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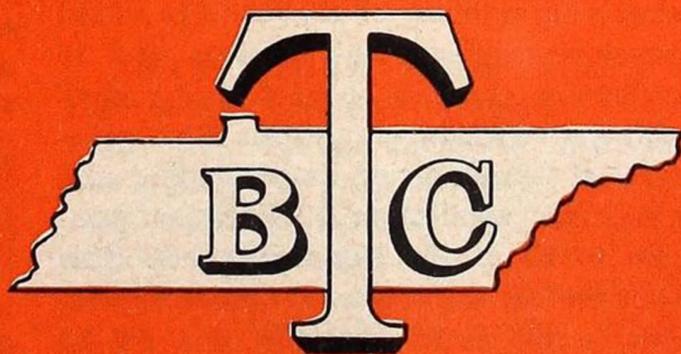
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# STATE MISSIONS

# State Programs And The Command Of Christ

By W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention

Through the years Baptists have believed that Christ commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations. They have taken this command seriously; they have believed that it included evangelism and missions. This commitment and conviction has been the basis of their continuing and ever expanding programs of evangelism and missions.

In recent years Southern Baptists have been criticized for placing too much emphasis on this initial experience of becoming a Christian and not enough on the full development of the Christian life. They have been accused of lacking in concern for the growth and development of the churches. They have been rebuked for a lack of social concern.

Perhaps some of this criticism is valid but Baptists have been concerned about the second part of the Great Commission also. "Teaching them to observe," is a very vital part of the command. Webster defines the word "Christianize" to mean, "to imbue with Christian principles." This means that the churches must work to bring about a Christian social order through the life and influence of every truly born-again believer

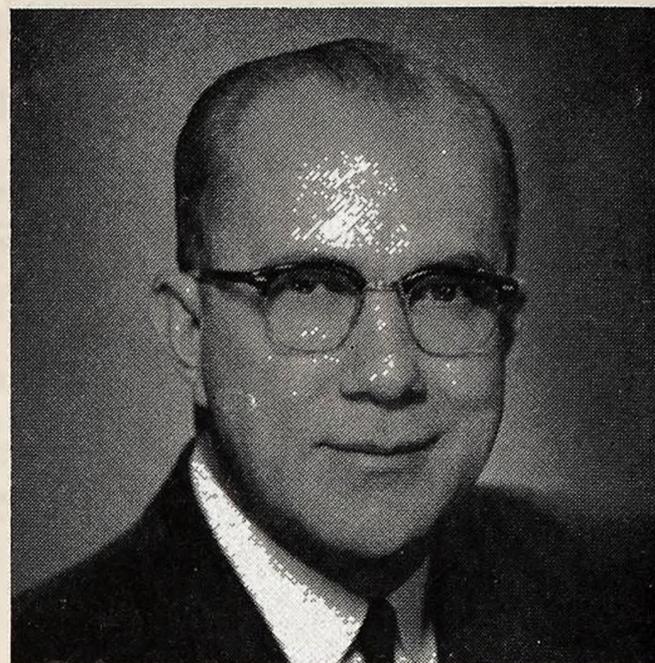
and through the work and influence of the local churches across the land.

There has been a new emphasis on the church and a great study has been made of the nature and work of the churches. There is a new awareness on the part of individual Christians that they are a part of the church and that each one is responsible for making the church what it should be. Much attention has been given to the fact that Christ is the head of the church and that it is his body. Paul sets forth the great objective of Christ for His church in the fifth chapter of Ephesians when he says, "as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

These great truths have been the basis of the units of organization as Baptists have developed them. The State Convention is the second step outward from the local churches. Its programs are designed to promote the winning of the world to Christ through evangelism and missions and to develop the churches so as to bring glory and honor to Christ. It also has the responsibility of Christianizing its geographic area through the application of Christian principles to all of the community life. This means the full application of Christian principles to the social problems that are so evident in a social order which also needs redemption.

Vast changes have taken place in every area of American life since World War II. Problems have arisen which now threaten the very future of the nation. Problems have become great and so complex that even the greatest minds are baffled as to possible solutions. Basically many of the greatest problems stem from the spiritual bankruptcy and total lack of religious and spiritual concern on the part of such a large part of the population.

This is a critical hour for the state conventions. Never have they had a greater responsibility placed upon them. Baptists very early chose the state as the geographical unit for maximum penetration with the Gospel. As the work has developed, the state convention has become more and more the channel through which so many of the



Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention

programs are to be carried out in the homeland. The state convention has increasingly become the servant of the Southern Baptist Convention in carrying out that convention's programs to the churches.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention has made every effort to set up the necessary organization and to secure the trained leadership to carry out its responsibility to the churches. The administrative services and the work of the departments seek to meet the needs of the churches in obeying the command of Christ in the Great Commission.

In this issue of BAPTIST & REFLECTOR, phases of State Missions work are presented to provide information to instruct people in winning the lost and to help churches grow to bring honor and glory to Christ.

The time has come for the season of prayer for State Missions. Every church ought to make this a time of unusual effort in prayer for all of our work throughout the state and for the many workers who are laboring diligently to help to meet the great spiritual problems of this hour. Prayer is the greatest need of this hour. Our nation faces problems such as it has not faced since the Civil War. Racial hatred, poverty, rapid increase in crime, open lawlessness, and the conflict in Vietnam, all have created problems which stagger the imagination.

There must be a renewed spirit of zeal and faith in our churches. This has been a good year and the coming months can be even greater. It will require a spirit of dedication, of faith, and of prayer.



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# Somebody Cared

By W. Morris Ford

Some of the most arresting words ever written are found in one of the Psalms of David (142:4). He cried, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me: no man cared for my soul." By soul the psalmist meant his whole life: his comfort, his safety, his welfare.

This is a common complaint. "Nobody cares what happens to me." Unfortunately there is too much truth here. Like the priest and the Levite we pass by on the other side. Oh, but there are still the Good Samaritans among us; there are those who care.

I was fascinated recently when I read the account of a letter written by the famed heart specialist at Baylor Baptist Medical School, Dr. Michael DeBakey. A seven year old girl had written this question to the great doctor: "Does a plastic heart have love in it?" Dr. DeBakey wrote:

"Yes, a plastic heart does have love in it, a very great deal of love.

"The love in a plastic heart is the love of many people who love other people, and don't want them to die.

"So these people work all day and often all night to build a heart that will make people live longer.

"If you can think of how much love there would be in hundreds of hearts, then that is how much love there is in a plastic heart."

People in the United States have a reputation for caring. Millions of dollars are given annually to fight dread diseases like polio, cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments, muscular dystrophy, etc. Not only that but vast armies of men and women work as volunteers in countless organizations designed to minister to human needs.

But just a moment, please: how about that word soul? Granted, it was used by the psalmist to indicate total life. Then we cannot ignore the key meaning of "soul."

Who cares as much for a soul as for a

diseased heart, a crippled leg, or a damaged brain? The ministry of Jesus was a total ministry. Note how often he climaxed his ministry of healing the physical hurts with "Thy sins be forgiven thee, go in peace."

Somebody cared and a poverty stricken family had a new start.

Somebody cared and a burned out family had a new home.

Somebody cared and a crippled girl walked.

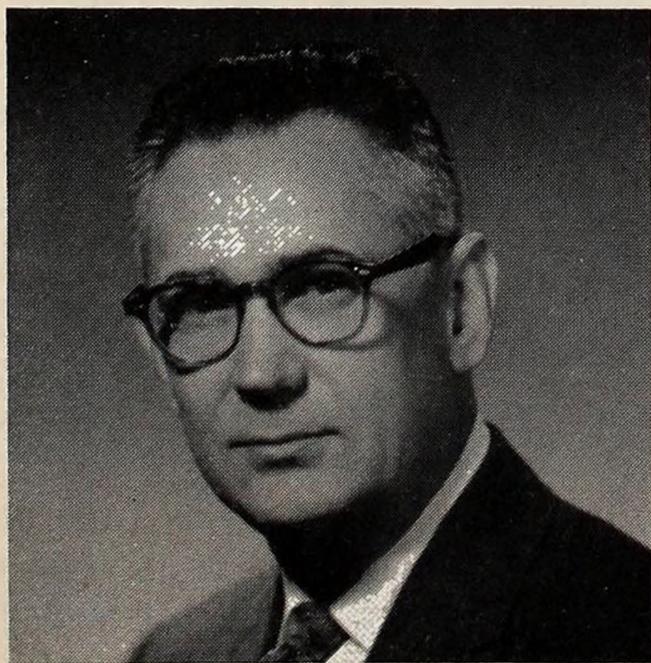
Somebody cared and a blind boy saw the light.

Who cares enough to tell the world that Jesus Christ died for the lost? Who cares enough to tell heart-hungry people everywhere that Jesus cared enough to give his life a "ransom for many?" He cares for us.

Dr. Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, wrote this vignette for "Master Control" a radio program of the SBC Radio-TV Commission.

## Administrative Work

The over-all administrative work of the Convention is directed by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. Fred Kendall. In addition to supervising the staff, he provides assistance to the Executive Board and its committees. As Treasurer he is responsible for all monies received by the Convention and directs the activities of the bookkeeping office.



Gene Kerr, Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Working with Dr. Kendall is the Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Gene Kerr. He has additional responsibilities in public relations and personnel. These include keeping the public informed of the various activities of the Convention. A special feature of the work includes "Tennessee NEWSLINE", a weekly religious news program prepared by the news writer, Mrs. W. Alvis Strickland. With the cooperation of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the program is made available to radio stations. At present 29 stations are carrying the program.

News releases are sent to the press, radio and television stations over the state to tell the people what Tennessee Baptists are doing. Each quarter "Quotes and Facts" containing supplementary bulletin material is sent to pastors and other church staff members.

The work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is mainly supported through Co-operative Program gifts. This amount is shared on a one-third basis with the Southern Baptist Convention. The state's share of two-thirds helps to support the various departments and agencies, four schools, four children's homes, and three hospitals.

However, Tennessee Baptist work involves more than giving and receiving



Special State Missions features of this edition of Baptist and Reflector were planned and prepared in the office of the Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer by Mrs. Alvis Strickland, news writer, and with the assistance of Charles Willis, summer feature writer, who are shown here.—The Editor

money. It also involves the personal commitment of Tennessee Baptists. With the basic idea of the gift and the giver before them, the Administrative Office personnel strive daily to serve their fellow Baptists in ways that will move continuously toward fulfillment of the Great Commission.

# EDITORIAL

## To Undergird Christian Advance

This edition of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is dedicated to State Missions. Wednesday, Sept. 27, is our Golden State Missions Day of Prayer sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union in Tennessee.

What need is there for missions in Tennessee? A good question since Tennessee's first settlers were largely followers of Christ. Why then isn't Tennessee Christian by now? Weren't Baptists among the first church builders here? Cannot we look back to the Baptist churches at Buffalo Ridge and Sinking Creek in upper East Tennessee in the 1770's as two of the earliest churches organized west of the Allegheny Mountains? Quite true. Still from then to now for more than 190 years Tennessee continues to be a mission field.

This is not to ignore the advance made in evangelizing the people of this state nor to overlook how many have been led to make Christ supreme in their daily lives. Yet one must admit today more people may be out of Christ in Tennessee than heretofore. We fall far short of being a "Christian" state. Let's confess the road to be traveled to reach full obedience to

Christ is longer than the road we have yet traversed in that direction.

Life today is highly complex. It is so interdependent that vast and increasing problems constantly challenge us with the need to put Christian principles into practice. None of us can live to himself. Certainly each day's events make us aware that what happens at our doorstep today is blazoned tomorrow in earth's far corners. Today's riots and race turmoil are heard and known around the world before another sun rises upon us.

It is imperative we Christianize our own communities. No hope exists to advance in foreign missions without Christian advance here. We can only achieve a Christianized America by winning the lost here to Christ. Nor can we hope to achieve "Christian" attitudes without first winning individuals to Christ. The social application of the gospel waits upon individual regeneration through repentance and faith.

