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PRAISE UNTO GOD



By Otto Giles, Mill Springs Church, Jefferson City

“. . . Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God . . .” (Acts 16:24-34).

Here are two men who had been thrust into an inner prison. Their backs were bleeding from the cruel beating they had received. Their feet fast in stocks, making their plight seem dismal; yet we hear no sighs, no groanings, or complaints. All we



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Stephenson Named To Virginia Executive Post

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Richard M. Stephenson of Falls Church, Va., has been nominated by the executive board of the Baptist General Association of Virginia as its new executive secretary.

The board's unanimous recommendation will be acted on by the state General Association at its annual meeting, November 14-16, in Alexandria, Va.

Stephenson, age 45, is a native of Virginia, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been pastor of the Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, for seventeen years.

Lucius M. Polhill retires December 31st as the present executive secretary, having served in the position 13 years.

In other actions, the board reconfirmed for recommendation to the General Association a 1968 budget worked out in June at a special board meeting.

The proposed Cooperative Program (central budget) goal is \$4,650,000, an increase of \$100,000 over the 1967 budget. Officials state that most of the recommended increase is for capital needs of Baptist schools in the state.

can hear are prayers and songs of praise unto God.

In our day we do not need walls of separation, but we need more prayers and songs of praise unto God, the Creator of life and of death. The only way for anyone ever to be triumphant over difficult circumstances is by having his faith increased daily from the "true Source of life." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," (John 14:3).

It is possible to imprison the body, but thanks be unto God for the freedom that has been given to the redeemed soul. Having been redeemed, Paul and Silas sang praises unto their God. Then, sinners were liberated, redeemed, and adopted into the family of the living God.

God, grant us grace and courage to sing praises unto Thee, "loud and clear" for there are many in the prison house of sin.

With these thoughts I am reminded of the words of B. B. McKinney, "Blessed Saviour, we adore Thee, We Thy love and grace proclaim; Thou art mighty, Thou art holy, Glorious is Thy matchless name! Great Redeemer, Lord and Master, Light of all eternal days; Let the saints of every nation, Sing Thy just and endless praise!"

Cover Photo

RA WEEK AHEAD—Three Royal Ambassadors open a campaign to spark interest among the church fellowship in Royal Ambassador Week. Many Southern Baptist churches will observe this annual emphasis on missionary education for boys Nov. 5-11.

Baptists Urged To Help Dispel Apathy In Slums

WASHINGTON (BP)—An official of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) urged a group of Baptists meeting here to help dispel the apathy that exists among slum dwellers in the nation's cities.

H. Ralph Taylor, an assistant secretary for HUD, told the annual Religious Liberty Conference sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs that they are in a "key position" to work to dispel the apathy and alienation so prevalent among slum dwellers.

Church and community leaders need to understand the cynicism and skepticism that lead people to give up once they are trapped in the ghettos, he stressed.

A factor involved in this is helping people believe in the "importance and inevitability of change," Taylor said.

The HUD spokesman described the government's Model Cities Program of grants for planning and urban renewal and reported that 70 cities are now involved. He urged the Baptist conferees to work for greater involvement of residents in planning and carrying out these programs.

Taylor emphasized that the government did not have a particular program or blueprint that each city must follow to qualify for Model Cities funds. But, he added, HUD has the "tools" to assess community needs.

"How well you use those tools, what kind of innovative programs you develop to help solve your slum problems, and the extent to which you can achieve coordinative action from the various agencies and organizations in your city—that is the task that you and your fellow citizens must assume and accomplish," he said.

Taylor described the government's role in the Model Cities Program as an effort to pull together the many fragments of projects to make a concerted attack on basic problems in the cities.

"We are trying to discover a way of curing—not putting a cosmetic powder on—the cities' problems," Taylor said as he asked for the help of Baptists.

Financier Heads Hospital Drive For \$5½ Million

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Edward Ball, Florida financier and philanthropist, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of a \$5,500,000 fund raising effort by Baptist Memorial Hospital here.

The fund drive is part of the initial phase of a \$27,000,000 development and expansion program for the hospital.

A 16-story Medical Tower and other facilities will be constructed adjacent to the present hospital buildings on the banks of the St. Johns River.

Baptist Committee Hears Holiday Report

WASHINGTON (BP)—No position was taken for or against proposed Monday holidays now pending in Congress at the semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

Rather, the committee received a "staff report" which sets forth the issues involved and which describes the conflicting pressures confronted by the nation's lawmakers.

The study was made at the request of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Congress now has before it several proposals to set a number of national holidays on Mondays in order to create more three-day weekends and to stop some of the holidays from occurring in mid-week.

The bills generally would establish Presidents Day the third Monday in February to replace Washington's birthday, set Memorial Day the first Monday in May, Independence Day the first Monday in July, Veterans Day the second Monday in November or in October, and Thanksgiving Day the fourth Monday in November.

Together with Labor Day, this would fix six long weekends a year. Christmas and New Years Day would be unaffected.

Three major reasons are given by the advocates of more long weekends, according to the report. They are:

1. Benefits to employees;
2. Opportunity for more recreation and family togetherness; and
3. Economic pressures from business interest.

Although very little opposition has been expressed to Congress against the proposed changes, those who have expressed themselves cite the following major reasons:

1. Possible adverse effect on church attendance and on religious education programs;
2. Loss of meaning for the national holidays if they become travel days; and
3. Long weekends, it is claimed, result in increased traffic deaths.

Some newspapers and religious leaders have spoken out against the proposed Mon-

day holidays. But according to the staff report, only the Lord's Day Alliance has formally expressed opposition in the hearings held by committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

On the other hand, overwhelming testimony and public pressures for the changes make it probable that Congress will approve at least some of the proposals, the report indicated.

Some churchmen have suggested that Fridays instead of Mondays be considered on the theory that this would hurt church attendance less.

Objections to this change arise from precedents already set in shifting Sunday holidays to Monday and by the Labor Day weekend as well as from retailers who would oppose the Friday observance.

In addition, the report pointed out, a "potential inter-faith conflict would be added to the one that already exists over state and local Sunday laws."

"Seventh Day Baptists, Seventh Day Adventists and Jewish organizations would have an interest in the day chosen opposed to that of Sunday worshippers, the report surmised.

A larger issue is related to a predicted four-day week in the future. "If the Monday holiday bill is enacted, it would set a precedent for 'Monday off' when contracts for a four-day week are negotiated," the report continued.

A fact of modern society was pointed out in the staff report. "The churches do not exercise much control of the calendar. Government and economic structures have more control. The churches must adjust as best they can to the policies of others."

