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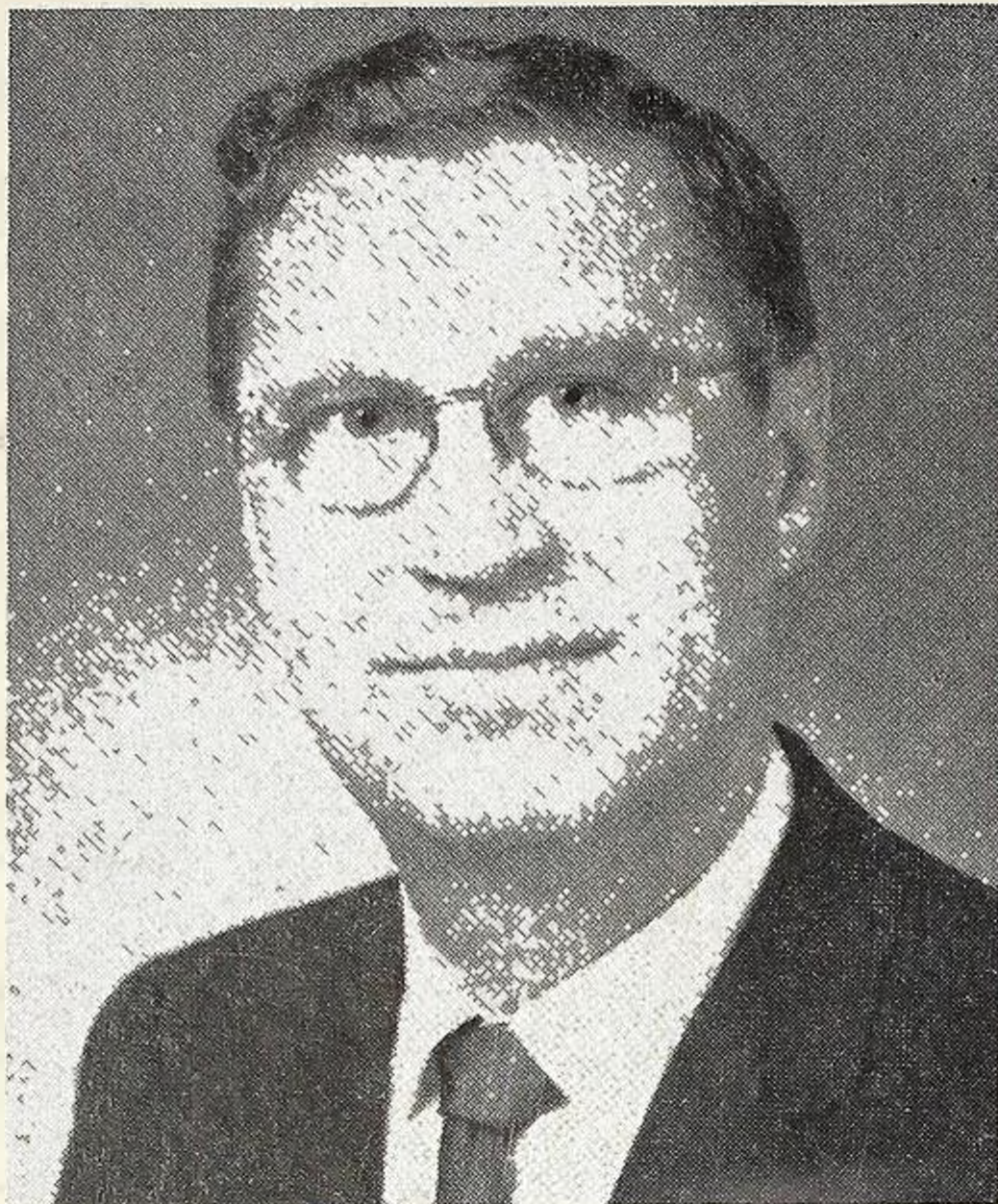
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# "Newness of Life"



by Dillard Hagan,  
Forest Hill Church, Maryville

These are the words of a great Christian, a great apostle, a great preacher, and a great New Testament writer. His name is Paul. He writes to the Christians at Rome, "We are buried with Him in baptism unto His death that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even



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# SBC Pastors' Conference To Feature 21 Speakers

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)—Twenty-one major speakers will deliver addresses and sermons to the 1967 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference when it meets here May 29-30.

The program for the two-day Pastors' Conference, held just prior to the annual Southern Baptist Convention here May 30-June 2, was announced by C. A. Roberts, president of the Pastors' Conference and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

For the first time, the Pastors' Conference will conclude with a dinner-dialogue on the subject, "The Church—Its Present Status and Future Prospect."

Scheduled at the Carillon Hotel, the dinner-dialogue will feature a panel composed

so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

Paul uses three words we all should think much about:

Paul uses the word "buried." We are buried with Him by baptism unto His death. Here Paul is talking about a planting. Look at the words "we" and "Him." These speak of a togetherness. John 12:24, "Jesus said, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Paul uses the word "raised" in verse 4. "Like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father . . ." Raised up from the dead! Here is God's resurrection power. The Bible speaks about being dead in trespasses and in sins. God had raised these Roman Christians up from the dead. What a great spiritual experience this is! I remember when this experience happened to me as a Junior boy in south central Kentucky, in Monroe County, at the Mill Creek Baptist Church. That August day I felt this death power, but when I fully surrendered to the Savior completely, I felt this great resurrection power of God. This is a spiritual transformation. This is the new birth power for which all Christians are so grateful.

The third word Paul uses is the word "walk"—"even so we should walk in newness of life." This is a sweet and a glorious command from our Lord to the Roman Christians, but it is a great command for us and to us and for our day as His church and His people today. The sweetest walk is the New Life Walk. All the saved can say with Paul, "Behold old things have passed away, behold all things have be come new."

I have been a new person, and had a great desire in my heart to walk a new life in Christ Jesus since that day that I gave my heart to Christ. My prayer is that our message today is Paul's message: a burial, a resurrection, and new life.

of SBC Christian Life Commission Secretary Foy Valentine of Nashville, University of Tennessee Chemistry Professor George Schweitzer of Knoxville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Kenneth Chafin of Louisville.

Following brief statements by each panel member, Baptist pastors attending the dinner-dialogue will raise questions and give their own observations, said Roberts. Advance reservations, and a registration fee of \$10, are required for the pastors' dinner-dialogue.

All other sessions of the Pastors' Conference will be held at the Miami Beach Convention Hall.

Theme for the Pastors' Conference will be "Mandate to Minister," the same theme used by the Southern Baptist Convention following the pastors' meeting.

Roberts said that the program will center around the different worlds to which the pastor must minister, including the worlds of the church, the working man, the student, religion, the entertainment world, the world of athletics, the world of government, the world of human relations, the world of foreign missions and others.

Representing the world of entertainment will be Anita Bryant, actress and recording star, who will both sing and tell the pastors what being a Christian means to her.

Golfer Gary Player, one of the few persons ever to win the four major world golf tournaments, will receive an award jointly from the Pastors' Conference and from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Player will be honored for "his contribution to wholesome athletics in the past decade," said Roberts.

Immediately following presentation of the award to Player, the executive secretary of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, James Jeffrey of Kansas City, Mo., will address the pastors.

Florida State Senator Mallory Horne of Tallahassee will address the pastors on ". . . The World of Government," and Samuel Proctor, president of the Institute for Services to Education in Washington, will speak on human relations. Proctor, a Negro, is a former Peace Corps executive and former War on Poverty assistant in the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Pastors' Conference will open Monday morning, May 29, with the annual presidential address by Roberts, and with addresses by Mrs. Gert Behanna, author and lecturer from Kerville, Tex.; John Wood, pastor, First Church, Paducah, Ky., and W. Fred Swank, pastor, Sagamore Hill Church, Fort Worth.

Other opening day speakers are C. E. Garrison, pastor, First Church, Altus, Okla.;



# WMU Convention Will Feature Missionaries

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)**—The annual Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Convention scheduled here May 29-30 will feature addresses by several Southern Baptist missionaries and five sessions comparing the ministry of first century Christians and twentieth century Christians.

Theme for the annual women's convention, scheduled just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention here May 30-June 2, will be "In His Name."

The theme and program personalities were announced jointly by the president of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Tex., and the executive secretary of the organization, Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, Ala.

Each session will open with addresses by J. Lyn Elder, professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Metropolitan Opera Soloist Irene Jordan of New York will sing at each session of the convention.

A Baptist missionary to the Dominican Republic, Mrs. Howard K. Shoemaker, and the Cuban Baptist Woman's Missionary Union president of Miami, Fla., Mrs. Josefina Benitez, will tell of Baptist work in these strife-torn countries.

Both will speak during one of five sessions which feature a section on the role of twentieth century Christians in a complex world. A dramatic tableau or episode preceding each will depict first century Christians.

Closing major address for the women's convention will be delivered by Jimmy R. Allen of Dallas, executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Other major addresses will be brought by

Benny Bray, postal supervisor in Dallas, Tex.; Charles Wellborn, chaplain at Florida State University, Tallahassee; Jess Moody, pastor, First Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Buckner Fanning, pastor, Trinity Church, San Antonio, Tex.; Howard Butt, grocery chain executive, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Miss Bryant and Jeffrey.

Speakers on the closing day include Ed Crow, pastor, First Church, Brownsville, Tex.; William Hendricks, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Philip Harris, Training Union secretary for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; W. Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville; Paul Bellington, SBC missionary to Brazil; Schweitzer, Horne, and Proctor.

Closing address to the full Pastors' Conference will be delivered by W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas, Tex., the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Roy F. Lewis, loan officer for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Daniel Gruver, medical doctor in Panama City, Panama; Dr. Martha Jordan Gilliland, medical missionary to Nigeria, Miss Hunt and Mrs. Fling.

Other speakers include Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, Girls' Auxiliary director for North Carolina Baptists, Raleigh; Mrs. Ben Thompson, former Georgia Baptist WMU president now living in Yazoo City, Miss.; Dr. Joseph Pipkin, dentist in Orlando, Fla.; Freddie Neel of Chicago and Neil Jones of El Paso, both Southern Baptist Home Mission Board US-2 missionaries; and Mrs. Jamie C. Maiden, SBC missionary associate in Nigeria.

The WMU Convention will begin Monday morning, May 29, at 9:30 and continue through Tuesday afternoon, May 30, concluding just prior to the opening Tuesday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 30-June 2.

Sessions for the WMU Convention will be held at the Miami Beach Auditorium adjacent to the Convention Hall where the SBC and the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet.