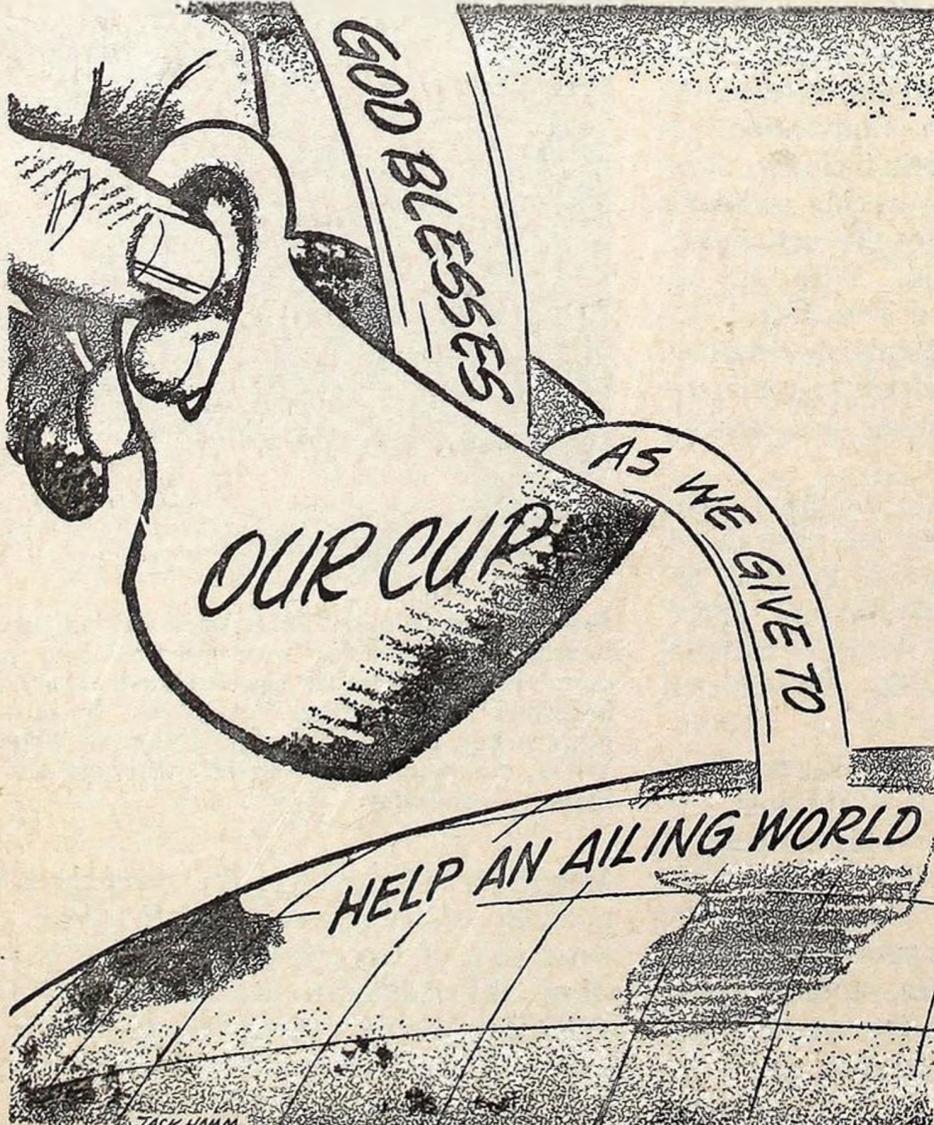
The hub of Christian advance is right where we live. This is the reason, humanly speaking, for State Missions. Divinely speaking its reason exists in our Lord's command to "begin at Jerusalem" which simply means our own community just as it did for first century believers. The gospel must begin with us as we are, and where we are, else it does not begin at all for us. State Missions aims at winning Tennessee to Christ as a means toward winning the world to Christ. So we are not selfish in strengthening State Missions.

State Missions seeks to make each church aggressively missionary. Everything else a church does should be only a means to this end. State Missions is a bridge to connect the local congregation to our world-wide Baptist program. To reach those beyond we dare not bypass those nearby. Foreign missions' sustained reach depends on State Missions thoroughness.

To win the lost here, to strengthen the churches here, to plant needed new churches here, to lead all Tennessee Baptists into a fuller, joyful obedience to Jesus Christ—this is essential to the world-wide furtherance of the gospel. So State Missions has a priority. It undergirds all Christian advance.

To help you see this is the intent of this issue of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Your postman brings it to you each week. Its news and views are intended to keep you informed on the meaning of Christ in human life.

'I Shall Not Want'—Psa. 23:1



# Readers Value This Weekly Visitor

**What is BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR?** It is a "friendly," "informative," "sincere," "intelligent" paper. This is how readers recently registered their opinions about the journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in a reader research survey. The survey was conducted along scientific lines through research and analysis to determine reader evaluation. Two-thirds of those replying to a questionnaire considered the weekly journal a cheerful visitor to their home. About one-half appraised it as "unbiased." Also the great majority of the readers polled characterized the paper as "neighborly," "frank," "thorough," "tolerant," "courageous," "denominational," "well-educated." Furthermore, this paper's subscribers set down their appraisal of it as being "reliable," "accurate," "fair," and "showing good judgment."

Who takes the paper? Nearly half the readers were found to be those active in church who hold offices in Sunday school, more than 22% having offices in Training Union, and above 20% in WMU. Contents of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR were adjudged by the readers as helpful in knowing the programs, plans, and needs of the local church, and of the State and Southern Baptist conventions.

Who reads BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR? It is for the family. The 35-44 age

bracket proved to be the largest among the readers; those 50 years or above came second, with a large segment in the 16-24 age group, followed by those 12-15, and then children under 12 among its readers. The largest proportion of readers of this paper live in communities of 2,500—50,000 population.

Most subscribers value the paper to the point that two out of three readers file it for future reference, clip special articles from it, or, after reading, pass it on to interested friends. Six out of ten answering the questionnaire reveal they spend, as a rule, from 10 to 40 minutes in reading each issue.

About three-fourths of the paper's readers believe BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR gives adequate coverage to significant news items about religious happenings in Tennessee, likewise to religious life in the Southern Baptist Convention. The paper was judged a valuable help in keeping the subscriber informed on individual, church, and associational news as well as significant religious developments in the world at large. More than two-thirds replying to the survey indicated BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR to be of help to the reader in being a better Christian and a more effective worker in the church.



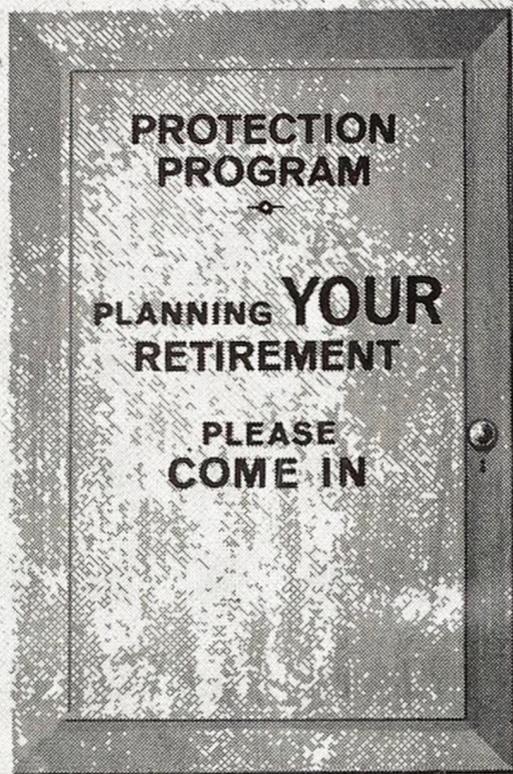
Baptist and Reflector is a welcomed visitor each week in more than 73,000 homes. It is looked forward to as a means of keeping Tennessee Baptists informed about matters of importance concerning Christ and His Kingdom. Here Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flowers of Nashville look over the latest issue of the paper provided them through their church budget.

Your BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR Staff prepare news items, write material for each issue, make up the paper, proof-read the copy, oversee production of the weekly journal at the printers, take care of the advertising and the billing of accounts, keep the subscription lists constantly revised, and see that BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR gets to you promptly through the US mail. Shown here are, from left, Mrs. Eura Lannom, editor's assistant and office coordinator, Pat Murphy, secretary, Dr. Richard N. Owen, editor, Mrs. Betty Williams, book-keeper, and David Keel, circulation manager.



## PROTECTION PROGRAM

By Paul Phelps, Director



The Protection Program is primarily a retirement plan designed for the denominational employee when he or she retires or is disabled. The Annuity Board with the help of the State Convention offers this program to all the pastors of more than 2600 cooperative Baptist churches in Tennessee. There are over 1100 individuals in Tennessee now participating in the Protection Plan. These people have accepted the convention's offer to help them plan their retirement as well as enjoy the protection against disability, a protection for their children's education and a widow benefit fund. Of this group a greater percentage is over 50 years of age and retirement is not too many years off.

Yes, over 1100 churches or pastors have agreed to accept the Tennessee Baptist Convention's contribution of up to \$200.00 per year for the pastor's retirement and protection. The Tennessee Baptist Convention realizes its responsibility and is prepared to do its part. The church must recognize its responsibility and agree to do its part first. The church has a responsibility and obligation to its pastor and other employees. May we show you how the Protection Plans can help meet the needs of both the Pastor and the Church?

This is the record of a pastor who died recently. Before he retired he had paid into the Plan \$527.62. While retired, the Annuity Board paid him \$5,182.50 in monthly payments. His widow is still drawing her monthly check and will as long as she lives or remains a widow.

May we ask you, Is YOUR church protected? Is YOUR pastor protected?

The Protection Plans department includes the Protection Program, the Life Benefit Plan, the Health Benefit Plan, the Age

## Motivating Men For The Master

By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr., Brotherhood Secretary

There is no need to hammer on world conditions or the need for revival in our time. Any thinking man will agree that we are already in for bad times. Our Ship of State is undoubtedly headed for the rocks unless there is a drastic change of direction. The Scripture states, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17. We need look no further than such nations as ancient Rome, or Hitler Germany to realize that history says "Amen" to these words.

In our time we have tried wealth, leisure, education, technology, and the eradication of poverty, and yet we are seeing the rapid increase of hate, violence, murder, rape, war, mental illness, and everything evil.

What is the answer? We of your State Brotherhood Department confess our own shortcomings and sin. We do not know all the answers, but there is one thing we bet our lives on. The answer must be found in the words of Jesus in John 10:6. ". . . I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." The standard by which we measure everything we do must be **Christ**. If what we do does not glorify Christ it should be discarded or changed.

Many, many times we do not know what is best or the best way. This we must do:

### WAIT

We must take time to pray and study our Bibles. A man who does not pray is really a practicing atheist. Men seek better methods. God seeks better men. God makes praying men better men.

### GO

Men win men to Christ best, and men must go after them. The gospel must be taken where the lost men are. We cannot wait for men to come to the church building.

### WIN

To win a lost man, a Christian man must be willing to take the time necessary to become involved with the one he desires to win. This will show true love and concern. A "Thursday visitation program only" will not do the job, nor is it scriptural. And, moreover, when we win men, boys are likely to be won too.

To at least these three things your Brotherhood Department is dedicated. To this end we are trying to motivate men for the Master. Write us for information about Royal Ambassadors and our Brother's Brother Fellowship of men dedicated to finding God's leadership in prayer and witnessing.

## Who Is Responsible?

By W. E. Grindstaff

The magnificent buildings gave evidence of expert care. The grass was trimmed, and flowers were blooming.

"The owner is away," the old caretaker said. "His father built this place with his own hands. When the son lost it during the depression, his father went to the bank and redeemed it. He set up a fund for its preservation and requested that it never be sold."

"How do you know what to do around the place?"

"The old gentleman wrote out careful instructions before his death," the caretaker replied, "and the owner comes every few years."

"But you keep the buildings painted and as trim as if he were coming tomorrow."

"Just as if he were coming today, Sir," the old man interrupted his curious visitor. "The owner calls me a good steward."

Security Plan and the Variable Benefit Plan. This gives a plan for every need; a plan for every denominational worker.

For further information contact Paul R. Phelps, Director, Protection Plans, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

The root meaning of "steward" is a person who takes care of another's property. It is used to translate the Greek word **oikonomos**, which literally means "manager of a house."

If stewardship is to have lasting effect, it must be taught within the context of fundamental doctrine and practiced day by day.

There is no short cut; we may not rely upon clichés, slogans, and emotive phrases, however appealing. The world awaits a demonstration of applied Christianity.

Stewardship is based upon the Bible doctrine that man is accountable to God for all of life.

God is the owner of all money because he makes all things, changes all people, and keeps all believers.

The responsible believer has a definite entrustment from God who expects a full accounting.

The Cooperative Program helps every Southern Baptist to render a good account of his stewardship.