At the time of the Baptist Joint Committee meeting the bills were still pending in Congressional committees. However, indications were that Congress might take action in the near future.

The effective date for the new holidays, if approved by Congress, would probably not be before 1970 because calendar companies and labor contracts need at least two years to make their adjustments.

Baptist Educator Praises Vietnam Troop Morale

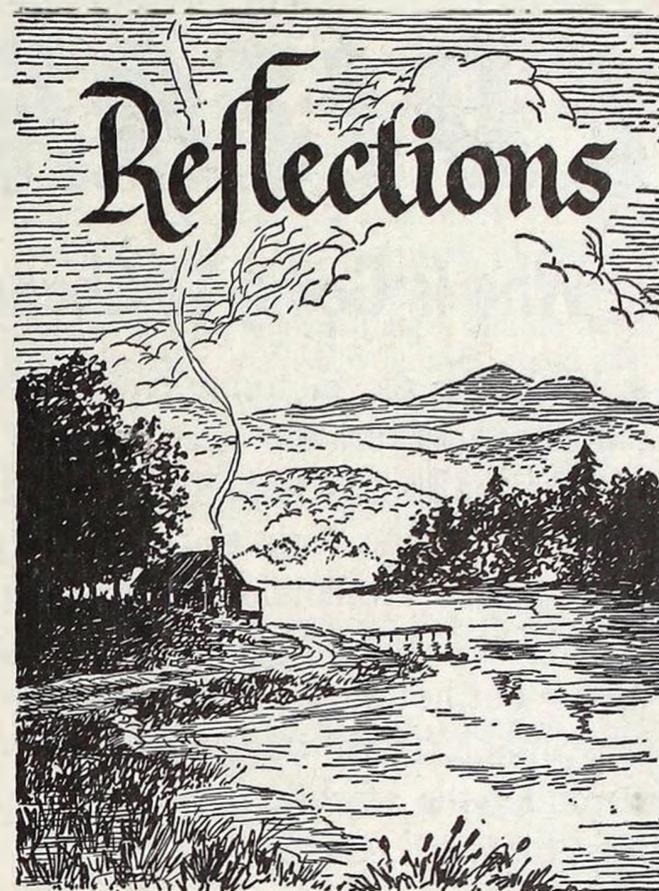
AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)—Guy D. Newman, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., who returned recently from Asia, has praised the morale of the American fighting man in Vietnam.

"Whether we should have gone there in the first place is an academic question," he told board of directors of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs here.

"Now that we are there, it seems that, by and large, most of us believe we should

stay until an honorable peace ensues and the Communists are convinced that we are not a 'paper tiger'!"

Discussing his recent trip to Vietnam, Newman said, "I did not hear in any place I visited in Saigon or down in South Vietnam a single note of defeat. Moreover, the people I talked with there and after returning, have agreed that now that we are there, we must stay."



Raised voices lower esteem. Hot tempers cool friendships. Loose tongues stretch truth. Swelled heads shrink influence. Sharp words dull respect.—William Arthur Ward.

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What a dreadful thing if the body needed water and yet did not thirst, for permanent injury might result before we knew anything harmful was happening to us. So the pain of thirst is a salutary warning that something important is required at once. Even so, when the spirit yearns and sighs after something better and holier and higher, it thirsts; there is no other but Christ to whom we may go with assurance that these deep spiritual needs will be met.—F. Carlton Booth in Things Most Surely Believed (Fleming H. Revell Company).

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Astronomy shouts that God is still alive and active; He is a God of overwhelming majesty and judging from His heavenly bodies He is beautiful to behold. Astronaut John Glenn said that up there the stars looked like jewels on black velvet. The size and number of them shame the grains of sand on all our seashores. We only know that distance means nothing to Him, and our orbiting in space is like racing around a marble in His bag. The heavens preach God's ability eloquently; the stars are salesmen of His government. They say, without fear of contradiction, that He is big enough, intelligent enough to trust.—David A. Redding in Psalms of David (Fleming H. Revell Company).

EDITORIALS



Who Is Going To Change Things?

What we see in today's world makes the observer realize it desperately needs to be changed. Recently the International Christian Leadership Conference was told, "Everyone feels things can't go on as they are. The war in Vietnam must be stopped somehow—but how? The Arab-Israeli problem must be solved somehow—but how?" Yes, we are all wondering how. One inescapable truth was stressed by one speaker in the reminder the world can only be changed by changing man himself.

Today's world is a strange world. Fifty volunteers are being sought in London for North Vietnam to share the dangers with the North Vietnamese people of American bombing. A sum of \$42,000 is sought to send the volunteers if they can be found. This radical protest movement was hatched in one of London's taverns to vent opposition to the war. When asked why they should not go to South Vietnam instead of North Vietnam to share dangers of Viet Cong mortar fire,

they dismissed the suggestion as "impractical." However, no word comes from North Vietnam that such volunteers would be welcomed.

Then take the San Francisco hippies. They hate "the establishment" and protest against today's world. In a sense they have withdrawn from the society against which they rebel. One wore a button inscribed, "God is not dead, but the churches are." Another had on a button reading, "Where is Lee Oswald when we need him so badly?" A shocking open call for assassination. Hatred and violence stalk our streets. Arson, pillage, rape and murder are symptoms of a diseased and disillusioned world.

Yes, the world needs to be changed. But it can only be changed if we individual persons change. Hate must be changed to love. Selfishness must give way to service. Jesus Christ alone is the One through whom this change can be brought about. Question: Will you and I bear faithful witness to His power to remake human life now?

