong Kong, was born Sept. 27 in Hong Kong Baptist Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Lusk may be addressed at 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. He is a native of Greenville, S.C.; she is the former Ida Bennett, of Humboldt, Tenn.

Richard L. Wakefield, graduate of Union University (BA '63), resigned as pastor of Jones Chapel Church in Paris (Western District Association) and assumed new duties Oct. 25 as pastor of Livonia Church in Campbellsburg, Ind. He plans to enter Southern Seminary in January. He and his wife, Mary Virginia, have two boys, Mike, four, and Tim, three months.

*Beech River Association*—Shelton Smith, resigned effective Oct. 20 as pastor at Decaturville to accept the pastorate of Cottage Grove Church, Western District Association. Jack's Creek Church is now affiliated with Beech River Association. It has been inactive for several years. Clarence Mullins is pastor. Jack McAdams, a member of the church, recently surrendered to the ministry. New pastor of Darden Church is Dennis Reeves. Chapel Hill has called Charles Pitchford as pastor. Sardis Church has completed four new Sunday school rooms. Union Church has approximately \$25,000 toward a \$40,000 building.

There were 23 professions of faith, nine additions by letter and 43 rededications in revival services at Homesteads Church, Crossville. Terry Davis of Nashville did the preaching and Jerry Spencer led the singing. Pastor L. C. Meadows reports that capacity crowds from the beginning revealed the spirit of the meeting which came to a climax on the final Sunday morning with 31 decisions.

Everett Hooper moved on the field as pastor of Caney Fork Church, Stone Association, Oct. 18. He came from Mt. Pleasant Church, Smith Mills, Ky.

First Church, Baxter, John Shepherd, pastor, voted to increase its total mission offering to 12%. This is an increase of 7% over the previous year.

Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, ordained Paul Herron, Joe M. Howard and L. H. Stevenson as deacons Oct. 25.

First Church, Iron City, observed its 65th anniversary Oct. 11. Two former pastors, S. H. Lewis and Abbie Thibodeaux brought the afternoon messages. Billy B. Cooper has served as pastor the past 13 months. During this period there have been 39 additions to the church, 33 of these by baptism.



**MEMPHIS**—Dr. K. Owen White (left), pastor of First Church, Houston, Tex., and immediate past president of SBC, addressed the annual meeting of Shelby County Baptist Association twice during sessions held with Berclair Church, E. B. Bowen, host pastor. Shown with White is Gerald Martin, moderator and pastor, Poplar Avenue Church. Reports for the past year showed an increase over the preceding year in baptisms of 218, bringing the new total to 4,293 and an increase in mission giving of \$16,427, with a new total of \$1,176,957. E. Gordon Crocker is superintendent of missions.

Central Church, Hixson, honored Pastor J. Lloyd Brown and family on his fifth anniversary as pastor Oct. 4 with a reception. Refreshments were served and a cash gift presented to the pastor and his family. According to Gilbert Prater, chairman of deacons, during Brown's pastorate there have been 402 additions to the church, total gifts increased from \$17,420 to \$46,300, two major building programs including a 500 seat sanctuary completed in Nov. 1960 and an educational building completed Feb. 1963.

Robert L. Cate accepted the pastorate of First Church, Aiken, S. C. and began his duties Sept. 13, after serving five years at First Church, McRae, Ga. Cate and his wife, Dorothy Wright Cate, are both natives of Nashville and former members of Eastland Church. While he attended Vanderbilt University, Mrs. Cate was employed in the Missions Department with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. They have three children, Ruth Lawson, 10; Robert Louis, Jr., 8; and Fred Harrison, 17 months.

Robert M. Spencer of Bell Buckle has accepted the call of First Church, Petersburg, and began his work Oct. 21.

Stone Association baptized 280 during this past associational year which is more baptized in any one year since 1946. That year 334 were baptized. This was reported by George Capps, chairman of Evangelism for the association, to F. M. Dowell, secretary of Evangelism, TBC.

Grover Andrews, former youth director at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, and former assistant to the president of Peabody College, has been named assistant academic dean at Little Rock University, Little Rock, Ark.

Clifford Harris, 66, Athens, died Oct. 11 in Gordon County Hospital at Calhoun, Ga., where he was visiting a brother. He was a member and trustee of Central Church, Athens.

The library of Roland Van Hooser, a doctor of theology student at New Orleans Seminary who died from a brain tumor while completing residency requirements, has been given to the Seminary. The widow, who now lives in Chattanooga, gave the 266-volume library as a memorial to her husband, native of Dansville, N.Y., who was an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He had pastored churches in Donaldsville, La., and Blythe, Ga., before returning to the seminary to study for a doctor's degree. Most of Van Hooser's library are books on theology and church history subjects.

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# Basic Associational Sunday School Program

Tennessee Baptist Convention  
by Bob Patterson

Last year Tennessee reached a high mark in associational Sunday School work, when one of its sixty-seven associations reached the associational Sunday School Standard. The Shelby Association, under the able leadership of Dr. Thurman Prewett, achieved this well-earned recognition in Sunday School work.

There are many associations in the state which can reach the requirements of the Associational Sunday School Standard and benefit greatly from such achievement.

In the recent Regional Training Conferences for Associational Sunday School Officers, seven associations committed themselves to reaching the Standard.

There are many associations in the state for whom Standard achievement is a virtual impossibility in the near future. Nevertheless, these associations need help. It is for these associations that the Basic Associational Program has been designed. This program proposes a minimum of organization for the necessary activities. It proposes a simplified approach toward getting the most important work done.

In the recent Regional Training Conferences the associations were scored on last year's achievements in the Basic Associational Program. Of the forty-nine associations scored, thirteen conducted quarterly planning meetings. Thirty associations conducted regular quarterly program meetings. Thirty-four associations conducted at least a five-hour Vacation Bible School Clinic conducted by at least three workers trained in a State Clinic. Thirty-one associations

reported at least nine basic associational Sunday School officers by January 1.

Of the forty-nine associations scored, forty-one committed themselves to following the Basic Associational Program for this year. Thus in the associational year, 1963-64, approximately half the associations were doing the work of the Basic Associational Program, and for 1964-65 approximately two-thirds of the associations will be following the Basic Associational Program, and seven will be following the Standard.

In the recent Regional Training Conferences those associations which committed themselves to the Basic Associational Sunday School Program were presented with a certificate recognizing their commitment. Next year seals will be awarded in recognition of their achievements in the year.

The Basic Associational Program is in no way an attempt to undercut the use of the Standard; however, it is a basic program which many associations can use as a starting place and as a means of developing strength and stability while moving on toward a more advanced program of work.

The Basic Associational Program is promoted only by the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the churches of Tennessee. We feel that it has great possibilities and that it will be a blessing to our associational Sunday School work. For further information, write to Bob Patterson, Sunday School Department, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tenn. 37212.