The Christian is a manager of God's money, a handler of his gifts, an overseer of his property, and administrator of his finances.

# Combined Consultants' Clinic Highlights Leadership Training Program

By Bob Patterson, Sunday School Secretary

The primary task of the Sunday School Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is to assist churches in training Sunday School leadership. The basic means used for the accomplishment of this task is the Strategic Leadership Program. Over the past four years State Sunday School Department personnel have been enlisting and training experienced age-group workers to serve as consultants, who lead conferences as representatives of the Tennessee Sunday School Department.

To advance this objective some 104 consultants, serving in all age-groups, "went on safari" at First Church, Nashville, May 8 and 9, 1967. "Safari" was the theme of the adventure in learning that composed the Combined Consultants' Clinic, conducted by the Tennessee Sunday School Department, under the leadership of Mr. Bob Patterson and his associates.

The consultants, who are age-group spe-



Bob Patterson leading the discussion in a scene from the "safari supper." Sound effects, jungle music, and safari garb worn by program personnel added to the jungle atmosphere.

Leadership Program as the basic leadership training effort in Sunday School work in Tennessee. Safari guide, Harold Marsh, Baptist Sunday School Board, helped the group look into the journey of the future

Mr. Marsh also inspired the entire group by bringing the closing inspirational message of the clinic.

The 104 consultants trained in this Combined Consultants' Clinic are the majority of the leadership who have been enlisted for training and service in projects conducted by the State Sunday School Department in state, associational, and church settings.

These consultants work in associational Bible Teaching Clinics, regional Sunday School Leadership Conferences, and various other leadership training activities. Consultants are carefully enlisted by Sunday School Department personnel on the basis of their experience, training, and dedication. They are in a continual program of improvement for better service.

In the years ahead, the State Sunday School Department will be able to render a more extensive service to the associations and churches in Tennessee because of the diligent labors of these volunteer specialists, dedicated to helping churches do their Sunday School work better.



A Small study-group at work, representing the age-group work that was the heart of the clinic's program.

cialists, spent the major portion of the one day studying the broad field of Sunday School work in the age-group for which they have responsibility. In order to get training in group-learning techniques, an entire afternoon of the clinic was dedicated to helping the consultants identify, study, and demonstrate various conference leadership methods.

The "safari supper" was the highlight of the evening session in the dining hall of First Church, a part of which was decorated to represent a camp scene used by a safari party in the midst of the jungle.

During the course of the evening's safari, the journey for the future was outlined by safari leader, Bob Patterson, who presented the Sunday School Department's Strategic

by outlining significant changes occurring in Sunday School work in the months ahead.



Summer Missionaries for 1967

# THE DEAF HEAR

By Leslie R. Baumgartner, Missions Secretary

It was a day in May, 1962, when a group of 18 interested deaf leaders and volunteer workers with the deaf from a half-dozen Baptist churches in Tennessee met in Nashville as guests of the Missions Department. In that conference, the first of its kind in the state, the need for a full-time missionary to the deaf in Tennessee was emphasized strongly by those who had labored faithfully through the years and who had been praying for help from denominational sources. The need for a religious television ministry for the deaf likewise was emphasized.

Mrs. Laura Formwalt had pioneered in a Baptist ministry to the deaf in Tennessee. For many years a member of the faculty of the Tennessee School for the Deaf and interpreter for the deaf in First Church, Knoxville, she had seen her nieces, Mrs. W. G. Lanham, Memphis, and Mrs. James G. Moore, Nashville, become interpreters and directors of a ministry to the deaf in the First Church of their respective cities. At the time of the 1962 meeting, the work with the deaf in all the Tennessee Baptist churches which were rendering such a ministry could be traced directly or indirectly

to Mrs. Formwalt's years of concern and effort.

In August, 1962, the Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf, an organization formed years earlier by deaf members of Tennessee Baptist churches, met at Camp Linden and invited the Missions Department to sponsor its annual meetings and to assume responsibility for the publication of *The Christian Volunteer*, a monthly bulletin for the deaf. Since 1962 the Conference has met at Camp Carson, and each year the attendance has increased. This year's registration reached 133, with First Church, Knoxville, leading the state with 36 present and First Church, Memphis, following commendably with 28. Other churches represented were the First Churches of Bristol, Greeneville, Nashville, and Dyersburg, Unaka Avenue Church of Johnson City, and Central Church, Oak Ridge.

Since the latter part of 1962, the Missions Department has borne the responsibility for publishing and mailing *The Christian Volunteer*, which now has a circulation of 625. Each year the Conference elects from its membership one who serves as editor of the bulletin.

For the past three years, a 30-minute religious television program produced by North Carolina Baptists and made available to the Missions Department at nominal cost, has been carried weekly by a Knoxville station as a public service. Soon after the program began, a deaf woman wrote: "I wish to appreciate you all for the program, 'A Light Unto My Path.' The program is a blessed reward to us deaf people, and we are glad that there is a way for us deaf to hear God's words preached . . ."

A full-time missionary to the deaf has not yet become a reality; but since 1964, Mr. Ed Davis, of Philadelphia, Tennessee, has served effectively on a part-time basis as coordinator of work with the deaf. He has offered counsel and encouragement to volunteer workers in churches with a ministry to the deaf and has assisted a number of churches in establishing such a ministry for the first time. The latter requires locating the deaf and enlisting their interest in church attendance; providing an adequate teaching, worship, and fellowship program for them; and teaching hearing people the language of signs and training them in working with deaf persons.

In the autumn of 1966, when religious services were discontinued on the campus

of the Tennessee School for the Deaf at Knoxville, Mr. Davis assisted First Church in providing for the Sunday school and worship attendance of more than 250 students. Most of the students previously had not enjoyed the privilege of attending Sunday school and church off campus. By January, a fully organized Sunday school program had developed with three Primary departments and separate departments of four classes each for Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People. The total enrolment was 331 including students and adults. Twenty-nine workers were enlisted and trained to staff the organization. This required classes in the language of signs and teacher training periods conducted by Mr. Davis.

For two years a non-credit course in the language of signs has been offered by Carson-Newman College in cooperation with the Missions Department. Tentative plans have been made for a similar course at Belmont College. For use in such courses and in classes conducted in churches, Mr. Davis produced, and the Missions Department published a syllabus entitled, "Ten Basic Outlines in the Language of Signs." It has had wide usage in Tennessee and in other states.

An annual state-wide youth camp for the deaf at Camp Carson was begun in 1965, with the Missions Department underwriting much of the cost. One feature of the 1967 camp, which attracted 28 campers and 10 staff members, was the presence of a Chinese mother and her deaf son from Taiwan. With the husband and father, the family had come to this country so that the son could be educated at Gallaudet College, a school for the deaf in Washington, D.C. The mother and son were guests of Miss Martha Franks, missionary for the week. Miss Franks served first in China and later in Taiwan, where she established work with the deaf and where she led the mother and son to Christ. Language was no real barrier as the guests spoke in the Chinese language of signs, which was translated by missionary Franks into spoken English, which in turn was translated into the English language of signs by another interpreter.

Bible teaching is one of the major emphases of our ministry to the deaf, whether in church or at camp. While we may not consider this a fulfillment of the words of Isaiah, it is the aim of the Missions Department that in our day "shall the deaf hear the words of the book . . ." (Isa. 29:18).

# 48 Hours Of Sign Reading?



"Singing" sets the mood for evening worship.

Have you ever been to a meeting where no one said a word? Probably not, but if you could attend the Tennessee Baptist Conference for the Deaf at Camp Carson, you would see a whole new world. It is an atmosphere not easily expressed. There is a closeness, a joy, and an animation that one does not observe among hearing persons.

The deaf have an opportunity to fellowship with their friends from across the state. In many of their home churches, there are very few people who know sign language, so they don't have many opportunities to "chat."

The need for communication and companionship is illustrated by the fact that at the TBCD, held July 1-2, afternoon recreation was called off because the people were having too much fun "talking."

Humor is a highly enjoyed part of fellowship among deaf people. Jokes, kidding, and good-natured pranks were sprinkled generously throughout the conference. At meal times, friendly arguments were started over the spellings of words and the signs for the words.

Persons who do not "sign," consistently say they wish they could know what the lively conversations are about.

This is exactly how the deaf feel about hearing persons. Some deaf persons can read lips quite well. Those who don't are simply left out.

Prayer and songs begin each period of worship or study. In prayer, the people watch the hands of the person praying rather than closing their eyes as hearing people do. Singing is a fascinating activity for the hearing person to observe. The people sign the words together, moving slower and with more rhythm than when they talk. With the voice of the interpreter, one can see that the beat of the tune is observed as closely as in actual singing. Perhaps the director reads music, but one knows that most of the people have no idea how the tune goes or what music sounds like.

Although a much higher degree of concentration is necessary for the deaf to

absorb a sermon, little restlessness was seen at the TBCD. When Rev. Joe D. Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas, led the Bible study, or when Miss Martha L. Franks of Laurens, South Carolina, told of her life as a missionary in China, the people seemed spellbound.

Business meetings are quite lively. When a motion is made, the person has to stand in front of the group so all can see. Afterward, the situation can get hectic with everyone trying to make a comment. Hands seem to move in all directions, and recognizing one person to take the floor is a problem. Somehow, organization prevails in the end.

At this year's business meeting, new officers were elected: President, C. P. McMillen, Jr. of Oak Ridge Vice President, Gene Reynolds of Knoxville Secretary, Jane Mathis of Dyersburg Editors of the **Christian Volunteer**, a monthly bulletin, Roy Blaylock and Ben Cox, both of Memphis.

Ben Cox, who was the 1967 president of the Conference, answered the questions in a "pencil and pad" interview:

Q. How long have you been deaf?

A. Since two.

Q. Do you find much difficulty communicating with those who don't know sign language?

A. No, I usually communicate by writing.

Q. Do you think that being deaf has caused you to appreciate things around you

more than your hearing friends?

A. I believe so.

Q. What activities occupy your time?

A. I work from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. as a linotype operator for the Memphis **Commercial Appeal**. I teach Sunday School silent class every other Sunday and I attend church and Training Union.

Cox feels that the conference revives the spiritual lives of the group members.

He said, "We thank God for our state missions department and for their faithful support of our Conference. We will always be grateful for it. We also thank God for some churches in Tennessee which show interest and support in class activities."



Miss Martha Franks tells of life in China, while Mrs. W. G. Lanham interprets.

This is a typical attitude among deaf Christians. Thankfulness and appreciation for helpfulness is readily acknowledged.

"Being a Christian is a joyous experience," Cox said, "for the Spirit has shown me the way to overcome some obstacles. It has helped me to be able to judge the value of everything."



New Officers for the TBCD are (L-R) C. P. McMillin, president; Gene Reynolds, vice president; Jane Mathis, secretary; Roy Blaylock and Ben Cox, co-editors of the **Christian Volunteer**.

# An Enduring Witness For All You Love

By Henry J. Huey, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Foundation

## Plan

Through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation one can continue giving, even after death, not only to those he loves but to all Baptist causes he loved and supported while living. Bequests can be left to "Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Trustee in trust," with the income to be paid annually to the agency, institution or mission board the individual desires. By this means the steward has a part in Baptist work for all time.

## Procedure

Contact your attorney and explain to him that you want to make a will, leaving a bequest to Tennessee Baptist Foundation. If he needs information concerning the Foundation, such information will be supplied upon your, or your attorney's request. Tennessee Baptist Foundation personnel will be glad to counsel with you and your attorney without obligation.

## Provision

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, chartered in 1938, provides for you a non-profit, tax-exempt religious organization to serve Tennessee Baptists. Its purpose is to promote Christian stewardship of estate as well as of income, to seek trust funds for Tennessee and Southern Baptist agencies and institutions, and to administer these funds in the best interest of Christ's Kingdom. The Foundation is independent of the causes which it serves, but is committed to their best interests. It is not a competitive agency and exists not for itself, but solely, unselfishly, and impartially for the support of all Baptist causes. The Foundation enables Baptists to do what they want to do with their material possessions. As trust funds these material possessions will endure for all time, enabling the donor to have a part in the work of the Kingdom until Jesus comes again.

## Protection

Funds committed to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation are protected and managed in strict compliance with the wishes of the donors. Foundation funds are invested by an investment committee elected by the Foundation Board. This committee has the benefit of a Counseling Service with a national reputation. Security of funds is insured by combined forces of state laws and the highest moral integrity and honor of the Baptist denomination.

