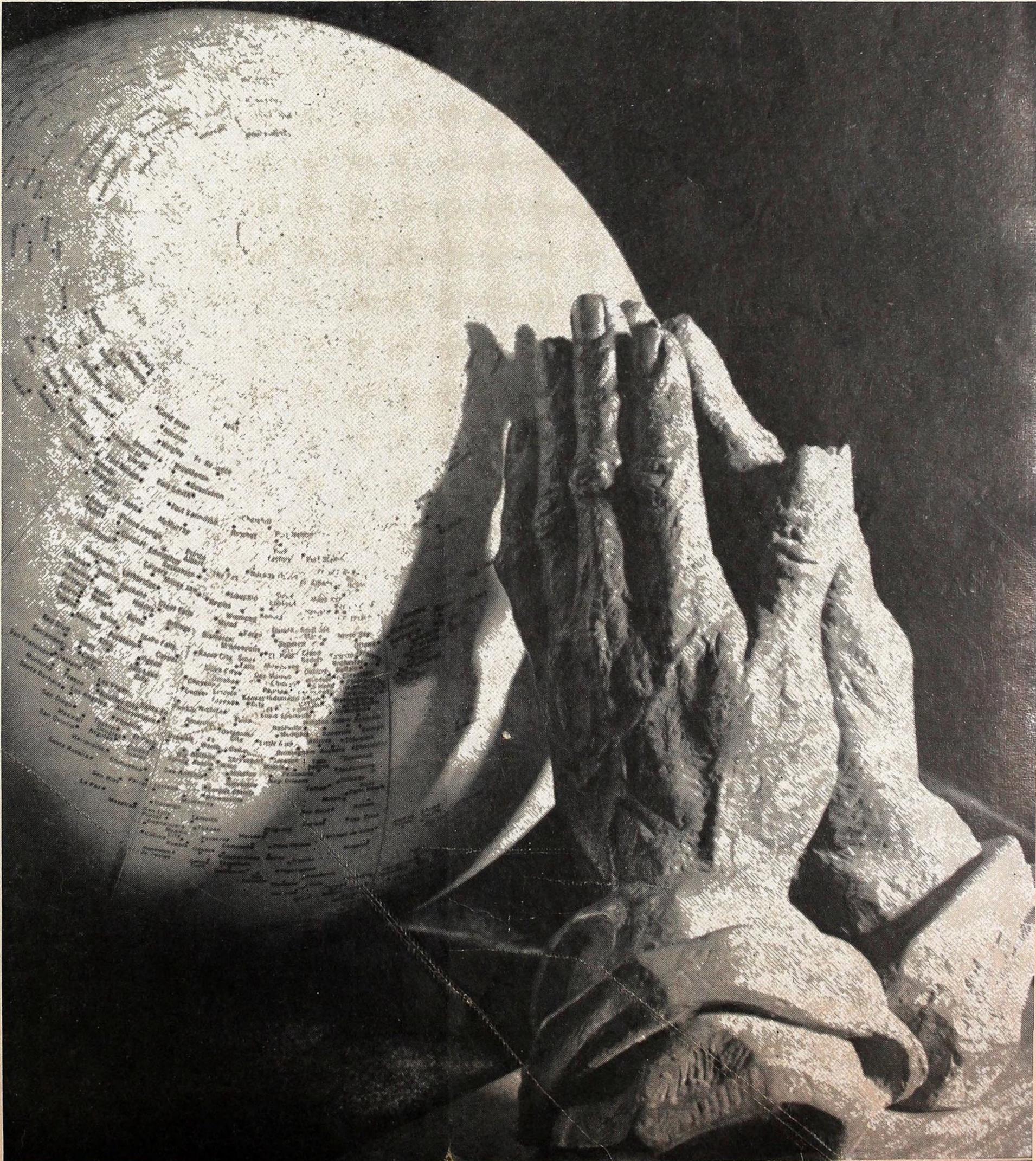


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Readers Write . . .

. . . Federal Money Tarnishes the Good Name

● I wish to thank you for your strong vigorous stand in the interest of the first amendment for separation of church and state. It would be difficult to explain to you what it means to those who work in a pioneer area to have some within the leadership of other states turn in violation of this cherished principle of religious liberty. Of course, the Southern Baptist Convention has maintained its declaration in behalf of separation of church and state, but any time a Baptist hospital or college receives federal money, a little more tarnish is on the good name of Southern Baptists; and believe me, this is worth more to us than great riches. I have known nothing in my entire ministry to disturb me like the feeling that Southern Baptists may repudiate this great tenet of our faith.

Your position enables your statements to have more weight than maybe even you realize, and I hope you will continue to magnify our important position on religious liberty. Those of us in the newer states have a feeling that, since we do not have a college of our own, many will be glad to say that our position is realistic and that we too would compromise if we needed money.

May the Lord bless you richly in your work.—N. J. Westmoreland, executive-secretary treasurer, Kansas Convention of

Southern Baptists, P. O. Box 729, Wichita, Kansas 67201.

. . . Longtime Reader

● Well like everything else the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR has gone up a quarter of a dollar. I don't mind for I don't know where I could get as much for \$2.25. I have been reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for more than 60 years.

My father, Rev. G. A. Chunn, was a minister and pastored churches in Ala., Ga., and Tenn. He became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rossville, Ga.—Tenn., in 1905 when I was seven years of age, 62 years ago. The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR started coming into our home then and it has continuously come into our home each week since that time.

I cannot estimate what the paper has meant to my own life and that of my family. I have been pastoring churches since 1924 in Ga., Ind., and Tenn. I spent 20 years during that time as Chaplain in the U. S. Army, 1934-1954 (active and reserve) and saw service in North Africa, Sicily, England, and the Continent of Europe during World War II. I am now semi-retired but still do some preaching and teaching.

I have read the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR from the time of Dr. Frost down to the present and have been greatly benefited by its messages. You are still giving us a good paper. Keep the good work up. May the Lord continue to bless you as you speak the truth in love.—Floyd H. Chunn, Route 16, Chapman Highway, Knoxville, Tenn. 37920.

. . . I Read You

● I read you—every week and appreciate unusually some recent editorials—particularly "Face the Facts," May 25, and "Planned Confusion," May 18, and comments on Convention and BEST—and this keen analysis on "Problems Facing Baptist Schools."—Harold E. Ingraham, 931 Caldwell Lane, Nashville, Tenn. 37204.



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Seeing Things Aright

By James L. Pleitz

Did you ever go through a house of mirrors at a fair or carnival? Standing before one mirror you might appear to be ten feet tall while standing before another you appear to be the world's shortest midget. There is always one that makes you appear at least a hundred pounds overweight and invariably right next to it, one that makes you appear as thin as a rail. These mirrors never flatter a person. Regardless of which mirror you stand before, your image is always distorted.

How do you see other people? The artist is one who can look at a thing, not as it is but as it might be. He seeks to bring out the beautiful, never to distort.

There was once in the City of Florence, Italy, a massive, shapeless block of marble. One sculptor after another tried his hand at it without success. They cut and carved until it seemed hopelessly disfigured. But then came Michelangelo. He began by having his house built right over that block of marble, and for long months he was shut up there with it. No one knew what he was doing. But at last there came a day when he flung open the door and told the people to come in; and they looked and before their eyes was not a shapeless, meaningless block—but the magnificent statue of David, one of the art wonders of the world.

It was all a matter of perspective. Michelangelo saw that block of marble not simply as a block of marble but as a beautiful work of art. He saw David in that marble and sought to set him free. He saw it not simply as it was, but as it could become.

Jesus always looked at people this way. He looked at Simon Peter and saw him not as a crude unstable fisherman, but as one who could be as stable as a rock. Long before he was rock-like in character, Jesus called him "Peter"—meaning rockman.

It may be that what you see in your life is far from pleasing. As far as you are concerned the possibilities of building a worthwhile life are small. Why not give God a chance? Paul said, "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature. Behold old things are passed away, all things are become new." (from "Master Control")

James L. Pleitz is pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

On Our Cover

It is a world that needs prayer. Millions shut behind curtains of iron, bamboo and superstition, many of whom cannot read or write, may come within the reach of Gospel messages broadcast by the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC. Photo by Colvin

State WMU Names New Executive

NASHVILLE—Miss Mary Jane Nethery is the new Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Miss Nethery, dean of women at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, was elected head executive of the women's group July 14, at a meeting of the state WMU Personnel Committee, here, at the State Board Building, according to Mrs. John D. Bolton of Woodbury, chairman of the Committee.

Miss Nethery will take office Aug. 15. She will succeed Miss Mary Mills, who resigned at the end of April following 14 years of service.

Miss Nethery was born at West Point, Miss. She was educated at Blue Mountain College in her native state, and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where she received a Master's degree. She did student work in two Bap-

tist schools of nursing, then served as the state-wide YWA director for six years in Texas, before going to her present position two years ago.

While growing up, Miss Nethery took part in all church activities and states she is a Baptist "from cradle to conviction." When the new Woman's Missionary Union executive takes up her duties in Nashville, she will make her home at 1910 Eighteenth Avenue, South.

Other members of the personnel committee serving with Mrs. Bolton are: Mrs. Albert McClellan of Nashville; Mrs. Joe Patterson of Huntingdon; Mrs. O. V. Patton of Memphis; Mrs. Buford Cockrum of Livingston; Miss Betty Newman of Kingsport; Mrs. Merrill D. Moore of Nashville; and Mrs. D. Isbell of Chattanooga; president of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.

200 Wounded Aided at Gaza Hospital

The Baptist hospital in Gaza, which has remained open throughout the Middle East crisis, treated more than 200 wounded and performed about 130 operations in the two and a half weeks following the outbreak of war on June 5, reports Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary.