## Don't Make Gospel Religious Medicare, Seminaries Warned

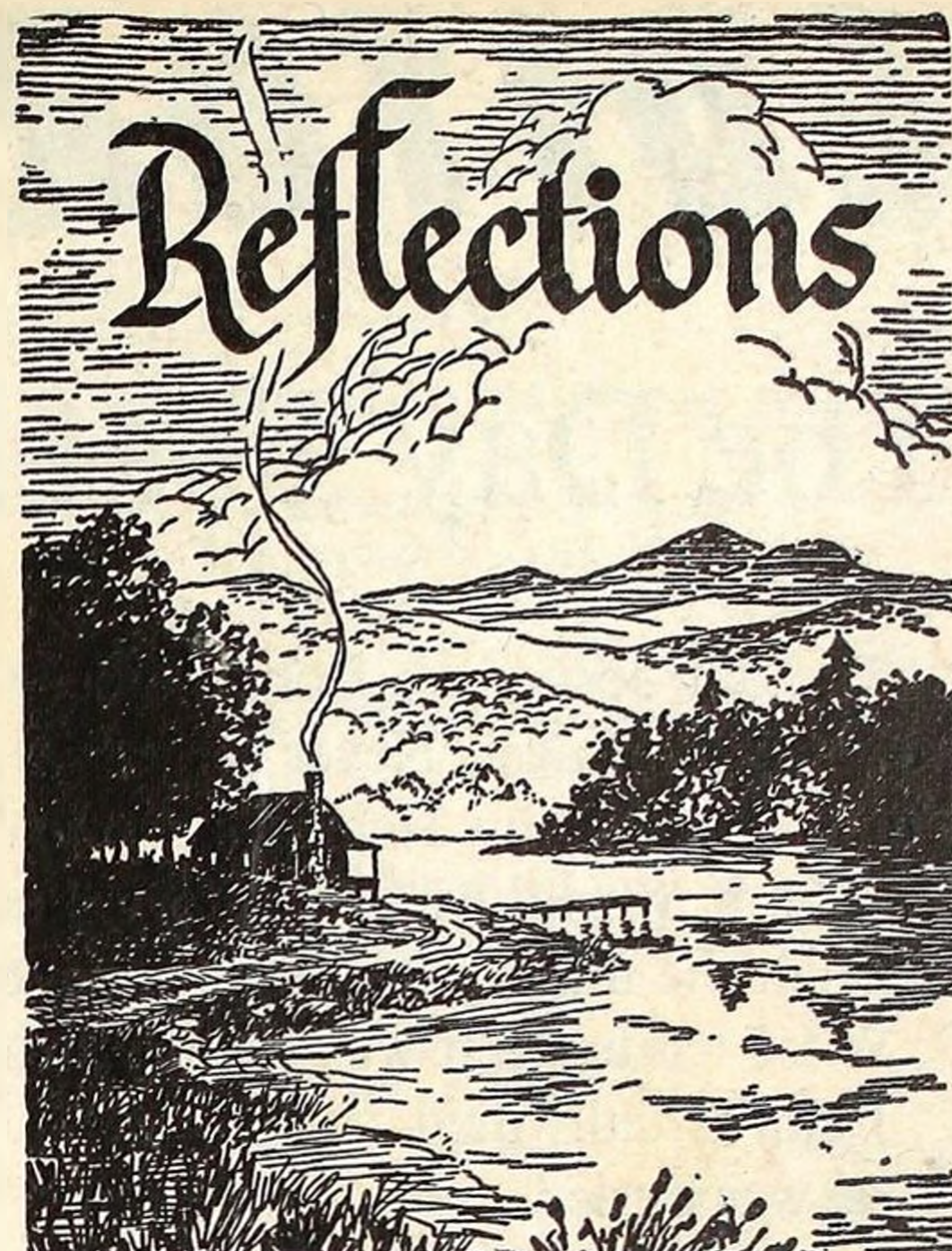
**NEW ORLEANS (BP)**—Southern Baptists will die if they follow the route of other denominations which "have tossed aside the Bible as God's authority and made the gospel a religious medicare," students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary were told here.

"We are moving today as if the Holy Spirit has gone out of business," said Roland L. Jarrard of Birmingham, Ala., during the annual Tharp lectures at New Orleans Seminary.

"What are we going to do?" asked Jarrard, pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church in Birmingham and former evangelism secretary for Alabama Baptists.

He urged Southern Baptists not to follow the example of some other denominations which, he said, have become sterile, status symbols; dried up and dead. He did not name the denominations.

"Today we must rethink our roles and our work and recognize God as our power," said Jarrard. "We must get rid of dull habits



It is a common and careless assumption, but a false and dangerous one, that federal expenditures are from some other source than your own pocket; that the government pays, not you. This is as naive as the reasoning of the patient who told his psychiatrist that he was making long distance calls to himself. "Isn't that costly?" asked the doctor, "Oh no, it doesn't cost a cent," replied the patient. "You see, I always reverse the charges."—Lester Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada.

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A few years ago in Pasadena, California, a young Negro boy began to get into trouble with the law. He had a strong grudge against society and was heading for real danger. A judge asked a young Methodist minister named Karl Downs to take personal responsibility in helping that boy to overcome his bitterness. The minister agreed, and spent a great deal of time with the boy. The result? The boy turned out to be a credit to his race and to the sports world. You now know this boy as Jackie Robinson. And who is Karl Downs? Just another Lydia—one of the quiet people who move the world forward.—William P. Barker in Saints in Aprons and Overalls (Fleming H. Revell Company)

and replace them with a creative gospel related to modern man and his life."

"No matter how much we know, if we can not and do not communicate the gospel, we have failed," he said.

Active in denominational work, Jarrard served two years as administrative assistant in charge of evangelism and missionary education for the Alabama Baptist Convention before going to the Birmingham church.

He has been pastor of churches in both Florida and Alabama including the First Baptist Church of Selma, Ala.



# EDITORIALS .....

## The Day That Broke The Power of Darkness

The day Jesus rose from the dead broke the fateful power of darkness. Never forget we live this side of a Tomb emptied by Heaven's power. Never forget we live in a world whose history has been redirected through the mighty Resurrection event.

What led up to it was History's turning point.

Jesus actually died.

He was buried.

All the lights seemed then to have been snuffed out. His followers were like men bereaved of all hope while his body lay in Joseph's tomb. The horror of darkness held them as prisoners. Their world had come to an end when Jesus died. Their dreams were blasted. They were prisoners of dark despair.

Then it all changed with the dawn of the First Day of the week and the discovery of the fact that Jesus was alive from the dead. He had risen from the grave.

Evil's dark power was broken.

Later on realizing the truth of what had taken

place, Peter declared of the One who had died on the Cross and had been buried, "God raised Him up having loosed the pains of death." Then he affirmed:

"Because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." (Acts 2:24) Love is mightier than evil. Life is stronger than death.

Jesus could not be held captive to the power of darkness. He had voluntarily submitted to death while he hung on the cross for our sins. As the Bible reveals: the One who was delivered up for our offences was raised again for our justification (Romans 6:9). God had a divine meaning in Jesus' death. The Resurrection proves it.

On the way to Damascus Paul was turned from persecutor to preacher by encounter with the Risen Jesus. Then he understood how the prophets and Moses had testified "that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead and should show light unto the people and to the Gentiles" (Acts 26:23).

Realizing salvation comes only from God, Paul confessed it is "not according to our works, but according to God's own purposes and grace." God's grace, we are assured, "is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (II Tim. 1:10)

God's grace came in Jesus.

Jesus did away with death by dying for us.

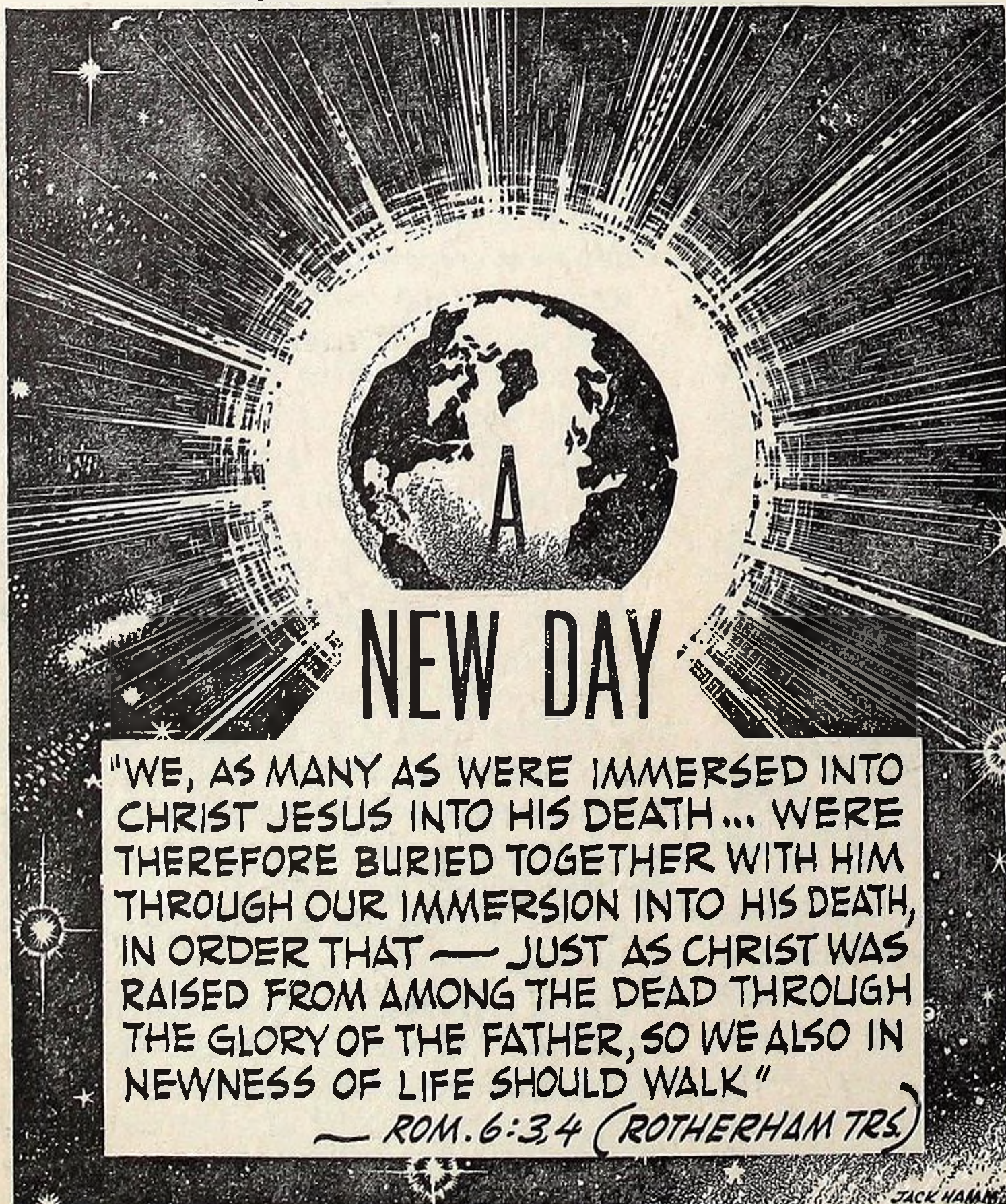
He ushered in life and immortality.

He fulfilled the long-foretold promise. (Isa. 25:8): "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth."