## Possibilities

An enduring witness is also possible through a Living Trust, Gift Annuity or Life Insurance. For further information write to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Henry J. Huey, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203.

## Would You Believe?

By Charles L. Norton, Training Union  
Secretary

WOULD YOU BELIEVE 850 youth and 700 leaders at the Training Union Convention and Youth Conference last December 28 and 29 at Highland Heights Church, Memphis? Well, WOULD YOU BELIEVE we'll have this number and more at Knoxville this December 28 and 29 at the McCalla Avenue Church?

WE BELIEVE this because "we believe in young people" just as Miss Tennessee, Vickie Lynn Hurd, expressed in her testimony at the Youth Conference last year. And WE BELIEVE with her that "one of the church's greatest powers is its young people!" WE BELIEVE this because we saw service men home on furlough take an active part. We saw Intermediates from all over the state take holiday time to share with other Christians. We saw over 25 youth choirs present the gospel in song as only youth can. We saw outstanding youth like Pete Charton, pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, and Bob Serino, University of Virginia athlete, give their testimony for Christ.

WE BELIEVE you will come to Knoxville because of speakers like Dr. Cal Guy,

Mission Professor, at Southwestern Seminary. At Memphis last year he challenged us to be the New Testament church that Jesus intended us to be. Dr. Guy emphasized that "the church is not built on a foundation of a fine building, or budget, or staff, or well executed program; but rather on a genuine love for every man."

WE BELIEVE church staff and children's workers will come to McCalla Avenue Church because they will want to hear again Dr. Charles McDonald, noted counselor and worker with the mentally retarded, share the needs in this field. In Memphis we were made aware of the large number of children in our state who have sub-average general intelligence. Dr. McDonald challenged us as church leaders to make provision for them. He reminded us that if the church wants to take an interest in the child, we must take an interest in the entire family.

WE BELIEVE you will make plans now for the TRAINING UNION CONVENTION and YOUTH CONFERENCE, Dec. 28 and 29 at McCalla Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville.



Anita Durham, Immanuel Church, Lebanon, and Pam Payne of First Church, Knoxville, represented Tennessee at Ridgecrest in the 1967 Speakers' Tournament and Sword Drill, events promoted annually by the Training Union Department.

# In This Way

By Beulah Peoples, GA Director

One little Junior girl expressed her experience with the Lord in this way, "While you were talking about God tonight, He just came all through me."

When asked if she had accepted Jesus during the service, she immediately answered.

"Yes, I did."

Only God can truly measure the outreach of eight weeks of camp, but these are a few

visible results:

Accepting Christ as Saviour . . . .	157
Re-dedications . . . . .	221
Church Vocations . . . . .	48
Total Attendance . . . . .	2,064

The purpose of Girls' Auxiliary Camp is to: lead girls to accept Jesus as their Saviour, to lead them toward growth as a Christian, to strengthen their vision of missions around the world, and lead them to

become involved NOW as a community missionary.

Since the newly elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the WMU Department had not arrived at the time this State Missions edition of *Baptist and Reflector* was prepared, one result of the GA Camps is being featured.—The Editor



Many G.A.s accept Christ at a night service during Camp.

## Ralph Phelps Named OEO Regional Head

ATLANTA (BP)—Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named southeast regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) with offices here, effective Sept. 5.

The announcement of the Baptist administrator's appointment was made in Washington by Sargent Shriver, director of the War on Poverty programs.

In Atlanta, Phelps said he was taking a year's leave of absence (a sabbatical) from the Baptist school to accept the poverty position.

He said the poverty program is a "very

logical extension of the Christian ethics of concern for one's fellow man. It is a practical implementation on the government level of the things that Jesus talked about in Matthew 25."

Phelps has been president of Ouachita since 1953. Since then the enrollment of the school (currently 2,035) has tripled. In 1960 he was "Arkansas Man of the Year."

In his new position, Phelps will coordinate the total program of the Office of Economic Opportunity for six states in the Southeast Region—Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

## She Sang Hymns to Guard For Two Hours

A Swedish Baptist missionary sang hymns to her police guard for nearly two hours while other policemen searched her house thoroughly during one of the episodes of upheaval in the Congo, she disclosed after returning to Sweden to retire.

Miss Aina Lantz, who finished 38 years of service in Africa, said she sang nearly all the way through the hymnbook during the search. She comes from a well-known Scandinavian Baptist family, which has had numbers of ministers and missionaries. She is the daughter of a preacher and some of her brothers have also entered the pastorate.—(EBPS)

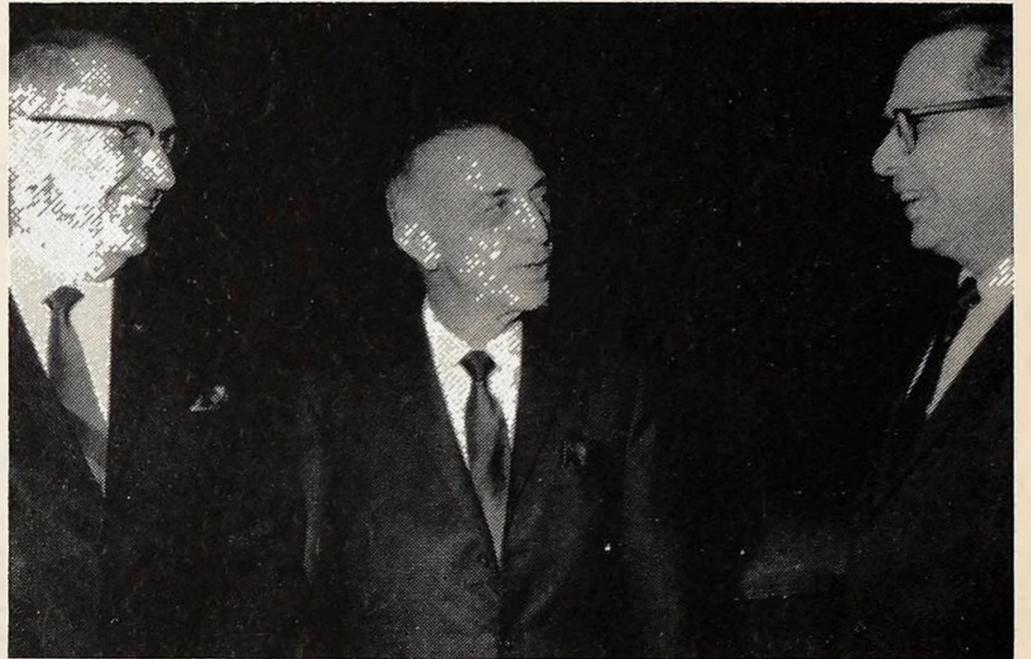
# Charging Of The Spiritual Battery

By F. M. Dowell, Evangelism Secretary

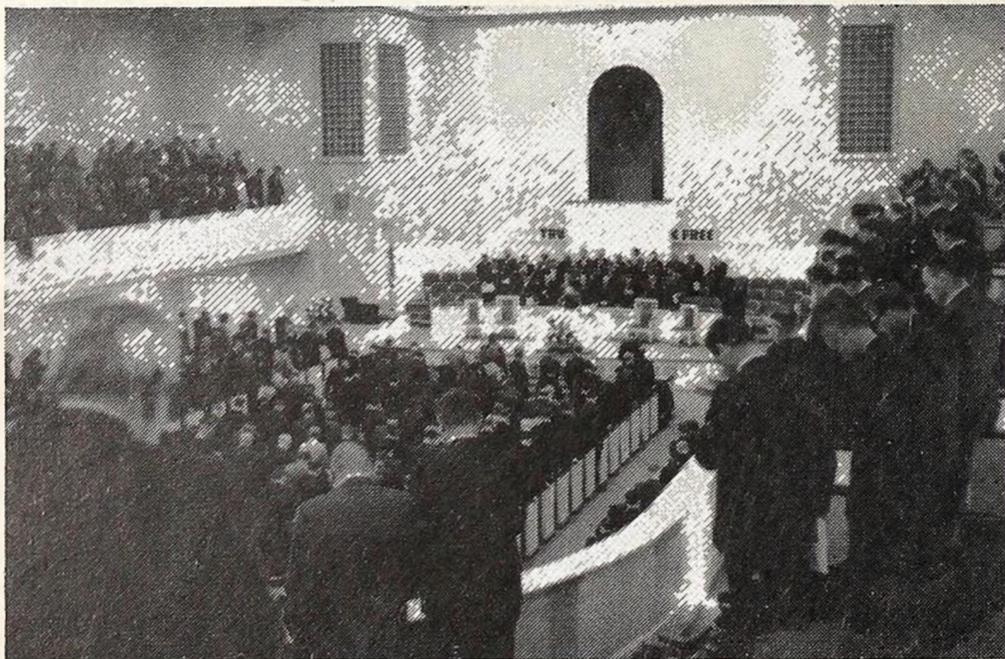
Projecting the program of evangelism from the convention to the association and to the local church is a great concern of the convention's Evangelism Secretary, F. M. Dowell. Two meetings during the year are of uppermost importance and are used mightily in getting this task accomplished, namely, the annual State Evangelistic Conference and the annual associational evangelism clinics.

The State Evangelistic Conference has proven to be the most popular annual meeting with the pastors. The Conference, held in mid January, seems to be a "charging of the spiritual battery" for the pastors. Those in attendance pray together, think together and fellowship together as they hear messages and methods on how to reach more people for Christ, and are inspired to go back to the local field to carry out the Commission of our Lord.

The Brotherhood Department greatly assists in promoting attendance at the Evangelistic Conference, especially in enlisting the laymen to attend. The Music Department encourages attendance of the ministers of music from our churches, and plans and directs the music during the entire Conference program.



Three department leaders work together in promoting the Evangelistic Conference. They are (l-r) Secretary of the Brotherhood Department, Roy Gilleland; Evangelism Secretary, F. M. Dowell; and Music Secretary, Frank Charton.



Those in attendance at our State Evangelistic Conference pray together.

For the past two years an all night prayer meeting has been held during the Conference in which all associations in attendance participate. Prayers are offered up all night for "real revival to come to our state.

Monday evening during the Conference, associational missionaries, moderators, and chairmen of evangelism meet during the evening meal. Part of this time is spent projecting the program of evangelism for the year, thus, getting the program before the associational leadership in attendance. One phase discussed is the annual Associational Evangelism Clinics in February. Purpose of these clinics is to get evangelism in reach of the leadership of all the local churches. During the clinics in the associations, a session is planned in the afternoon for the pastors and associational leadership. At this time the work of evangelism of the past year is reviewed and plans for the future are projected. The night session

of the clinic is planned for the church leadership to help involve all of the organizations in witnessing to every lost soul. One pastor wrote concerning the clinic in his association last year, "It was a great night. The response was warm and sincere. One by one the pastors and people came and dedicated themselves to laying 'trophies of grace at Jesus' feet.'"

In addition to these activities the Department of Evangelism sponsors an annual Pastors Retreat, provides materials to assist the churches in having better revivals, promotes Soul Winning Commitment Day, Associational Simultaneous Crusades and Areawide revivals. These activities are offered to help fulfill the purpose of the Department of Evangelism which is to assist every church in the Tennessee Baptist Convention to have a perennial program of evangelism. To carry out the Commission of our Lord to witness to every lost soul, each church must assume the responsibility to evangelize her community.



The associational missionaries, moderators, and chairmen of evangelism meet together during the Evangelistic Conference to discuss the program of evangelism for the coming year.

# Baptist Student Director For U.T. Medical Units

By Charles M. Roselle, Student Secretary

"I recall the great anticipation I felt three years ago as my plane was landing at the Memphis airport. I was arriving for an interview as a prospective Baptist Student Director for the University of Tennessee Medical Units. Now that I have served in that capacity for three years, my excitement about the work is just as great as it was then."

The above are words of Bill Lee, Baptist Student Director for the U.T. Medical Units. He represents state missions in that unique area and is unusually qualified for the work. After finishing college and seminary, Bill served a year as an intern in the pastoral care program at a state hospital. This training gave him an understanding of both the medical world and a patient's spiritual needs. He is able to interpret to future doctors, nurses, and dentists the important part the pastor plays in the healing team. His wife, Teena, a nurse, contributes greatly to the program.

In addition to dental, medical, and nursing students, there are students in pharmacy, medical science, and dental hygiene. About 500 in all claim Baptist preference making it perhaps the largest concentration of Baptist medical students any place in the world. The student body has some interests which differ from the usual college group, and as you would suspect, the Baptist Student Union program has been tailored to meet their needs. Students gather daily at the Baptist Student Center for lunch and devotional services. They come between classes for relaxation and recreation and for an informal chat with the student director concerning their personal problems. They bring with them their friends which include International students from all over the world.