Dr. Moore and Dr. David C. Dorr stayed in Gaza to keep the hospital functioning when other missionaries were evacuated in late May.

"The people appreciated our presence and help," writes Dr. Moore. "At one time we had about 140 patients, 250 refugees seeking shelter and food, plus some 65 or 70 employees. The nurses and other employees did a marvelous job in the emergency. Even when mortars were hitting quite close by, nurses in the operating room

worked as calmly as if it were an ordinary day."

During the fierce struggle for the city a hospital gardener was wounded in the leg by a shell that fell near him, but the staff suffered no other casualties. About 200 windows were broken in hospital buildings, walls took shrapnel damage, and some equipment was destroyed.

"In this unsettled time when so many things are indefinite, we ask that you continue to pray for us daily," Dr. Moore continues. "God has been so wonderful to us, particularly in letting us be here, in keeping us here, and in continuing the work in a most unforeseen way."

An UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) official who was in Gaza during the fighting has commended the "magnificent work" done by the hospital.

Israel Baptist Worship With Old City Baptists

By Dwight L. Baker

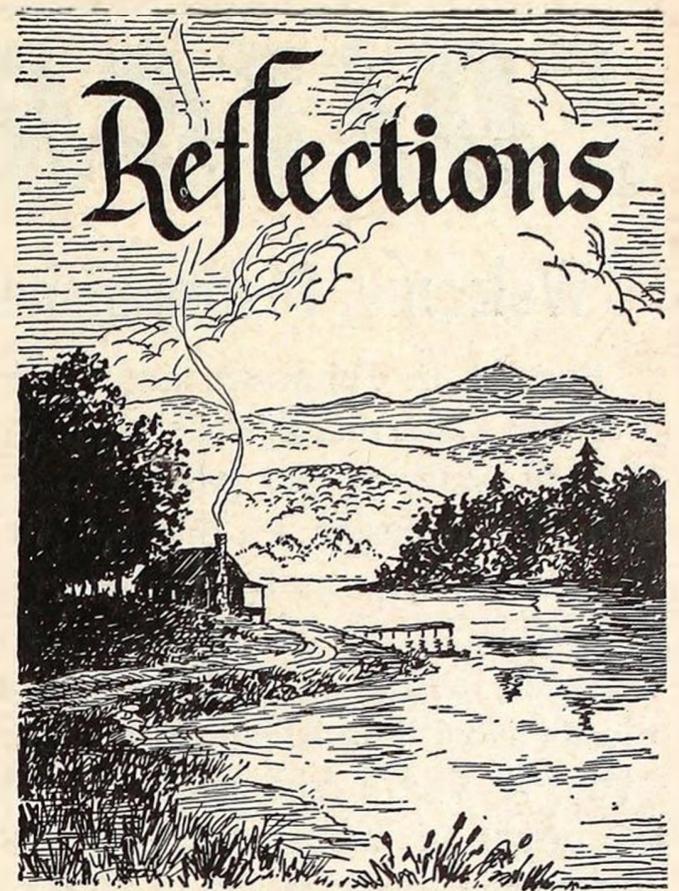
On Sunday morning, June 25, driving freely through Mandelbaum Gate, which until the first week in June was the checkpoint separating Israeli and Jordanian Jerusalem, Rev. Fuad Sakhnini, pastor of the Nazareth (Israel) Baptist Church and Southern Baptist Missionary Norman F. Lytle, pastor of the Jerusalem (new city) Baptist Church, entered the Israel-occupied old city to attend worship services.

Neither borders nor the bayonets that had bristled for 20 years slowed their progress as they made the 10-minute trip from the Hebrew-language Baptist church in the new city to the Arabic-language Baptist church in the old city.

The Nazareth pastor had been invited to conduct worship for the old city congre-

gation, which has been without pastoral leadership following the Middle East war. Missionary William O. Hern, acting pastor of the old city congregation, was caught in Amman, Jordan, when fighting broke out between Israel and Jordan and could not rejoin his flock. Rev. Riouf Zao'mot, pastor of the congregation in Ramallah (near Jerusalem) and only Arabic-speaking Baptist pastor remaining on the west bank of the Jordan River, joined his family on the east bank after the fighting ceased.

At a meeting following the morning service, the old city group requested that Arabic-speaking pastors from Israel assist them for the immediate future. Mr. Sakhnini and laymen from Nazareth, as well as Arabic-speaking Baptists from other parts



"Do you imagine that a state can subsist and not be overthrown, in which the decisions of law have no power, but are set aside and trampled upon by individuals?"—Socrates. Socrates saw that society itself rests upon the principle of rule by law. It does not follow from this that he believed that the law was always right. It is rather that he recognized that even more tragic consequences would come from the breakdown of the rule of law. In so doing, he was recognizing an elemental fact of human nature and a basic fact of life.—R. Baine Harris

Harold Russell during World War II had his hands blown off by the blast of a TNT blockbuster. Lying in a hospital, . . . he had a visitor, Charley McGonegal, who had lost his own hands in World War I . . . One thing McGonegal told Russell which lingered in his memory, "You are not crippled; you are merely handicapped." At the first opportunity Russell was looking up the two words in a dictionary. Crippled meant "disabled, incapable of proper or effective action." Handicapped meant "any disadvantage or hindrance making success in an undertaking more difficult."—Dr. Robert J. McCracken, *Putting Faith to Work* (Harper & Row)

of Israel, volunteered. They will go in teams each Sunday.

Baptists in Israel have collected several hundred dollars for the purchase of rice, sugar, and flour to be distributed among Baptists in the old city who are without work as a result of the war. These supplies are being distributed by Baptists in the new city, under the leadership of Mr. Lytle.

Mr. Sakhnini reported on his return to Nazareth that the morale of Baptists in the old city is strong. He said he had encouraged them to stay in their homes and not join with the refugees fleeing to the east bank.

EDITORIALS

Welcome, Distinguished Leaders!

Baptists in Tennessee and Nashville are happy to welcome some distinguished Baptist leaders from overseas, as well as other parts of this continent, on July 30th. The occasion is a Baptist World Fellowship Convocation shared in by a number of denominational leaders including the President of the Baptist World Alliance, William R. Tolbert. Dr. Tolbert, elected president of the Alliance in Miami Beach, Fla., in 1965, is Vice-president of the Republic of Liberia. He brings the main address at the inter-racial, inter-convention Convocation in Nashville's municipal auditorium, Sunday afternoon in a program beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The meeting, which should pack the municipal auditorium, is sponsored and shared in by four groups in Nashville with greetings from the Free Will Baptists by Jerry Ballard; the National Baptist Convention of America by T. B. Boyd; the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., by D. C. Washington; and the Southern Baptist Convention by H. Franklin Paschall. The gathering will be presided over by V. Carnie Har-

groves of Philadelphia, who is chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Overseas visitors will be presented by Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, general secretary of the Alliance. John W. Williams of Kansas City, vice-president of the Alliance, will introduce Dr. Tolbert.

The occasion is looked forward to as an unusual opportunity for Baptist fellowship in Nashville. Many prominent visitors from some 23 countries will be present for the Convocation. It precedes the Executive Committee meeting of the Alliance and its Study Commissions in Nashville, July 30-Aug. 3.

A Word of Caution

Without doubt most Americans sympathize with Israel in the present Mid-East situation. We are impressed by Israel's military skill and the intense patriotism of her people. These enabled her to win a quick victory over the numerically superior Arab forces surrounding her. We have been disturbed by the bitter, irrational reaction of the leaders of Arab states toward the United States.

But a word of caution needs to be said in this situation in which passions run so deep on both sides. Be careful not to read into the present situation any superficial identification of the modern secular national state of Israel with the historic ancient Hebrew nation. The Zionism that produced the modern state of Israel is not necessarily the fulfillment of the prophetic messages in the Bible about the people of Israel as an instrument of God's purposes of justice and mercy for all nations under the rule of God. Warning to this effect was voiced recently concerning the Arab-Israeli conflict in a statement issued by R. Park Johnson, a United Presbyterian missionary to Iran from 1950-60 who served as a field representative for the Near East. He would discourage ministers and church leaders from lending "avowed or implicit support" to pro-Israeli public meetings. "Christians have the duty and responsibility of speaking intelligently and clearly for themselves," Dr. Johnson said, "rather than allowing themselves to become propagandists for any cause but the reconciling love of God."

Certainly we should not be guilty of giving any unconscious support to the doctrine that "might makes right." The Mid-East problem will be here a long time.

A Mighty Bond



How Should Associations Deal With The Baptism Question?

by Wayne E. Ward, professor of theology
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Louisville, Ky.

Some people have said to me, "You have emphasized believer's baptism by immersion; wouldn't you throw a church out of the association if they received some other kind of baptism?" Here is my answer. You see, I have always voted to baptize a person by immersion when he comes into a Baptist Church, even though he may have been a born-again Christian believer for many years without ever having received New Testament baptism. But even that is a **compromise**, because baptism really means the sign of **beginning** the Christian journey. If he has been a genuine believer in Christ for many years, it is impossible to make baptism mean for him what it meant in the New Testament—the sign of rising to walk in a new life with Jesus.

If another Baptist says, "Well, I know he

was baptized with the wrong form; but at least, it was performed upon a believer at the beginning of his Christian journey and I am not going to make him go through a ritual just to get the form right when it is thirty years too late for the real meaning"—then I realize that he is making a compromise in one direction while I am leaning in another. I like my compromise better than his, because I think the form of immersion is an eloquent witness to the gospel which I simply cannot give up.