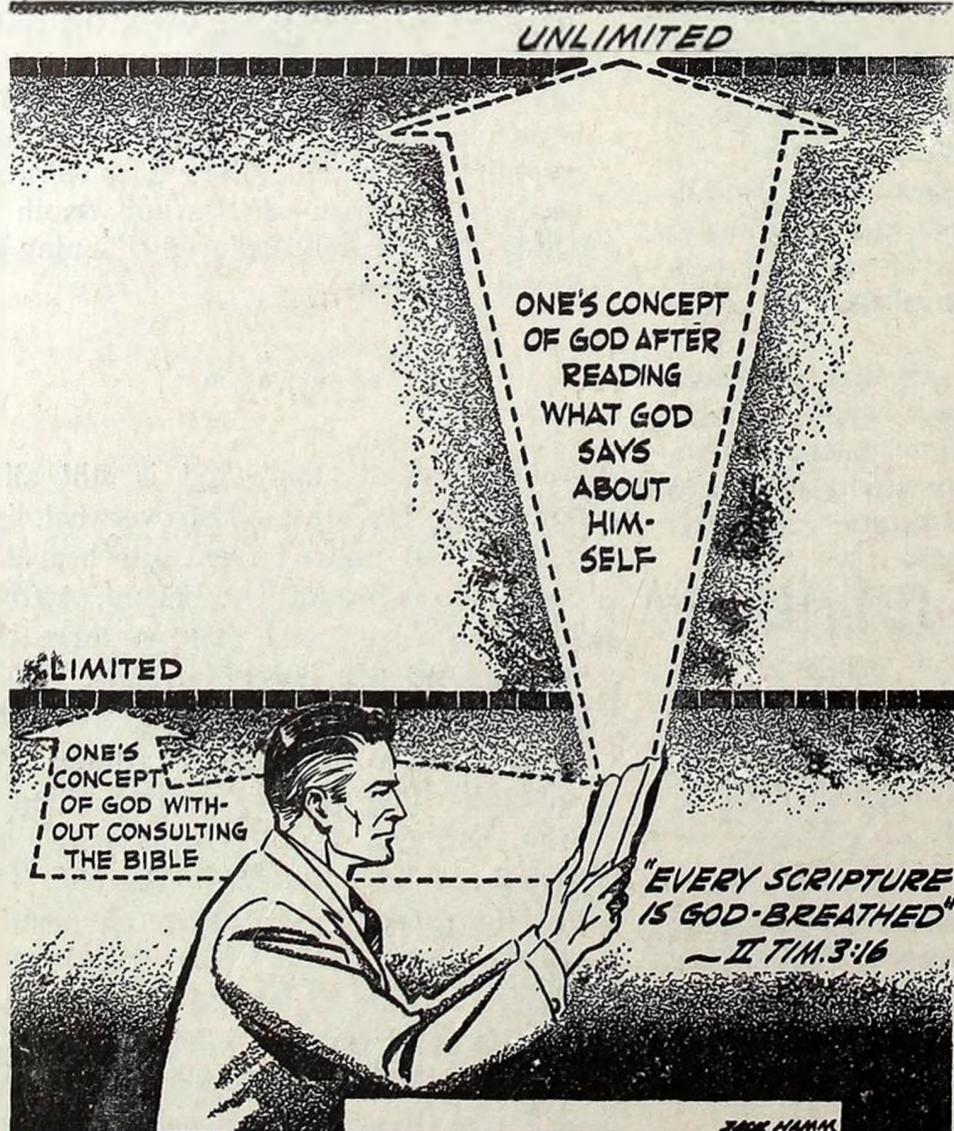
Missions Needed

Every Christian is saved to serve. Some are called to particular service. Some are sent with authority to perform a special duty such as missionaries—to preach, to teach, to win to Christ in other lands among other peoples.

The word "mission" is used in a loose, broad way today by some. As a result it has been robbed of its definite, specific, pointed meaning. In labeling everything the church does "missions" the Gospel's impact is sacrificed. True missions is much more than mere humanitarianism. It means the preaching, teaching, implementing of the Gospel, that leads under the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the conversion of men, and to their organization into New Testament churches for the glory of God. The need for this kind of missions is as urgent today as ever. Furthermore the need for missionary organization to coordinate and implement it is as specific.

A priest told the Catholic Missions Secretariat recently at Washington that the Church had outgrown and needed to dismantle its age-old mission organization. He accused missionary organizations of being something like an advertisement agency which has been

GOD CAN BEST DESCRIBE HIMSELF



Too Many Baptisms?

Plenty of Church Members,
Not Enough Christians!

By Harold S. Songer, assistant professor of
New Testament interpretation Southern Baptist
Theological Seminary, Louisville

Does a church have the responsibility to decide if it feels a person is Christian before baptizing him or receiving him into the fellowship of the church by transfer of letter?

Many churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are abandoning the traditional practice of voting on a person's baptism or church membership immediately after he presents himself for membership. Instead, they are adopting the practice of receiving "candidates for church membership." In some churches the candidate can become a church member only after talking with the pastor or membership committee, while other churches require attendance at a new church members orientation class.

The common element in all these new procedures is that the person's profession of faith or letter is not considered sufficient to qualify him for baptism or church membership. The church is demanding some evidence of the **practice** of faith in addition to a **profession** of it. This demand by the church for evidence of the practice of faith from all who wish to join it requires the church to assume the role of judge. Of course this does not cause the person to be saved or lost, but it does make it clear whether the church feels he could be an acceptable member or not.

Does a church have the right to sit in judgment on the quality of a person's experience with God?

Some Baptists object vigorously to a church's passing judgment in this way and claim that the traditional Baptist way conforms more closely to the pattern of the New Testament. But not even Baptist tradition supports the practice of admitting church members without a careful examination of their professions of faith.

In the 1800's the common practice among Baptists was to require the candidate for church membership relate the story of his conversion to the entire church. The church

not only evaluated the candidate's public testimony, but asked him questions about his religious experience. In spite of this safeguard, some persons did not live up to their profession of faith; and Baptist churches practiced strict discipline to maintain the purity of the congregations. The current practice of receiving church members without careful scrutiny of the quality of their Christian life thus represents a departure from the tradition that Baptists established in the nineteenth century!

Does the New Testament support the procedure of receiving persons as "candidates for church membership"? It is commonly believed that the early church immediately and uncritically received for baptism any person who professed faith in Jesus Christ. A careful reading of the Acts of the Apostles shows, however, that the early church was much more cautious than is generally recognized.

The early church carefully evaluated the religious experiences that resulted from the proclamation of the Gospel. Frequently this evaluation is given in the summary of an evangelistic triumph. In Acts 2:42, the quality of the conversions at Pentecost is expressed in terms of faithfulness: the converted devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to prayer. In other cases the concern of the church with the quality of religious experiences is expressed more directly. In Acts 8:14-25 Peter and John are sent by the Jerusalem church to the Samaritans. Their ministry to them is caused by their evaluation of the authenticity of the conversion and religious life of the Samaritans.

The reluctance of the apostles to baptize every one who made profession of faith is clear in Peter's appraisal of the conversion of some Gentiles in Acts 10:1-48. After Peter had preached the gospel to them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and Peter said: "Can any man forbid water, that these

should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Peter's recognition of the presence of the Spirit was the foundation for his judgment that these persons should be baptized.

It is remarkable that these evaluations of religious life occur in the book of Acts. The penalties for baptism were so sharp in terms of persecution and social pressure from both the Jewish and Gentile communities that the early church could well assume that a person who desired baptism had strong religious motivation for doing so. The historical situation thus reveals how important the early church felt this process of judgment to be.