The programs include all that any Christian group would expect to include, but there is a medical flavor about it all. Programs



Mrs. Bill (Teena) Lee takes aim at Costa Rica with the "peace gun" with which the Lees and a group of students under direction of Dr. Robert Hingson helped to inoculate Costa Ricans during August. (L to R) Mrs. Lee, Bill Lee, and students Bobby Stephenson and Ernie Owens.



(L to R) Steve Falwell, Raymond Johnson, Larry Brown, Tom Holsomback, and Ramona Chapman meet in the William Wallace Memorial Library to plan activities and discuss missions.

include such topics as abortion, birth control, euthanasia, and how these matters should be interpreted in the light of Christian theology. These programs take place in the Baptist Student Center directly across the street from the campus. This beautiful building was dedicated April 2 and was made possible by State Missions of Tennessee Baptists and the Shelby County Baptist Association. Even the building has some medical adaptations. It is the only Baptist Student Center in the world with a dental lab.

Missions is a theme that predominates through most of the activities. The library in the student center has been dedicated as the William Wallace Memorial Library in memory of Bill Wallace, the Southern Baptist missionary who lost his life at the hands of the Communists and who was a graduate of the U.T. Medical Units.

This mission emphasis is finding many "here and now" expressions. Three students did summer mission work this year; in Alaska, California, and St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee and a team of six students joined a larger team of seventy and went to Costa Rica during August where in the course of four weeks the total group inoculated the entire nation of Costa Rica against several diseases.

The students in the U.T. Medical Units come from every region—rural and urban—of Tennessee. Many of them have had previous experience in Tennessee colleges. A high percentage of the students are married and the Married Students' Fellowship makes up an important part of the Baptist Student Union program. Tennessee Baptists should recognize immediately the impact these students make on the future of Tennessee and of the world. It is important that this ministry meet the needs of all of them.

## From Aspirin To Zwieback

By Joseph B. Kesler, Jr., Business Manager &  
Camp Manager

The Business Office in its many functions has responsibilities purchasing and managing all phases of Baptist Work in Tennessee. Temporary purchases of electricity that are received and used in a fraction of a second, to permanent purchases of terra firma to fill around one of the camp buildings make the responsibilities fascinating and always exciting. The Business Office functions as the most economical method of supporting our Baptist work. It makes all purchases for the "State Mission departments at the Baptist State Board, manages the buildings to the best possible use for those departments, and purchases the supplies and equipment at the best possible price. Its paramount concern is getting the best possible product for the best possible price. For every savings can help, the departments function without financial concern over the everyday necessities of a business operation. They are able to provide peak performance for our Lord in their ministry to the churches in Tennessee.

The Business Office is also responsible for our two Baptist State Camps at Newport, and Linden. All purchases, services, and personnel are directed by the Business Manager. Major construction of buildings, water and sewer systems are some of the more complicated purchases. Food and services for some six thousand people each summer present a never ending purchase of food and supplies for their comfort and care. Adequate insurance and maintenance programs must be provided to have the camps operate effectively at top performance.

The State Board has some rental property that was included with the purchase of old Ward Belmont property. This property has to be decorated, serviced, and rented to the very best advantage so that no burden will be upon the State Mission program of Tennessee Baptists.

It is true that the purchases of the State Board run the alphabet from A to Z. From Aspirin in the First Aid room at the State Board Building to Zwieback for the babies at camp, the Business Office provides the beginning and the end. Although the alphabet could be traversed several times, the more outstanding purchases will consist of Aerosol, Boxes, Cabbage, Desks, Electricity, Fans, Gates, Hay, Ink, Jello, Kerosene, Lettuce, Meat, Noodles, Oranges, Plaques, Quilts, Roofs, Spices, Tomatoes, Upholstery, Varnish, Wallpaper, X-rays, Yeast, and Zippers.

The most unusual purchases are the inanimate ones such as maintenance service on machines to right-of-ways across land. The largest purchase ever made was the

## How Indispensable They Are!

By Frank G. Charton, Church Music  
Secretary

Whatever success has been achieved in Tennessee's State Music program can be traced directly to the Ministers of Music and the churches which share them so generously with their neighbors. A brief look at the areas served by the Music Program reveals just how indispensable they are.

In the work of our associations almost a score of District Directors help in organizing and in planning an effective program in areas of assigned responsibility. Each director works in his own association as well as supervising two or three other associations.

At festival time during the busy spring season, Ministers of Music are on hand with choirs, soloists, hymn players, and ensembles. They often act as judges for festivals in other areas of Tennessee and the surrounding states. In addition, they select the music and plan the programs and schedules.

At camp, they teach, sing, play and

direct recreation. They even put up tents, carry platform risers, or drive the church bus. They will do anything to see that their youngsters have a wholesome experience as growing Christians.

Ministers of Music make a worthy contribution even in the area of "Summer Workers." Their interest in promotion the use of these summer workers encourages many pastors to participate in the summer worker program who would otherwise be unaware of their value to churches, associations and camps.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of all comes from the intangible results of the ministers' of music love for their chosen work. Its fun to sing together and to be together. They'll go anywhere at anytime just for the pure joy of singing with their fellow ministers of music. This kind of great fellowship just has to bind our churches together in greater love for the Lord and for each other.

## Tennesseans Aid Fairbanks Churches

**FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**—Thirty-eight Tennesseans are among Baptist laymen, here, who have been hard at work, racing against time, fighting muck and mud that flooded seven Baptist churches to put them in order before winter's approaching freeze. The Tennesseans were among 93 Baptist workers transported to Alaska answering the emergency call to the States for skilled craftsmen—electricians, carpenters, plumbers, furnace workers and masons. They came as volunteers to help undo the damage of the rampaging waters of the Chena River that flooded Fairbanks Aug. 14.

Tennesseans who volunteered in the clean-up and reconstruction of Fairbanks were: W. D. Smith, electrician, Brentwood; Maynard Chenault, carpenter, Clarksville; Tommy Alsup, carpenter, Dickson; Gus Scott, car-

moving of half of a mountain at Camp Carson to provide a playground for the children. The smallest was a grain of chlorine that was the deciding grain that made the swimming pool meet the test of the Tennessee Health Department. The purchase most necessary was the hole in the ground at one camp to reach the water for drinking. While the most unnecessary purchase might seem to be, a thermometer for a freezer.

Truly, from Alum to Zithers and Amplifiers to Zoom lens, the Business Office is a most fascinating place to be.

penter, Dickson; Larry Joe Scott, electrician, carpenter, Dickson; Don Moses, brickmason, general, Etowah.

Also Charles B. Babbs, furnace man, Goodlettsville; Sherman Childress, pipe fitter, Goodlettsville; Claude Garrison, carpenter, Goodlettsville; Richard Jones, plumber, Goodlettsville; W. L. Randolph, electrician, Goodlettsville; William O. Webster, carpenter, Goodlettsville; C. S. Whitmer, pipe fitter, Goodlettsville; Clyde Midgett, electrician, Joelton.

A. W. Johnson, carpenter, electrician, Kingsport; W. D. Edwards, electrician, Mt. Juliet; Verdie Guest, electrician, Madison; Clifford Guffey, painter, carpenter, Madison; G. T. Hamsley, carpenter, Madison; Buford Scott, painter, Memphis; Erskin C. Shettles, church maintenance man, Memphis; J. R. Stanfield, carpenter, Memphis; Deony Hurley, electrician, Morristown; Ralph Lybrand, electrician, plumber, Morristown; Lloyd Turner, painter, Morristown.

Robert F. Atchison, apprentice electrician, Nashville; John Bottom, carpenter, Nashville; J. B. Caldwell, carpenter, Nashville; David Caperton, dry wall man, Nashville; Leo L. Cordell, carpenter, Whitwell; H. E. Edwards, Jr., electrician, Nashville; John Fite, summer missionary (builder) in '66 (Alaska), Nashville; Tommy L. Fudge, painter, Nashville; Tom Gibson, electrician, Nashville; Pete Greco, tile layer, Nashville;

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The print shop featuring a new offset press helps account for incomparable multi-color promotional pieces used by many departments.

## Service With A Smile

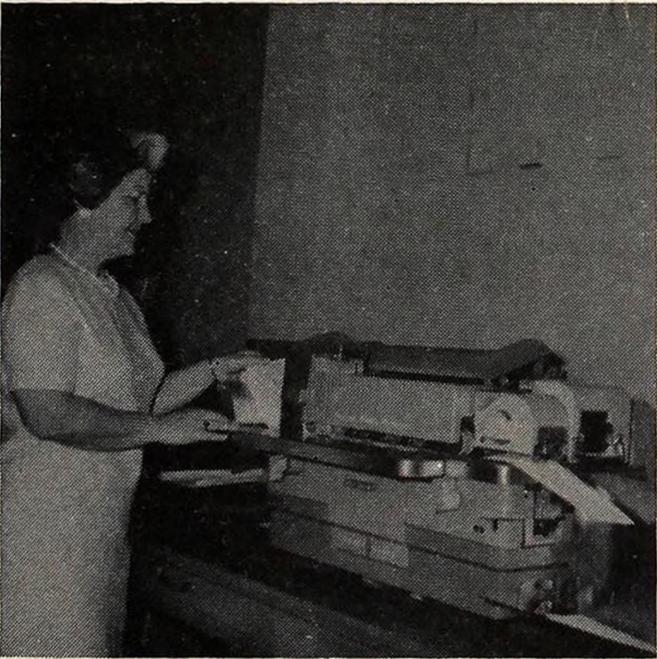
By Wallace Anderson, Program Services Manager

It can be safely stated that all projects and promotional ideas of any significance undertaken by the Tennessee Baptist Convention relate, at some point, to the Program Services Department. That is, at least, one section of the program Services Department helps, provides, and makes possible the various programs of work undertaken by all departments located within the Baptist Building.

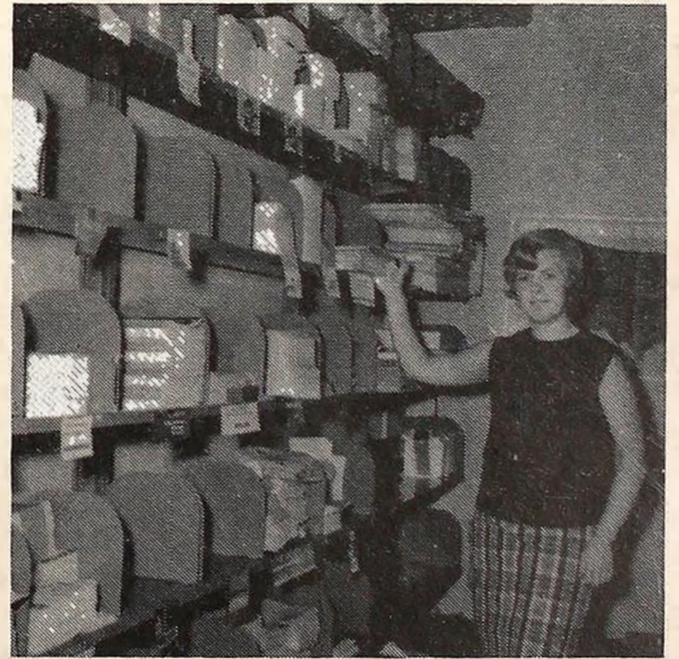
Some of the work of the Program Services Department cannot be easily photographed. Included in this work is the preparation and distribution of the TBC annual, Baptist diary, associational and SBC wall calendars, suggested report booklets for the associations; keeping current on postal regulations and advising other departments; preparation of pre-Convention reports; library promotion; historical research; tours of the building; maintenance of mailing lists and cross-reference files; articles written and photography done for various projects; directing library work and establishing new church libraries; and many other things that fall conveniently within the scope of the Program Services Department.



A much used and appreciated "art room," provides means for making layouts, reproductions, posters, punching and binding, film editing and cleaning, letter folding, and collating.



A meter machine is indispensable. It stamps and seals letters.



A service which has become an invaluable asset to the TBC is the distribution of tracts on evangelism, Baptist doctrine.



The PBX board is a service helping to coordinate and simplify the time-consuming work done via telephone.



An enjoyable and happy occupation for many secretaries is the use of folding machines preventing many sore fingers and speeding up preparation of outgoing mail.



Indirect mail is facilitated by the use of automatic machines that type correctly at the rate of 100 words per minute.