### It's Life and Work Series—With a New Writer

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR will continue the comments on the Life and Work series of Sunday school lessons which have appeared during February

#### God's Promise At Easter





## Messengers Urged To Obtain Credentials

NASHVILLE (BP)—Elected messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2, must bring with them the proper credentials certifying their election by a local Baptist church, the convention's registration secretary said here.

W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and registration secretary of the SBC, urged every messenger to bring a registration card signed by the church moderator or church clerk to certify him as a duly-elected messenger.

"The registration secretary has been requested to enforce the constitutional provision that only messengers be registered who present the proper credentials," Kendall said.

Kendall added that all messengers who do not bring the proper registration credentials must be approved by a credentials committee, appointed by the convention president, before they will be allowed to register.

"Last year at Detroit, nearly half of the messengers did not bring any kind of identification or registration card as the required credential," Kendall said. "This creates a tremendous problem and adds confusion to the registration process."

Kendall said registration cards are available from the executive secretary of each Baptist state convention cooperating with the SBC.

The SBC official also listed the constitutional requirements setting forth the number of messengers each church can elect.

No church can appoint more than 10 messengers to the convention, and each messenger must be a member of the church by which he is appointed.

One messenger may be appointed by each SBC church "which is in friendly cooperation with this convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work, and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the convention's work," according to the SBC Constitution. (Article III)

One additional messenger may be appointed from each church for every 250

# Interpretation . . .

Herschel H. Hobbs

## If Christ Be Not Risen

"If Christ be not risen, then—" (I Cor. 15:14)

In I Cor. 15 Paul is arguing in favor of the bodily resurrection of believers. And he bases this argument on the fact of Jesus' bodily resurrection. Plato held that spirit is everything and matter is nothing. Therefore, said he, the spirit lives on, but the body simply dies and returns to dust—that is all. The modern school of thought which holds that Jesus' resurrection simply means that His spirit lives on, and that His body was not raised, is not **modern** at all. It is simply a revival of pagan Greek philosophy. The very term "resurrection" denies this position. It means "a standing again," that something which died lives again to die no more. No one holds that Jesus' spirit died, only His body. So it is either a **bodily resurrection or no resurrection**.

For the sake of argument Paul assumes that the Platonists are correct. But if there is no resurrection, "then is Christ not risen" (v.13). "And if Christ be not risen, then" what? Thus he leads us down the dreary path to which such a belief leads (vv. 14-19). What are the results if Christ be not risen?

"Then is our preaching vain" or empty (v.14b). We have no gospel. The gospel rests on three pillars: Jesus' virgin birth, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection. Remove any one and the gospel falls into the dust. No bodily resurrection, no message.

"And your faith is also vain" or empty

members, or for each \$250 paid to the work of the convention during the fiscal year preceding the convention.

The "messengers" to the convention are not called "delegates" under Southern Baptist terminology, since they have no "delegated" authority to speak for the local church, and since the convention's actions are advisory and not binding on SBC churches.

(v.14c). Your faith rests upon emptiness, upon nothing.

"We are found false witnesses of God" (v.15). This probably means three things. (1) We who preach and teach Jesus' resurrection are pseudo-witnesses or liars. (2) We witness to a lie. (3) God Himself is a liar. He lied to His Son and to all believers in Him.

"Your faith is vain" (v.17b). Here "vain" renders a different word than in verse 14. This word means "devoid of truth, a lie." So you believe a lie.

"Ye are yet in your sins" (v.17c). If Christ be not raised, He is only a man and nothing more. Then He did not/could not die for our sins (cf. v.3). Apart from His bodily resurrection He is only a dead Jesus, not a living Lord and Saviour. Therefore, we have no Saviour from sin.

"They also which are fallen asleep are perished" (v.18). "Fallen asleep" renders a word whence comes our word "cemetery." They lie in a cemetery with no hope of resurrection. They "are perished" or destroyed. This word is akin to the word for "Apollyon," the destroyer, a name for Satan. In essence those who died believing in the resurrection are now in hell.

"We are of all men most miserable" or pitiable (v.19). If our hope is in this life alone, we have missed what the world offers. If there is nothing beyond, then we have missed out all around. We have been **duped**. But then Paul turns back to lead us in the highway of life.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead [out of the realm of the dead], and become the firstfruits of them that slept" or which are lying in the cemetery. The "firstfruits" are the offering of the first heads of ripened grain which herald the coming general harvest. So Christ's bodily resurrection is but the promise of the general resurrection at His second coming (v.23). This is the Christian's hope and assurance.

and March. The majority of our readers, who wrote us, requested their continuance. Another factor leading to this decision is the apparent lack of helps and expositions available to teachers for this new series. This is in contrast to the many available commentaries on the Uniform lessons. So as a matter of service—until the situation justifies a different course—BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR will carry comments each week on the Life and Work Curriculum lessons.

These comments will be by a new author. Dr. W. R. White, president emeritus of Baylor University of Waco, Texas, will write the notes each week, begin-

ning with the lesson for April 2. Dr. O. L. Rives, who has long written the Sunday school lessons for this paper, concludes his fine service with the lesson for March 26 in this issue. We appreciate his valuable ministry over the years.

A gifted writer, expositor, and teacher, Dr. White stands tall among Southern Baptist leaders having served with distinction as pastor, seminary professor, Sunday School Board editorial secretary, and university president. We are fortunate to have his comments on the new Life and Work Sunday school lessons.



# Tennessee Topics

**First Church, Trenton**, broke ground Feb. 26 for a new \$400,000 building. The new edifice will include an auditorium seating 775, office suite, choir rehearsal rooms, and some educational facilities. A \$52,500 Moller pipe organ will be installed. **H. L. Currie** is chairman of the building committee and **O. Wyndell Jones** is pastor.

Open house was held at **Belmont Heights Church, Knoxville**, Mar. 12 to celebrate completion of the church's new educational building. The building costing \$45,000 contains beginner, primary, junior and intermediate departments, an office, the pastor's study and two nurseries. It also marked the 11th anniversary of the pastorate of **Arthur B. Griffin**.

**Miss Jo Helton**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jeter of Jackson**, is a co-star in the Logos Corporation motion picture production of "Bill Wallace Of China." She plays the role as **Everly Hayes**, who worked with **Bill Wallace**.

**Western District Association—Bird's Creek Church** remodeled its building. A new WMS Circle has recently been organized. **George Daigle** of Decaturville began his duties as pastor of **Fairview Church** Mar. 18. **Merwyn Norwood** has moved on the field as pastor and the work is going along fine. The pastorium debt has been paid in full. **Point Pleasant** honored **Pastor and Mrs. Vernon Turner** on their anniversary and also Brother Turner's birthday with a barbecue at the church. **Shady Grove Church** installed electric heaters in each of the Sunday school rooms. **Spring Creek** called **J. B. McMillian** of **Huntingdon** as pastor. **Puryear Church** called **Gerald Bland** and he will be moving on the field soon.

**Dr. and Mrs. Luther Thomas Hastings of Knoxville** will be moving to **Dallas, Tex.** soon. Since retiring almost nine years ago as a teacher of Old Testament and related subjects at **Clear Mountain Preacher's Bible School**, Dr. Hastings moved to **Knoxville** where they became members of **McCalla Avenue Church**. A graduate of **Union University** and **Southwestern Seminary**, he served a number of churches as pastor in **Tenn., Tex., and La.**

**Hamilton County Association—Mike Arnette** is the new pastor of **Apison Church**. **Leon Riddle** is pastoring **Meadowview Chapel of Central Church, Chattanooga**, coming from a pastorate at **Flintstone, Ga.** New pastor of **Dallas Church** is **Andrew D. Crantford**. **Miss Sandra Gayle Lawson**, daughter of **Rev. and Mrs. Purvis R. Lawson**, pastor of **Edgewood Church**, and **Wayne Tritt** will be married at the church Saturday night, Mar. 25. **Mission View Church** is building an addition to its building, consisting of several classrooms. **W. L. Hindmon** is pastor.

**Nolachucky Association—James Allen** has resigned as pastor of **Whitesburg Church** to become a pioneer missionary working with the Home Mission Board in Ohio. He will be pastor of **Hillview Church, Hamilton, Ohio**. **Mt. Zion Church** has set aside \$3,000 in a building fund and will continue to set aside 10% of its regular offering for this purpose. **Manley Church** is moving into its second educational unit. Plans are under way for a new pastor's home at **Grace Church**. The new sanctuary and educational plant is completed at **Bethel Church**.



**OLIVE HILL—Pastor Herman Wilkins and his family recently moved into this new three bedroom house with den built on property adjoining the Baptist church. The house was completed for \$9,100. John K. Young was building chairman and treasurer for the project. It is reported that this is the first time a pastor of any denomination has lived in Olive Hill.**

## Commission Names Craig As PR Director

**NASHVILLE**—The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention elected **Floyd A. Craig** of **Oklahoma City** as public relations director for the commission.

**Craig, 34**, the past five years director of communications for the Baptist General Convention of **Oklahoma** assumes his new position May 1.

The commission also elected as its new chairman **Paul M. Lambert**, of **Kansas City, Mo.**; named as vice chairman **Robert Seymour**, **Chapel Hill, N. C.**; and elected as recording secretary, **John R. Stuckey**, **Oklahoma City**.

## Miller Presented Award

**NASHVILLE (BP)**—A distinguished service award for outstanding leadership in Christian social ethics was presented here to **A. C. Miller**, the second executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The award was given to Miller by the 34-member commission, which he headed for seven years until his retirement in 1960.

An engraved plaque praised Miller for "unique and outstanding contributions to Southern Baptists and to the Kingdom of God through exemplary Christian character, undaunted spirit, prophetic denominational leadership, and faithful proclamation of the ethical imperatives of the Christian gospel."

**Holston Valley Association—Maple Hill Church, Albert Bentley**, pastor, has redecorated the church and Sunday school rooms are being built in the basement. **Darrell Newman** is the new director of music and youth at **First Church, Rogersville**. He is a graduate of **Carson-Newman** and **Southwestern Seminary**.

**James E. Byler** will be returning to **Cleveland** to become pastor of **North Cleveland Church** effective Apr. 1. He served **Cleveland's First Church** from 1952-1958. Since leaving **Cleveland** he has been pastor of **First Church, Moultrie, Ga.**, and is presently pastor of **Moreland Avenue Church, Atlanta**. The Bylers have five children; **Jean**, now **Mrs. Alan J. McCracken** of **Atlanta**; **Libby**, a high school senior; **Judson**, now in sixth grade; **Richard** in first; and **Mark**, kindergarten.

**Carson-Newman President Harley Fite** has announced that **Guy Sexton** from **Knoxville** had been employed to take over as engineer for all campus facilities. **Sexton** comes to C-N from the architectural firm of **Cooper and Perry** of **Knoxville**.