## Adult Training Union Studies Feature These Helps

Nov.-Dec. "Improving Public Worship"—In the Quarterlies on page 25 there is a *test* and an *evaluation sheet* on worship.

Feb.-Mar. "The Separation of Church and State"—*Three vinyl featherweight records* (33½ RPM—6 Recordings) which are inserted permanently in a folder which may be placed directly on a phonograph. The album is titled "The Separation of Church and State" and is listed for \$1.15 on the Church Literature Order Form for Jan.-Mar. 1965. In all, there will be about 36 minutes of helpful material to supplement the printed material in the quarterlies and the record contents are: The Need for Study of the Subject, Lessons from Experience, The Meaning of Religious Liberty, Conversations between John Leland and James Madison, Baptist Institutions and Federal Loans and Grants, Actions by Bap-

tists to Preserve the Separation of Church and State, Bible Reading and Prayer in the Public Schools.

May-June "Marks of Spiritual Maturity"—*A Sentence Strip Chart*. This strip chart will consist of a cardboard chart, slotted at the sides to hold the ends of approximately 100 sentence strips. Statements are printed on tagboard with instructions designating where to cut the strips apart. The cost will be \$1.25 and will be on the Church Literature Order Form for Apr.-June.

July "How the Other Baptists Came to Be"—*A Flipchart*, which will consist of 10 cardboard sheets printed on both sides, plus two metal rings for binding. This chart will contain statements concerning basic characteristics and beliefs of such groups as Landmark, American, and Conservative Baptists. The cost will be \$1.00.

## Belmont Recipient Of Fund Interest

Belmont College has received \$200 in interest on an amount being contributed toward a proposed Tennessee Baptist home for the aged.

The Fidelis Class of Nashville's First Church, Seventh and Broad, announced that a fund for the home which, hopefully, Tennessee Baptists will sponsor within the next decade, had been started some time ago. The class will continue to designate all interest on the funds to the college.

President Herbert C. Gabhart of Belmont said the interest would go toward scholarships.

The fund for the home for the aged, already established, is being maintained by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation of which Dr. Henry J. Huey is secretary.

Miss Jo Lena Bond is president of the Fidelis Class, Miss Mildred MacDonald is treasurer, Mrs. Henry King is chairman of this special committee and Mrs. John Barry is teacher.

Mrs. Arthur C. (Jennie) Rymer, a former Polk Countian of the Cookson's Creek Community, was honored by more than 100 members of First Church, Etowah. Upon her retirement as church clerk she was given a surprise dinner. Mrs. Rymer served as church clerk for 14 years and as assistant clerk three years. The Etowah Church elected her church clerk and church historian emeritus. The late Noah B. Fetzer who was employed by the Tennessee Baptist Convention for many years until his retirement shortly before his death in 1950 was Mrs. Rymer's brother.

Pastor Clinton E. Riddle reports Murrays Church, Sweetwater, had 16 professions of faith, 11 by letter, 26 rededications, and two young girls surrendered for fulltime Christian service in a three week revival led by R. L. Davis of Tellico Plains.

The John N. Vaughans are enrolled in Southwestern Seminary and he has accepted a position as associate pastor of Westridge Church, Euless, Tex. Vaughan was ordained by Berclair Church, Memphis, and is a former pastor of Cockrum Mission, Cockrum, Miss.

First Church, Trenton, was led in revival services by O. Wyndell Jones, who recently became First Church's new pastor and Jerry Harvey, minister of music. There were nine for baptism, several by letter and 53 rededications.

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Single	7- 8
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## BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs

### Hardening Pharaoh's Heart

(Exod. 4:21)

"And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thy hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go" (Exod. 4:21).

Jehovah was sending Moses into Egypt to effect the liberation of the Israelites. To assure him Jehovah gave Moses signs which were miraculous in nature (Exod. 4:1-9). These signs were designed to prove to Moses, first, and then to Pharaoh that Jehovah was with His servant. Now Moses is commanded to use these signs before the Egyptian ruler.

The problem in this verse centers in the words "I will harden his heart." Does this mean that Jehovah arbitrarily hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he could not believe the signs? If so, then this is out of character for Jehovah's nature as He is revealed to us. In order to understand this statement it must be considered in the larger context of this entire story.

In the first place, the very purpose of the signs was to convince Pharaoh of Jehovah's

presence and power with Moses. It is inconceivable, therefore, that He would deliberately harden his heart so that he could not believe.

In the second place, the Hebrew word rendered "harden" means to make strong or firm (cf. Deut. 31:6-7, 23). In other references (Exod. 8:15, 32; 9:34) it says that Pharaoh hardened his own heart against miraculous signs. And it is in this light that we must consider Exod. 4:21.

Throughout this entire story we see a contest of strength between Pharaoh and Jehovah. No matter what power Jehovah displayed Pharaoh hardened his heart or it became stronger against it. This was his own doing. But what about Jehovah hardening the ruler's heart? We can understand this in the light of God's permissive will. He did not perpetrate it but permitted it in that He would not violate Pharaoh's personality to coerce him against his own will.

In the third place, God works by law whether it be natural, physical, moral, or spiritual. When man violates any one of these laws he must pay the penalty of said

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violation. The more man hardens his heart against God the more obstinate it becomes. The more difficult it is to do otherwise. So it can be said that God hardens a man's heart only in that He permits him to act according to his own will. And when man chooses to be strong in his rebellious will against God, God finally recognizes that fact, and man must pay the penalty thereof.

Man is a personality with the right of choice. In this lies his greatest dignity. But he can continue to refuse God until he is unable to respond to Him. This should serve as a warning to each of us. We are free to choose to serve Jehovah or not to serve Him. But we are responsible for our choices.