The evaluation of religious experiences in the book of Acts represents a continuation of the pattern of the ministry of Jesus. Jesus frequently met vows of discipleship and loyalty with piercing observations which exposed the superficiality of professions and challenged men to deeper devotion. To one man's offer of complete loyalty—"Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest" (Luke 9:57)—Jesus responds in a way which causes the would-be disciple to turn back.

Both the New Testament and Baptist tradition summon the church to be responsible in judging the religious experiences of those who seek to join it. The failure to do this has resulted in many persons being received into the church who have never been saved.

In a recent survey the Research and Statistics Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board investigated the opinions of pastors with regard to why nearly fifty per cent of the members of Southern Baptist churches are inactive. The pastors indicated that the main reasons were: (1) a lack of new birth experience on the part of the individual and (2) the failure of churches to present adequately the meaning of Christian discipleship and church membership.

In spite of this awareness, pastors are under the pressure of an almost overwhelming demand from the church to find new members. Not only so, but fierce competition exists among some ministers for a good report to the association regarding baptisms.

When a church proclaims the Gospel it takes upon itself the responsibility for judging the world and exposing its sins and

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hired by another agency to publicize the effectiveness of its work. His charge caused somewhat of an uproar among the 1000 missionary personnel present. The missionary of the future was viewed by this speaker as one contributing simply to the best religious and cultural interests in secular structures. He would not be one who works for the establishment of the church and

its growth. His caustic remarks met strong rebuttal.

No true good to humanity can be achieved apart from the knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ. Missionary effort is needed to bring the Gospel message to all men. This cannot be done by dismantling missionary boards, secretariats and organizations but by greatly intensifying their missionary effort.

Tennessee Topics

Jesse Hunter has resigned from North Fork Church, New Duck Association. Hunter will go to Knob Creek Church Maury Association.

Sarah Smith, of Morningside, Md., missionary journeyman, left the States Sept. 29 for Djakarta, Indonesia to be office secretary and bookkeeper for the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia (address: Tromolpos 77/DKT, Djakarta, Java, Indonesia). She is a 1967 graduate of Belmont College, Nashville.

The **Marvin L. Garretts**, missionaries, are returning to Rhodesia after furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Box 8241, Belmont, Bulawayo, Rhodesia. He is a native of Union City, Tenn.; she is the former Mary-Ellen Wooten, Bellevue, Ky.

J. T. Drace, pastor at Adamsville six years, resigned to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Brownsville.

Howard J. Jones, Superintendent of Missions of Maury Association the past six years resigned to accept a similar post with Alpha Association with headquarters in Centerville.

Calvary Church, Knoxville, ordained as deacons: **Wilson Ritchie** and **A. E. Stephens**. Elected to serve with them the next year are: **Martin Lambert** and **Marvin Phillips**.

Hardeman Association—**Rhesa Davis** resigned as pastor at Saulsbury. **Rex Smith** resigned from Parran's Chapel and is available for pastoral work. **Billy Jacobs** who has served at Midway will give full time at Piney Grove. **Sam Howell** resigned at Porter's Creek to become full-time at Pochahontas.

Floyd Robbins, 56, died Sept. 27, after a short illness. He had been pastor of Fairview Church of New River Association.

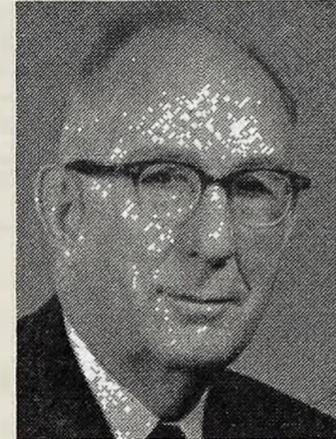
Wallace E. Johnson of Memphis was honored by the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., Oct. 13 for his influence on American life through use of the Bible. The awards luncheon at Hotel Plaza, New York, was co-sponsored by the American Bible Society. Johnson, a member of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, is president of Holiday Inns of American, Inc.

Maxey Jarman in tribute to the late **B. B. McKinney**, composer of more than 600 songs, said he was "truly a man of God, talented, dedicated, humble, a faithful witness, a lover of the Bible—the songs he wrote are living today and serve as a channel of blessing as God speak to us whenever we sing them." On this occasion Sept. 29, the Good News Class of Nashville's First Church presented a "Citation for Christianity in Action" plaque in memory of Mr. McKinney to Mrs. McKinney.

Donald Scott was ordained to the ministry Oct. 8 at Mt. Pisgah Church, Route 1, Bradford. Scott is pastor of Avondale Chapel.

First Speaker At Pastors' Conference

MEMPHIS—Dr. W. W. Adams, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the first speaker for the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference here in Lee Audi-



Dr. Adams

torium, Bellevue Church. Monday evening, Nov. 13th he will be speaking on "The Pastor Faces The World Of Today". Dr. Adams, one of Southern Baptist most inspiring preachers, has been pastor and seminary professor at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Central Baptist Seminary, Southern Baptist Seminary and now New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Adams devotes much time each year to leading Bible conferences in churches throughout the convention. He considers instruction in the New Testament teaching to be his primary task. Not only will he be preaching at the Pastors' Conference, but he will also be leading devotionals at each session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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errors. When a person responds to this Gospel, the church cannot resign its responsibility for pointing out the weaknesses and flaws in a person's response. Both the proclamation of the Gospel and the evaluation of religious experience are demanding tasks, and the church cannot afford to shrink from either of them.

NOTE: **Harold S. Songer**, a native of Miami, Florida, joined the faculty of Southern Seminary at Louisville in 1962 after receiving the Doctor of Theology (Th.D.) degree in New Testament. Prior to that time, he had been pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church in Sherwood, North Carolina, and West Side Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. He recently returned from a year of special study at Eberhard-Karls University in Tuebingen, Germany, on a faculty fellowship from the American Association of Theological Schools.