# Annual Meeting

Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga  
Apr. 20-21, 1967

The Hamilton County Local Committee pictured will be hostess for the Annual Meeting of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union at Chattanooga, Apr. 20-21, 1967. Brainerd Baptist Church, 300 Brookfield Avenue will be the hostess church.

The opening session will begin on Thursday evening at 7:15, Eastern Standard Time, with the music prelude and the closing session will begin on Friday evening at the same hour. Following the closing session on Friday there will be a reception honoring Miss Mary Mills who has served as executive secretary-treasurer of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union for fourteen years. Miss Mills resignation is effective at the close of the annual session.

On Saturday, Apr. 22, there will be a YWA Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. EST in Lundy Hall of Brainerd Methodist Church, 4315 Brainerd Road. Tickets are \$2.25 each and are available only from the office of Woman's Missionary Union, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



Front row, left to right—Mrs. Leon Ford, Decorations; Mrs. W. S. Chapman, Prayer; Mrs. John Carson, Sunbeam Band; Mrs. L. E. Fugate, Jr., Girl's Auxiliary.  
Back row—Mrs. Finley Robbins, First Aid; Mrs. M. Ray Womack, Ladies Parlor; Miss Vaughtie Rowland, WMU Associational Worker; Mrs. J. C. Massengale, co-chairman; Mrs. C. H. Cobleigh, General Chairman; Mrs. Gene Greer, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Tas Grammar, Ushers; Mrs. Lee R. Griffiths, Hospitality; Miss June White, Book Store.  
Not present for picture—Mrs. Dick Page, Check Room; Mrs. George Mitchell, Nursery; Mrs. H. J. Litton, Signs and Badges; Mrs. Noel D. Barron, Transportation.

## Readers Write . . .

### • • • Genuine Renewal Calls For Radical Change

● Amidst the maze of statistics, evaluations, criticisms, projections and solutions, Southern Baptist leaders are greatly concerned over the decline of participation in church organizations. Cynicism and pessimism has, without notice, crept into the everyday thoughts, talk and actions of a growing majority of our leadership.

The unprecedented growth and successes of Southern Baptist is a testimony of the dedication and holy ambition of called men of God. However impressive our position seems to be; however knowledgeable we are of effective methods and techniques; however skilled we are in churchmanship, we are, nevertheless, at a most critical juncture unparalleled in our history.

With few exceptions there is an atmosphere of defeatism in almost every Baptist church today. There is evidence of dissatisfaction, discouragement and frustration among pastors and church leaders. The well-oiled and manned machinery of church programming implemented with our best methods and techniques has failed to produce the desired results. The spiritual temperature continues to drop. Enthusiasm, excitement and inspiration has gone—church members seem to have lost the real joy of their salvation. Among the churches who are still riding the crest of successes, where

the church organizations are progressing well and the statistics are still climbing, the feeling is one of emptiness and futility.

Our most responsible leaders have professed many factors contributing to our current dilemma. Among the multiplicity of reasons for our predicament two seem to stand out. First, we have failed to adequately convey a true understanding of the primary purpose of the church. Secondly, we have betrayed our own concept of the New Testament principles for carrying out the redemptive ministry to which we have been called.

It seems to me that if we effectively meet the great challenge and responsibility in our ever changing times we must face up to the inevitable. Most thoughtful Christians agree that there must be church renewal or a true conversion of the church. Perhaps all agree that genuine renewal calls for a radical change from our present action pattern. There is a lot of talk in the church about evangelism and Christian nurture, but little concern for personal association when it becomes evident that such work involves the sacrifice of personal indulgence. Dr. Elton Trueblood has said, "The renewal of the church will be in progress when it is seen as a fellowship of consciously inadequate persons who gather because they are weak and scatter to serve because their unity with

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## Notice Of Revision Of By-Laws

Woman's Missionary Union  
Auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist  
Convention

This is to notify members of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union that a by-laws committee has been appointed to revise the by-laws. That committee reported to the recent Executive Board meeting, Feb. 27-Mar. 1. The revision has been approved by said board. They will be voted upon at the second session of the annual meeting (Friday morning), Apr. 21, at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga.

Copies of the suggested revision will be placed in the packets received by everyone attending the annual meeting. Copies of the present by-laws are in the hands of state officers, associational presidents and local presidents. Copies will be available for others who desire to study them at the opening session, Apr. 20.

—Mary Mills

Executive Secretary



# New Extension Resources

by Wendell Price

The Extension Department has many available resources for use in teaching **NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE CLASSES** and **FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CLASSES**.

1. **Basic Christian Beliefs** by Colson and Trent, (Pupils' and teacher's edition). The chapters are as follows:

- Why Do Beliefs Matter?
- What Is God Like?
- What Do You Think of Christ?
- The Counselor Within
- Why the Bible?
- Why Am I Here?
- Redemption: God's Provision
- Redemption: Man's Response
- What Is the Church?
- What Is Eternal Life?
- The Meaning of Christian Love
- God With Us
- When We Are Disciples

2. **The Story of Redemption I**, Teacher's edition available. The lesson titles follow:

- The Book That Tells the Story
- How the Book Was Given
- The Heart of the Story
- Man Made in God's Image
- God Chooses a People
- God Delivers a People
- God Instructs His People
- God Renews His Promises
- God Punishes His People
- God Restores His People
- The Redeemer Promised
- God Sent His Son

3. **Jesus the Mighty Worker** offers a pupils' and a teacher's edition. The chapters are:

- Introduction to the Gospel
- Jesus Begins His Ministry
- The Varied Ministry of Jesus
- Jesus Meets Growing Hostility
- Jesus Teaches Concerning the Kingdom
- Jesus Uses His Power
- Jesus Meets Human Need
- Jesus the Christ
- Worship and Work
- Wayside Ministries of Jesus
- Jesus Asserts His Authority
- Jesus Faces Death
- The Message of Life

4. **What the Bible Tells Us** by Cutter. The chapters are:

- The Bible
- What the Bible Tells Us About God
- What the Bible Tells Us About Man

- What the Bible Tells Us About Sin
- What the Bible Tells Us About Jesus
- What the Bible Tells Us About How to be Saved

What the Bible Tells Us About the Holy Spirit

What the Bible Tells Us About the Church

What the Bible Tells Us About Life After Death

5. In July another set of books entitled, **The Story of Redemption II**, becomes available, surveying the remainder of the New Testament.

6. Available also are seven sets of books designed for Juniors and Intermediates in the Weekday Bible Study series.

7. Pupils' and teacher's edition of, **In Covenant—An Adult's Introduction to Church Membership**, by Songer & Ishee, offer depth, growth, and challenge.

## Resort Mission Meet Focuses on Leisure

**ATLANTA (BP)**—A two-day session on resort missions here focused the attention of 35 Southern Baptist leaders on the current crisis in leisure and the challenge of the nation's burgeoning resort communities.

This was the first meeting of its kind, culminating four years of pilot work on the part of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of rural-urban missions, headed by C. Wilson Brumley.

Small brainstorming sessions produced ideas ranging from roadside refreshment stands near national parks and counseling centers to the broader realm of educating Baptist churches as to the needs and exploring possibilities of cooperating with other denominations.

G. Willis Bennett, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, set the scene with a depiction of just what the church was faced with in the leisure revolution.

"We do well to recognize that the problem of leisure is related to the ultimate concern of life itself; it runs throughout the search for meaning," he said.

Bennett said the church must step in to help people use leisure time constructively.

## Asian Baptists Propose 21 Country Fellowship

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—The Baptist World Alliance Administrative Committee meeting here heard plans for possible organization of an Asian Baptist Fellowship and discussed the possibility of establishing an Asian office of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA).

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the world-wide Baptist organization, reported that Baptist leaders from Asian countries will meet in Hong Kong April 8 to discuss the possibility of organizing a fellowship group for 21 Asian and Southwest Pacific countries.

If approved by the Asian Baptist leaders, the association would link the Baptist bodies in these countries in a fellowship similar to the European Baptist Federation and the North American Baptist Fellowship.

There are more than 1 million Baptists in the 21 countries, according to BWA record. The total includes a 1941 figure of 123,000 Baptists in Mainland China. No membership figures have been available from the China mainland since missionaries were forced out in 1941, and no one knows how many Baptists are still in the China mainland.

## Hospitals Cuts Baptist Ties

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)**—The corporate structure of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center was reorganized here recently, officially severing ties with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The Little Rock hospital now is owned by a 50-member private association composed of the former board of trustees and several others, all members of Southern Baptist churches in Arkansas.

From the 50-member association, an 18-member board of trustees was elected with A. James Linder, an attorney from Little Rock, as president of the board.

Reorganization of the hospital follows a series of developments within the last six months beginning with a vote of the hospital trustees asking that its ties with the Baptist convention be severed so that the medical center could accept federal grants.

The new corporate structure of the medical center is similar to any non-profit Arkansas corporation.

The medical center will maintain its Baptist name, and all of the association members are Southern Baptists. But it is not an institution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.



# Kentucky Southern College Released

**BAGDAD, Ky. (BP)**—Kentucky Southern College in Louisville, Ky., was formally released from Kentucky Baptist Convention ownership here by the convention's Executive Board meeting in a session marked by strong debate, substitute motions, and parliamentary entanglements.

The severance is effective immediately, and the college's president said the school plans to apply for federal aid "very quickly."

Trustees of the Baptist college requested that the school be released from convention ownership because of critical financial problems which recently reached crisis proportions.

**It is the first time in the Southern Baptist Convention that a Baptist college has been released from a state convention's control so it can accept federal aid to help solve a financial crisis.** The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has released a hospital to accept federal aid, but no state convention had released a college until now.

Kentucky Southern College President Rollin S. Burhans told the Kentucky Baptist finance and Christian education committee prior to the board meeting that the school could not survive without federal grants and loans.

Rather than compromise the Baptist principle of separation of church and state, he said, the trustees of the school were requesting separation from the convention.

Release from the convention was only one part of a three-prong proposal made by the finance and Christian education committees to the Executive Board in an attempt to alleviate the school's financial problems.

**The Executive Board voted overwhelmingly to grant Kentucky Southern's request for \$500,000 in emergency funds to be used immediately in paying faculty salaries and meeting other pressing financial needs.**

A \$300,000 loan will be floated immediately by the convention to aid the school, and the additional \$200,000 will be borrowed and made available by July 25.

**Although the \$500,000 was granted overwhelmingly, the Executive Board members balked at assuming responsibility for the unpaid balance of a \$898,000 loan secured by the college last year.**

Adopted instead was an allocation to the school of \$77,010 each year for the next five years, giving the school an additional \$385,050 over the five-year period.

The annual \$77,010 allocation will be taken from the Kentucky Baptist Convention's budget as part of a \$300,000 loan repayment plan approved by a special session of the convention last year to assist all Kentucky Baptist schools.

The \$77,010 annual allocation decision was a compromise of two earlier motions

to come before the Executive Board, meeting at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly near here.

First considered was the college's request for the \$898,000. This was followed by a substitute motion that the convention float a loan for only \$500,000 additional assistance, to be paid over the next 10 years.