# The Challenge of Friendship

"Most people don't realize it but this place is a real challenge," said the director of the Friendship Center at Briceville.

For Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Slate, it has been a difficult task since they took charge of the Center last October.

Housed in an old store building, the Friendship Center has no heating or toilet facilities. Odd pieces of discarded furniture and some donated craft supplies are neatly arranged in the main room. A second room is used for ping pong games and crafts for the boys.

Each Monday the Ladies' Club meets from 10 to noon. The theme for the month is carried out through speakers or creative activities, and the meetings begin with a devotion period.

"If the ladies aren't interested in a particular topic, they just don't come," said Slate. "They really go in for sewing or similar activities which have practical value for them."

Throughout the year, different Woman's Missionary Unions purchase cloth, needles, thread, belting material, and patterns. A good supply is on hand by the time the ladies are ready to learn to sew. The material is sold to them at 15 cents a yard. Three treadle sewing machines and an electric one are used to teach the women a faster way to make clothes.

Then on Monday nights there is the Boys' Club.

"The boys were so rough at first, we couldn't get them to sit still long enough to hear a scripture passage read," said Slate. "Then one week I closed the center on Monday night, and they begged to come back. Discipline has been better since then."

Music lessons, a girls' chorus, and visitation occupy the rest of the week.

Do men ever attend?

"No," said Slate. "It is very difficult to interest them. People here don't welcome every stranger who comes in, so we are having to build up a relationship of trust."

Mrs. Slate said that when she first came to Briceville, not one woman would speak to her. Later, they would speak if she spoke first. Now, they talk with her as though they have known her a lifetime.

"These women don't express themselves as you would expect other groups to do," said Mrs. Slate. "Occasionally one will

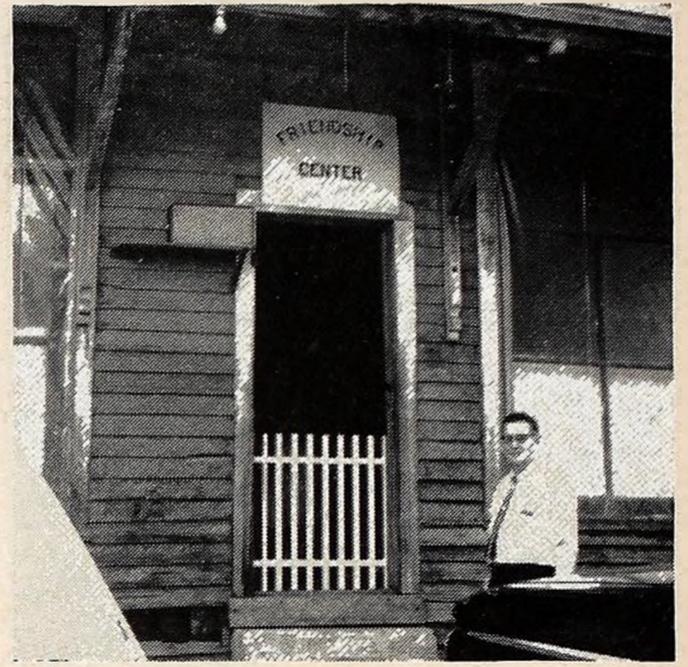


Children are kept occupied while their mothers are at the Ladies' Club.

come to us after the devotion to say that she enjoyed it. Otherwise, they don't have much to contribute to that period."

Winter weather causes several problems.

"Last winter it was so cold that we had to take our supply of fruit juice home so it wouldn't freeze. We hope that someone will donate a refrigerator to us so we can be



Hugh Slate hopes the center will have a better home soon.

better equipped to serve the children," said Mrs. Slate.

"When we first came here," she said, "we had to mop the floors every time it rained before we could let anyone in."

"It is Hugh's dream to see a new building for the Center someday," she added.

The realization of that dream may not be too far away, for the property has been selected, and ideas for the Center are being discussed.

Slate told the story of how the property was acquired:

"The owner of the property said that he didn't believe he wanted to sell the land. He wanted his children to have it. As we talked about the purpose of the Friendship Center, I told him of the great benefit such a building would be to the community.

"He said to me, 'I hear there is a missionary here who talked to one of the worst sinners in these parts. Last Sunday night that sinner joined the church and shouted all the way down the aisle.'

"Yes," said Slate, "I talked with him, and I feel that I had a part in winning him to Christ.

"In that case," said the owner, "I believe I will sell you the lot."

A former highway patrolman, Slate teaches piano lessons to Briceville children and to some adults. One twelve-year-old girl didn't have a piano to use for practice, but always made A's on her piano lessons. When he asked her how she improved each week she told him that she used the back of a chair as an imaginary keyboard. She would move her fingers as she would on a real keyboard and hum the tune as she read the music.

"Every once in a while," Slate said, "I get discouraged because it seems I am not making any progress. Then something like this happens, or all of a sudden several children will accept Christ, and I am raised to great spiritual heights."

Yes, the work takes love, determination, and infinite patience; and the Hugh Slates have all this, plus a keen insight in relating God's love to the people of Briceville.



Members of the Ladies' Club gather for devotion time.

# 500 % Increase

By William H. Pitt, Stewardship Secretary

"No one had ever told me about my tithing and stewardship responsibility until I learned it in our stewardship program. I am very grateful for what my church has done for me through this program."

"If anyone had told me three years ago that I ought to put my offering in an envelope and have a record kept of it, I think I would have wanted to fight him. Now, after two years of planned stewardship programs in our church, I think everybody ought to do it that way."

These comments came from two members of First Baptist Church, Troy, Tennessee, as by-products of the stewardship emphases in their church. In two years, offerings increased from \$9,816 in 1965 to \$31,300 in 1966, and gifts for the first nine months of the 1967 church-year are \$21,024.46. The church has relocated, built a new building and increased missions gifts by 500%!

Rev. William R. George came to Troy as pastor in April 1965. In May, the church reorganized its Sunday School and in June elected a Planning Committee to study space needs. The findings of this committee eventually led to relocation and a new building.

In August 1965, individual sets of offering envelopes were distributed to the membership and a record of contributions began. The following November, this 312-member, small-town church conducted its first planned stewardship emphasis. The **Growth**

in **Christian Stewardship** program was used with some minor adaptations but no pledges to the budget were solicited. The Demonstration Day Offering was \$420.18 (average offering \$158.55) and 40 persons attended the Fellowship Supper. A budget of \$16,500 was adopted and \$31,300 was received (including a \$4,000 special offering)!

In August 1966, a \$120,000 bond issue was launched to provide for the new building. This project added impetus to the growing stewardship joy and response in the church.

In January 1967, the second planned **Growth in Christian Stewardship** program was conducted. Pledges were received for the first time and 96 people pledged to tithe. One hundred and five persons attended the Fellowship Supper. Demonstration Day Offering was \$811.52 and the following Sunday rose to \$928.05. A budget of \$26,210 was adopted and regular budget offerings (no special drives) for the first nine months of the church fiscal year are \$21,024.46!

Pastor George said, "The month of stewardship emphasis in January 1967 proved to be the most spiritual time of the year, with perhaps the exception of revivals. However, we did have more people saved, more rededications, better attendance, and a greater enthusiasm among our people during our stewardship emphasis than at any other time. In fact, our stewardship emphasis had a greater impact on our church even than revival. I believe that steward-

ship emphasis is revival!

"Our Fellowship Supper demonstrated the renewed spirit of enthusiasm and fellowship among our people. We had never had more than about 50 or 55 people attend any kind of fellowship gathering, but 105 were present that night and their spirit of joy, anticipation, and excitement was obvious."

This pastor and church received stewardship information, materials, and program suggestions first through mail from the Stewardship Department of Tennessee Baptist Convention. At an association Stewardship Clinic conducted by the Beulah Association, with assistance from the state Stewardship Department, Bill George became convinced that a church "my size" could have a stewardship development program.

"If it had not been for these helps from the state Stewardship Department, I would never have attempted a stewardship program in my church. My experience has convinced me that there is help available in stewardship development for any church whose leaders are willing to give the time and effort required.

"Our offerings did not begin to increase until we put on our stewardship emphases."

The Stewardship Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention offers help in stewardship development and Cooperative Program promotion to every Tennessee Baptist church regardless of size or circumstance. Will you let us help you?

## Sailors' Port

On March 5, 1965, the missions committee of the Shelby Baptist Association approved a committee to study the possibilities of a servicemen's center in Millington, Tennessee.

As a result of that study, a Service Personnel Center was opened on August 25, 1966, ministering to the United States Navy and Marine Personnel and their families stationed at Millington. Thus, Shelby County Baptists had recognized the desire of military personnel to spend most of their free time off the station.

Commander W. B. (Chip) Reding, U.S. Navy Retired, was employed as director of the Center. A rented duplex was furnished with lounge furniture, study tables, and recreation equipment. Now that the Center is available, the men on liberty can go without charge for relaxation, recreation, reading, writing, and a source of information about churches and other wholesome activities. Attendance currently averages 58 men each evening, in addition to their families.

"Spiritual counseling is not forced on the men against their will, but is made available whenever the opportunity presents itself," said Commander Reding. "Response to invitations to participate in local church activities has been good."

One big problem is the lack of an assembly room large enough to accommodate all of the personnel in the Center for special programs presented by local churches and for movies.

Kitchen operation, lounge and study room maintenance, and conversation with the men are big responsibilities for one person to have during rush hours.

Beginning in October, 1966, volunteer assistants from the 15

sponsoring churches began a rotation schedule to aid the director with the routine care of the center. Attendance is growing at a pace rapid enough to warrant an assistant director as soon as funds are available.

It is hoped that the popularity of the center will continue to provide opportunities to minister to the social and spiritual needs in this mission field.



Commander W. B. (Chip) Reding extends an invitation to the center to all servicemen.

# The Church Walked Away



The 300 members of First Baptist Church, Daisy, leave their church and walk north on Highway 27.

On April 9, 1967, the members of First Baptist Church in Daisy, Tennessee, met in their church building on Walden Street for thirty minutes and then left, never to return.

Traffic was detoured by the Tennessee Highway Patrol as more than 300 of the church members walked north on highway 27 for about a mile, then turned right to gather at the top of a hill.

In the next few moments, there occurred the climax of months of talk and activity among the church members. For them, it was D-Day—dedication day for their new church building.

Not only was the move an unusual one, but the members' response to the building program was surprising. At the laying of the cornerstone on November 27, 1966, over \$22,000 was received in a special offering.

"I have never seen a church take its building program to heart as our people have," said Rev. Edward Briggs, pastor of the church. "We took a special offering

of \$12,000 in June of 1966, but the cost of construction ran more than we estimated. We started four buildings, but we were faced with the necessity of leaving one of them uncompleted unless we could raise the money. No one believed that 300 people could do this all at once, but they did. Many borrowed the money. We are most thankful for such dedication."

Briggs said that the cornerstone laying would be remembered also for an unusual occurrence in the weather. The skies had been dark throughout the day. As the doxology was sung and the cornerstone was being sealed, the clouds broke apart and sunlight flooded the hillside. In a moment, all was dark again.

When the buildings were completed, members of the church realized that they had given over 4,000 hours of labor on the project.

What does the future hold? In a few years, a sanctuary will be built in front of the education building and recreation facilities are being discussed to be placed on

the 14-acre lot.

With a past marked by achievement and a present filled with dedication, the First Baptist Church of Daisy will continue to walk the highway toward more effective ministry to its community.

## Business Manager To Leave Board For Florida Work

NASHVILLE—Joseph B. Kesler, Jr., has resigned as business manager of the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board to accept a position with a Florida manufacturing concern.

Kesler, who has served 12 years with the Executive Board as business manager and manager for the convention's two camps at Camp Carson and Camp Linden said that he expects to assume his new responsibilities Nov. 1 with Bramlett Manufacturing Co. of St. Petersburg, Florida. Kesler will be administrative vice president of Bramlett Manufacturing Co. in charge of all administrative work for the company. The company does custom manufacturing of heavy machinery for industry.

Kesler stated that he plans to sell his house in Nashville and he and Mrs. Kesler and their two sons will move to St. Petersburg. Mrs. Kesler is the former Martha Jenkins of Bowling Green, Ky.

A native of Salisbury, North Carolina, Kesler saw overseas service in Italy with U.S. forces in World War II. He received his education at Bowling Green College of Commerce, Bowling Green, Ky., and was with two Nashville concerns before coming to his present position at the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board; Nicholstone Book Bindery for three years, and Stoddard's, an office equipment concern, for two years.