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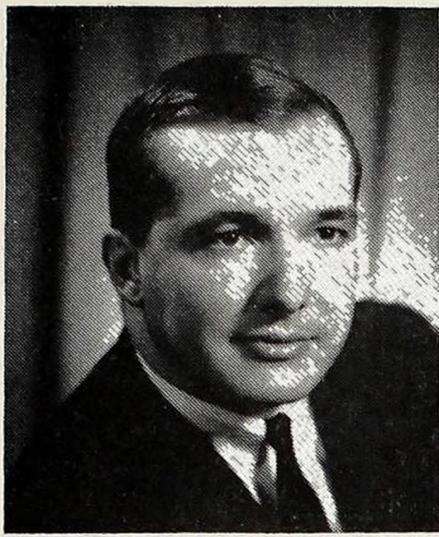
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Baptist Students To Convene In Knoxville, Nov. 3-5

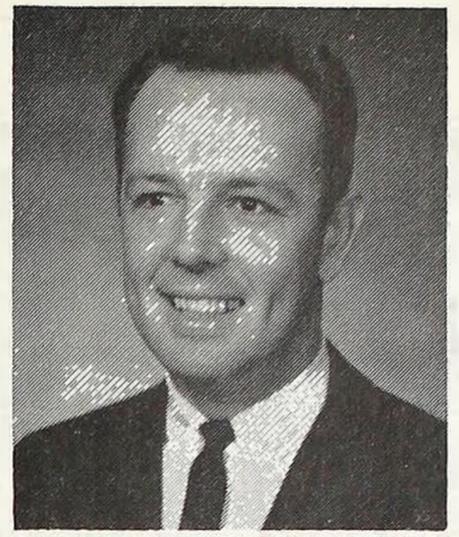
Tennessee Baptist students will convene in Knoxville November 3-5 for the thirty-ninth annual state Baptist Student Convention. Theme of the meeting, to be held at First Baptist Church, will be "Unto the Least of These." Special emphasis will be given to Southern Baptist ministries through the Home Mission Board's US-2 program and the Foreign Mission Board's Journeyman program. **R. Allen Orr**, presently with the Foreign Mission Board; and **Lou Ellyn Coffey**, a graduate student at the University of Alabama Nursing School, will participate on the program as returned Journeymen.

Claude Gossett, Professor of Voice, Carson-Newman College, will direct the music for the meeting. Other program personnel will include **Keith Harris**, State Student Director, Maryland; **Nathan Porter**, Home Mission Board; **Nell Magee**, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; **Bryant Hicks**, Associate Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and **W. Fred Kendall**, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention. **Neil L. Jones**, a returned US-2er and presently a student at Southern Seminary, will also be on the program.

Among the highlights of the meeting will be reports from the seventy-one summer missionaries sponsored by Tennessee B.S.U. in 1967. A special feature will be musical renditions by the choir group which toured the Caribbean during August. A report of the Student Summer Missions Planning Committee for 1968 will be presented and nominations of state B.S.U. officers for 1968 will be presented. Approximately 650 students are expected to attend the Convention.



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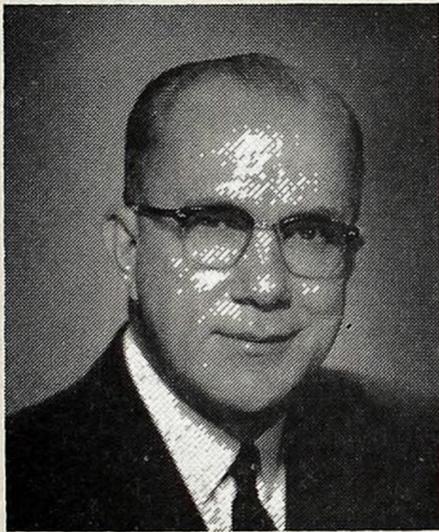
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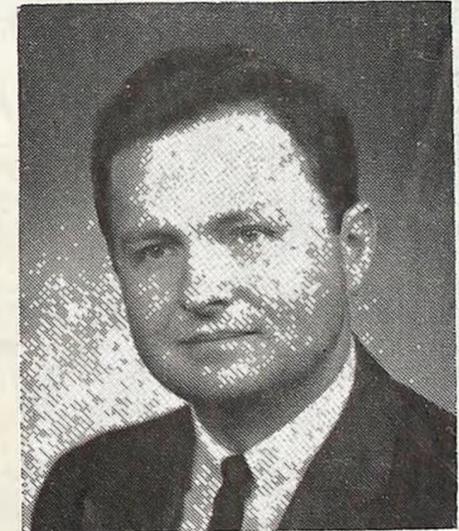
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ADDED SCENES FOR "BILL WALLACE OF CHINA"



Hong Kong: The riots here early last spring prohibited the Logos Producers from shooting street scenes which had any political implications: however Gregory Walcott is presently in Hong Kong filming additional scenes mainly touching the arrest and imprisonment of Doctor Wallace. The actor-producer was unable to secure police permission for the movie crew to work on the street. The Colony is still under tremendous tension as a result of the recent bombings. The above scene of "Wallace being paraded through Wauchow still wearing his pajamas" was filmed by a hidden camera from a second floor window using a 250mm "zoom" lens. The additional scenes will lengthen the theatrical feature approximately ten minutes. The World Premier is scheduled for late January at the Tennessee Theater in Knoxville. An Invitational-Benefit is being sponsored by the University of Tennessee to establish a William Wallace Memorial Fund.

Trained Royal Ambassador Leadership vs Glorified Baby Sitters

By Roy J. Gilleland, Jr.

The greatest need for our Royal Ambassadors is trained leadership. It is agreed that we must have recreation and that the boys need to have a good time. But the Royal Ambassador organization has a more serious purpose than play and we must not ignore this deeper purpose if we would change the lives of boys and lead them to be investments Christ can use.

The main purpose of Royal Ambassadors is to involve boys in the battle of their churches—to change the lives of persons—to lead them to Jesus Christ. Royal Ambassador Leadership needs to be well trained if we would lead our boys to become true "Ambassadors For Christ." II Cor. 5:20.

How can we train this leadership? It must be through self-training. Visiting speakers and lecturers will not accomplish the task. The men who lead our boys must be con-

cerned and motivated enough to be willing to give time to train themselves. If they are not willing to do this, it is doubtful if they will ever be much more than glorified baby sitters.

To help each Brotherhood train its Royal Ambassador Leadership, the State Brotherhood Department has prepared simple workbooks to help in the study of each Counselor's Guide.

Set up a training course in your church. The Royal Ambassador Leader should be in charge. Order a workbook free for each person taking the course. Get your Counselor's Guides and Manuals from the Baptist Book Store. Then get together with study materials and pencil and paper. Follow the simple instructions in the workbook. Your training will take time—but it will not be hard. The instructions are sim-

Public Affairs Committee To Study Housing Issues

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session here instructed its staff to study problems of housing for low income people.

The studies will report on the need for low cost housing, the scope of government programming in this area, church activity, and the church-state problems that may be involved.

The American Baptist Convention delegation to the committee reported that "American Baptists are now the largest managers of non-governmental, non-profit housing in the United States."

An earlier American Baptist news service report stated that "The convention serves approximately 80,000 residents and patients per year in nursing care, active retirement and moderate income housing units."

American Baptist operate 4,453 units in property valued at nearly \$65,000,000 with operating budgets of over \$22,000,000 according to the report.