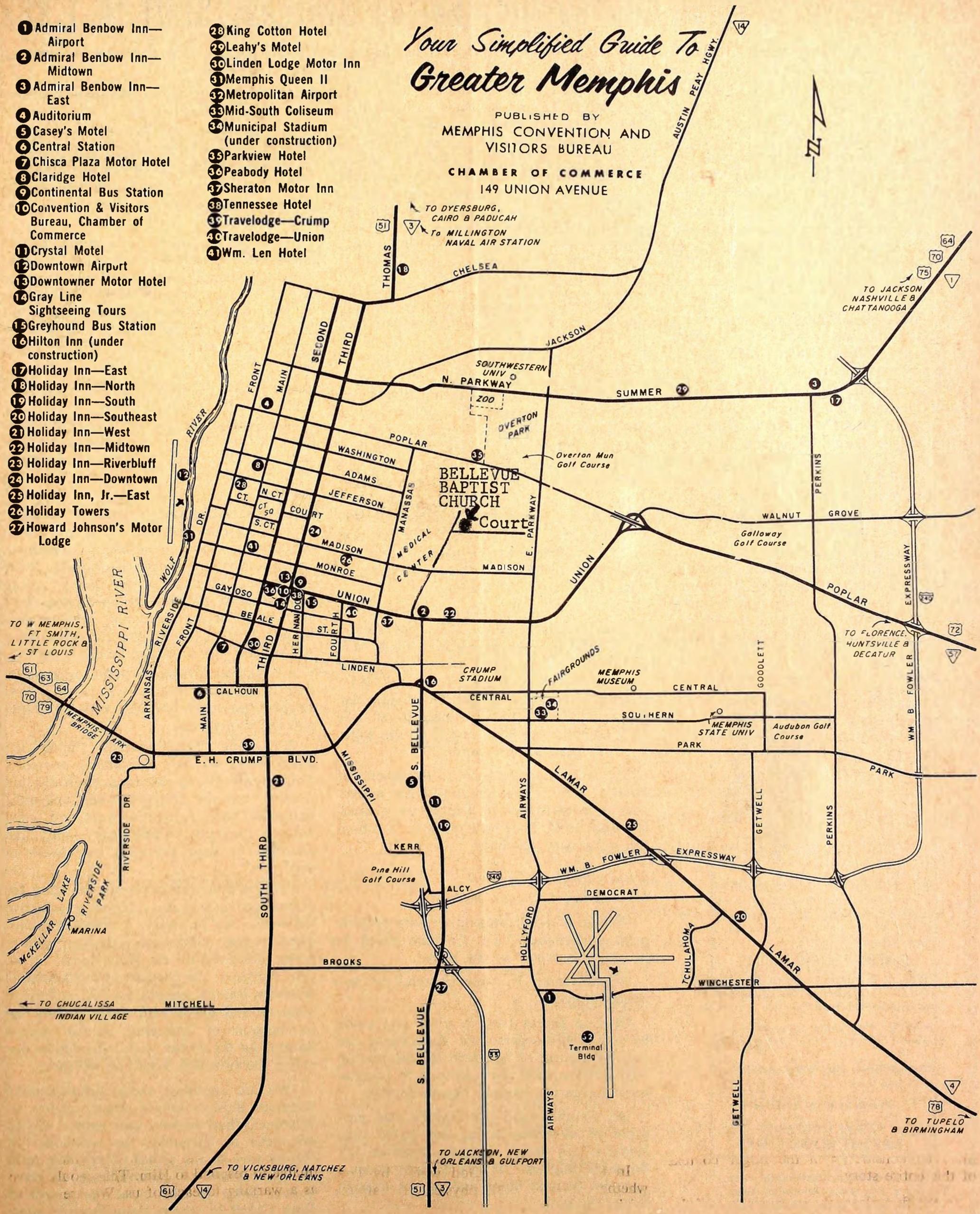
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# FMB Adopts \$23,000,000 Budget; Raises Overseas Staff to 1,882

In its three-day annual meeting in Richmond, Va., Oct. 12-14, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention took the following actions:

1. Adopted a budget of \$22,931,048.76 for 1965. This includes \$17,431,048.76 for operating purposes and \$5,500,000 for capital needs. Of the operating budget, \$15,614,398.76 will be spent overseas and the remaining \$1,816,650 in the States for administrative and general expenses and for missionary education and promotion. All the capital funds will be spent overseas. The 1965 budget is \$798,016.80 more than the 1964 budget.

2. Appointed 20 missionaries and employed two missionary associates to bring its overseas staff to 1,882 (including 33 missionary associates).

3. Reelected its officers: Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, pastor, First Church, Jacksonville, Fla., president; Rev. Meredith K. Roberson, pastor, Ridge Church, Richmond, first vice-president; Dr. J. Ralph Grant, pastor, First Church, Lubbock, Tex., second vice-president; Rev. W. Rush Loving, of the University of Richmond, recording secretary; and Miss Inez Tuggle, of the Foreign Mission Board staff, assistant recording secretary.

4. Heard Dr. W. Wayne Dehoney, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, say: "I believe God has brought Southern Baptists to this day to use us in the greatest missionary thrust this world has ever known

—if we will pay the price in sacrifice and dedication."

5. Requested its committee on a new program of advance to share with members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and other Convention leaders its concern that Southern Baptists engage in "prayer without ceasing for needed workers and for wisdom and guidance in every realm of our endeavor and that we Southern Baptists may be led to yield unto Christ our lives and our possessions that his kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Following adoption of the prayer motion the Board members knelt for a period of prayer.

## *New Missionaries*

The new missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are Mary Clark, N. C., appointed for Southern Rhodesia; L. Steve Ditmore and Shirley Tibbs Ditmore, both of Tex., for Peru; C. Donald Doyle, Tex., and Patricia Slone Doyle, N. M., for Argentina; Harold G. Gateley, Ark., and Audrey Temple Gateley, Ariz., for Korea; Robert L. Hensley, Tex., and Farolyn Taylor Hensley, N.Y., for South Brazil; Alton L. Hood, N.C., and Olga McLean Hood, New Brunswick, Canada, for Thailand.

Also, Donald E. Mines, Florida, and Margie DeLoach Mines, Tex., for Argentina; William L. C. Richardson, Okla., and Kathryn Mallory Richardson, Mo., for Brazil; James B. Slack, La., and Mary Prestridge Slack, Miss., for the Philippines; Betty Smith, Tex., for Equatorial Brazil; and H. Von Worten, Okla., and Marjorie Jones Worten, Tex., for Indonesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Robinson, of Eureka, Calif., were employed for a five-year term of service in Taiwan as missionary associates. They will teach in a school for missionary children.

## *Local Church Is Greatest*

### *Mission Recruitment Center*

"Where is the greatest missionary recruitment opportunity?" Dr. Cauthen asked as he gave his report to the Board.

"Next Sunday in your church," he answered himself.

Quoting figures from a study just made by the Board's personnel department, he said 34 percent of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries made their decision to become missionaries in a regular church service.

Dr. Cauthen said the Board's new program of advance, calling for 5,000 missionaries, is being warmly received by Southern Baptists. "It has brought encouragement both at home and on the mission fields," he said.

Then he listed some of the essential

factors needed for sustained advance in foreign missions:

1. "Strengthening the missionary education of our Baptist people.

2. "Developing even closer collaboration with all agencies and entities of Baptist life in sharing concern for world missions.

3. "Presenting an unceasing challenge to young people to dedicate their lives to mission service.

4. "Cultivating to the maximum opportunities for evangelism which are open to such a remarkable degree throughout the world. The population explosion puts us under obligation to explore and utilize the most effective means of communicating the gospel to the largest number of people possible.

5. "Giving more attention to the development of mass communications.

6. "Continuing to seize every opportunity for entry into new fields. Advance must be geographical as long as there are countries in the world with little or no Christian witness.

7. "Cultivating the potential of nonmissionary personnel abroad. Many Americans are going overseas in business, government and military service, and as tourists. If we can develop throughout our Baptist life an awareness of the definite missionary possibilities to be served as one goes overseas in any line of work, our influence on a world scale for Christ can be increased.