But, it is literally impossible to baptize a person at a later stage of his Christian journey without modifying the New Testament meaning to some extent. We are in a situation today that simply did not exist in the New Testament, and we have to apply the teachings as carefully as we can in order

to preserve the real meaning of the New Testament in a changed environment.

If my fellow Baptist together with his church congregation has prayed and studied God's word and come out with an application to baptism, the Lord's Supper, or church membership in which he is honestly trying to preserve the vital truth of the New Testament in a changed situation, I am going to bind him to me with cords of love, even when he differs with my conclusion—and I will listen to him to see if I may have been wrong.

This is what it means to be a Baptist. What glorious and exciting fellowship in which to study and apply God's word to the needs of today's world. God grant that we may never kill it by authoritarianism!

Interpretation . . . by HERSCHEL H. HOBBS Blessed The Hungry And Thirsty

(Fifth in Series on Beatitudes)

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled"—Matt. 5:6.

Here Jesus is speaking of the attitude of a Christian toward God and His righteousness. Through conviction, repentance, and faith or commitment, experiences described in verses 3-5, one becomes a Christian, a Kingdom-citizen, a child of God. Thereafter he is to grow in grace, knowledge, and service to God (cf. II Pet. 3:18). It is that

which Jesus has in mind in verse 6. It corresponds to **sanctification**. The moment one becomes a Christian he is sanctified or set apart to the service of God. Thus he is called a "saint" (cf. I Cor. 1:2) or a sanctified one. But he should grow and develop in that state of sanctification.

Hunger and thirst are two of the most demanding of appetites. The Christian should experience these demands with respect to righteousness. The self-righteous

man feels no such desire. But he who has through regeneration received the righteousness of God hungers and thirsts for more of the God-kind-of-righteousness. He longs to be more and more like God Himself. Never satisfied with his present state, he craves to press on toward the goal of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (cf. Phil. 3:14).

And such persons "shall be filled." He will be filled of God and by His grace. These words render a Greek word used of feeding and fattening cattle. It is also used in the New Testament in the sense of being gorged (cf. John 6:26). So the one hungering and thirsting after righteousness will be filled or thoroughly satisfied.

Thus such a person will be "blessed." Within himself by the grace of God he will possess all that is necessary to live a full and fruitful life for Christ.

It is far more than the problem of holding territory seized by military power. It is the problem of hundreds of thousands of displaced people, homeless because of war. The whole world knows the fate of European Jewry under the persecution of Hitler. We have rightly been sympathetic with the Jews in the past because of their vast sufferings. Less well known, is the fact that in aiding the Jewish refugees from Europe through creation of a political state in Arab Palestine, a vast number of Arab refugees resulted. These refugees are

resentful and disillusioned.

Constructive arrangements for the future must be free of the mistakes marring international policy in the past and free from the failures in human wisdom of yesterday that have brought on the plight and suffering of today. As Christians, our concern must be for the reconciliation between Arabs and Israeli. Even if we have been misunderstood and misrepresented by Arab leaders, we should not make the mistake of endorsing any "might makes right" policy.

Tennessee Topics

Tom V. Wells resigned the pastorate of New Hopewell Church, Knoxville, to become pastor July 10 of First Church, Andrews, N.C. Wells has served on a number of denominational boards and is a member of the Board of Managers of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes with term expiring in 1968.

Earl A. Jones began his work as pastor of Calvary Church, Chattanooga, June 25. A graduate of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, he attended Carson-Newman College. Before going to Chattanooga he was pastor of First Church, Friendsville.

Joe Weaver resigned effective July 31 as missionary for Indian Creek Association where he has served the past two and one half years.

Delmer Rice, missionary in Cumberland Association since May 1, 1966, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Buffalo Church, Buffalo, Ky., effective July 31.

Hamilton County Association—**Bartlebaugh, C. E. Blevins**, pastor, are making long-range plans for the future of the church. Brainerd Hills Church recently dedicated its new youth center which includes a swimming pool, tennis courts and other recreation facilities. **Marshall Vaughn** is pastor. East Brainerd, **Bill Hazelwood**, pastor, is constructing a new educational building. East Ridge Church, observed the 21st anniversary of Pastor **Henry Preston** June 25. **James A. Walters** of Mountain Creek has retired from the active pastorate. Signal Mountain, **A. Bruce Coyle**, pastor, added **Sam Henderson** to the staff as a summer worker. **G. David Henderson** resigned as pastor of South Soddy to become pastor of Immanuel Church, Lakeview, Ga.

Alfred T. Royer, for eight and one half years pastor of Grace Church, Knox County, resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Shelbyville. During his ministry at Grace, the church doubled the enrollment

and attendance in every organization, financial support, property value and land area tripled, and more than 600 were added to the church. The Royer family will be moving to the parsonage, 1012 Union, Shelbyville, Aug. 1. **Albert McClellan** of Nashville has served as interim pastor of the Shelbyville Church.

Barbara LaIacona, secretary of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Wisconsin, 521 West Main Street, Madison, Wisc., writes that if any of the readers of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR know of Southern Baptist students attending the U. of Wisc. this fall to please forward the name and address of such students to **Ed Gaskill**, 468 Hilton Drive, Madison, Wisc.

Union Association—Gum Springs Church has refinished the floor, carpeted the auditorium and dedicated four newly built classrooms. **Clifton Sparkman**, **George Simons** and **Rector Haston** were ordained as deacons at Laurel Creek Church.

F. Murray Mathis is the new pastor of First Church, Elkhart, Tex. Previously he was pastor of Long Lake Church, Palestine, Tex. A native Tennessean, Mathis is a 1965 graduate of Belmont College and attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. While a student at Belmont he pastored Hillsboro Chapel at Franklin.

Gibson Association—Mt. Pisgah Church purchased a new organ. **Clyde Crocker** is pastor. Bethel Church, Yorkville, called **James Combs** of Newbern as pastor.

Sunday afternoon, July 2, Grace Church, Knoxville, dedicated its newly purchased Rodgers Organ, Model 32-C. **A. J. Watkins** served as chairman of the organ committee. Following the dedication led by Pastor **Alfred T. Royer**, a concert was presented by **Maurice Douglas Pedersen**, minister of music of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, Knoxville.

Three Tennesseans Receive Fellowships at Southern

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Three Tennesseans have been awarded Garrett Graduate Fellowships for work toward the doctor of theology degree at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They are Paul D. Simmons, Naymond Keathley, and James R. Kautz, III.

Simmons, a native of Martin, is a graduate of Union University, Jackson. Presently he is beginning his second year of study toward the doctorate degree after pastoring for five years First Church of Liberty, N.C.

Keathley, a native of Memphis, also in his second year of study, is a graduate of Baylor University and a former youth director of Temple Church, Memphis.

Kautz is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and a native of Washington, D.C. A former alumni president of Midwestern Theological Seminary, he is beginning his third year of doctoral study.

These awards are endowed from the estate of the late L. F. Garrett of Memphis and are named in his honor.

Grainger Association—**Fred Worham** preached his last sermon as pastor of Oakland Church July 2. He will move to Nashville and study at Vanderbilt University. **Norman Turley** is the new pastor of Mitchell Springs Church. **C. V. Brown** has resigned as pastor of Bean Station Church after serving for many years. Elm Springs called **Clyde Holton** as pastor.

Holston Valley Association—**Choptack, Bill Powers, Jr.**, pastor, purchased a new Baldwin piano and painted a new church road sign. **Ray Anderson** is the new pastor of Lyon's Park Church. McKinney's Chapel installed new pews, table, pulpit stand and pulpit chairs at a cost of \$1,371.25 and paid for them. **John Way** is pastor. North Fork's interim pastor, **John Hipsher** resigned July 2. Oak Grove's new mission meeting in the Odd Fellows Lodge Hall in Carter's Valley is making progress. There have been six additions and a 3½ acre site for a building located.

Dr. James S. Hall, 72, Anderson County's oldest physician in point of service, died July 11 in St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, after a lingering illness. He was a deacon at First Church, Clinton, for many years and had served on finance and church building committees.

Carl F. Sieber, Memphis, died July 9. He was a charter member of Second Church, served as chairman of the endowment committee, deacon, church clerk, Sunday school teacher and Training Union leader.

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Six Tennesseans Received Degrees

Six Tennessee students received degrees from Southwestern Seminary during summer commencement exercises in Fort Worth, Tex., July 21.

They are **Charles J. Ballard, Jr.**, Memphis, M.R.E.; **Bernard F. Bull**, Etowah, M.R.E.; **O. J. Bryson**, Cleveland, D.C.M.; **Annie Sue Clift**, Newbern, M.R.E.; **Samuel A. DeBord**, Knoxville, Th.D.; and **Kyle N. Weaver**, Memphis, Diploma in Theology.

Southwestern's president **Robert E. Naylor** presented degrees and diplomas to more than 100 candidates in the schools of theology, religious education and church music. They join more than 11,000 Southwestern graduates who are now serving on every continent.

C-N 2nd Among Colleges In Providing Summer Missionaries

JEFFERSON CITY — Carson-Newman College with 24 summer missionaries from its students is outnumbered only by Baylor University's 26, according to figures just released by the Home Mission Board.

For a number of years, C-N has ranked either number one or number two among 40 Baptist Colleges in the number of students working full time, during the summer months, in the cause of Christianity. C-N President Harley Fite said that the Christian home background of the students plus the encouragement of the faculty and staff was responsible for C-N's high ranking. C-N's summer missionaries are scattered from coast to coast of the USA, with one also serving in Germany.