Chester Badgett, pastor in Campbellsville, Ky., offered the \$77,010 allocation for five years as a substitute to the substitute motion. It carried 65-38.

Several alternate proposals to releasing the college from convention control were made. Included was a suggestion to study the feasibility of merging Georgetown College and Kentucky Southern into one school, advocated by Pastor Odell Leigh of Greenville, Ky., and Isaac McDonald of Paducah, Ky.

**The action of the board to release Kentucky Southern was considered final. The 148-member board was acting as the "ad interim" governing body for the full conven-**

tion, and thus, the severance is effective immediately.

Kentucky Southern President Burhans told the Executive Board that the college's immediate needs amounted to more than \$5 million.

"These are our needs," he said. "These are not luxuries. These are the bare essentials if we are to recruit quality students, retain our present faculty, pay current bills and debt service, and receive full accreditation."

He said the college will be eligible this fall for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools provided it can meet standards for financial stability and facilities.

Burhans said the money voted by the board "is very excellent; it helps us over this transition period. It will also release the payment of certain pledges that have been made more or less on condition that we receive a certain amount from the convention."

He said he felt the college's financial situation now "is much improved, and we feel that we're definitely on our way to financial stability."

He added it was with "sincere regret and deep disappointment" that the school of-

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## School Asks To Sever Baptist Ties

**LOUISVILLE (BP)**—The trustees of Kentucky Southern College here, a Baptist school only seven years old, have requested that its ownership ties be severed with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Kentucky Southern trustees made the request for release from the convention ownership in order to accept federal grants and federal loans, reported the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Soon after the trustees took the action, the chairman of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Executive Board called a special session of the board to consider the request. The meeting was scheduled March 10 at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Ky.

Kentucky Southern, located on a 232-acre campus here, was begun in 1960 and joined the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1962. Current enrollment is about 800 students.

The trustees requested that the convention sever its ownership of the school on Aug. 31, 1967.

Trustees also requested an additional \$300,000 from the convention to pay accrued debts and operational expenses, and another \$200,000 by July 25 to pay current expenses.

The convention was also requested to "obligate itself" for the balance of a \$850,-

000 loan made by the college Sept. 1, 1966.

The spiraling cost of higher education was cited as the reason for the move by the trustees to seek severance.

Kentucky Baptists have during the past year been sharply divided over whether their six educational institutions should be permitted to accept federal aid.

During a special convention to deal with the matter last June, both federal grants and federal loans were denied the four colleges and two secondary schools. In November, however, the convention approved a motion reaffirming a 1949 convention policy which leaves such administrative matters in the hands of each institutions' trustees.

Some Baptist leaders have interpreted the motion as giving the school's trustees the power to decide for themselves on the federal aid question, while others argue that the convention has repeatedly declared itself opposed to federal aid and that the institutions would go against the majority opinion of the convention if the trustees accepted federal aid.

Additional financial assistance for Kentucky Southern was reportedly necessary to meet requirements for full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



# He Arose! Blessed Assurance!

By Tal D. Bonham  
(I Cor. 15:12-28)

In *The Pathway To The Cross*, Ralph Turnbull tells the story of a Moslem who said to a Christian, "We Moslems have one thing you Christians do not have."

"What is that?" replied the Christian.

"When we go to Medina," continued the Moslem, "we find a coffin and know that Mohammed lived because his body is in the coffin. But when you Christians go to Jerusalem, you find nothing but an empty tomb."

"Thank you," said the Christian. "What you say is absolutely true and that makes the eternal difference. We find in Jerusalem an empty tomb because our Lord lives and we serve a risen Christ."

## Assurance of Faith

The Christian sings "Blessed Assurance" because of the resurrection of Christ. The risen Lord assures us of the validity of the Christian faith. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15:14).

One of the best documented facts of history is the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Some have rejected the resurrection because it does not fit into their philosophy. It remains, however, the final evidence and the ultimate proof that every word and every act of Jesus Christ is true! Jesus Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by resurrection" (Rom. 1:4).

Skepticism and unbelief are silenced by the empty tomb. Easter settles it all! Since Christ rose from the dead, he is the son of God. Since Christ rose from the dead, he is man's only hope for salvation. Since Christ rose from the dead, every man must repent and prepare to meet God through him.

Lambert T. Dolphis, Jr., Assistant Manager of the Radio Physics Laboratory at the Stanford Research Institute, said, "I firmly believe that Jesus Christ is the answer to every human need and to the pressing problems of our sick world today. I do not hesitate to claim that Jesus Christ is the ONLY answer."

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In the resurrection, the Christian finds assurance of forgiven sin. Paul concluded, "If Christ be not raised . . . ye are yet in your sins" (I Cor. 15:17). A little boy in Georgetown, Kentucky, gave this beautiful definition of forgiveness: "Forgiveness is the odor that flowers breathe when they are trampled upon."

An elderly saint was at the point of death when she was visited by a religious leader. "Madam," he said, "I have come to grant you absolution."

"And what is that?" she inquired.

"I have come to forgive your sins," was the reply.

"May I look into your hands?" she asked. After gazing into them for a moment, she looked sternly into the eyes of the man and said, "Sir! The Man who forgives my sins has nailprints in His palms."

## Assurance of the Future

The resurrection assures the Christian of immortality. Without the resurrection, "they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (I Cor. 15:18). Michael Faraday, the great Christian scientist, was asked just before his death, "What are your speculations about the future?" He replied, "Speculations? I have none. I am resting on certainties!" One finds real meaning in this life and hope in the life to come through faith in the living Christ.

Ali Yucel, a Turkish watch repairer, has built a special grave which has an eight-inch window on top. He plans to install a push-button electric alarm inside the grave. If he is buried alive by mistake, he can push the button to call for help. He also plans to have an electric light burning inside the grave for one week after his burial—just in case! All men, like Ali Yucel, hold to life as long as possible. But only in Christ does one find the hope of life eternal.

The resurrected Christ is the "firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). Just as Adam led in sin and death, Christ leads in forgiveness and life. It was with this assurance that Benjamin Franklin wrote the epitaph that appeared on his tomb:

The Body of  
Benjamin Franklin  
(Like the Cover of an Old Book,  
Its Contents Torn Out  
And Stript of Its Lettering and Gilding)  
Lies Here, Food for Worms;  
Yet the Work Itself Shall Not be Lost,  
for It Will (as He Believed) Appear Once More  
In a New  
And More Beautiful Edition  
Corrected and Amended  
by  
the Author

A new pastor was making the rounds of the shut-ins on his church field. He made his way up a narrow path to a plateau overlooking a harbor where he found a small cottage. He was ushered into the sparsely furnished house to a dark room in the back. He almost wept at the sight of a one-armed, blind man who was almost deaf. He shouted into his ear through a speaking trumpet and announced that he was the new pastor. The old man indicated that he would like to sing for his pastor. "Sing? In this prison of silence and darkness? What is there for him to sing about?" thought the pastor.

# SBC Hospital Plans \$20 Million Building

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Baptist Memorial Hospital here has announced a \$27 million expansion program, including construction of a new 16-story medical and surgical tower.

The Southern Baptist Convention-owned hospital will have a total of 778 beds with value of the medical center in excess of \$39 million when the project is completed, said Judge Marion W. Gooding, president of Baptist Hospital of Jacksonville, Inc., the original development organization for the hospital.

Financing plans for the \$20 million first phase will include a \$5½ million fund-raising goal, with the balance of \$14½ million coming from long-term financing and bequests. The hospital already has \$1.3 million in hand, Judge Gooding said.

Gooding said the fund drive would begin in April, and that groundbreaking for the new building would be held in September.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville is a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Hospitals, which also owns the Southern Baptist Hospital of New Orleans, the only two hospitals owned by the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Dane Collects \$8,000 to Aid African Students

Since he got the idea in October, 1963, Peter Axelsen, foreman of a road construction crew in Nørre Sundby, Denmark, has used his spare time to collect 55,000 crowns (\$8,000) to help at least 30 students from Africa visit Europe for education or special training.

Axelsen, a Baptist, has no hesitation about asking prominent and well-to-do business executives and professional people for donations. So far, this unofficial Baptist ambassador has called on over 800 of them.

The Africans come from areas of Rwanda and Burundi in central Africa served by mission stations of the Danish Baptist Union.

Some of the students are still attending seminaries or training schools in Europe. Others have returned to their homeland to set up schools and other activities needed among their countrymen. (EBPS)

With a loud, cracking voice the old man sang:

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, wash'd in His blood."

And why this assurance? Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Dr. Bonham is pastor of South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.



one another and with Christ has made them bold."

I believe many of our churches face decisions that must be made now. God will surely lead the fellowship that decides to become the instrument of His choosing. Surely we can be optimistic about Christianity when we positionize ourselves willingly to become the channels of God's grace and dynamic power.

If our hope depends upon genuine renewal and the miraculous works of God Almighty, then we must discover God's way that our new life will emerge.

Are we willing to admit our failures and without resisting change eagerly seek God's will and way?

Are we willing to give up our traditional and treasured ways to meet today's needs?

Are we willing to turn back to the primitive New Testament Christ-way of a witnessing ministry?

Too long some pastors have been reluctant to share the ministry with laymen and equally too long laymen have been reluctant to become involved. Many pastors and church leaders hide behind the facade of petrifying traditions and well-camouflaged egocentricity. At the same time many church members loll in the comfort and security of successes, high attendances, large budgets and the satisfaction of doing their little bit of "church work" while completely ignoring the real "work of the church."

Only when we are willing to give up the easy way for the difficult, the trivial for the major commission, can we see real spiritual vitality.

Perhaps we are at the place now where what we need most urgently is a willingness to call upon God to develop within us a burning desire to want to find and do His will. In harmony with the Spirit we must seek and find His direction for our particular situation. We must do this with limitless faith in the miraculous works of an Almighty God.—Gene Campbell, 562 W. Shadowlawn Dr., Chattanooga, Tennessee 37407

## ABC Concerned About Crusade

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—The president of the American Baptist Convention (ABC) told the North American Baptist Fellowship steering committee here that American Baptists will be vitally concerned about the success of the Crusade of Americas even though the ABC will not officially participate.

Carl W. Tiller, president of the convention, said here that American Baptists "will

# Students Select BSU Summer Missionaries For 1967

A selection committee composed of 14 students and three Baptist Student Directors has appointed 39 Tennessee students to serve as summer missionaries in 1967. In addition, the committee voted to send three teams to separate areas of new Southern Baptist work during the spring. These teams will involve an additional 24 students, bringing the total missionaries to 63 plus four adult directors.

Highlights of the program for 1967 include a work camp group to Fairbanks, Alaska. This project will be co-sponsored by Tennessee and Kentucky and the group will assist the University Baptist Church of Fairbanks in remodeling parts of their present structure for use as a Baptist Student Center and in constructing new church facilities. Pete Beard, director of Baptist Student Work at the University of Tennessee, will supervise the project.