8. "Increasing the Board's administration as necessary to handle increase in missionary personnel and the expansion into new fields of service.

9. "Laying large emphasis upon the development of New Testament churches. This means giving attention to leadership training and the cultivation of benevolent ministries, such as medical work and social welfare projects, which can assist the churches in their outreach into areas of need.

10. "Holding ever before us the quest for deeper spiritual power. However effective the work may be today, it could be multiplied in that effectiveness through greater power bestowed by the Holy Spirit. If we can marshal the prayers of 10,000,000 Southern Baptists behind the task of foreign missions and blend with those prayers the intercession of emerging Baptist groups throughout the whole world, this will be our major resource for sustained advance.

"We are confident that God is leading Southern Baptists into a larger mission involvement than we have ever known. We do not have to surrender the remainder of this century to the forces of evil. We must do our utmost to communicate to every human being in the world the gospel of Jesus Christ in whom alone there is salvation."

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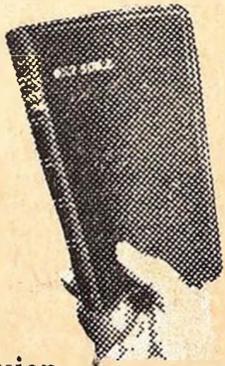
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# Attendances and Additions

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Churches                      S.S.    T.U.    Add.

Alamo, First	266	104	
Alcoa, First	532	250	1
Alexandria	189	79	
Antioch, Mt. View	223	77	
Rocky Fork	36	23	
Ardmore, First	172	61	1
Athens, East	446	192	
First	585	258	
West End Mission	87	34	
Auburntown, Prosperity	132	63	
Baxter, First	70	43	1
Bemis, First	339	88	1
Bolivar, First	404	110	
Brownsville	623	160	
Bruceton, First	209	67	
Brush Creek	110	55	
Camden, First	299	120	2
Natchez Trace	43	23	
Carthage, First	200	56	
Chattanooga, Brainerd	941	311	
Calvary	319	136	
Central	648	235	
Meadowview	42	29	
Concord	505	205	
East Lake	535	182	6
First	1037	230	10
Morris Hill	304	109	
Oakwood	444	163	2
Ooltewah	168	60	
Red Bank	1195	331	1
Ridgedale	531	200	
Second	150	75	
White Oak	539	173	3
Clarksville, Calvary	132	73	4
First	1074	256	3
Pleasant View	302	108	
Cleveland, Big Spring	367	171	2
Maple Street	140	77	
Stuart Park	171	94	2
Clinton, First	681	183	4
Pleasant View	168	82	1
Second	499	116	9
Collierville, First	330	83	
Columbia, First	428	117	
Highland Park	412	167	1
Northside	104	62	
Pleasant Heights	212	67	
Concord, First	277	176	5
Cookeville, Eastwood	82	42	
First	588	192	2
Washington Avenue	159	87	1
Bangham	64	39	
West View	175	80	
Corryton	241	118	1
Fairview	172	85	
Crab Orchard, Haley's Grove	153	83	
Cowan, First	144	61	3
Crossville, First	192	58	2
Oak Hill	106	61	
Daisy, First	345	90	
Dayton, First	275	128	
Dickson, First	215	88	4
Dresden, First	223	78	1
Dunlap, First	165	66	
Dyer, New Bethlehem	194	91	
Dyersburg, First	677	187	1
Hawthorne	230	115	
Elizabethton, First	469	166	
Immanuel	241	119	
Oak Street	229	107	7
Siam	200	101	
Erwin, Clear Branch	118	27	
Etowah, First	351	89	
North	380	130	
Fayetteville, First	443	135	
Flintville	156	55	
Gallaway	118	61	

Gladeville	163	81	
Goodlettsville, First	517	226	5
Grand Junction, First	133	79	
Greenbrier, Ebenezer	137	58	
First	412	162	1
Greenfield, First	239	72	
Greeneville, First	507	186	2
Second	218	59	2
Harriman, Big Emory	140	73	3
Piney Grove	164	37	
South	674	230	
Trenton Street	420	126	
Walnut Hill	249	119	2
Henderson, First	252	90	13
Hendersonville, First	630	111	7
Hixson, Central	308	233	
First	323	104	
Memorial	291	143	1
Pleasant Grove	176	101	
Humboldt, Antioch	250	104	
First	567	168	2
Huntingdon, First	319	143	
Jackson, Calvary	583	302	4
East Union	107	68	
First	1015	315	8
Highland Park	166	65	2
Nashway	91	61	1
Parkview	348	132	2
West	901	400	3
Jasper, Kimball	117	70	
Jefferson City, First	756	386	9
Johnson City, Central	679	173	9
Clark Street	293	91	
North	177	69	
Unaka Avenue	379	123	
Kenton, First	269	79	4
Macedonia	104	69	
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	403	187	
First	879	222	
Litz Manor	232	113	3
Lynn Garden	442	161	1
State Line	194	86	
Kingsston, First	600	301	3
Shiloh	190	143	
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	348	142	1
Bell Avenue	660	206	
Black Oak Heights	231	87	
Broadway	1007	353	13
Central (Bearden)	773	257	13
Central (Ft. City)	1249	436	1
Cumberland	415	204	9
Fifth Avenue	723	182	
First	1059	315	10
Grace	440	207	
Immanuel	403	147	15
Lincoln Park	1050	260	1
Mt. Carmel	187	74	
Mt. Harmony	207	134	2
Meridian	787	278	1
New Hopewell	295	147	1
Smithwood	837	301	6
South	563	178	3
Wallace Memorial	768	276	
West Hills	242	108	
LaFollette, First	333	113	
LaVergne, First	152	86	1
Lawrenceburg, First	200	66	
Meadow View	64	36	
Lebanon, Fairview	300	101	
First	629	146	
Hillcrest	174	95	
Immanuel	398	194	9
Rocky Valley	113	39	
Lenoir City, First	485	157	
Kingston Pike	136	75	
Oral	114	62	
Lewisburg, First	410	111	
Mt. Lebanon	54	22	
Loudon, Corinth	295	192	2
New Providence	143	98	
Union Fork	95	87	
Madison, Parkway	253	71	4
Madisonville, First	300	100	
Malesus	228	94	
Manchester, First	352	158	4
Trinity	140	100	2
Martin, Central	329	106	3
First	447	182	
Southside	124	28	
Maryville, Broadway	716	351	
First	902	316	2
McEwen, First	96	40	
McKenzie, First	355	95	9
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	487	153	7
Forest Park	87	57	
Memphis, Ardmore	703	322	6
Argonne Heights	142	65	31
Bellevue	1547	682	16
Broadmoor	321	107	4
Broadway	706	300	20
Brunswick	141	56	