Seventeen churches are sponsoring in South Nashville a "Strength for Living Crusade," July 31-Aug. 13. Led by **Leonard Sanderson**, of Arlington, Tex., meetings will be at the 100 Oaks Shopping Center each evening at 7:30, according to **Roger Shelton**, of Haywood Hills Church, crusade chairman. Sanderson is a former secretary of evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and headed the evangelism department of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Jerry Heflin, pastor of Cedar Hill Church, Robertson Association, has resigned to become pastor of Ivy Memorial Church, Nashville. Heflin has served as pastor in Robertson County for seven years. During this time the Heflins took active part in youth work, he serving as associational youth director and Mrs. Heflin serving as associational GA leader. They have four children. The Heflins' new address will be 2004 Jones Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37207.

State Convention's V-P Accepts Carolina Pastorate

Dillard A. Mynatt, pastor of First Church, Madisonville, and first vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Forest City, N. C. He will assume his duties in August. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern Seminary. In addition to student pastorates, he formerly served as pastor of Mt. Harmony Church, Knoxville. Mynatt has been at Madisonville since 1959.

William H. Lodwick was elected pastor emeritus of First Church, Alcoa. Pastor of the Alcoa church 12 years before his retirement in 1963, Lodwick was honored at a special service June 25. A framed certificate bearing the title, "Pastor Emeritus," was presented to him. He and **Mrs. Lodwick** were presented various gifts by the congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer, missionaries, planned to leave the States for Japan on July 8, following furlough. Their address is 22/6 1-chome Miyawaki-cho, Takamatsu Shi, Japan. A Kentuckian, he was born and reared in the Central City area; she, the former **Ramona Hall**, is a native of Lincoln County, Tenn. When they were appointed missionaries in 1955 he was pastor of New Hope Church, Moorman, Ky.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, missionaries, were scheduled to leave for Italy on June 24, following a six-month furlough in the States. They may be addressed, Via Antelao 2, Rome, Italy. Born in Mountain View, Okla., he grew up in Chattanooga, Tenn.; she is the former **Lillie Mae Hylton**, of Knoxville, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1938.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert H. Dyson, Jr., missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, may now be addressed at 1918 Moran Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37216. The former **Ruth Widick**, she was born in Nashville, and lived in several states during childhood (she is the daughter of a Baptist minister); he was born in Mobeetie, Tex., and lived in Tex. and Okla. while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Oody, missionary associates, left the States for Liberia on June 20, following furlough. Oody will be interim Baptist Student Union director for Liberia (their address: Ricks Institute, Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa). They are natives of Loudon County, Tenn.; she is the former **Betty White**. When they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1963 he taught school in Arcata, Calif.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Buckner are new Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Indonesia. She is the former **Mary Ann Moore** of Kingsport. He has been pastor at Ashville, Ohio.



Rev. and Mrs. C. Robert Beard are new Southern Baptist missionary associates appointed for the Orient. He is a native of Memphis and has been director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps for the Jefferson County Board of Education, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. and Mrs. Buck Donaldson, Jr., missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, have moved to Tennessee, where he works with the Baptist Student Union. They may be addressed at Lincoln Memorial University, Box 147, Harrogate, Tenn., 37752. Born in New Verda, La., he lived in several Louisiana towns during boyhood; she, the former **Barbara Hasty**, was born in Onamia, Minn., and lived in a number of states while growing up. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959 he was pastor of Bethel Church, Townsend, Tenn.

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Cauthen Reports On Middle East Trip

By Ione Gray, Director of Press Relations

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, reported on an eight-day trip to the Middle East at the Board's regular monthly meeting July 13.

He and Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, left the States on July 2 to confer with missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Iran (to which missionaries were evacuated from Jordan), Israel, and Gaza. Dr. Cauthen returned to the States July 10; Dr. Hughey was scheduled to stay in the Middle East another week.

Missionaries to Lebanon have returned to their posts. Mrs. David C. Dorr and Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., and their children and Dr. Jean Dickman, all of whom were evacuated from Gaza before war erupted in early June, have been cleared for return to their homes. Doctors Dorr and Moore, who stayed with the Baptist hospital in Gaza and ministered to injured and homeless, have received wide acclaim for their work.

Rev. William O. Hern, who was evacuated to Tehran, Iran, along with other missionaries to Jordan (with the exception of Dr. L. August Lovegren, who stayed with the Baptist hospital in Ajloun), has returned to his post. Missionary nurses, teachers, and doctors can now enter Jordan, and it

is expected that some of the Southern Baptist missionaries now in Tehran will soon go back to the country. Women with children will likely go to Beirut, Lebanon, until it seems desirable for them to return. (None of the missionaries in Israel found it necessary to evacuate.)

Dr. Cauthen expressed appreciation for the courtesy and consideration of U. S. consular representatives during the Middle East crisis.

There has been no direct contact with Baptists in Egypt since the war, Dr. Cauthen said. No missionaries are assigned to Egypt, but some from other Arab countries occasionally visit Egyptian Baptists, and Southern Baptists sometimes give them financial assistance.

Dr. Cauthen reported that because of a reference in the eighth chapter of Ezekiel to the fifth day of the sixth month (the day the war started) many people of Jordan have become interested in reading the Bible. While their interest is curiosity, God can use this curiosity to speak to them, Dr. Cauthen said.

The many allocations, totaling \$2,007,937.04, which the Board voted at its July meeting included \$3,000 for Bibles for the people of Jordan, as well as funds for Bible distribution in three Orient countries: \$10,000 for Korea, \$10,000 for Hong Kong,

and \$250 for Japan. The Ann Oldham Memorial Trust Fund, which was set up by the late Miss Oldham of Abilene, Texas, for Bible distribution, provided \$3,250 of this.

Goerner in Nigeria

Dr. Cauthen shared a cable received the morning of the Board meeting from Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, who is now in Nigeria, where federal troops are fighting secessionists in the eastern part of the country. Dr. Goerner's message said, "Conditions reassuring," and authorized the return of furloughing missionaries.

Of the 16 missionaries who were in the Eastern Region when it declared its independence on May 30, six remain.

Missionaries Appointed

The Board appointed 35 career missionaries, reappointed two, and employed 10 missionary associates for short-term service (three, four or five years, depending upon the country where each will work). They bring the overseas staff to 2,301.

This is the largest group of new missionaries since April, 1947, when there were 56. That year the total appointments came to only 76, while already this year 109 persons have been commissioned and 56 young missionary journeymen are in training for two-year assignments overseas.

Virginia Budget Would Cut SBC Causes, Increase School Support

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A proposed \$4.6 million budget for 1968 which would decrease the percentage going to Southern Baptist Convention causes and increase support of Virginia Baptist schools was approved by the General Board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia here.

After nearly two hours discussion, the board voted to decrease the percentage of the budget going to the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program by 4½ per cent, and to increase by 4½ per cent the amount staying in the state, primarily to increase support of the schools.

Under the proposed 1968 budget, 66½ per cent would stay in Virginia, and 33½ per cent would go to SBC causes. The 1967 budget was split on a 62-38 per cent ratio.

The board voted to amend the budget recommended by the budget committee to provide more support for capital funds to the four Baptists schools in Virginia after a plea from George C. Modlin, president of the University of Richmond.

Modlin said that the three junior colleges and the University of Richmond face a crisis in financial support, and outlined a threat

to the schools as a result of the "unprecedented program of education recently launched by the Commonwealth of Virginia," reported the Religious Herald, Baptist state paper in Virginia.

Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, other Baptist schools are facing a similar crisis in financial support. But some Baptist leaders strongly oppose taking support away from Baptist missions efforts and giving it to the schools instead.

In Nashville, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, which channels Cooperative Program contributions to all SBC causes said: "We are sympathetic with the problems of Baptist schools," Routh said, "but we do not believe the answer is to be found in taking the funds from theological education, home and foreign missions, and other SBC causes.

"History has shown that the designated gifts have jumped in a state and the increase in Cooperative Program growth has slowed when drastic adjustments like this are made," Routh said.

Routh pointed out that the actual amount to go to SBC missions causes under the

proposed budget would be cut from \$1,710,000 in 1967 to \$1,557,750 in 1968, a decrease of \$152,000. If the percentage to SBC causes had remained at 38 per cent, the actual amount to SBC causes would have increased by \$57,000 over the 1967 allocations, and \$209,250 over what actually would go to SBC Cooperative Program causes in 1968.

During his plea for more support for the schools, Modlin listed four factors in the crisis facing the schools: (1) inadequate facilities in contrast to superior buildings being constructed by state schools with large outlays provided by the government, (2) lack of operation funds to pay faculty salaries within the range set by state institutions of higher learning, (3) refusal to accept federal grants as a partial solution to the problem, and (4) decline in Cooperative Program gifts to the schools by the Baptist General Association.

Modlin proposed that the state convention increase its support going to capital needs of the schools, that a five-year capital needs program for the schools be given preferred

Secular City Challenges Baptists to New Strategy

WASHINGTON (BP)—Baptists must look toward a new denominational strategy for an effective ministry to the "secular city," according to the findings of a Southern Baptist Seminar on Urban Studies here.

In the final session of the seminar, it was stated that old methods, procedures and strategies are inadequate for serving in the modern urbanized society.

"Our denomination needs to come to terms with the city," declared Thomas A. Bland, professor of ethics of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

"We need to break away from our survival and success-oriented goals" in dealing with the problems of the inner city and of the high rise apartment, he said.

Baptists must get over "our preoccupation with individualistic pietism that assumes that to straighten out the man straightens out society," Bland continued.

In pointing the direction of a new denominational strategy, Bland said that Baptists must come to grips with the causes of poverty and become involved in the structures of society that apply political and economic power.