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James Moore, electrician, Nashville; L. E. Moore, electrician, Nashville; Donald L. Wood, general, Nashville.



First Baptist Church, Daisy

# Sinking Creek Baptist Church

By Gene Kerr, Asst. Exec. Sec.-Treas.

Restoration work on Sinking Creek Baptist Church will be resumed after a temporary delay due to lack of funds, according to Mr. R. E. Cardwell, Sr., chairman of the restoration committee. He stated that even though there had not been any money to continue with the project, the committee had been in the process of securing logs and boards (shingles) for the roof.

The Baptist churches and interested parties over the state have been given an opportunity to share in this project and funds are being made available.

Sinking Creek Baptist Church, which was established in 1772-73, is the oldest Baptist church in the state. In fact, it is one of the landmarks in the area which is rich in early history. An attempt is being made to restore the building as near like the original structure as possible. According to Mr. Cardwell, plans are to have the building restored by the date of the Centennial Celebration of Watauga Association of Baptists, which will be in October, 1968.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this project may do by sending the money to Watauga Association of Baptists, P. O. Box 87, Elizabethton, Tennessee, 37643.

## New Books

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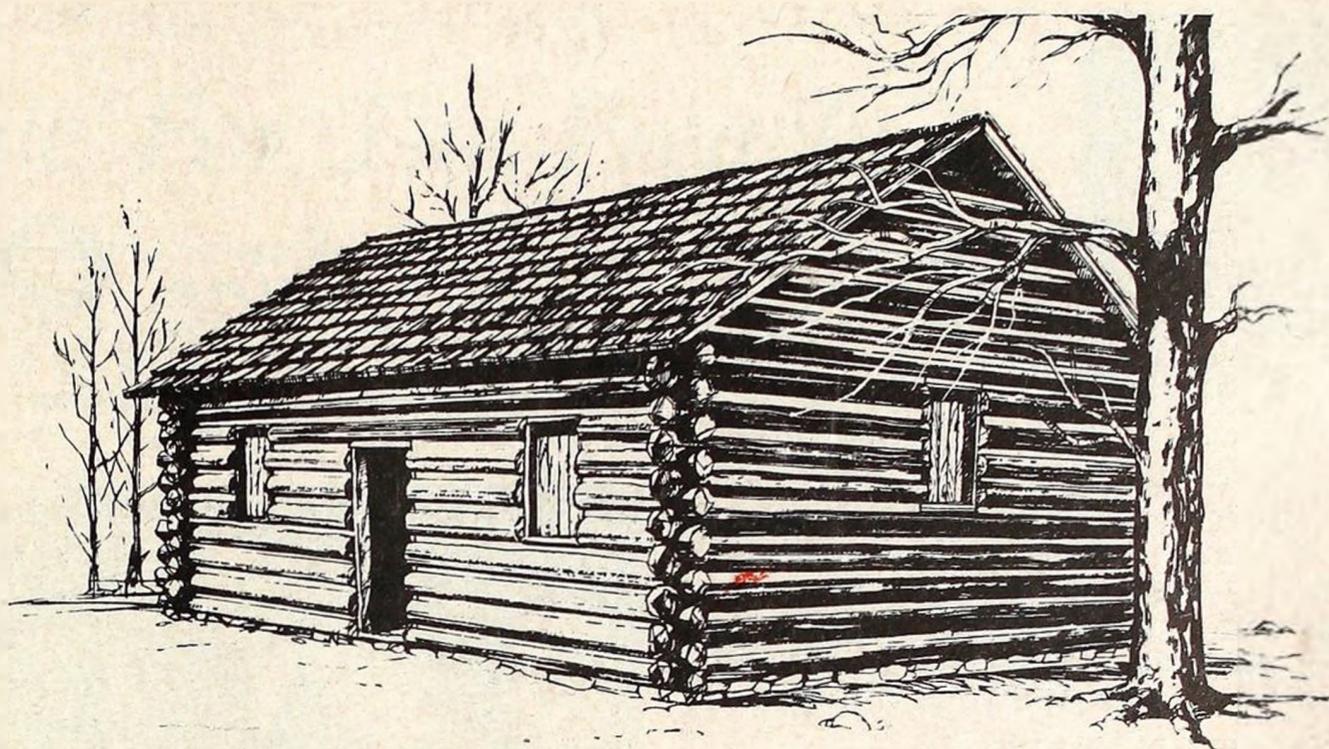
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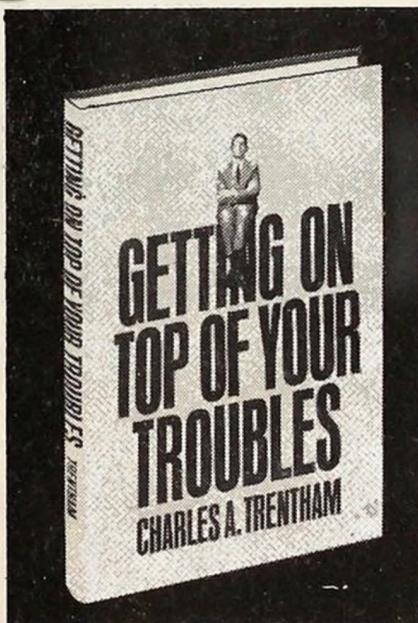
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Chaplain Charles McKnight

# Chaplains On Call

By Charles Willis

It was 4 a.m. when the ambulance came to a sudden halt at the emergency room door at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville. Suddenly, the quiet mood inside was broken by organized movement to care for a man who had just been involved in an automobile accident.

At 4:05 a.m. a man awakened to the ringing of his telephone. The urgent request came:

"Chaplain, could you please come to the hospital to meet the family of an accident patient?"

This is a familiar situation to the chaplains of the three Baptist hospitals in Tennessee. Chaplain William G. Justice, Jr. in Knoxville, Chaplain William C. Mays in Nashville, and Chaplain Charles McKnight in Memphis minister not only to the hospital patients, but also to the families, the employees, and the student nurses. The chaplains help these people discover, understand, and interpret their emotions. They also help their counselees to develop new spiritual resources.

Many situations arise which call for resourcefulness and well-organized action.



Pastoral Education students meet for discussion. (L-R) Carl Gadsey, Sammy Jones, Edward Lopeman, Chaplain William Mays, supervisor, William Marr, Nancy Dover, and William Barr.

One who is about to have major surgery needs reassuring. The loss of a limb could cause psychological problems. Sudden death—or even expected death—is always a time for the chaplain to help.

"Many times the family members are enraged at God for taking their relative," said Chaplain Justice. "We know from studies

that one's first impression at a loved one's death is, in most cases, the feeling he carries throughout life." This, then, is an important time for the chaplain's work.

Hospital employees and student nurses may have personal worries, or problems related to their work.

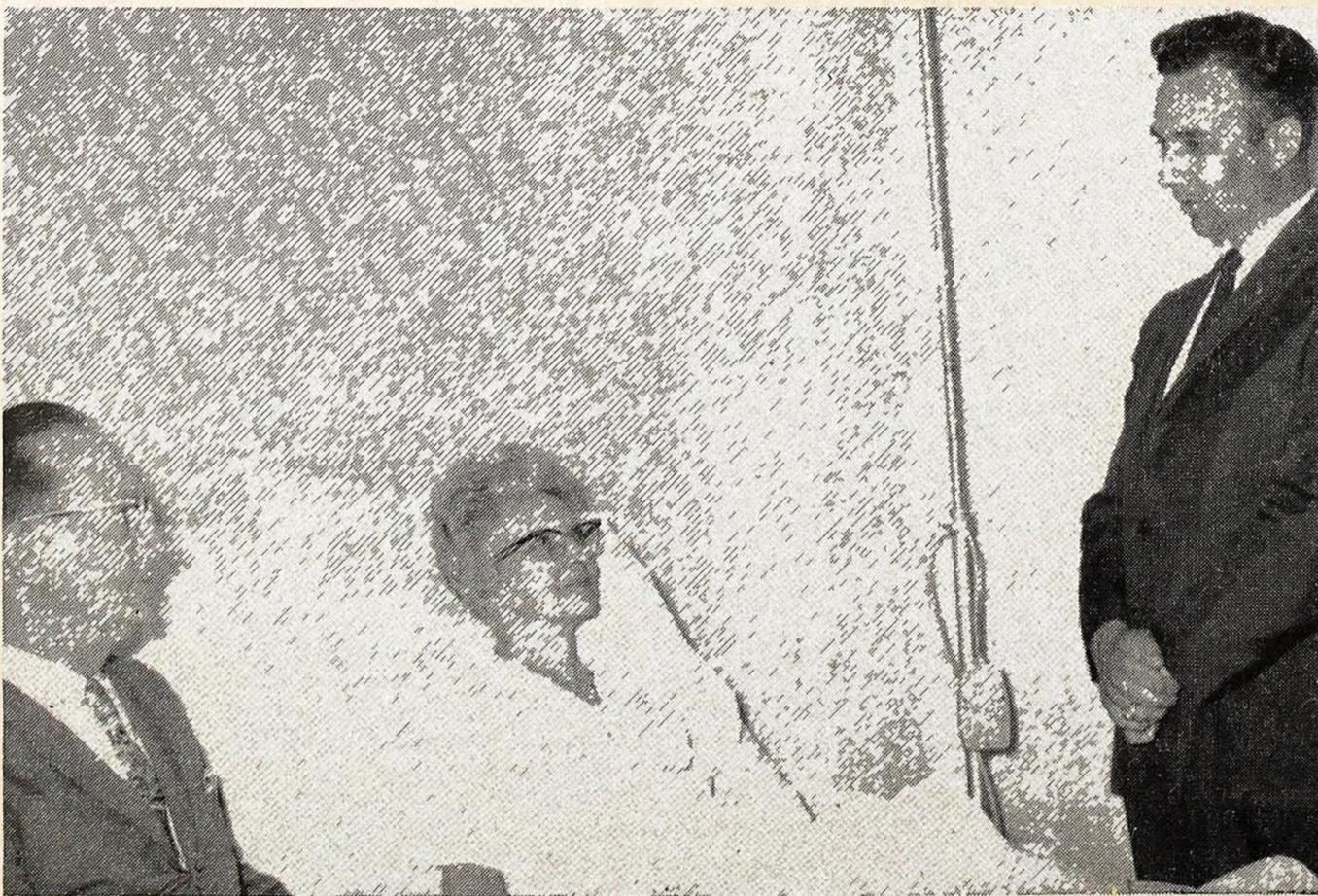
"Working to help our staff helps us to reach our patients," said Chaplain Knight. "We find that they can help us to minister to the patients if they are spiritually prepared themselves."

In Nashville, Chaplain Mays has taken on an extra responsibility. He is conducting a Clinical Pastoral Education program during the summer. His students this year were from Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Throughout this program, the students learn how to handle an irregular schedule and unexpected events. It doesn't take long to realize that death, sickness, and accidents don't happen on schedule.

The chaplains, however, don't claim to breeze through each day having a ready answer for every catastrophe. Their day may be filled with difficult decisions and a great need for God's help. Each situation is unique; there are no formulated methods for handling problems.

Through sermons, visits, counseling, prayer, just listening, or any combination of these, the chaplains spread the comfort and encouragement of the Great Physician.



Chaplain William Justice visits Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White of Knoxville.

# An Apple For The Preacher

"We want to give preachers and their wives something concrete to carry back to their churches," said Dr. Nat C. Bettis, director of the Preachers' School at Carson-Newman College.

Each year, Tennessee pastors and their wives gather at Carson-Newman, Belmont College, and Union University for a week of lectures.

The Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Woman's Missionary Union sponsor the school "with the aim of making possible a week of enriching experience of study, worship, and fellowship for all the pastors and their wives," said Rev. Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary of the state Missions Department.

Those who attend, many of them from rural churches, not only get to hear outstanding ministers and teachers speak, but

also have opportunities for personal conferences.

"It is a personal enrichment venture," said Dr. Bettis. "These preachers and their wives learn professional techniques—not religious theory. They already have their theories."

The school operates with a three-year curriculum. When the pastor has completed 25 courses, he receives a certificate of recognition.

This year, five courses were offered: (1) Bible Translation and Revisions, (2) January Bible Study, (3) Old Testament Poetry, (4) The Mission of the Individual Church, and (5) The Minister's Wife Growing Mentally, Emotionally, Physically, and Spiritually.