Cherokee	1182	436	2
Cordova	187	70	
Dellwood	451	187	6
East Park	231	111	9
Egypt	178	67	10
Eudora	1032	435	12
Fairlawn	679	326	2
First	1527	413	12
Forest Hill	107	32	1
Frayser	810	351	
Georgian Hills	530	172	1
Highland Heights	1299	659	1
Kennedy	578	249	
LaBelle Haven	785	287	1
LeaClair	536	206	3
Leawood	968	303	6
Longview Heights	444	106	2
Lucy	169	90	1
Macon Road	227	102	
Mallory Heights	270	104	
Millington, First	505	258	
Mountain Terrace	224	153	1
National Avenue	360	158	
Oakville Memorial	400	127	7
Park Avenue	714	223	
Richland	359	150	1
Rugby Hills	353	188	
Scenic Hills	209	123	
Second	560	178	1
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Southern Avenue	748	266	
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Vanuys	95	45	2
Victory Heights	168	96	
Wells Station	741	197	1
Westmont	172	66	
Whitehaven	830	237	6
White Station	176	86	
Woodstock	125	67	2
Milan, First	447	146	5
Morristown, Alpha	132	57	
Bethel	203	122	
Buffalo Trail	268	74	
Bulls Gap	104	41	
Calvary	411	108	
Cherokee Hill	140	99	
First	773	192	
Grace	107	55	
Manley	172	106	
Montvue	225	78	
Russellville	82		
Westview	176	72	
Murfreesboro, First	626	136	
Calvary	96	53	
Green Hill	69	36	1
Immanuel	70	37	1
Southeast	178	111	
Third	366	133	2
Woodbury Road	230	116	
Nashville, Alta Loma	288	142	
Antioch	180	73	
Dalewood	415	132	
Donelson, First	730	213	15
Eastland	517	184	
Elkins Avenue	140	68	
First	1474	523	7
Carroll Street	202	77	
Cora Tibbs	59	24	
T.P.S.	372		
Freeland	116	43	
Gallatin Road	433	139	3
Grace	767	234	
Harsh Chapel	203	57	
Haywood Hills	476	217	
Hill Hurst	251	140	
Immanuel	407	136	
Joelton	269	128	
Lakewood	512	171	5
Lincoya, Hills	242	65	
Lockeland	542	155	
Lyle Lane	100	50	
Neelys Bend	135	58	
Park Avenue	887	283	1
Riverside	358	84	
Rosedale	191	88	4
Third	193	51	
Tusculum Hills	446	156	1
Two Rivers	160	69	5
Una	260	104	
Woodbine	516	210	
Berea	49	10	1
Niota, First	127	34	
Oak Ridge, Central	557	182	
Robertsville	707	233	
Old Hickory, First	450	159	
Rayon City	236	79	1
Temple	280	170	7
Paris, First	580	187	
Parsons, First	255	73	2
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	170	159	2
Portland, First	344	92	
Pulaski, First	354	86	
Mission	78	28	
Rockwood, Eureka	111	71	
First	529	185	1
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	153	112	
Savannah, First	310	94	
Selmer, First	316	129	3
First	526	162	8
Seymour, Dupont	155	85	1
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## Georgia Starts Spanish Work

ATLANTA (BP)—Georgia Baptists and the Home Mission Board of the SBC have combined efforts to minister to the new Spanish-speaking population of the state.

More than 3,000 Cubans and Puerto Ricans now live in Georgia, which has had no state Baptist ministry to Spanish-speaking people in the 120 years of Baptist history.

The Cubans, refugees for the most part from Castro's communist-dominated island, have concentrated in Atlanta, and the Puerto Ricans are connected with military operations in Columbus.

To provide the ministry needed, the state and the Home Mission Board asked former Cuban missionary, Abdiel Silva, a native of Texas, to serve both city areas. The Silvas reached the United States by way of Mexico in September.

The Atlanta and Columbus Baptist Associations also are participating in support of Silva, who will live in Atlanta.

Churches in both cities have classes and departments of Spanish work. In Atlanta a city-wide meeting of Spanish-speaking people is held each Tuesday evening at the Druid Hills Baptist Church.

However, mission leaders indicate no effort will be made to start Spanish language churches, but the work will encourage present churches to intensify and adapt their efforts for effective ministries to these people.

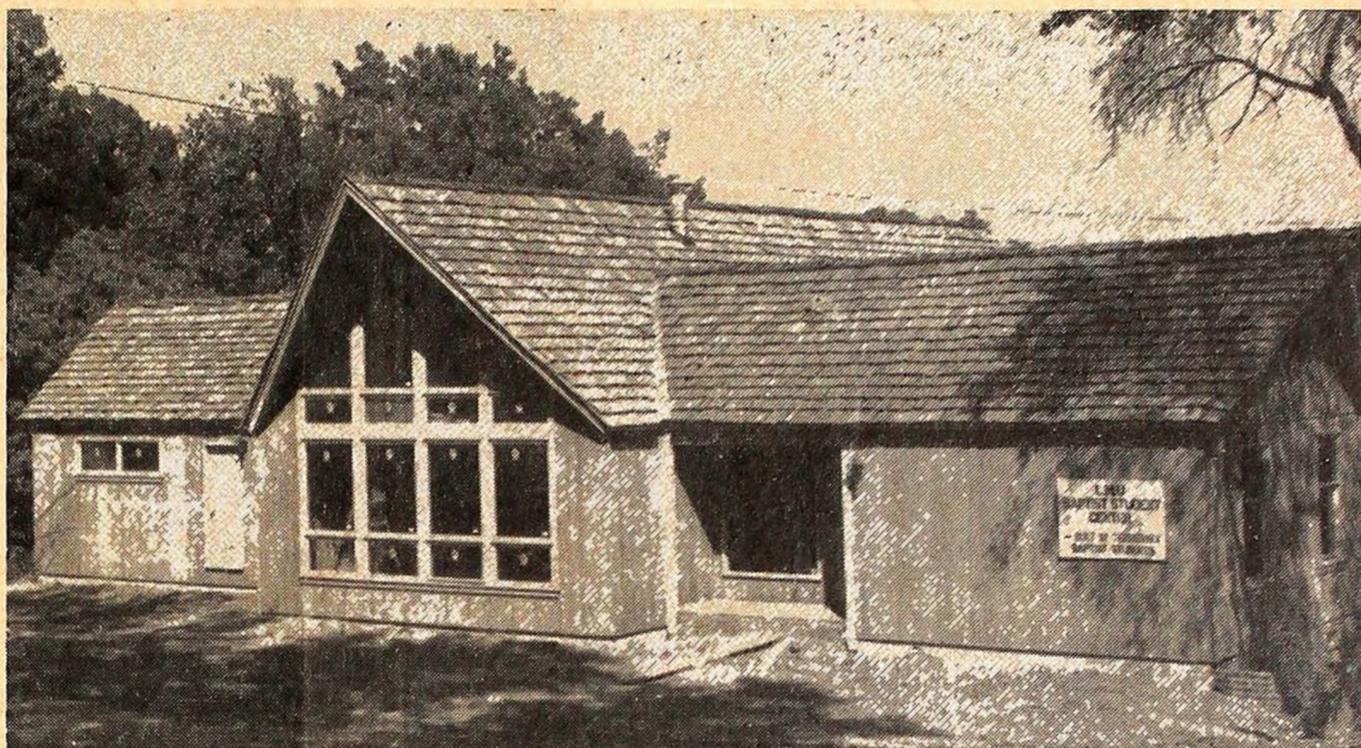
Silva was born in Austin, Tex. to parents who were natives of Cuba. He went to Cuba with his parents, who were also Baptist missionaries, when he was six. He graduated from Cuban elementary and high schools, and attended Havana University.