Another teacher in the seminar, C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, cautioned that "our Baptist genius and that of the Christian faith is focused on concern for the person."

item status in the budget, that a fixed proportion of the budget go to the schools, that the ratio of funds going to SBC causes and state causes be changed, and that drastic shifts be made in the budget to provide operational funds for the schools.

A recommendation from the education committee of the board specifically urged the board to shift the percentage from 62 per cent to 66½ per cent, with the additional funds going to the schools.

The budget committee, however, had recommended an increase of \$60,000 in operations for the schools, and had recommended a cut in the capital needs outlay by about \$55,000.

After nearly two hours of discussion, the board adopted an amendment to the budget providing an additional \$209,250 in capital funds for the schools as a preferred item in the budget.

The proposed budget, which must get final approval by the Baptist General Association of Virginia next fall, would provide a total of \$700,000 in operations for the schools, plus \$534,971 in capital needs funds, including the \$209,250 allocation as a preferred item.

The proposed budget would be an increase of \$150,000 over the \$4½ million budget for 1967, if approved by the full convention.



NASHVILLE—"RECREATION FOR CHURCHES," a new Convention Press book, is the topic of discussion by its editor, Bob M. Boyd, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett. Mrs. Bennett prepared the manuscript for printing. The church study course book is a study in concept rather than a "how to" guide. The book studies the importance of recreation in church life, its purpose and place. Chapters deal with physical activities, camping, outdoor programs, social activities and cultural aspects of church recreation. Authors include Leon Mitchell, Jerry Shaw, Bob Oldenburg, Frank Hart Smith, Cecil McGee, Mrs. Beverly Terrell, Adelle Carlson and Grover Andrews. Boyd is secretary of the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board. "Recreation For Churches" will be available in Baptist Book Stores Aug. 1—BSSB PHOTO

"The end result of our efforts," he said, "is the person. The question is how to get to these results."

Carlson called for Baptists to adjust to the larger role of government, to come to a new awareness of the work of the Holy Spirit and to combine their preaching with action as they seek to minister to the new urban society.

Looking toward a prophetic ministry in the new day, Carlson said, "I am optimistic about the Baptist movement. Our regionalism, our ruralism and our dogmatism are melting down."

He pointed out that Baptists "are entering a creative day in our methods and structures in inter-agency cooperation. He said that there is a new kind of openness and a new sense of group dynamics that will help Baptists develop their ministry to the new urban society.

A third teacher, E. Luther Copeland, professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Baptist Seminary, said that there are "three necessary recognitions in our denomination for communicating the gospel in our time."

They are, according to Copeland, recognition of (1) the city as the locus of a redemptive and reconciling ministry, (2) dialogue as the most effective means of Christian communication, and (3) cooperation with other religious groups.

"Christians must take seriously the other segments of our society and learn to listen as well as to talk," Copeland said. Groups with views other than our own, he continued, can no longer be ignored.

The four-week seminar on Urban Studies

Historic Church Sells Property In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP)—Inman Park Baptist Church, one of Atlanta's most historic churches, has voted to sell its buildings and property to the state Highway Department for \$757,300 to enable the state to build a connector road between new interstate highways being planned.

The church has until Dec. 31 to vacate the property. A new location is being sought in Southeast Atlanta, and there is a possibility of a merger with another church, said Pastor J. Broadus Marlowe.

From a peak of 3,000 members, church membership has dropped to about 1,200 because of the declining nature of the community.

The Southern Baptist Convention Radio-Television Commission was started in the church when Sam Lowe, first director of the commission, was pastor there.

was a joint project by the Southeastern Baptist Seminary, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Thirty-one persons enrolled for the seminar.

Three courses were taught: (1) Christian dialogue within the international and inter-faith community, (2) The church in the secular city, and (3) resources for the church's community ministry.

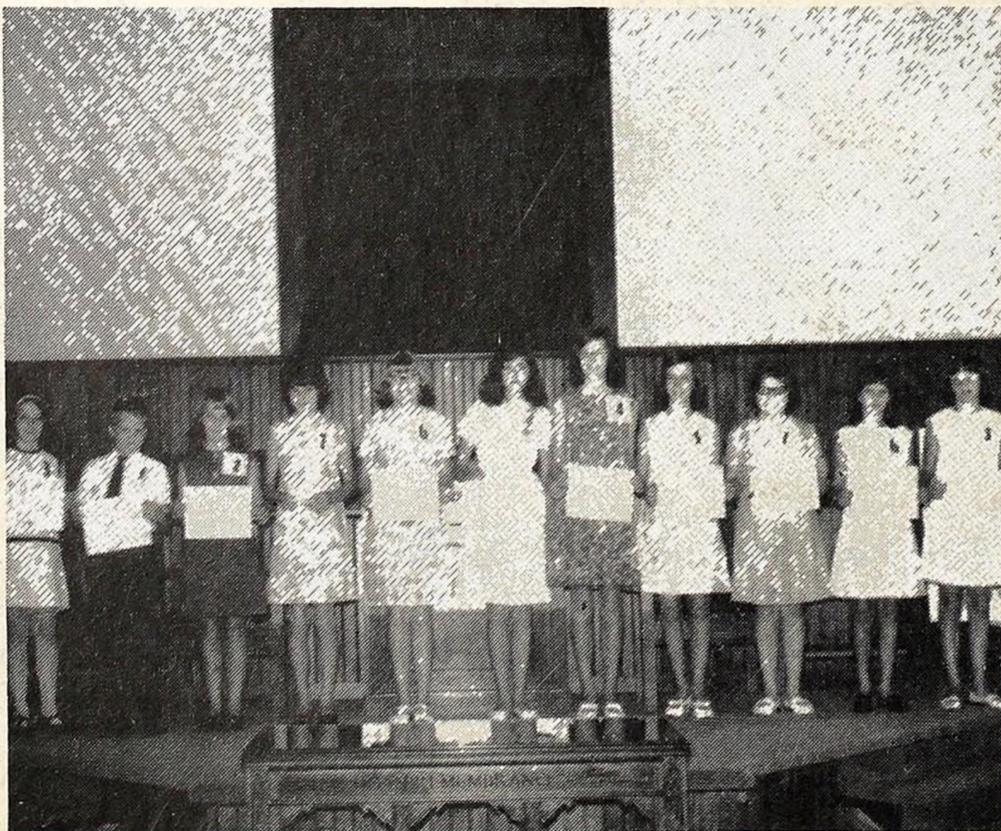
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The Church Growth Plan Continuing Into 1967-68

by Bob Patterson

One of the major emphases of the churches during the current Sunday School year is the Church Growth Plan, which has been defined as "continuing concern at work through a church-centered, Sunday School-led, Adult-focused correlated effort to reach people for Christ."

The resources of the denomination have been centered in assisting churches in their efforts toward reaching people. Helps have been especially numerous in the form of guidance materials suggesting approaches to reaching people through attention to focus-groups. One distinctive feature of the Church Growth Plan has been the fact that it has been undergirded by the Life and Work Curriculum.

The Church Growth Plan is the outgrowth of two previous years' emphasis

upon reaching Adults. This emphasis was designated "Adult Thrust." The Church Growth Plan will be a continued emphasis for the next three years, at least.

The Church Growth Plan is a series of recommended activities deemed essential to church growth. Church Growth is the "talking point," but the point of real concern is the lost souls of multitudes of persons who are without Christ Jesus. It is the work, the heart-beat, the desire of a church to be used of the Lord in reaching these lost persons.

The Church Growth Plan is conducted by persons performing in the area of six essential activities. All that general officers and all other Sunday School and church forces will do in this plan will relate to one or more of the following essential activities:

1. Unify the church's growth forces
2. Discover church prospects
3. Cultivate the prospects
4. Enlist prospects in Bible study
5. Teach prospects the gospel
6. Witness to prospects about salvation and church membership

The strategy of the Church Growth Plan is to focus quarterly on certain groups of adult prospects. In the plan this year, the focus is upon the following groups of persons in particular:

Focus Group No. 1: Adults who are unsaved — October-December, 1967

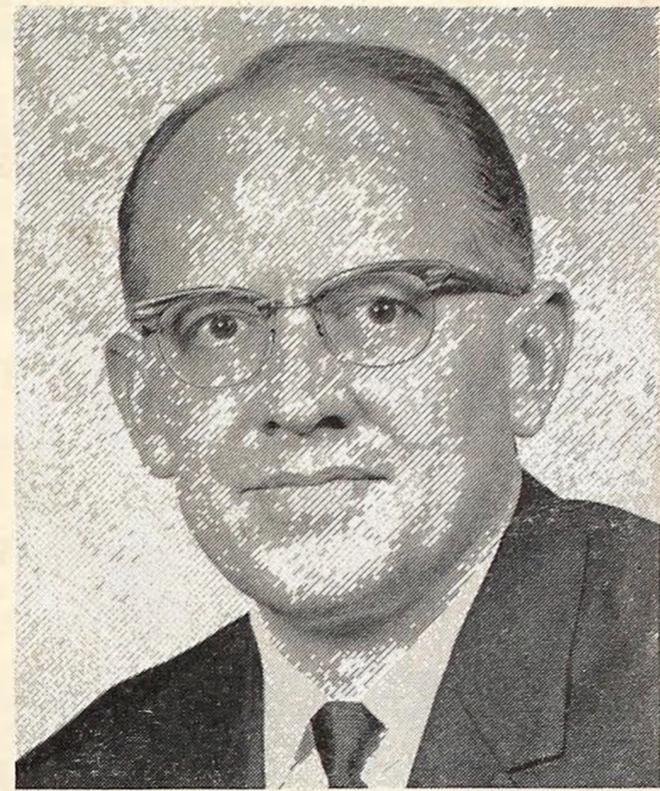
Focus group No. 2: Adult prospects who are in frequent contact with church members — January-March, 1968

Focus group No. 3: Adults who need to be reclaimed for the church — April-June, 1968

Focus group No. 4: Adult prospects who are friends and neighbors of church members — July-September, 1968

A full utilization of the activities of the Church Growth Plan will assist a church in one of its primary purposes — reaching the total potential for which it is responsible in the community. Use of the Church Growth Plan for the next several months will enable a church to make early and adequate preparations for participation in the "Crusade of the Americas" in 1969.