A second work camp group will be directed by Shelley Richardson, director of Baptist Student Work at Tennessee Tech. This group will construct a small mission church building at McDermitt, Nev., which will serve as a base for ministry to the Paiute Indians as well as to a mining and ranching community.

Nine students, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buckner of Memphis, will serve during the month of August in a 30 day Caribbean Project Understanding. A "first" for Tennessee BSU, this is to be a combination music-gospel team to perform as a double quartet, individually, or in duets as needed. The group's musical performances will be directed by Mrs. Buckner, music director for the Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis. Buckner, director of Baptist Student Work at MSU, will supervise the group. Tentative stops include Jamaica, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and others.

have the crusade in our prayers and will be concerned that it will be helpful in winning large numbers of people to Christ."

Tiller reported that at least four state conventions within the ABC and an uncounted number of city associations and individual churches have made plans regionally to cooperate with the hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort in 1969.

The Crusade of the Americas was initiated by Brazilian Baptists as a means for concentrated evangelistic effort in South, Central and North America during 1969.

The General Council of the American Baptist Convention decided in November it could not actively participate in the crusade on a national scale because of prior commitments to a Christian Faith and Work Plan for 1969-71, but it suggested that its local churches and Latin American missions would be encouraged to participate if they so desire on a regional basis.

In addition, a team of four students will work in St. Louis, Mo., in a inner city ministry. Two students will serve in Jamaica, and one each in California, Texas, Indiana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, the Oregon-Washington Convention, Germany, Trinidad, and Ghana.

The 1967 program of Tennessee BSU Summer Missions work marks the 20th year for this endeavor. From 1947 through 1966, a total of 336 students have served as Tennessee Summer Missionaries. These students came from 23 campuses and have served in 50 home and 35 foreign mission fields. The Tennessee BSU has sponsored 20 special projects, including work camps, student exchange programs, spring visitation teams to new areas of Southern Baptist work, and others.

A sum of \$127,223.24 has been given by students representing 30 campuses across the state during this 19 year time span. These gifts have been over and above students' regular tithes and gifts to their churches, and have been used solely for travel and living expenses of student missionaries on the field and for other expenses incurred on behalf of the summer missions program. The students who have served have received no financial remuneration other than expenses. The summer missions work is truly a labor of love.

Students selected for summer service in 1967 are:

**Alaska Work Camp:** Becky Jo Baggett, CNC; James Hall, Bethel; Sandy Hood, U.T. Nursing School; Don Meier, MSU; Bob Netherland, U.T.; Jim Teague, Tech.

**California:** Vicki Baker, CNC; **El Paso, Texas, Good Will Center:** Kathy Peters, ETSU; **Gary, Indiana Good Will Center:** Sue Davis, MTSU; **New Mexico (Nurse):** Cindy Brannon, ETBH; **Oregon-Washington:** Cecilia Farmer, CNC; **Pennsylvania:** Mark Stum, Bethel; **St. Louis, Missouri:** Betsy Brown, Belmont; Sharon Grace, Tech; Barbara Newsom, U.T. Nursing School; Barry Vincent, APSC; **Wyoming:** Lynn Archer, Vanderbilt.

**Nevada Work Camp:** Phil Adams and Dwight Duke, Tech; Barry Cochran and Julia Nicholson, MSU; Jimmy Joseph, U.T. and Maryville; Hugh LaFollette, Belmont; Jessie Russell, U.T.; and Judy Sugg, APSC.

**Germany:** Jeanette Harlow, CNC; **Ghana (Nurse):** Jean Price, BMH and MSU; **Jamaica:** Janette Gass, ETSU; and Donald Smith, Bethel; **Trinidad:** Al Legg, Tech.

**Caribbean Project Understanding:** Celia Berry, U.T.; Larry Blick, MTSU; George Cavanah, APSC; Alan Chamness and Kathy Daws, Union; Linda Clark and Donna Smithart, MSU; Harriette Harp, UTMB; and Harley Patterson, Bethel.



# Attendance & Additions

Churches S.S. T.U. Add.

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Alcoa, Calvary	182	88	
Athens, Central	166	86	
East	390	169	
First	575	224	
West End Mission	64	41	
Baxter, First	97	61	
Brownsville	650	134	1
Mission	126		2
Calvary	157	72	1
Brush Creek	111	40	
Calhoun, First	178	81	2
Charleston, First	129	36	
Chattanooga, Bartlebaugh	138	47	3
Brainerd	927	289	4
Central	831	246	6
Meadowview	58	17	
Concord	498	173	
East Brainerd	297	85	2
East Ridge	773	158	
Morris Hill	314	80	1
Northside	376	80	
Oakwood	506	148	
Ooltewah	165	69	
Red Bank	1268	295	5
Ridgedale	519	195	
St. Elmo	361	88	
South Seminole	285	89	7
White Oak	481	141	2
Tremont	119	43	1
Woodland Park	268	112	
Clarksville, First	949	163	1
Grace Avenue	225	125	1
Hillcrest	287	94	
Hilldale	138	63	1
New Providence	202	50	1
Pleasant View	319	89	5
Ridgecrest	14		
Cleveland, Big Spring	382	146	2
Blue Springs	81	38	
Westwood	233	87	
Clinton, First	605	161	
Second	417	141	
Collierville, First	350	81	5
Columbia, First	437	97	
Highland Park	373	120	
Northside	142	70	
Pleasant Heights	221	75	
Cookeville, Bangham Heights	68	40	
First	529	115	2
Washington Avenue	213	121	
Concord, First	330	131	
Corryton	228	104	
Crossville, First	252	73	
Oak Hill	107	56	
Daisy, First	278	93	
Dayton, First	307	107	
Denver, Trace Creek	122	41	1
Dickson, First	312	104	5
Dresden, First	206	78	
Dunlap, First	161	73	1
Elizabethton, First	450	111	1
Immanuel	284	101	
Oak Street	168	54	
Siam	193	92	
Etowah, First	337	91	
North	389	124	
Franklin, Walker Memorial	225	83	5
Friendsville, First	120	53	
Galloway, First	132	80	
Gladeville	145	83	
Goodlettsville, First	502	190	1
Grand Junction, First	131	69	
Greeneville, First	385	103	
Cross Anchor	20	21	
Second	149	56	
Greenbrier, Bethel	170	80	
First	322	150	1
Jordonia	80		
Lights Chapel	31	20	
Harriman, Piney Grove	187	63	
South	472	163	
Trenton Street	356	121	1
Henderson, First	208	58	
Hendersonville, First	707	160	
Henry	85	38	
Hixson, Central	381	176	
First	388	89	
Memorial	316	128	
Humboldt, First	521	153	1
Huntland	93	27	
Jackson, Calvary	498	157	
First	900	218	
Highland Park	244	92	
North	250	113	
Parkview	378	114	5
West	816	366	2
Woodland	122	33	2
Johnson City, Antioch	140	68	
Central	620	159	2
North	175	56	1
Unaka Avenue	331	115	1
Kenton, First	213	70	
Macedonia	96	86	

Kingsport, Colonial Heights	427	150	1
First	776	237	3
Litz Manor	228	77	
State Line	207	113	
Kingston, Cedar Grove	221	130	4
First	357	152	
Knoxville, Black Oak Heights	230	87	
Broadway	773	193	
Central (Bearden)	770	255	1
Central (FT C)	1149	387	1
Fifth Avenue	540	124	1
First	1010	176	
Grace	484	181	2
Immanuel	364	101	1
Lincoln Park	964	272	
McCalla Avenue	706	207	
Mount Carmel	163	61	
Mt. Harmony	180	105	
Meridian	670	197	1
New Hopewell	295	131	1
Smithwood	654	225	
South	524	146	
Wallace Memorial	739	269	1
West Hills	402	117	2
West Lonsdale	435	191	
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	124	89	
First	200	57	
Highland Park	312	121	
Immanuel	144	58	
Meadow View	119	38	
Lebanon, Immanuel	477	213	
Rocky Valley	143	76	5
Lenoir City, Calvary	193	63	
Dixie Lee	168	60	
First	419	115	
Kingston Pike	145	91	
Lewisburg, First	305	72	
Liberty, Salem	85	39	

We will not carry the attendances and additions for Sunday, Mar. 19. However, we will use them again for Sunday, Mar. 26.—The Editor

Linden, First	54	26	
Livingston, First	208	111	
Loudon, Union Fork Creek	95	82	
Madison, Alta Loma	303	129	
Neely's Bend	179	47	1
Madisonville, First	314	95	
Notchey Creek	209	97	
Malesus	258	76	
Manchester, First	299	115	1
Trinity	173	102	
Martin, Central	314	83	2
Mount Pelia	150	39	
Southside	149	41	
Maryville, Armona	203	98	
Broadway	552	200	
Forest Hill	164	78	1
Four Mile	124	45	
Kagley's Chapel	85	44	
Mt. Lebanon	227	144	
Oak Street	137	95	4
Pleasant Grove	137	65	
Second	89	38	
Unity	124	96	
West	153	89	
McEwen, First	80	19	
McKenzie, First	394	95	
McMinnville, Gath	170	61	
Mt. Juliet	233	88	
Memphis, Ardmore	681	295	4
Argonne Heights	75	48	
Bartlett	506	218	3
Boulevard	277	80	3
Broadmoor	400	163	3
Broadway	690	250	4
Buntyn Street	170	87	1
Calvary	292	126	
Capleville	103	47	1
Charjean	259	82	8
Cordova	138	51	2
Dellwood	521	243	1
Egypt	185	60	4
Ellendale	219	95	
First	1218	283	1
Forest Hill	123	65	1
Glen Park	371	191	
Graceland	900		2
Kennedy	531	195	1
LaBelle Haven	832	287	5
LeaClair	507	246	4
Leawood	823	278	2
Lucy	177	110	
Macon Road	270	108	
Malcomb Avenue	149	42	2
Mallory Heights	204	77	
Manassas Street	119	71	3
McLean	540	142	2
Merton Avenue	421	146	1
Mountain Terrace	284	163	
National Avenue	391	142	
Parkway Village	605	219	7