Southern Baptist Convention agencies and other bodies sponsoring the Baptist Joint Committee have done very little in the area of low income housing.

In another action the Baptist Joint Committee appointed a special committee to study its purpose and programs as they are related to a proposed building for the agency. Suggestions are being made for a composite office building, research center and a continuing education project in Washington.

This special committee is to investigate the response of its sponsoring bodies to this program projection. It is to report its findings and recommendations to the Baptist Joint Committee in March 1968, if possible.

The committee is instructed to confer with the Baptist World Alliance and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention about possible collaboration in the building project.

The Baptist Joint Committee also reviewed a previously published set of guidelines prepared by the staff on "Religion and Public Education." It decided to continue circulation of these guidelines for six months at the end of which time a report is to be made and a possible revision undertaken.

ple and anyone who can read and write can use this material to train himself—in home study—or group study.

Filmstrips are also available for loan—free. Don't wait for a visiting speaker. Begin now to train yourself. Write now to Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Tell us whether you wish training in Crusaders, Pioneers or Ambassadors.

Keynote Speaker— Baptist Men's Convention



B. Gray Allison will be the keynote speaker for the Baptist Men's meeting at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, December 1-2. Presently serving as an Associate in the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, he is a former Professor of Evangelism at our New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Allison is not only an author and teacher, but one who speaks the language of the layman. Before entering the ministry he was employed as a special agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. During World War II he served as a United States Army Air Corps pilot.

Dr. and Mrs. Allison (the former Voncille Cruse) are parents of three fine children.

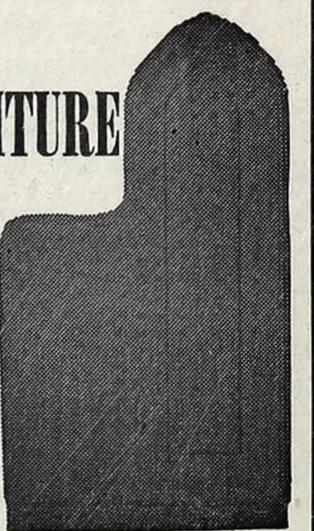
One of the highlights of the meeting will be a dramatic musical presentation of the "Good News" (the gospel) by 80 young people. Other music will include the Brotherhood quartet, Trombonist, Dutch Gorton (Radio and TV artist), and J. Robert Bradley, world famous soloist. Mr. Aubrey Edwards will be in charge of the musical program.

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Sunday School Department

Brainerd Achieves Advanced Standard

By Bob Patterson

On August 31, 1967, I received a letter from Rev. Ralph McIntire, Pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga. It read (in part):

"**Hoo-Ray and Hallelujah!!!** We have finally completed all the requirements for **ADVANCED STANDARD**. Almost made it last year.

I am proud of our Supt. John C. Stophel and our Associate Supt. for Standard and Training, Frank Lowe, and our Secretary for Training Award Records, Mrs. Shelton Scallion, for leading us to this significant victory."

The Sunday School Department offers congratulations to the Brainerd Baptist Church, the staff, the Sunday School leadership, and the members for reaching this high level of achievement in Sunday School work during 1966-67.

Your achievement is especially significant when it is noted that only four Sunday Schools in the entire Southern Baptist Convention achieved Advanced Standard requirements during 1966-67. Brainerd was the only one in Tennessee in two years.

It is our hope and prayer that the Lord will continue to bless the efforts of Bro. McIntire, Bro. Stophel, and their fine Sunday School workers in a new church year.

JUNIORS ALSO RECEIVE TOP AWARD

The Junior Department of the Calvary Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tennessee has received the highest award given by the Sunday School Board. Through the untiring efforts of the workers in this department, they have qualified for and received the Golden "E" Standard Efficiency Seal. Two of the classes, Knights of the King (11 year old boys, Sam Cooper, Teacher) and King's Soldiers (12 year boys, Baxter Trent, teacher), also received the Golden "E" Efficiency Seal recognition.

The workers in the department are as follows:

Sam L. Padgett, Superintendent

Teachers: Mrs. Joan Trent
Mr. Gary Church
Mrs. Kate Livesay
Mrs. Betty Church
Mr. Ben Livesay
Mrs. Ruby Cloninger
Mr. Sam Cooper
Mrs. Annis Ketron
Mrs. Baxter Trent

Secretary: Mrs. Mary Bernard

Pianist: Mrs. Sam L. Padgett

This department is busy making plans for the future. Though they have already received the highest recognition given by the Sunday School Board, they will not rest. They are busy planning for better work. In the near future they will create two departments—one for 9-10 year olds and one for

WCTU Leader Raps U.S. Program On Alcoholism

EVANSTON, III. (RNS)—The head of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has described a government-sponsored program as a propaganda effort to convince the public that "something is being done about alcoholism while it is not."

The program which drew the criticism of Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, WCTU president, was initiated by Secretary John W. Gardner of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Defined in a booklet entitled "Alcohol and Alcoholism," the program calls for establishment of a national center for control and prevention of alcoholism in the National Institute of Mental Health, an HEW division.

"The thesis of the program," said Mrs. Tooze, "would appear to promote alcoholism in the eyes of the drinker and saloon keeper by simply approving the one drink that leads to another and another until alcoholism sets in.

"Alcoholism cannot validly be depicted with contradictions. Alcoholics get the way they do from beverage alcohol, and every concerned citizen in the country should call Secretary Gardner and his administration to account."

The Johnson Administration, according to Mrs. Tooze, "is being very careful to avoid any program that would jeopardize alcoholic beverage sales and the \$4 billion in federal taxes it collects on alcoholic beverages."

"There is only one way to prevent alcoholism," she added. Effectively and honestly outlaw the sale of alcoholic beverages! Then completely enforce the law.

"Contrary to the Gardner thesis, abstinence from drink should be publicly regarded not only as socially acceptable, but socially desirable."

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11-12 year olds.

We congratulate Pastor James Austin, Sunday School Superintendent, Eugene Ganttand, Junior Department Superintendent, Sam Padgett, for the splendid work they are doing with the Junior boys and girls in that church.

Rev. Paul Hall, Superintendent of Missions in the Holston Association, says: "This is the first time anyone has received this award in the history of the association."