Carson-Newman's school offered an elec-

tive titled "Religion in Appalachia." It was prepared by the staff of the sociology department of Carson-Newman and by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and covered the social, economic, and political changes in Appalachia.

From these courses come different kinds of information. Some teach the pastor how to teach his people; others talk of denominational life. Preachers who may not have training in counseling can learn how to guide their church members in solving conflicts. If the problems brought to the pastors should be taken to another professional person, the preachers and their wives will know where to find other sources of help. No matter what the title of the course, the Preachers' Schools across the state are designed as a time of information, challenge, and fellowship.

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Pastors from many churches come to learn and share. This group attended the Carson-Newman school.

## Bout With Cancer Ends With "Victorious Spirit"

**PALO ALTO, Calif. (BP)**—A Baptist minister whose bout with cancer made front-page news across the nation died here, but his pastor said his victorious spirit continued to the end.

Several months ago, San Francisco papers gave wide coverage to cancer-stricken Otis Holloday, one major paper bannering the story, "About To Die, But Not About To Quit."

"My assurance and joy seem to be something new for them," commented Holloday to the California Southern Baptist in trying to explain why the story made front page news.

Physicians told him he had about six months to live, and perhaps a year. News reports said he planned to spend his last months visiting with patients in the Palo Alto Convalescent Hospital "to build the

morale and strengthen the faith of the elderly patients there."

Holloday had resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church of Belmont, Calif., in the fall of 1965 when he learned he had malignancy.

A large crowd attended the funeral. His pastor said Holloday's victorious spirit continued to the end. He requested an evangelistic sermon and an invitation be given during his funeral, which he planned.

# Loyal Or Lukewarm?

**Focal Passage: Rev. 3:7-22**

The churches at Philadelphia and Laodicea stood in sharp contrast as to real devotion to Christ. However, there were many other contrasts just as clear cut.

Philadelphia was a small struggling community subject to earthquakes. Laodicea was the cross road of three great highways in Asia Minor.

One church was weak in numbers and weak in prestige with the world. The other was affluent and proud.

One was true to the great centralities while the other was indifferent to them.

One was doing much with little while the other was doing little with much.

One had the promise of God's favor and love while the other was warned that God was about to disown it.

To be loyal means to stand by, stand for and stand with at great cost. To be luke-

warm means to be without flaming zeal, positive devotion or determined identification.

**The Church That Was Loyal Rev. 3:7-13**

The terms holy and true are applied to Christ here but are applied to God in Rev. 6:10. That the deity of Christ is accepted by the writer and the Holy Spirit is very obvious.

This Christ has the key of David. It is foretold in Isa. 22:22. He opens the doors of the Kingdom of God and the doors of opportunity.

The church or remnant of real Christians, true to the word of God, will have at all times open doors for witnessing and winning. O, yes its faithfulness may cause some doors to close, but it will keep some open regardless for Christ is sovereign of open and shut doors.

Evidently powerful opposition by some renegade Jews harassed this lovely, loyal church. The Lord promises to bring them to terms and to proper recognition of his faithful church.

There is coming a time of world-wide testing of a unique and ghastly proportion upon the earth. This loyal type will escape it with its horrors. See Dan. 12:1 and Matt. 24:21.

The victorious ones will bear the name of God, the name of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem and the new name of Christ. There is no honor and no distinction comparable to this.

This church did not have great strength but it had great convictions and great loyalties. Therefore, it had great opportunities and a guarantee of its continuance.

**The Lukewarm Church Rev. 3:14-22**

The Laodiceans were apparently powerful in prestige and prosperity. They were in

a state of satisfied complacency.

Christ came to them as the amen or final Word of God. In fact He was the initiation of creation as the first born of God. He announced the fact of intimate personal knowledge of the record of the church at Laodicea.

They were neither cold nor hot. Christ would prefer for them to be hot as the most desirable state. However, either cold or hot would be better than being lukewarm. This status nauseated God. It is easier to head one in the right direction who is going in the wrong direction than it is to head one in the right direction who is going in no direction. It is as difficult to use an indifferent Christian as it is to cut with a dull knife or file with a smooth file.

The church at Laodicea was not aware of any need or deficiency. It was completely deceived and self-satisfied; in fact it was puffed up and proud.

Actually it was in a miserable plight completely bankrupt spiritually. Evidently it had oversubscribed its budget and had met all of its quotas. It was strong in some things but was void of the main thing.

There were some new creatures in Christ in this church. Evidently they had been somewhat neutralized, discouraged and frustrated. Christ warned them of His discipline because of His love for them.

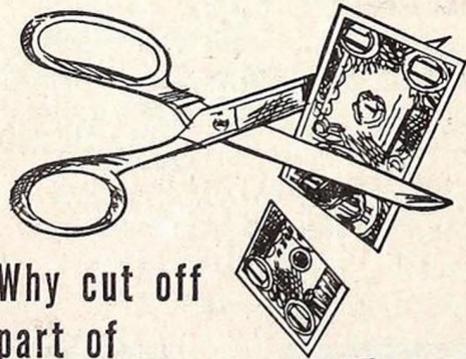
He made an appeal to individuals in that church. He described Himself as standing at the door of their hearts seeking admittance, waiting to have a fellowship feast with them. What could be more beautiful and appealing!

To the victorious in this apostate atmosphere in Laodicea, the Lord makes an unusual promise. Such a one will share His very throne.

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# Children's Page

## TINKER AND THE "THINGS"\*

By Russell M. Jenkins

Charles was hiking along his favorite trail, when suddenly he heard a noise. It sounded like someone crying. He hurried over the hill in the direction of the sound.

There he found Ricky and his cocker spaniel, Tinker. Ricky was sobbing great big sobs as he knelt by Tinker.

"What's the matter, Rick?" Charles asked anxiously. "Is Tinker hurt?"

Rick's eyes were all red from crying. "Tinker . . . Tinker is . . . Look at him. He's got 'things' all over him. They stick my fingers and I can't get them off." Rick sobbed harder.

Charles bent down and looked at Tinker. "Those 'things' are called sticktights. Tinker probably ran through the bushes and that's where he got them."

"But they won't come off," cried Rick. "What will we do?"

"Don't worry. We'll get them off," Charles said kindly.

He knelt by Tinker. Tinker liked Charles. Charles always talked to him and rubbed him behind the ears.

"See," said Charles, "if we are careful and don't squeeze them too hard, we can pull most of them off. The ones that are stuck too tightly I can cut off with my pocket-knife."

"I don't like those mean things," said Rick, scowling. "I don't see what good they do."

"It's all part of nature's plan, Rick," Charles explained. "These sticktights are the seedcases of certain plants. They are designed by nature to stick to animal's fur or people's clothing. Then they are carried away and deposited some other place."

Rick listened attentively. Even Tinker seemed to listen.

Charles continued, "My father told me there are many kinds of sticktights. I can't remember them all, but I know this round one is called a cocklebur."

He held it so Rick could see it better. "See the little barbs, like fishhooks on the ends. That's what makes them stick so tightly."

Rick carefully took the burr between his fingers and examined it.

"Another one is called a sandbur. It is smaller and has sharp stickers on it. And there's one with a funny name. It's called a hound's tooth."

Rick laughed. "Hound's tooth. That is funny."

"I can't remember them all, but they come in different sizes and shapes. Some are round like these and some have one or two points on the end. My father says they are all part of God's plan to grow living things."

Rick had a thoughtful expression on his face.

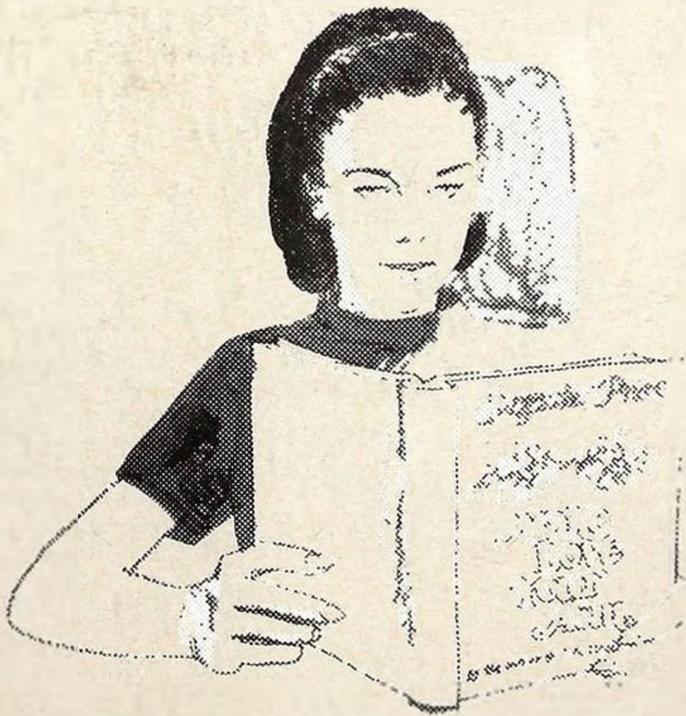
"There, that's the last one. Now you can pat Tinker without sticking yourself," said Charles, laughing.

"Thanks, Charles. I'm sure glad you came along. You took care of Tinker and you taught me something."

"You're welcome, Rick. I'm glad I could help."

How good it feels to help someone. Charles thought. It is probably the best feeling a person can have.

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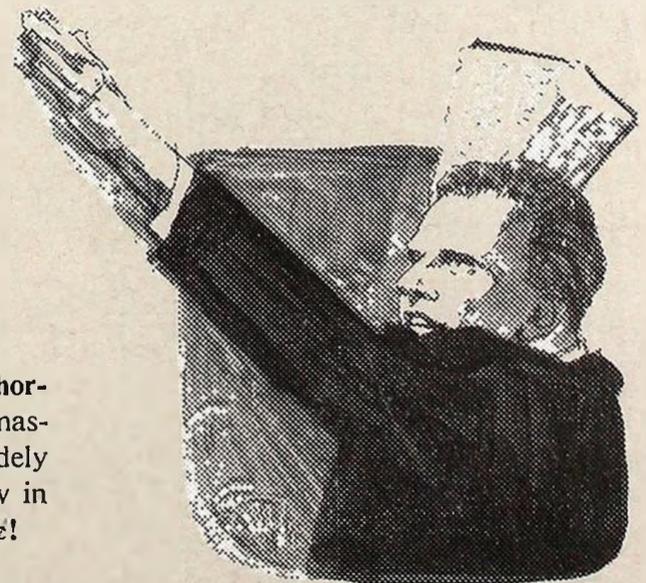
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# A Traveling Bible School

In the mountains of upper east Tennessee, miles from any traditional mode of communication, is a summer missionary



Linda Hughes  
ary nurse.

with awesome courage and unfaltering faith. She is Linda Hughes from Milan, Tennessee.

Linda, a sophomore, at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Tennessee, is conducting Bible Schools for the Tennessee Baptist Convention in preparation for her life as a mission-

ary nurse. "Courage? Holding Bible Schools doesn't sound very hard," you may say.

Yet, when the associational missionary tells you not to go outside your temporary home by yourself, there is bound to be more involved than just Bible School.

"The church people are as good as can be found," said Rev. Robert Burchfield, New River Association Missionary. "However, many of the other people are totally opposite."

To get to her assignment—this one to last for two weeks—Linda had to go 30 miles from Oneida. Much of the road is dirt and rock. In some places the word "road" would have to be used loosely. From the church to the home where Linda is staying, the "road" all but disappears. One drives

through creek beds and mud.

A few frame houses are the only breaks in the forest scenery. The land is much as one would imagine the pioneers had found it.

Strangers are not always welcomed by the non-Christian residents. An unfamiliar car is watched as far as the curvy mountain road permits.

Was Linda afraid?

"Yes," she said. "I've done a lot of hard praying."

Finding materials for craft work has been a definite problem.

"It depends on the church situation. Sometimes there are skilled persons who can help. Other times I have to use my imagination," she said. "My BSU and my home church have sent me materials. When

I left Nashville, the Tennessee Baptist Convention gave me a box of colors, a pair of scissors, and a tube of glue. I was on my own."

Linda is pianist, singer, principal, teacher, and craft instructor for each of her schools.

"One thing we are told is never to say we can't do something the churches ask us to do," she said.

"On my first night here at Smokey Creek Baptist Church, 68 children ranging in age from 2 to 16 came," Linda said. "I wondered how I would manage, but every day I have prayed between home and the church."

With the confidence of a veteran missionary, she declares, "The Lord is doing the work, not I."



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