He returned with his parents to the United States when his father undertook mission work at Tampa, Fla. Silva attended Baylor University at Waco, Tex. and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Since graduation from the seminary in 1939, he has served with the Home Mission Board, both in the United States and in Cuba.

He and his wife, a native of Matanzas, Cuba, were reunited in Atlanta with a teenage son, Abdiel, Jr., who had left Cuba two years earlier.

## Student Center To Be Dedicated Nov. 1



Nov. 1 has been set for dedication ceremonies of a new Baptist student center at Harrogate. Planned and built through a summer missions work camp project of Tennessee Baptist students, the building will be used primarily by students at Lincoln Memorial University, and as a missions office for the Cumberland Gap Association.

Charles Roselle, state secretary of student work, will preside at the ceremonies beginning at 2:00 p.m. Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will bring the dedicatory address. Baylus Fultz, moderator, Cumberland Gap Association, will give the invoca-

tion and Leslie Baumgartner, state missions secretary, will pronounce the benediction.

Others featured on the program will include work camp personnel, Dr. Lamar Rice, president, Lincoln Memorial University; H. M. Brooks, Cumberland Gap associational missionary; and Joe McDade, director of student work, L.M.U. Music will be provided by two work camp participants, Tim Birkhead, student, Memphis State University; and Charles Wells, student, Eastern Kentucky State College. Students from L. M. U. will also provide special music.

A tour of the student center will conclude the afternoon's activities.

### A LOOK AT BOOKS

*Harper Study Bible* edited by Harold Lindsell; Harper & Row; 2112 pp.; \$9.95. Here is a magnificent new Bible in the honored Revised Standard Version—a monumental study volume unlike any other. It includes Reference Edition with Concordance and Maps, Introductions, Annotations, Topical Headings, Marginal References, and Index.

*Play Ball!* by James C. Hefley; Zondervan; 127 pp.; \$2.95. True stories of faith in action. A dynamic expression of a personal Christian faith of 16 men.

*The Treasure of the Copper Scroll* by John Marco Allegro; 186 pp.; \$1.25. Second edition, completely revised (A Doubleday Anchor Book). This is a fascinating report on an unusual document. There is hardly any aspect of Near Western archaeology, history, and religion that this volume does not in some way illumine.

*Men Made New* compiled and edited by David R. Enlow; Zondervan; 150 pp.; \$2.95. From all walks of life come these stories of men whose lives have been transformed and changed by a confrontation with Christ.

### Suggest Worshiping Study For April 19-23

NASHVILLE—A study in worshiping is the 1965 emphasis of Church Membership Study Week suggested for April 19-23.

This week of study for all church members relates to the Southern Baptist Convention emphasis on worship in 1965.

New convention press books which may be used are: adult, "The Christian Worshiping" by V. L. Stanfield; young people, "Reality in Worship" by J. P. Allen; intermediate, "What is Worship?" by Woodson and Sybil Arms; junior, "When We Worship" by Marietta Howkington.

These books will be released in February, through the Baptist Book Stores.

Special units for children are: primary, "The World We Live In" by Mrs. John M. Tubbs; beginner, "God's Care in Spring and Summer" by Maurice and Jane Ireland Williams; nursery, "When I'm at Church" by Ann Huguley Burnette.

A study in worshiping is promoted by the Training Union department, one of whose tasks it is to train church members to perform the functions of their church.

Shelbyville, First	521	128	..
Southside	112	38	..
Smyrna, First	368	103	1
Somerville, First	293	136	1
Sparta, First	201	64	1
Springfield	555	194	3
Summertown	136	58	..
Sweetwater, First	448	129	..
Murrays Church	97	95	26
Trenton, First	580	193	16
Trezevant, First	168	69	..
Tullahoma, Grace	132	85	1
Union City, First	610	147	1
Second	331	152	..
Waverly, First	185	68	1
Waynesboro, Green River	138	86	..
White House	215	104	..
Winchester, Oaklawn	147	66	..
Woodbury	236	67	..

# — Stewardship of Possessions —

TEXTS: 1 Timothy 6 (Larger) - 1 Timothy 6:6-12,17-19 (Printed) - 1 Timothy 6:17 (Golden or Memory).

“Tell those who are rich in this present world not to be contemptuous of others, and not to rest the weight of their confidence on the transitory power of wealth but on the living God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment”. Thus reads the Golden or Memory Text, translated by Phillips. The advice is sound, and if followed would do much to place one’s possessions in the proper perspective. Taken with other similar Scriptures, it would serve as a reminder also that what a person possesses involves a stewardship or a trusteeship. Each individual must earn as well as use his possessions for God’s glory as well as mankind’s benefit without selfishness. The teachings of the printed text, mentioned below, bear on this central idea. These verses suggest certain results in the life of one who conforms to them.

## Avoiding Greed (vv.6-10)

To become greedy, either by possessing much or little, is to become foolish. Each person enters life without possessions and must go out in the same manner. How absurd, then, to become greedy! Besides, to think of greed is to think of the pig in his food-trough as he tries to eat all in a few moments, pushing and shoving the other pigs out of his way. To be given the opportunity of earning enough for life’s necessities ought to make one grateful. To desire to be rich for selfish reasons constitutes a serious delusion or snare. Two lusts and a pride are to be avoided, according to 1 Jn. 2:16. Paul writes here, under

the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that the love of money constitutes the root of all evil. The warning inherent is as specific as it is solemn. It has particular validity for such an affluent society as the one in which we here in America now find ourselves.

## Improving Character (vv.11,12)

The goal of the Christian’s living must of course always to be like Christ. His character should be patterned after that of Jesus Christ who “went about doing good”. The record of His earthly life gives no indication that he possessed anything. He was born in a rented stable. He preached from a borrowed boat. He was buried in a tomb that belonged to another. It was prophesied that He would make His grave with both the wicked and the rich (Isa. 53:9). But no fault could be found in Him at His trial, as Pilate so declared. The writer of these two verses given here mentions six characteristics or items for improving the Christian’s character (v.11). He urges an earnest and honest “fight of faith” to that end or goal. The manner of earning and using one’s possessions indicate quite clearly the true character of each individual. The follower of Christ, when faced with any question in either category, should try to answer the same as he thinks Jesus would answer it. This was the theme of a book entitled “In His Steps” by a writer of the past generation. Was it Sheldon?