Tennessee Baptist Convention

Bellevue Church Memphis

Theme: "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Ministry"

TUESDAY 2:00 P.M.—NOV. 14

Worship in Song Kenneth Brixey
 Worship in Prayer Mack Bingham
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 Music Joe Helms
 Organization of Convention
 Report of Credentials Comm. William Bates
 Report of Comm. on Arrangements
 Wade Darby
 Welcome Ramsey Pollard
 President's Announcement Period
 Music Nurses' Choir
 Baptist Memorial Hospital,
 Thomas P. Lane, Director
 Convention Sermon: Lewis Rhodes
 Benediction Ewell McKinnie

TUESDAY 7:00 P.M.—NOV. 14

Prelude—Memphis Youth Orchestra
 W. R. Petreman, Dir.
 Worship in Song George Wadlington
 Worship in Prayer Dudley Johnson
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 Business Period
 President's Announcement Period
 Music Memphis Choirs
 Truitt Roberts, Jr. Dir.; Aubrey Gaskins,
 Youth Dir.; Earl Holloway, Adult Dir.
 A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through:
 Sunday School, Training Union, Church Music,
 Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union
 Music Combined Choirs
 George Wadlington, Director
 President's Address Jonas L. Stewart
 Benediction Ernest Bragg

WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M.—NOV. 15

Worship in Song Philip Sherrod
 Worship in Prayer Bob Lawrence
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 Music Tenn. Ministers of Music
 Recognition of New Pastors, Educational and
 Music Directors W. Fred Kendall
 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
 Report of Baptist and Reflector Richard N. Owen
 Tennessee Baptist Convention at Work
 Jonas L. Stewart
 Report of Executive Board George Capps
 Presentation of Budget W. Fred Kendall
 Committee on Arrangements Wade Darby

Committee on Audits Joseph T. Nickell
 Committee on Boards David Walker
 Committee on Committees Vern Powers
 Committee on Credentials William Bates
 Committee on the Journal William C. Rice
 Business Period
 Election
 Music
 Message: Children's Home W. R. Wagoner
 Benediction

WEDNESDAY 2:30 P.M.—NOV. 15

Worship in Song Kenneth Archer
 Worship in Prayer
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 Music—Solo Robert W. McConnell
 Election—Continued
 Business Period
 Baptist Children's Homes James M. Gregg
 Report of Tennessee Baptist Schools
 Robert E. Craig
 Belmont College
 Carson-Newman College
 Union University
 Harrison-Chilhowee Academy
 Music Ladies' Trio
 Berclair Church, Memphis
 Message: H. Leo Eddleman
 Benediction Jerry Milam

WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.—NOV. 15

Worship in Song Donnie J. Adams
 Worship in Prayer John A. Hausser
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 President's Announcement Period
 Music Tenn. Ministers of Music
 Report of Protection Plans Dept. Paul Phelps
 Report of Stewardship Dept. W. H. Pitt, Sr.
 Report of Missions Dept. Leslie R. Baumgartner
 Program Gene Kerr
 Music—Solo Perry Robinson
 Program: W. Fred Kendall
 Benediction J. W. Abney

THURSDAY 9:00 A.M.—NOV. 16

Worship in Song Leroy Summers
 Worship in Prayer Charles Orr

Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 President's Announcement Period
 Report of Tennessee Baptist Foundation
 Henry J. Huey
 Report of Program Services Dept.
 Wallace Anderson
 Report of Tennessee Baptist Camps
 Report of Student Dept. Charles Roselle
 Report of Tennessee Baptist Hospitals
 Frank S. Groner
 Business Period
 Adoption of Budget W. Fred Kendall
 Music The Memphis Men
 Message Fred Wood
 Benediction

THURSDAY 2:00 P.M.—NOV. 16

Worship in Song Jay Gibson
 Worship in Prayer Dennis Lyle
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 President's Announcement Period
 Report of Committee on Resolutions
 O. C. Rainwater
 Report of United Tennessee League.... Phil Padgett
 Report of American Bible Society
 President's Announcement Period
 Business Session
 Memorial Service C. M. Pickler
 Music Ladies Sextet,
 Parkway Village Bapt. Church, Memphis
 Message Albert McClellan
 Benediction Elven D. Hensley

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M.—NOV. 16

Worship in Song Lowrey Haynie
 Worship in Prayer James C. Coates
 Devotional Period W. W. Adams
 Union Choir
 "We are Witnesses of These Things"
 F. M. Dowell
 Union Choir
 Message Arthur B. Rutledge
 Benediction Cecil Smith
 Instrumental: Mrs. Greta Hollingsworth, Bellevue
 Organist; Joe Holloway, Bartlett Organist; Ted
 Hale, Minister of Music, First Union City; Bill
 Day, Organist, Whitehaven; Miss Becky Tipler,
 Organist, Union Avenue; Mrs. Brenda DePriest,
 Organist, West Jackson.

Attendance & Additions

New Books

How to Become A Bishop Without Being Religious by Charles Merrill Smith; Doubleday Waymark; 131 pp.; \$1.45; paper. The hilarious, best-selling satire of the foibles of middle-class suburban church life—the genuine lowdown on every practical aspect of running a “standard-brand” parish from the uses of piety to the theology of church finance—all the things they never taught in seminary.

Christian Primer by Louis Cassels; Doubleday Waymark; 108 pp.; \$1.45; paper. Adult answers to basic questions about the Christian Faith.

Strength from Shadows by R. Earl Allen; Broadman; 112 pp.; \$2.50. This inspirational book meets the needs of those who find themselves faced with shadows of sorrow and tragedy and who are seeking strength in their faith.

Churches S.S. T.U. Add.