Peabody	176	100	
Rugby Hills	285	134	2
Second	930	258	8
Sky View	520	248	10
Southern Avenue	715	179	5
Speedway Terrace	651	260	4
Summer Avenue	52	24	
Temple	936	246	
Trinity	763	258	5
Union Avenue	919	176	5
Wells Station	693	228	2
Westmont	153	96	8
Westwood	437	164	4
Whitehaven	844	203	7
Milan, First	487	118	
Northside	216	79	
Monterey, First	218	68	1
Morristown, Brown Spring		28	
Buffalo Trail	137	42	1
Bulls Gap	53	34	
First	611	183	
Montvue	185	63	
Pleasant View	156	97	
Moscow, Oak Grove	100	55	
Murfreesboro, First	709	130	1
Calvary	110	54	
Immanuel	91	60	1
Third	294	92	
Nashville, Antioch	198	61	2
Brook Hollow	409	135	2
Charlotte Road	132	72	
Crievewood	663	162	2
Dalewood	344	161	
Dickerson Road	393	110	
Donelson, First	828	191	4
Eastland	461	139	1
Fairview	190	52	2
First	1454	541	7
Carroll Street	130	41	
Cora Tibbs	58	38	
T.P.S.	424		
Gallatin Road	368	106	
Glenwood	309	86	
Grace	651	174	
Haywood Hills	415	173	3
Hermitage Hills	416	143	
Hillhurst	238	86	2
Joelton	295	124	1
Judson	423	87	
Benton Avenue	90	27	
Junior League Home	41		
Lincoya Hills	250	70	4
Lockeland	467	205	1
Park Avenue	901	212	4
Riverside	288	77	3
Rosedale	241	113	4
Third	197	59	
Tusculum Hills	403	113	7
Two Rivers	285	147	2
Una	312	176	3
Valley View	88	45	2
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	688	224	4
Old Hickory, First	429	166	
Rayon City	204	70	
Temple	258	150	2
Oliver Springs, Beech Park	176	100	1
First	178	52	
Only, Maple Valley	16		
Paris, First	576	147	
Parsons, First	200	71	
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	173	104	
Portland, First	368	140	3
Powell, Glenwood	355	145	
Pulaski, First	362	77	
Highland	138	40	
Rockwood, Eureka	94	54	
First	440	100	
Mission	25		
White's Creek	93	35	
Rogersville, East	221	116	4
Henard's Chapel	114	91	
Hickory Cove	72	29	1
St. Joseph, First	90	45	
Savannah, First	281	57	4
Sevierville, First	492	144	
Seymour, First Chilhowee	219	87	
Prospect	98	42	
Shelbyville, First	367	79	
Flat Creek	39	16	
Hickory Hill	50	30	
Shelbyville Mills	194	77	
Smyrna, First	327	124	
Somerville, First	334	117	
Sparta, First	190	94	
Springfield	511	118	
Summertown	127	41	
Sweetwater, First	436	110	
Trenton, First	430	99	
Troy, First	197	62	9
Tullahoma, First	647	118	2
Center Grove	52	29	
Hickerson Memorial	64	24	
Union City, First	608	114	1
Samburg	91		
Second	293	101	
Watertown, Round Lick	179	77	
Waverly, First	220	68	
Waynesboro, Green River	162	69	
White House	162	40	
Winchester, First	255	76	
Southside	88		



# "Kentucky Southern.."

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ficials had been forced to request that ties with the convention be severed.

Burhans predicted that the school's severance from official denominational control "is the direction that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will have to ultimately follow."

In an editorial in the Kentucky Baptist Western Recorder following the board action, Editor C. R. Daley echoed Burhan's prediction, calling the board action "a step that might prove to be the way Baptists in other states will approach the severe problems of higher education today."

Daley said the board's decision was "wise, fair, and mutually advantageous to the school and the convention."

**"It is clear now," Daley wrote, "that Kentucky Baptists are not committed enough to Baptist higher education to afford four senior colleges and two other schools. It can only be viewed as wise to lighten our educational load and eventually free finances for schools that remain on for other mission purposes."**

"The releasing of Kentucky Southern College will serve to reduce some friction and controversy in the convention over how schools are to be financed and over other school policies," Daley wrote.

"Kentucky Southern and other Baptist schools that survive with strength will ultimately have to take government loans and even government grants, and this will be controversial among Baptists for many years to come," Daley predicted.

With current enrollment of about 800 students, Kentucky Southern College was organized only seven years ago. It became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1960.

## Senator Sees Declining Prayer Amendment Support

**WASHINGTON (BP)**—Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D., N.C.) told a group of Baptist editors that he believes support for a Constitutional Prayer Amendment will shrink in the future.

Sen. Ervin made his prediction in an orientation conference on church-state issues sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for eight curriculum editors of Southern and American Baptist agencies.

"People are coming to recognize how essential it is for religion to keep hands off the state and for the state to keep hands off religion," the Senator said.

The North Carolina Senator said that Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen's present proposal for a Constitutional Prayer Amendment would have the effect of denying de-

# Lottie Moon Funds Near \$10,000,000

**Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations**

Reporting during the March 9 meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced that (as of March 6) the Board had received \$9,676,646.71 from the 1966 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "It is still much too early to estimate what the total will be, for books on the Offering remain open until May 1," he said. "When the Board meets in April we shall deal with the appropriation of \$5,000,000 of this money."

After a brief discussion of the Board's financial undergirding through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, Dr. Cauthen took note of several major Baptist evangelistic efforts to take place overseas in the coming weeks. There will be campaigns in Jordan (April 2-9), Japan (April 16 through May 14), and Indonesia (May 21 through July 16).

"Much careful preparation has gone into these undertakings," Dr. Cauthen said. "Rev. Joseph B. Underwood (consultant in evangelism and church development), the Board's secretaries for the areas involved, and missionaries on the fields, along with national Baptist leaders, have devoted much time and effort to this strategic part of the Christian witness."

"We ask Southern Baptists to pray earnestly for current evangelistic efforts and for the highly important Crusade of the Americas in 1969. The Crusade is of increasing importance in the thinking and prayers of Baptist people throughout this hemisphere. Particularly in Latin America, Baptists are looking forward with much eagerness as they lay their plans."

The Board appropriated \$222,150.15 for its work around the world. The many allocations, big and little, included \$5,000 for denominational groups the right to worship.

Sen. Dirksen (R., Ill.) has introduced a resolution that would amend the Constitution to read that "Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer."

In conference with the Baptist writers, Sen. Ervin also plugged his Judicial Review Bill which he has reintroduced in the Senate. The bill, which would provide for judicial review of the constitutionality of certain measures involving government aids through religious agencies, passed the Senate last year but died in the House of Representatives.

The group also met with other government officials as well as representatives of non-government agencies.

lief in Malaysia, recently struck by severe floods.

### 14 New Missionaries

The Board appointed 13 career missionaries and employed one missionary associate, bringing its overseas staff to 2,210.

The career missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are: Robert S. Burney, of Fla., and Edith Bleckley Burney, of Ga., for Nigeria; I. Dean Denmark and Mary Ann McGrady Denmark, both of Ga., for Nigeria; Jane Ellen Gaines, of Ala., for Nigeria; David L. Martin, of Mo., and Sara Hines Martin, of Va., for Trinidad.

Also, Morris G. Pruitt, of New Mexico, and Carol Anne Hester Pruitt, of Tex., for Togo; Marvin R. Reynolds and Elizabeth Haley Reynolds, both of Ark., for Central Africa; and Harold D. Wicks and Rebecca Branum Wicks, both of Ala., for Nigeria.

The missionary associate is Mrs. Newman F. Nunnelley, employed for a three-year term in Nigeria, where she will teach in Newton Memorial School, Oshogbo, a boarding school for missionary children. Mrs. Nunnelley is now admissions counselor at Judson College, Marion, Ala.

### Orient Mission Highlights

"In spite of uncertain circumstances, and in some cases especially because of such circumstances, response to the gospel in the Orient is most thrilling and challenging," reported Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary, who is currently making his headquarters in Hong Kong.

Two crisis-ridden lands, Vietnam and Indonesia, are among the most responsive of Southern Baptists' 15 Orient mission fields, he said. He also cited Korea as a particularly responsive field.

Surveying mission highlights of 1966, Dr. Crawley said a most outstanding development in outreach to new areas was the placing of missionaries at Bangalore, in South India. Bangalore, where a Baptist hospital will be built, is Southern Baptists' first permanent station of missionary residence and work in India. (One missionary couple previously served at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore.)

A missionary couple is now giving full time to work with Okinawans. Missionaries have been assigned to Okinawa for seven years, but previously they served churches made up primarily of U.S. military personnel.

In Indonesia, the Baptist witness has been extended to the island of Madura (by missionaries stationed in nearby Surabaya, Java), and in the Philippines, Urdaneta (on the island of Luzon) and Iligan (on Mindanao) have become Southern Baptist mission stations.



## Confessing The Risen Lord

**TEXTS:** Romans 10:5-17; John 20:30-31 (Basic)—Romans 10:9-15; John 20:30-31 (Focal).

Reference should be made to the lesson for February 19th., in this series, where I Corinthians 15 was the background material not only for that lesson but where it can also be used for the same in this particular lesson. For it is of course in this chapter that one finds the classic discussion, from a philosophical and theological viewpoint, concerning the resurrection of our Lord and its relation to the Christian's hope concerning his own. Since today's lesson falls on what is known as Easter Sunday, this seems especially fitting. One other Scripture for background material for the lesson is found in John 20:1-25. This recounts the actual events of that first Easter Sunday. Due to the necessary space limitations, the following notes deal only with the focal passages as indicated above.

### Vital Verbs (Jn. 20:30-31; Ro. 10:9-10)

The first vital verb found in these verses that is noted is "believe". The writer of John states his purpose in writing the Gospel. It is that his readers might believe. The word of course means far more than would at first appear. It carries the idea of absolute trust. A good illustration is seen when a man and a woman pledge their fidelity in marriage after having exchanged the words in all sincerity and finality: "I believe in you". The second verb found here is "confess". It grows out of the previous verb "believe" which Romans refers to as being in the heart. Jesus' rising from the dead be-

comes, then, a matter of the heart as well as of the head. It points backward to salvation and forward to a life of righteousness. Confession is made with the mouth but it involves the whole being, otherwise it is deceptive and unworthy of the Christian witness. The third verb here is "live" as suggested in John's "that ye might have life". For the genuine Christian, the most reliable evidence that he has of a resurrected life is the fact that he has already begun to live it from the moment he trusts Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and begins to serve Him as Lord.

### Unique Universals (Ro. 10:11-13)

The first of the unique universals is seen in the fact that there is one plan of salvation. This idea is suggested in the expression "there is no difference". The Scriptures teach that the plan is older than the human race. What was seen dimly in the Old Testament is seen clearly in the New Testament. The second of the universals is one invitation. It may indeed take many forms, coming as it does from the Lord, but it is essentially one. The urgency of the same is felt in the repetition of the word "whosoever". God would have all men receive His invitation to salvation. The third of the universals is one committal. Since it must be absolute surrender in the first place, this point is obvious. It may be that the believer should renew his allegiance from time to time—indeed this too is quite obvious. But the very connotation of salvation, in spiritual terms, indicates one fundamental committal.

### Missionary Musts (Ro. 10:14-15)

The first of the "musts" in the links of the chain of the missionary enterprise is the senders. When they respond to the guidance and the compulsion of the Holy Spirit, the joyous and glorious effort emerges. Such a group, when so empowered, becomes significant. The second group is composed of the preachers. But this must not be confined to the clergy, for the New Testament draws no sharp and fast line between the clergy and the laity. All believers are to be senders and preachers. The third group is composed of the hearers. These are the ones who ultimately call upon the Lord for mercy and pardon. Because they have been forgiven and because they have believed, they come to know salvation. They experience the birth "from above". And this is of course the over-all aim and goal of all missionary endeavors. But babes must grow, and thus the work should never stop there. The Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20) indicates continued growth and development.