Furloughed Missionary to Work at Harrogate



Buck Donaldson, Jr., furloughed missionary to Nigeria, has been appointed interim Baptist Student Director and Missions Advisor for Lincoln Memorial University and the Cumberland Gap area. Donaldson, a native Louisianan, received the B.S. degree from LSU, and the B.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Donaldson and his wife, Barbara, have been serving as Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria since 1964. Buck served as acting Business Manager of the Eku Baptist Hospital and Barbara served as a medical doctor. Prior to their work in Nigeria, they served as missionaries in Tanzania. There, Buck was superintendent of a Baptist community center, chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Mbeya, and supervisor of evangelistic work in the Mbeya area.

While on furlough between his Tanzania and Nigeria assignments, Donaldson served as interim Baptist Student Director for Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

The Donaldsons have three daughters, Jo, Jan, and Lee. The family moved to the Harrogate area the last week in June, where Buck will serve for one year as interim.

In the past, Baptist Student Work in Harrogate has been done by scholarship workers appointed through a joint effort of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Donaldson was appointed through a cooperative effort of the Student Department and the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Foreign Mission Board, states Charles M. Roselle, secretary, Department of Student Work, TBC.

Education Funds Benefit The 'Forgotten American'

WASHINGTON (BP)—Thousands of children of migratory agricultural workers are getting a better education because of a change in a major federal education program according to Acting Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) here.

Some 97,000 migrant youngsters in 40 states will benefit from new educational projects made possible under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

"This billion-dollar program to improve educational opportunities for poor children was amended last year to include migrant children who were being by-passed by regular education services because they moved around so much," Cohen said.

"President Johnson has said migrant farm workers are among the "forgotten Americans," Cohen continued. "This has certainly been true of their children who have one of the highest school dropout rates in the nation," he added.

The HEW spokesman said education projects "comprehensive in scope" and "innovative in nature" are now under way for migrant children in 40 states.

According to the HEW report, Texas has the largest migrant program under the new ESEA amendment with a \$2.2 million commitment. California is second, with \$1.4 million in new services. Florida is next with \$1.1 million.

Attendance & Additions

Named To Training Union Staff

NASHVILLE (BP)—Harold Bergen, former pastor of First English Church, Frostburg, Md., has joined the Sunday School Board as family ministry consultant in the Training Union department.

A native of Nebraska, Bergen has served as minister of education at three Maryland churches and pastor of two others.

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
First	1068	186	9
Georgian Hills	433	156	
Germantown	133	74	4
Glen Park	295	151	
Highland Heights	1004	477	1
Kennedy	485	210	3
LaBelle Haven	636	197	1
LeaClair	423	190	
Lucy	179	95	
Malcomb Avenue	134	65	
McLean	508	143	7
Mountain Terrace	233	133	4
Peabody	167	101	1
Second	780	237	3
Sky View	352	206	11
Speedway Terrace	582	258	
Trinity	653	291	9
Wells Station	574	199	7
Whitehaven	693	199	
Milan, First	444	139	1
Monterey, First	182	51	1
Murfreesboro, First	507	102	
Calvary	107	48	
Immanuel	68	52	
Southeast	237	85	2
Third	222	63	
Woodbury Road	209	81	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	894	272	3
Madison Street	77	34	
Westview	60	42	
Dalewood	342	107	3
Dickerson Road	394	113	2
Donelson View	200	113	1
Eastland	423	129	6
Fairview	193	48	1
First	1183	363	6
Carroll Street	104	51	
Cora Tibbs	45	21	
T.P.S.	153		
Glenwood	278	94	3
Grace	609	166	2
Grandview	355	68	
College Grove	21	6	
Hermitage Hills	355	143	
Hillhurst	231	86	2
Inglewood	663	165	5
Joelton	268	103	
Judson	335	60	
Benton Avenue	63	22	
Junior League	35		
Lincova Hills	202	49	
Lyle Lane	77	41	2
Riverside	276	52	
Tusculum Hills	271	64	
Two Rivers	259	106	2
Una	318	128	6
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	523	175	
Old Hickory, First	385	157	
Peytonville	27	18	
Rayon City	171	62	
Temple	218	114	1
Oliver Springs, First	125	58	
Only, Maple Valley	23		
Parsons, First	183	64	
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	138	88	
Pigeon Forge, First	252	78	
Portland, First	328	120	
Powell, Glenwood	307	116	
Pulaski, First	269	60	
Rockwood, Eureka	114	67	
First	393	98	22
Rogersville, East	203	96	
Henard's Chapel	125	71	
Hickory Cove	86	41	
St. Joseph, First	66		
Savannah, First	204	58	5
Sevierville, First	537	140	3
Shelbyville, First	339	71	4
Flat Creek	36		
Hickory Hill	38	37	
Shelbyville Mills	174	73	
Smyrna, First	302	112	
Sparta, First	171	60	1
Springfield, Bethlehem	482	77	3
Extension	30		
Mission	33		
Summertown	125	45	
Sweetwater, First	374	92	
Troy	160	78	
Union City, First	576	145	3
Samburg	70		
Second	252	91	
Watertown, Round Lick	185	64	2
Waverly, First	190	47	
Waynesboro, Green River	131		
Winchester, First	216	67	1
Southside	89		

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Churches	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alcoa, Calvary	177		
First	409	145	2
Athens, East	380	169	
First	512	178	
West End Mission	40	31	
Auburntown, Prosperity	130	57	
Baxter, First	74	42	
Bemis, First	260	59	
Brownsville	577	139	6
Poplar Corner	120		1
Calhoun, First	151	89	2
Chattanooga, Brainerd	806	253	1
Calvary	195	75	28
Central	724	232	1
Meadowview	57	20	
Concord	435	171	
East	441	146	1
First	781	198	
Northside	323	112	1
Oakwood	428	152	5
Ooltewah	152	62	
Red Bank	951	219	1
Ridgedale	561	154	1
St. Elmo	308	84	
South Seminole	216	64	
White Oak	356	121	3
Tremont	106	37	
Woodland Park	222	94	1
Clarksville, First	854	156	
Gracey Avenue	207	99	
Hillcrest	239	165	22
New Providence	187	54	1
Pleasant View	266	68	
Ridgecrest	12		
Spring Creek	158	38	
Cleveland, Big Spring	267	111	
Valley View	84	61	
Westwood	244	103	2
Clinton, First	512	147	
Collierville, First	314	72	
Columbia, First	377	66	
Highland Park	311	96	
Northside	104	46	
Concord, First	320	107	
Cookeville, Bangham Heights	74	53	1
First	438	80	4
Washington Ave.	239	72	
Corryton	216	87	8

Crossville, First	226		
Homestead	227		5
Daisy, First	251	91	
Dayton, First	216	70	
Denver, Trace Creek	100	43	
Dickson, First	259	100	
Dresden, First	224	78	
Dunlap, First	136	55	
Elizabethton, Calvary	132	58	
First	352	67	
Siam	218	99	
Etowah, First	300	57	2
Gladeville	155	74	
Goodlettsville, First	522	192	2
Gordonsville, First	70	33	
Greenville, First	373	69	13
Cross Anchor	13	12	
Second	145	38	
Greenbrier, Bethel	169	86	
First	327	106	
Jordonia	120		
Lights Chapel	48	23	
Harriman, Piney Grove	144	43	
South	410	141	
Trenton Street	307	101	
Henderson, First	233	45	1
Hendersonville, First	752	133	8
Henry	107	54	2
Hixson, Central	296	169	
Memorial	282		
Humboldt, First	445	110	
Jackson, Ararat	138	67	4
Calvary	427	148	5
First	766	198	7
North	217	84	4
Parkview	356	105	
West	688	307	
Woodland	113	30	2
Johnson City, Antioch	140	70	
Central	565	125	2
Temple	376	104	
Unaka Avenue	290	69	
Kenton, First	216	67	
Macedonia	90	69	
Kingsport, First	796	202	
Litz Manor	168	51	
State Line	239	102	
Kingston, Cedar Grove	256	134	2
First	344	119	4
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	363	111	2
Black Oak Heights	232	71	
Broadway	719	153	1
Central (FT C)	989	258	
Cumberland	303	138	
Fifth Avenue	531	122	2
First	703	170	
Lincoln Park	952	265	
McCalla Avenue	636	176	
Mount Carmel	141	49	
Mt. Harmony	166	89	2
Meridian	566	145	4
New Hopewell	243	94	
Smithwood	575	160	4
Wallace Memorial	579	210	
West Lonsdale	379	151	
LaFollette, First	249	63	5
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	149	114	
First	183	73	1
Highland Park	262	111	
Immanuel	130	57	
Meadow View	101	51	8
Lebanon, Fairview	285	88	1
Rocky Valley	122	43	
Lenoir City, Calvary	196	49	1
Dixie Lee	142	74	1
First	373	85	1
Kingston Pike	147	81	
Pleasant Hill	140	89	
Lewisburg, East Commerce	138	46	
First	329	83	1
Lexington, First	375	79	
Linden, First	83	30	
Loudon, New Providence	121	75	
Madison, Alta Loma	266	112	
Malesus	220	73	
Manchester, Hillsboro	58	34	9
Trinity	143	84	
Martin, Central	305	82	
Maryville, Armona	148		1
Everett Hills	404	164	
McEwen, First	92	31	
McKenzie, First	325	62	
McMinnville, Gath	124	53	
Mt. Juliet	245	88	
Memphis, Ardmore	537	224	
Bellevue	1355	608	12
Boulevard	212	71	
Broadway	537	222	4
Brunswick	91	44	
Calvary	266	122	
Dellwood	408	176	10
Ellendale	172	68	

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Christianity Colored "Secular," Cothen Tells Glorieta Crowds

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)—Christianity has been colored secular, a leading Baptist educator told 1,956 Southern Baptists attending the third Sunday School leadership conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here.

Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, said that Christians are substituting material values of the secular world for the spiritual values of the Christian world.

"We are too much a part of the people we are trying to reach," Cothen declared.

"One of the tragedies of our day," he said, "is that we in the Christian world also have secular values. Christianity has been colored secular.

"We've got to quit kidding ourselves. The world just doesn't care about 'your' church," Cothen said. "We're too much concerned with building 'my' church, and we don't have any. They are all Christ's."

Cothen impressed Southern Baptists with the importance of being different.

"We must have spiritually motivated peo-

ple whose lives have been changed by the power of Jesus Christ."

Cothen said that the "Christian sales pitch" can be just as misrepresenting as that used to sell aspirin. It can even be fraudulent, he added.

He added that society, including the government, often causes the church to have too much of an economic element in its programs.

"The entire thrust of our government today with the exception of Vietnam," Cothen said, "is an economic thrust. We are in the process of destroying the very thing that

made this country what it is.

"If Baptist universities are no different from state universities, then we might as well get out of the education business, sell our universities and give the money to missions.

"I don't care how much our Baptist Sunday School Board does, or how good it is," Cothen said, "if we don't have spiritual rebirth among our people, all they will ever do will be a failure!"

The Sunday School conference was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Three Young People Win Speakers' Awards

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Three Baptist young people won national "speaker of distinction" awards at the fourth young people's speaker's tournament at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

The speaker's tournament tests the youths' skill in public speaking by comparing their speeches with a high standard. The speaker of distinction citation is given when the standard is attained.

Claire Suzzane Mosteller of Georgia won the award with her speech on "My Place . . . God's World . . . Today."

Anita Durham of Tennessee and Jim Lovvorn of Texas earned the award with speeches on "Responsible Morality."

Each of the eight participants at Ridgecrest were winners of church, associational, district, and state contests.

The other five state winners in the contest were Judy Thornton, Illinois; Norma Peterson, Indiana; Deborah Dyer, Arkansas; Ken Brunson, Florida; and Damon Ray Talley, Kentucky.

The tournament was directed by Carlton Carter, young people's consultant in the Training Union department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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CHRISTIANITY AND SEX

Basic Passage: I Cor. 6:9 to 7:6

Focal Passage: I Cor. 6:9-20

There arose moral problems in early Christianity, normal to human nature, but accentuated, particularly, in pagan situations. This was so true of Corinth.

There are principles and convictions held in common by most people in every area of the world and in all cultures. Sex life has been regulated to some degree by all orderly societies. Even the most primitive have definite restraints. Consistency in practice has not been achieved but a respectable, substantial minority has been found in every era of high quality in culture and character. They have been the backbone of every healthy society.

Growth in conviction and purity has characterized every advancing culture up to a certain point. Great affluence and anchorless sophistication begin to take their toll in time. Every great culture has begun its decline at this point. Learned apologists have defended the decline and have assisted the offenders in rationalizing their behavior as no decline at all but on the contrary as liberation. Accommodating false prophets have arisen in every such era giving the "new morality" their blessing.

Immorality is an inundating perversion. It is a sin against ourselves and others. It breeds bickering, suspicion, jealousy, insecurity, fear and frustration. Pleasurable excitements and thrills that defy the experience of mankind are no substitutes for devotion, confidence, faithfulness and loyalty. They soon run their course and give no enduring fulfillment. Like a burned out volcano the fires of lust leave an empty crater of disillusionment.

The Nature of Kingdom Requires Purity
(I Cor. 6:9-12)

There are very definite qualifications for operative citizenship in the kingdom of God. True faith which energizes by love will qualify one for reigning with Christ in the kingdom of God. Immorality and misbehavior disqualify. Immorality includes not only fornication and adultery but all forms of sex perversion. Both are on the increase alarmingly.

These Corinthians had been divinely cleansed of all these. They had been given a status of purity. They were obligated to live up to the new status. This was not easy because their religious shrines had been honeycombed with sex orgies. Now the Christian faith would reverse everything.

Paul referred to things that did not come under the category of moral and immoral. They were optional with him so far as divine law was concerned. It was a question of expediency. Were they profitable or helpful with reference to his divine call and work? It is possible for harmless things to absorb, direct and master us. If Paul was

careful in this regard, how much more discreet we should be on moral issues.

Our Bodies are Precious to Christ
(I Cor. 6:13-17)

The body is not for immorality. That is not its divine purpose and function. It is for the Lord and the Lord is for it. The God who raised up Christ will raise our bodies. Therefore they are to be treated as sacred to Him.

Our bodies are members of Christ. They are intimately related to Him. How unthinkable that they should be intimate with a harlot.

There is a fusion of spirit as well as a union of bodies in the sex relationship. When it happens to legally married lovers it is a holy union. When it happens in a relationship with harlots or between couples without social sanction, it is an unholy union. Society has much at stake here. It has a right to set standards of sanction.

The holiest of all unions is our union to God in Christ. Every lesser union should conform to this high concept in its purity.

The Divine Function of Body (I Cor. 6:18-20)

We are to flee immorality as we would from a serpent because of the danger to our bodies. It can disqualify us for the highest function of our bodies. Our bodies are to be a temple of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. We have surrendered our bodies and our all unconditionally to God for that purpose. We have been purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Therefore all of us belongs to Him.

We are to glorify or magnify God in our bodies. This is the positive approach to our problem. We are to think of our bodies in terms of their highest usefulness. They are to promote that which is most precious to God and most meaningful to mankind.

The idea that we have the right to do as we please with our own and ourselves is pagan to the core. It is modern paganism for ancient paganism had some standards of decency. We do not live in a vacuum; neither can we. Repercussions are inevitable. We are not to think of a course of conduct isolated from repercussions.

Sex life involves, for the Christian, himself, his companions, those whom he influences and the whole social order. Personal purity and domestic chastity are the very bedrock of moral strength, stability and mutual respect. It is the cohesive power that holds social orders together.

A prominent ecclesiastic recently suggested that we consider an instance where a man and his wife were unhappily matched. He found for himself another who was compatible with whom he had regular relation while still living with his wife. After the affair with the other woman, he and his wife got along much better; as if to say living in adultery was therefore justifiable. God

ON MATTERS OF

Family Living

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Fragmenting The Family

Because yesterday's luxury has become today's necessity, increasing numbers of suburban mothers are working outside the home. This is leading to a "real fragmentation of the family," cautions Dr. William W. Unangst, director of the Center for Alcoholic Study and Therapy at Norristown State Hospital.

"When two working parents get home at night they are drained of emotional resources and unable to deal with their children, who have the same deep, urgent needs children have always had," he observes.

A child who feels that he is not of strong interest and importance to his parents, whose basic needs are ignored, becomes angry at the primary authority figures in his life—his mother and father, reminds the psychiatrist. He manifests this anger at school and defies his teacher.

"Children, teenagers, want to be part of something. Certainly they are not part of a family as we recognize the family of some 30 or 40 years ago—when a mother and father lived with and took pride in and were interested in everything their children did. These children developed their sense of identity right out of the family structure."

Respect for authority develops at home. Where there is no stable figure in the home, where does the growing child learn respect?

The family dinner table was once the place where the family met and there was a sense of solidarity. We see less and less of this today. Mother stops on her way home from work and picks up some half-prepared meals.

In too many families, children are developing strong antisocial tendencies simply because the family has ceased to exist as a real unit, in this specialist's opinion. "It is Dad and Mom these children hate. The business of 'honor thy father and mother' has become a joke."

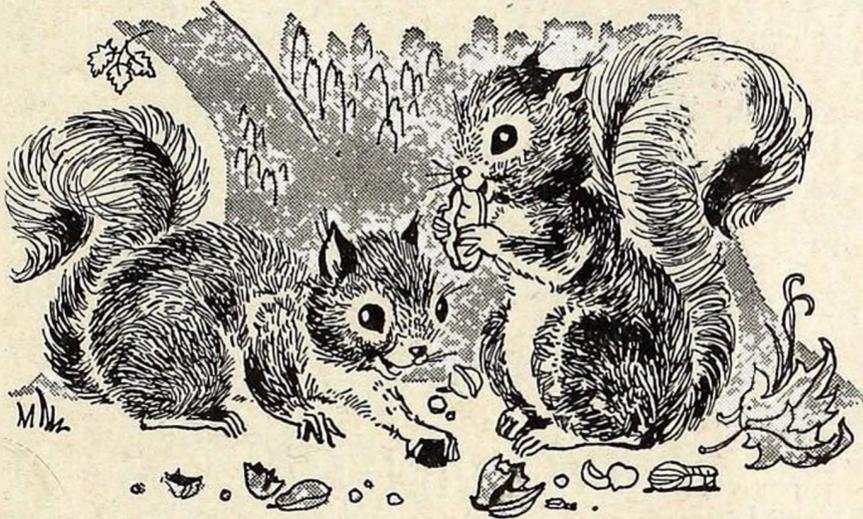
has much better ways for adjusting marital relations. So has respectable society. So has a man of real character, common sense and "gumption" as Dr. Gambrel used to observe. There are a number of preferable alternatives to fornication and adultery in resolving domestic problems, contrary to certain schools of thought.