## Transforming Wealth (vv.17-19)

Material wealth or possessions can be transformed into lasting spiritual realities and well-being, according to these verses. The challenge given here is to be “rich in good works”. This involves not only personal service done for those who are in need but it also involves a wise use of one’s possessions in the same direction. Such “wealth” is not influenced by either inflation or depression. It endures both in the life here and now as well as in the life to come. Neither fire nor flood can damage it. This kind of “possession” can be taken into the other “realm”. To be generous in the use of one’s material possessions, supremely for God’s glory and for man’s benefit, will lead toward such transformation. To be honest in the acquisition of one’s material possessions may also lead toward such transformation. The two go together in Bible teaching. They should go together in human practice. Let us be good and reliable trustees or stewards. To fail is to fail both God and man, including ourselves.



ON MATTERS OF  
*Family Living*

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## Growing Up As Boys and Girls

My wife has always been sensitive to the needs of others, especially little children. The following are excerpts from an article she wrote in this month’s issue of *Home Life*.

“Grandmother sent Ann and Louise little lacy gowns. They wore them continuously for several days. One afternoon the mother asked why they enjoyed wearing them so much. Four-year old Ann quickly responded, “We just love them! They make us feel like real ladies!”

Primaries have reached the age at which they are conscious of being either a boy or a girl. They have become aware of physical differences. They are beginning to form ideas of how a girl should act or what it feels like ‘to be a man!’

Parents need to communicate to their children that this is a world of two sexes and that the differences make a wonderful arrangement. Children should know that both sexes are equally valuable and important. The story of Adam and Eve helps explain that God intended it should be this way. It was all in his plan.

It is meaningful for a little girl to know her parents are happy that she is a girl. Parents may express disappointment that they have ‘another boy.’ Carried to an extreme, the idea communicates to the child a rejection of his sex. He may try to be ‘girlish’ to gain approval. How many girls play the tomboy role because a daddy had hoped for a boy?

Some small girls may be indifferent to playing dolls and ‘house’ and prefer playing the more courageous and daring games identified with boys. A natural choice and preference of play activity for a young child is quite harmless; but feeling she must play a tomboy role to gain approval of her parents may cause confusion in her feelings about being a little girl.

Both boys and girls need to have an active play life if they are to grow physically and emotionally. Soon enough there will come difference in interest. In the Primary years, ‘tom-boy’ activity for girls should not be discouraged. Nor should boys’ normal doll play be discouraged. It is important that parents and teachers should recognize this fact as they work with boys and girls. In good growth, there is a time and season for all things.

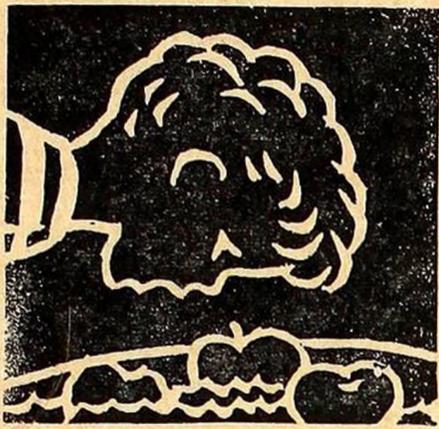
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## Ancient Celebration\*

By Thelma C. Carter

Because we enjoy Halloween, we think of it as an American custom. Actually, the celebration of Halloween started long ago in Europe as part of a special feast season.

This ancient celebration was known as "witches' Sabbath." As the years passed, many superstitions grew up about the ceremony. Some people thought that magic and witchcraft were performed during the observance of the celebration.

Bonfires were lighted at midnight. These were supposed to frighten away witches and ghosts that wandered over the country after the sun had set. People came together in strange midnight meetings. They hoped to watch the witches and their companions—black cats, toads, and serpents—perform their magic tricks.

Few people actually took part in the witchcraft. Many came to the strange meetings to see the strange antics of others. In time, people began wearing masks and strange costumes so that their neighbors and friends could not recognize them. Thus, our custom of Halloween masks came about.

The jack-o'-lantern is apparently an American custom. It probably developed along with the idea of the masks and the long black hoods people wore to disguise themselves. A strange story tells of a make-believe will-o'-the-wisp. This was supposed to be a night watchman who went about with a lighted lantern to see that no harm came to the people. Later, the will-o'-the-wisp became known as jack-o'-lantern. The word "jack" is an old English word used in Europe to mean "a person who serves others faithfully."

Ducking for apples is an Irish custom. It was part of a ceremony in which bonfires were lighted on Halloween. The serving of apples and nuts, which the people always stored for food, also became a part of the Irish Halloween.

Today we enjoy the Halloween season and customs from many lands. We know that they are only superstitions.

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## People and Places\*

By B. W. Taylor

Using the clues given with each letter or group of letters, can you name the person, place, or other information to which it refers?

1. N (1) This is a town mentioned in the Bible.  
(2) It is located in Galilee, north of Jerusalem.  
(3) This was the hometown of Jesus when he was a boy.  
(4) Luke 2:51 tells the name of the town.
2. T (1) This is a number which was important to Jesus.  
(2) Jesus went to the church at this important age in his life.  
(3) This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.  
(4) The number is given in Luke 2:42.
3. P (1) This word describes stories found in the Bible.  
(2) These stories used earthly objects or incidents to illustrate spiritual meanings.  
(3) Jesus used these stories as he taught the people.  
(4) The name for these stories is found in Matt. 13:18.
4. SOTM (1) These letters stand for a significant event in Jesus' ministry.  
(2) To us they indicate a sermon he preached.  
(3) The sermon presented the principles for a Christian life.  
(4) We have come to know these teachings as the S\_\_\_\_ o\_\_ t\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_.
5. M (1) This is the name of a man found in the Old Testament.  
(2) He was a Hebrew, who lived in Egypt.  
(3) He became the leader and law-giver for the children of Israel.  
(4) You will find his name in Exod. 2:10.
6. J (1) This man was married to Rachel.  
(2) He was the son of Isaac.  
(3) Esau tried to kill him because of a birthright.  
(4) His name is in Gen. 25:27.
7. G (1) This is a body of water located north of Jerusalem.  
(2) It is a sea where many people fished.  
(3) Jesus was often near this sea.  
(4) It is named in Matt. 15:29.

"What's this big item listed on your expense account?" asked the sales manager.

"Why," answered the salesman, "that's my hotel bill."

"Well, don't buy any more hotels," said the sales manager.

Mildred was the guest at a smart party, and was pleased to find that an old flame of hers was there. She decided to pique him by treating him with lofty contempt, and upon being introduced to him by her hostess, looked at him with studied indifference, and murmured, "Sorry, I didn't get the name."

"No," was the reply, "I know you didn't. But that wasn't your fault. You tried hard enough."