ON MATTERS OF

*Family Living*

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## Who In Family Should Get Child Custody?

In approximately 90% of divorces involving child custody, the child is awarded to the mother. While both parents supposedly enjoy statutory equality, the doctrine that a child "of tender years" needs maternal care usually results in the mother getting the child, even though "the tender years" may number as many as 13.

Times have changed and with them the realities of maternal care. Dr. Stanley Lesse says: "When the divorce laws were framed, mothers didn't work. Today, a woman working 8 hours a day in a competitive society often acquires an aggressiveness which she finds difficult to turn off when the whistle blows."

She may not fit the traditional, idealized picture of a passive, warm mother and she may give the child nothing he can't get just as easily from a loving conscientious father.

If more divorced fathers were given custody of their sons, for instance, some of the problems that plague boys brought up in woman-dominated households might be averted, Dr. Lesse indicated.

While children under 5 need maternal care, male identification becomes more important to a boy of school age. When you have a working mother, a devoted father who has remarried happily, and a boy of 6 or 7, this child might be better off in the father's household.

If parents really love a child, they will cooperate in raising him, and not consider it important which one has physical custody.

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**, Sixth and A Streets, N. E., Washington, D.C. 20002 changed its name Feb. 8 to **Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church**. The address remains the same. Formerly there were two Metropolitan Baptist churches in Washington.

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# Children's Page

## THE PRESENT\*

By Enola Chamberlin

David and Darlene couldn't bring their dog Bobo to the apartment from the country. They were lonely for him. Often they sat on the front steps, hoping they would see a dog going along the street. They were there one morning when the mailman came.

"Letter for David and Darlene Robinson," he said cheerfully.

Darlene looked at the name in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope.

"From Uncle Jack," she cried out. Then she said to the mailman, "Thank you for bringing it to us."

David tore open the envelope and took out the one sheet of paper. Darlene took one edge of it, and they read the letter together.

"I have a present for you two;  
Next note will tell you what to do  
Before I send this gift to you."

Darlene jumped up and down. "Uncle Jack always sends such nice presents," she said. "Remember, he sent us Bobo."

"But he didn't say when he would send the present," David said grumpily. "It might not be for six months."

"Well, anyway, it won't come before we get mail again," said Darlene. "I can hardly wait until tomorrow."

"How do you know his next letter will come then?" David asked almost crossly.

"I don't, but I can hope it does," said Darlene.

The next morning the two went to the front of the house long before the mailman was due to arrive. They weren't lonely now. They were all excited.

There was another letter. David tore it a little in his eagerness to get the envelope open. He and Darlene read it together.

"Be sure that you are willing now  
To learn the every when and how  
To care for something not a cow."

"It's going to be something alive," Darlene cried out as she whirled around and around on the sidewalk.

"We can't have a dog or a cat or anything like that here in the apartment," David complained. "I don't think I want any other kind of pet."

"But I do," said Darlene, "just any kind of pet."

What a long time it was until the next day! The mailman came late, but he brought a letter.

"This afternoon just watch and wait;

A truck will stop outside your gate

And bring the present to you straight."

"A truck!" Darlene gasped. "Sounds as if it might be a horse."

David was getting excited now, but he didn't want Darlene to know he was excited.

"Uncle Jack knows we can't have a horse here," he growled.

The time moved along slowly. Several times the children thought the clock had stopped. Darlene kept asking Mother if it were time for lunch. Finally, afternoon came. David and Darlene went out and sat on the steps.

They didn't notice the truck at first because it was small. It wasn't really a truck the way they thought of a truck. It was an enclosed delivery car. The driver got out and opened a door at the back.

"It's the truck," David shouted.

Darlene could hardly say anything. She could only watch as the man took a large, cloth-covered object out of the car. He came up the walk.

"Do David and Darlene Robinson live here?" he asked.

Darlene jerked her head up and down. David opened the front door. The man went in and set the package on the table. He removed the cloth.

"A parakeet in a cage," David shouted.

"Two of them," Darlene shrieked.

Mother came running to see the birds. "They make fine pets," she said. "You can tame them and teach them to ride on your shoulder. You can teach them to talk, too."

"They're not dogs, but they're the next best thing," said David.

"Uncle Jack knows what we can have in an apartment," said Darlene. "I'm so happy. We must write and thank Uncle Jack, David."

David was so interested in the birds that he hardly seemed to hear.

## JESUS WAS\*

By Phyllis McMaster

Fill in the missing letters to get words that tell who Jesus was.

JU\_\_T  
RIGHTE\_\_US  
PATIE\_\_T  
F\_\_RGIVING  
FAITH\_\_UL  
\_\_ENTLE  
L\_\_VING  
OBE\_\_IENT

Answer

Son of God

## Laughs . . .

In an essay on "Things I Am Thankful For," a little boy listed "my glasses," explaining. "They keep the boys from fighting with me and the girls from kissing me."

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"Sedentary work," said the lecturer, "tends to lessen the endurance."

"In other words," butted in the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the lecturer. "And if one lies a great deal, one's standing is lost completely."

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A young man from an indulgent home turned up his nose at the army stew and complained to the sergeant: "Don't I have any choice here?"

"Certainly, my boy. Take it, or leave it."

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Politician: One who shakes your hand before election and your confidence after.

## MIRACLE IN BETHANY\*

By Thelma C. Carter

Many years ago, an eleven-year-old girl traveled with her uncle, aunt, and cousin to visit the ancient city of Jerusalem. She described some of her experiences in letters to her father.

In one letter she told about the Roman escort of soldiers, which was to accompany the group to Jerusalem. The soldiers would travel with the caravan to the gate of Jerusalem. A centurion would be in command of the soldiers.

Although the distance from Bethany to Jerusalem was only two miles, some unpleasant things often happened on the way. Bands of robbers stopped the caravans and took the people's possessions.

Many people were traveling to Jerusalem even though the Passover was still some days away. Many of the people had stopped in Bethany. The streets were filled with men, women, and children.

The girl told how her group arose at dawn, offered prayers, and ate fruit before the centurion came to the door. He brought word that all would have to remain longer in Bethany because of a strange happening. A miracle had taken place. A man called Lazarus had died. Then a man named Jesus, who was a beloved friend of Lazarus and his two sisters, had told the sisters, "Thy brother shall rise again."

The miracle had happened as Jesus had said it would. Lazarus was alive again. All the people of Bethany were rejoicing.

The girl's father had told her that Bethany was a worthy town. Its flower gardens, many birds, olive trees, and fig trees were everywhere. The girl could see that God's world is filled with beauty.



# The Body of Christ Ephesians 1:22-23

Malcolm Tolbert

When the word "church" is mentioned, various mental images probably arise in the minds of the hearers. To many people church means a building in which the congregation gathers for study and worship. It is indeed unfortunate that we use the same word in the English language for both the building and the congregation.

Others think of the church as an organization, while still others conceive of it in terms of a business. The truth is that all these ideas are foreign to the New Testament concept of the church. Nowhere does the New Testament speak of the church as an actual building, or an organization, or a business.

One of the primary ways that Paul conceived of the church was as the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23). The people constitute the body of which Christ is the head.

A major truth conveyed by the analogy is that Christ is sovereign over the church. This calls into question one of our favorite definitions of the church that begins: "An autonomous body of baptized believers, etc." If Christ is indeed the head of the church, then it must follow that the church is not autonomous.

One of the most harmful ideas current in our midst is that a church can do as it pleases. A corollary to this mistaken notion is that a local church acts in isolation from all other believers in Jesus Christ. It should stand to reason that Christ is not going to lead all groups of believers to go off in diverse and opposing directions.

People also talk much about the church being a democracy in which all have the right to vote. Correctly understood, however, the church has a congregational form of government in which every member has the responsibility of voting.

The exercise of the vote in a church, however, should be based on the fundamental concept of the priesthood of the believer and on an understanding of the church as the body of Christ.

Every Christian has access to God and can seek his leadership in making decisions. The Christian's vote should be a conscientious expression of what he believes to be God's leadership on any question.

The business meeting should not be a forum to which all the members come, armed with their opinions, their ideas, or their "slant" on the issue. The business meeting should be one of the most meaningful experiences in the life of the church as the body is unified in the quest to seek and do the will of him who is the Head of the church.

**Dr. Malcolm Tolbert is associate professor of New Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.**

# Pastors' Dinner-Dialogue Slated During SBC Meeting

**MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)**—A dinner-dialogue for Baptist pastors from throughout the nation will be the closing feature of the 1967 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here May 29-30.

The president of the SBC Pastors' Conference, C. A. Roberts of Tallahassee, set up the dialogue session in response to a motion rejected by the Southern Baptist Convention last year in Detroit asking for the convention to schedule discussions on current theological, social and moral issues.

"I was present at the committee on order of business meeting when they regretfully could not find time to honor such a request," said Roberts, pastor of First Church, Tallahassee.

"As a result I have planned this as a

'first' in Southern Baptist Convention procedure," said Roberts in describing the pastor dinner-dialogue.

At the dialogue session, scheduled Tuesday May 30, 4:30 p.m., at the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach, a panel of three Baptist leaders will open the dialogue with statements on "The Church—Its Present Status and Future Prospect."

Following the panel presentation, the floor will be thrown open for discussion by the Baptist pastors attending.

Panel members will be Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville; George Schweitzer, professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Kenneth L. Chafin, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Roberts will be moderator.

Roberts said that pastors wishing to attend the dialogue-dinner must pre-register and pay a \$10 registration fee. He added he must know by about April 1 how many plan to attend in order to make necessary physical arrangements.

Already more than 200 denominational leaders and pastors have made reservations, said Roberts.

## Religious Record Review

**Sing to the Lord**, 16 early American folk hymns by the Robert Shaw Chorale, RCA Victor LPM-2942. Folk hymns are simply folk songs with religious text. The 16 in this collection were compiled chiefly from hymnals published between 1800 and 1850. The music is intriguing with a wide range of melodies. It is a refreshing experience to listen to this new-old music.

**Just A Closer Walk With Thee** by Kate Smith, RCA Victor LPM-3735. Here are 12 gospel favorites in the clear voice of Kate Smith with her direct, sincere, dramatic style. The album includes such selections as "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," "When I Get to the End of the Way," "The Door Is Open," "Room at the Cross for You," "God is Love," and others communicating a message of faith, hope, love, wonder.

**The Gospel Song Styles of Twelve Great Artists**, is RCA Victor LPM-3721 bringing together in one album some outstanding performers with their interpretations of classic gospel songs. The Billy Graham London Crusade Choir, George Beverly Shea, Kate Smith, Cliff Barrows, Hank Snow, The Anita Kerr Quartet are among those on the two sides of this record.

**How Great Thou Art** as sung by Elvis Presley is RCA Victor LPM-3758. The 13 selections in this album include "In the Garden," "Somebody Bigger Than You and I," "Stand By Me," "Farther Along," "Crying in the Chapel," "Where Could I Go But To the Lord," along with others as interpreted and sung by Elvis.

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