Children's Page

GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD*

How Wild Creatures Plan Ahead

By Thelma C. Carter



Have you ever watched a tree squirrel gallop up a tree trunk, holding a hickory nut in his teeth? Have you then observed him firmly pounding the nut into a hollow place in the fork of branches or a hole in a hollow limb? Then you've seen how serious this small, wild creature is about storing food for the time when snow and ice are about and food is scarce. In good weather, a pair of squirrels can store a hundred or more nuts a day.

It is still a mystery how wild creatures know it is time to lay in an extra food supply. Even naturalists are puzzled as to what triggers nature's creatures to start collecting at the exact time nuts and berries are ripe. Strangely true is the fact that most animals and birds are able to find their way back to caches of food, even though they have been gone for several months.

We do know God's wondrous world is a planned world. "The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works" (Psalm 145:9).

Multiplied thousands of wild creatures, in almost every area of our world, store various food items for themselves and their families. Among the creatures are the tree squirrels, ground squirrels, flying squirrels, woodchucks, chipmunks, prairie dogs, beavers, gophers, muskrats, hamsters, and porcupines.

Ants have their huge, underground grain cellars and fungus farms. Bees store honey in honeycombs. Spiders sew up a reserve supply of moths, flies, and caterpillars in neat little bundles hung on their webs.

Some woodpeckers gather acorns and

store them carefully in hollow trees. Bears sometimes store surplus food in pits which they cover up. Leopards hang extra food on branches of trees until such time as it may be needed.

GOOD FRIENDS*

By Grayce Krogh Boller

When Chris saw Randy coming to play, he was glad. His new picture book was interesting. He wanted to share it.

"Hi, Randy!" he greeted happily. "Come and see my new book."

"Another new book?" Chris could see that Randy was cross today. "You get a lot of books, don't you?"

"I haven't had any since Christmas," Chris explained patiently. "Aunt Laura sent this one. It is a delayed birthday present. Come and look at the pictures."

Randy sat beside his friend on the step. He turned the pages quickly, as if he wanted to go through it in a hurry. He wasn't really enjoying the book. Swish! Another page! Swish! Swish! The pages flew like leaves in the wind.

Then an ugly sound cut through the air. Randy had turned the page too fast. It was torn!

"Now your book isn't new any more," he told Chris with satisfaction. "Now it is torn."

"Mother will help me mend it with tape," Chris planned kindly. "I'm sure you didn't mean to do it, Randy. Don't feel badly about an accident that you couldn't help."

Chris sounded kind and Randy felt strange. Was it an accident that he couldn't help? Hadn't he meant to spoil the book if he could? He hadn't even said he was sorry.

"I'm tired of the book. Let's ride your trike," he pushed the book away, while Chris closed it sadly.

"I'm a fireman, going to a fire!" Randy shouted, pedaling the tricycle down the walk.

He did not offer to let Chris ride on the back bar. He did not offer Chris the first ride, even though the trike belonged to Chris. He was not even careful of the shining red paint. Bump! Scratch! The gleaming trike had an ugly scratch across it, like the scratches on Randy's knee.

Randy paid no attention to the scratch. He acted as if it hadn't happened at all. But he looked to see if Chris noticed.

"My daddy can paint the trike as good as new, so don't feel badly about the scratch, Randy," Chris patted him kindly on the back. "You don't mean to be so rough, I know."

Randy did not answer. He did not feel very good. Chris was never rough with Randy's things. Randy hopped onto the swing. Back and forth he went. Back and forth.

"Push me, Chris," he commanded, and Chris pushed him higher and higher until his arms ached with pushing.

"Whee, this is fun!" Randy shouted as he soared to the treetops. "I'm a bird! I'm flying!"

Chris stopped pushing because Randy was swinging high enough. He rested as he watched the other boy having fun. As the swing began to dip and go more slowly, Randy shouted again. "Push me, Chris! I want to go higher!"

"It is my turn now," said Chris slowly.

"No, it isn't," Randy laughed. "All the turns are my turns."

Chris walked over to the seat by the grape arbor. He sat down to rest. He was tired from all the pushing. He felt sorry for Randy, who was often cross. He wished Randy was not so rough.

"Randy would be happier if he shared," thought Chris. "He is too selfish to be happy. Even if I don't get my turn on the swing, it pleases God for me to share and to be unselfish with my things."

By and by, Randy came over and sat beside Chris. Everything was quiet for a minute or two.

"I'm sorry, Chris," Randy said then, and his voice didn't sound cross anymore. "Please forgive me for tearing your book and spoiling your trike and being selfish with your swing. I guess I'm not a very nice playmate. I want to be like you, Chris. You are so kind and patient, sharing, forgiving."

"Of course I forgive you," Chris smiled gladly at his friend. "We will be good friends, Randy. That is the way God wants us to be."

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New Books

The Indomitable Baptists by O. K. Armstrong and Marjorie Moore Armstrong; Doubleday; 392 pp.; \$5.95. The dramatic story of the largest and liveliest Protestant denomination in America—told in terms of its colorful leaders from Roger Williams to Billy Graham.

Letters from Mother by Billie McMurry Emmons; Broadman; 128 pp.; \$2.95. Quotes from the book show the ongoing influence of a unique Christian mother on a devoted daughter. But it is more than a collection of letters from a loving mother. It is a picture of an outstanding Christian woman, Mrs. Mildred McMurry, with flawless integrity, ability to distinguish right from wrong in an instant, her courage, and her strength.

Home is the Place by R. Lofton Hudson; Broadman; 128 pp.; \$1.50. The author in fresh, sprightly writing finds answers for contemporary problems of the home within the context of religious faith. He shows relationships between family members and gives practical suggestions for improvement and points out that the Christian home should be a sanctuary from the pressures of our modern, secular society.

The Holy Spirit: Believer's Guide by Herschel H. Hobbs; Broadman; 160 pp.; \$3.50. Contents of book include: Who He Is What He Does, The Account in the Gospels; Acts to Revelation, The Written Record, Postascension Work, Work of Redemption, The Spread of the Gospel, Specific Ministries, Teacher, Guide, and Helper.

Can the Church Be Saved? by William Angell; 48 pp.; paper; \$1.25. How the insights of Kierkegaard Speak to Present Needs.

The Wounded Word by S. P. Long; Baker; 87 pp.; \$1.95. A brief meditation on the seven sayings of Christ on the Cross.

Planning Your Preaching by J. Winston Pearce; Broadman; 197 pp.; \$4.50. Detailed helps are given for annual, monthly, and weekly planning. Sample monthly outlines for subject matter for a full year are given in chart form.

Our God is Able by William Walter Warmath; Broadman; 127 pp.; \$1.50. An inspirational book which reveals that although psychology and reason cannot provide answers sufficient to battle against today's problems, God can and does provide answers that can mean the difference between despair and victory.

Follow Me by H. G. Pihl and K. Beckman; Association Press; 95 pp.; \$2.50. Stories from the Bible for Children.

At Ease in Zion by Rufus B. Spain; Vanderbilt University Press; 247 pp.; \$6.95. A social history of Southern Baptists; 1865-1900.

For Each New Day by D. L. Pierson; Baker; 388 pp.; \$3.00. The author has extracted passages from contributions of hundreds of outstanding religious leaders which help this book serve its designed purpose.

Please Give a Devotion for Young People by Amy Bolding; Baker; 121 pp.; Good suggestions for use when asked to give devotionals or talks to young people.

The Victorious Heart by Jeanette Hinshaw Stinson; Zondervan; 153 pp.; \$2.50. The message of *The Victorious Heart* is one of joy and victory in the midst of sorrow and defeat. One's courageous stand for Christ in contrast to the lives around her and will encourage and challenge young people to be equally effective in their Christian lives.

Adventurers with God . . . Scientists Who are Christians by James C. Hefley; Zondervan; 124 pp.; \$2.50. A penetrating look into the lives of men and women of science who have responded to the call of Christ and made their decisions to follow Him.

Setting Men Free . . . by Bruce Larson; Zondervan; 120 pp.; \$2.95. This is a book for people who take Christianity seriously in the twentieth century world of scientific and social revolution.



NASHVILLE—BIBLE CONFERENCE LEADERS: These six men will lead the week-long Bible conferences at Glorieta (Aug. 10-16) and Ridgecrest (Aug. 24-30). Glorieta leaders include (left, top to bottom) Fred L. Fisher, Ray Summers and William L. Hendricks. Ridgecrest personalities include (right, top to bottom) Ray F. Robbins, James Leo Garrett and John R. Claypool. Hendricks and Claypool are preachers of the week for their conferences.—BSSB PHOTO

Jehovah's Witnesses and What They Believe by Stan Thomas; Zondervan; 159 pp.; \$3.95. A constructive presentation made with the aim of equipping Christians to witness to Jehovah's Witnesses, rather than merely condemning them.

Devotions for Dynamic Living by Sybil Leonard Armes; Revell; 126 pp.; \$2.95. Written for those who seek to make life meaningful in a turbulent, awesome environment, these devotions offer vital keys to radiant daily living.

The Gospel of Luke by Cary N. Weisiger, III; Baker; 128 pp.; \$1.00; paper. An able Bible teacher skillfully guides the user in a study of the Gospel of Luke.

The Book of Haggai by Richard Wolff; Baker; 85 pp.; \$1.00; paper. A study manual, it is a helpful guide to the study of one of the lesser known books of the Bible.

BIBLE VERSE

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
ECC. 12:1