When Eddie, the slow moving and inefficient clerk in a small town store, was not in evidence one morning, a customer asked, "Where is Eddie? He ain't sick, is he?"

"Nope, he ain't," replied the proprietor. "He just ain't workin', here no more."

"That so?" responded the villager. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?"

"Nope. Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

MAGISTRATE: "Driving through the red light will cost you \$10 and costs, and next time you'll go to jail. Understand?"

CULPRIT: "Yes, your Honor, just like a weather report—fine today, cooler tomorrow."

Someone notes that no wonder today's teen-agers are confused. Half the adults tell him to "find himself", while the other half tells him to "get lost."

Wheeling the baby buggy along, a young father was trying to control his howling infant. "That's a good boy, Clarence. Easy does it, Clarence. Control yourself, Clarence."

A young mother noticed the situation and remarked, "You must be a wonderful father. You seem to understand little Clarence." She bent over the carriage and cooed, "Hello, Clarence. What's the trouble?"

"The baby's name is Horace," the father interrupted. "I'm Clarence."

## Answers

1. Nazareth, 2. twelve, 3. parable, 4. Sermon on the Mount, 5. Moses, 6. Jacob, 7. Galilee

# Rome, Italy, Church Boasts Fellowship

By John J. Hurt Jr.

ROME, ITALY (BP)—The little English-speaking Rome Baptist Church, as much a delight to a visitor as an oasis in a desert, boasts the warmest fellowship that can be found on earth and a history which puts others to shame.

Georgians can add a boast it has the finest of pastors for it was Rome, Ga., which lost William C. Ruchti to Rome, Italy.

The visitor doesn't get two steps beyond the sidewalk before he learns this church sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board majors on hospitality. Ushers Oscar Jungbauer or Billy Evelyn almost dare you to get away without shaking hands with each of the 50 to 75 in attendance. It is that way before the service and after.

Ruchti's sermon for the visitor must compete with the history which abounds. It maybe is the better way for presentation of the church.

The building is in the heart of the city at Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina—off one of the main thoroughfares. Less than a five-minute walk away are the world-famed Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain of "three coins in the fountain" song fame.

The building was occupied by a Roman family about the time the Plymouth fathers were struggling to establish their homes. The walls contain rubble from the Colosseum. So much for the three-story building, worth maybe \$3 million in this inflation-ridden land, which also houses the Italian Baptist Union and is headquarters for Southern Baptist missionaries.

The church proper occupies comparatively modern facilities—a structure covering an 18th century courtyard built by English Baptists when they supported missions here early in the century. The floor is of marble, as in most public buildings, with white plastered walls covering the stone.

Back to the fellowship, for that is what distinguishes the little church. Baptists attached to the embassy or with commercial assignments in Italy make this the center of their life. It is here, and only here, where they find a common purpose and it is the event of their week.

Two or three times a month they get together for social events and, during October, the calendar promises "dinner on the marble" which is the best they can do for "dinner on the grounds."

What does it mean to this little colony of Baptists? Mrs. William Ingle, mother of two, can best explain for no one means more to a church than she.

"I had been a Baptist all my life," said the transplanted North Carolinian from Durham. "I had begun to think we would have to make do with something else here when on the second Sunday in Rome we stumbled into this church. My children are getting their first Sunday school experience. The church is giving me 10-fold more than I am giving it."

She's church secretary, plays organ or piano as needed, or sings if somebody else prefers to play, teachers in one of the departments and does anything else but preach.

Mention of the Ingles requires notice that the church boasts musical talent that puts others to shame. Bill Ingle is a Fulbright scholar studying in the Rome Opera House. Both are graduates of Westminster Choir College.

Then, there's Annette Meriwether, soprano from Michigan City, Ind., graduate of the Eastman School of Music and also studying opera on a Fulbright scholarship with another scholarship from the Baptist churches of Michigan City, Ind.

Bob Battle, from Virginia, was part of the original "Porgy and Bess" cast in Moscow and stopped off here to study opera. The musicians share frequently of their talents at the Baptist Orphanage, Woman's Missionary Union Training School and in Italian churches.

The membership numbers the consul general, military men attached to the embassy. There also is the J. H. Hutcheson family which, like the Ruchtis, came here from Rome, Ga. He travels Europe, Africa and the Middle East for a machinery company.

Ruchti is required to give more time to study than most pulpits demand. His congregation is composed of college graduates and many here for graduate study. Twice each year he slips away to the Baptist Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland for a week of special study and research.

He has learned to adjust to conditions. For example, church at 10 a.m. precedes Sunday school and he's convinced now it is better. "The people come to church to listen to God," he explains. "We build the communion of fellowship and the people then are much more ready to participate in Sunday school study and fellowship."

There can be no Sunday evening services. Parking is impossible because of nearby theaters. But, when he moves his family to a new part of the city about Nov. 1 he will be among his members and plans a midweek service in his home.

## Louisiana Board Sets 1965 Budget

ALEXANDRIA, LA. (BP)—The Louisiana Baptist Convention executive board here has approved a 1965 state Convention Cooperative Program budget of \$2,850,000. On top of this is a \$100,000 advance goal.

The budget will be submitted to the convention next month in New Orleans for adoption. The percentage of the budget going to the Southern Baptist Convention for Baptist work outside Louisiana will remain at 31.4. The SBC will get one-fourth of any funds in the \$100,000 advance.

The convention will be asked to increase to \$60,000 next year the amount the budget provides to help publish the Baptist Message, weekly Baptist magazine. This is an increase of \$16,500 over the amount the convention budget has provided the magazine in 1964.

The executive board also voted to recommend to the convention a statewide campaign for special gifts to aid Louisiana College (Baptist) at Pineville. It would be directed at individuals, not at churches. No figure was set for the campaign which will help build up the college's endowment and provide for capital needs.

## Gospel Translated For Aucas

Miss Rachel Saint, sister of one of the five men martyred in January of 1956 in the Amazon jungles by the savage Auca Indians, has just completed the translation of the Gospel of Mark in the Auca language. Miss Saint of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Santa Ana, California, and her language helper, Dayuma, have been living in the Auca village of Tiwaeno among the men who killed her brother. Now all five of the men who shared in the act have become Christians. Miss Saint gives thanks for the various means through which God has worked to change the seeming tragedy into triumph—means ranging from the help and cooperation of Ecuadorian government officials to the raising up of a multitude of faithfully praying Christians in the homeland.

Mrs. Ruchti, a Georgia Woman's Missionary Union leader in their days there, shares in the musical program, teaches Sunday school, serves with the other missionaries and is as busy as her pastor-husband.

Few Baptists visit Rome without enjoying a meal in her home. All of the members have been entertained there countless times. Additionally, the Ruchtis are the official representatives of the Foreign Mission Board for the reception of new missionaries, helping them to get settled.

Incidentally, they return to Georgia next August and will make their home in the Decatur area as he does graduate study.