October 8, 1967

Churches	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Alamo, First	247	96	..
Alcoa, Calvary	193	79	..
First	535	244	11
Athens, Central	174	74	..
First	641	265	..
Auburntown, Prosperity	136	65	..
Baxter, First	108	57	..
Brownsville	570	145	..
Mission	66	..	..
Calvary	120	90	4
Brush Creek	100	43	..
Calhoun, First	184	79	..
Chattanooga, Brainerd	982	309	3
Central	767	227	3
Meadowview	47	27	..
Concord	540	205	3
East Brainerd	291	97	..
East Lake	503	136	..
First	867	227	3
Morris Hill	274	86	..
Northside	399	98	1
Oakwood	518	182	6
Ooltewah	185	78	7
Red Bank	1085	307	1
Ridgedale	515	193	2
St. Elmo	318	85	2
White Oak	600	133	..
Tremont	98	42	..
Woodland Park	229	85	..
Clarksville, First	988	189	8
Gracey Avenue	257	134	..
Hillcrest	252	143	1
Hilldale	240	96	6
New Providence	216	73	1
Pleasant View	276	82	..
Ridgecrest	17	..	..
Spring Creek	163	54	3
Cleveland, Big Spring	299	128	..
Blue Springs	83	41	..
North	460	165	3
Westwood	256	100	4
Clinton, First	590	184	..
Second	462	118	..
Collierville, First	326	93	..
Columbia, Highland Park	364	149	2
Northside	119	63	..
Cookeville, Bangham Heights	69	57	..
Washington Avenue	247	109	..
Corryton	263	104	..
Crossville, First	225	63	2
Homestead	195	66	..
Dayton, First	284	104	..
Denver, Trace Creek	137	70	11
Dresden, First	247	92	1
Dunlap, First	145	69	..
Dyersburg, Southside	152	102	4
Eagleville	123	38	3
Elizabethton, Calvary	148	63	..
First	360	78	..
Immanuel	312	140	..
Oak Street	212	85	1
Siam	230	82	..
Etowah, First	314	61	1
North	362	103	..
Grand Junction, First	145	86	..
Greeneville, First	400	137	1
Cross Anchor	35	16	..
Second	174	49	..
Greenbrier, Bethel	169	86	..
First	336	98	..
Jordonia	50	..	..
Lights Chapel	58	44	..
Harriman, South	456	181	3
Trenton Street	310	90	1
Hendersonville, First	932	182	2
Henry	109	48	..
Hixson, Central	396	196	..
First	348	107	5
Memorial	271	133	..
Humboldt, First	536	159	2
Jackson, Ararat	125	42	..
Calvary	475	210	2
First	833	244	8
Highland Park	269	128	..
North	251	137	1
Parkview	389	156	..
West	785	394	3
Jasper, First	224	76	..
Johnson City, Antioch	141	79	..
Central	638	158	1
North	218	67	9
Unaka Avenue	360	113	..
Kenton, First	196	82	..
Macedonia	89	88	..
Kingsport, First	932	241	2
Litz Manor	229	96	..
Lynn Garden	464	112	..
State Line	308	164	..
Kingston, Cedar Grove	268	160	..
First	425	206	2
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	382	163	1
Black Oak Heights	297	108	2
Broadway	863	198	15
Central (Bearden)	822	265	2
Central (FT C)	1175	356	5
Cumberland	465	164	5
Fifth Avenue	592	118	..
First	1110	231	6
Immanuel	388	122	..
Lincoln Park	1034	296	6
McCalla Avenue	724	246	2
Mount Carmel	169	78	..
New Hopewell	279	129	..
Rocky Hill	288	106	5
Smithwood	642	202	3
South	500	172	3
Wallace Memorial	696	283	..
West Lonsdale	364	209	3
LaFollette, First	257	62	2
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	124	87	..
First	194	60	..
Highland Park	313	132	..
Meadow View	93	52	..
Lebanon, First	532	128	4
Immanuel	515	243	..
Rocky Valley	157	65	..
Lenoir City, Calvary	204	71	1
Dixie Lee	164	82	..
First	435	121	..
Kingston Pike	165	81	..
Pleasant Hill	164	128	1
Lewisburg, First	299	77	..
Livingston, First	249	119	1
Loudon, Union Fork Creek	91	81	..
Madison, Alta Loma	305	144	3
First	449	104	1
Neely's Bend	123	58	..
Malesus	237	100	2
Manchester, First	329	134	..
Trinity	161	103	..
Martin, Central	318	124	4
Southside	204	92	4
Maryville, Broadway	588	252	26
Dotson Memorial	171	86	1
Everett Hills	494	206	3
First	802	244	3
Forest Hill	200	85	2
Four Mile	100	65	..
Greenback Memorial	101	42	..
Mt. Lebanon	229	121	..
Monte Vista	289	140	8
Oak Street	148	82	2
Unity	147	90	1
Wildwood	114	77	..
McEwen, First	91	40	..
McKenzie, First	344	99	..
McMinnville, Gath	125	58	..
Magness Memorial	339	58	..
Westside	41	..	..
Shellsford	211	84	..
Mt. Juliet	239	114	..
Medon, New Union	89	68	..
Memphis, Ardmore	581	288	3
Bartlett	453	226	3
Bellevue	1349	689	10
Boulevard	206	83	..
Brunswick	95	63	..
Calvary	259	135	8
First	1166	265	..
Glen Park	312	182	..
Highland Heights	935	548	4
Kennedy	450	262	2
LeaClair	473	252	2
Leawood	758	310	4
Manassas Street	101	80	1
McLean	424	126	1
Oakhaven	543	225	1
Parkway Village	582	194	8
Peabody	150	93	..
Rugby Hills	290	136	3
Second	883	314	9
Southern Avenue	570	201	6
Speedway Terrace	447	231	..
Temple	738	228	1
Whitehaven	756	261	..
Milan, First	454	145	..
Northside	228	104	7
Monterey, First	234	72	..
Moscow, Oak Grove	81	61	..
Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	120	45	2
First	692	151	3
Calvary	122	58	..
Immanuel	75	46	2
Powell's Chapel	128	97	..
Third	284	69	5
Woodbury Road	223	97	..
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1014	354	..

Madison Street	93	63	..
Crievewood	685	163	9
Dickerson Road	449	150	..
Donelson, First	777	203	4
Eastland	512	176	16
Fairview	173	44	..
First	1430	530	53
Carroll Street	126	69	..
Cora Tibbs	36	17	..
T.P.S.	394	..	..
Gallatin Road	353	105	..
Grace	721	258	9
Haywood Hills	495	200	10
Hermitage Hills	457	203	8
Hillhurst	266	119	6
Inglewood	690	159	..
Ivy Memorial	291	92	..
Joelton	307	153	..
Lincoya Hills	222	39	5
Lockeland	462	89	..
Lyle Lane	81	46	..
New Hope	121	79	2
Park Avenue	946	275	6
Riverside	309	69	5
Rosedale	185	74	..
Woodbine	495	170	3
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	639	201	..
Old Hickory, First	438	191	..
Peytonville	38	10	..
Rayon City	201	90	..
Oliver Springs, Beech Park	175	85	..
First	187	61	..
Middle Creek	124	70	..
Paris, First	531	131	1
Parsons, First	256	118	2
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	145	100	..
Portland, First	331	123	..
Powell, First	268	68	5
Glenwood	355	165	8
Pulaski, First	302	87	..
Rockford	140	71	..
Rockwood, Eureka	114	70	..
First	418	147	2
White's Creek	85	43	1
Rogersville, First	451	159	..
Henard's Chapel	155	109	12
Hickory Cove	60	30	..
Rutherford, First	133	..	..
St. Joseph, First	55	39	..
Selmer, First	261	97	..
Sevierville, First	547	177	1
Shelbyville, First	372	104	1
Flat Creek	44	..	..
Hickory Hill	37	18	..
Smyrna, First	340	116	2
Somerville, First	269	150	..
South Pittsburg, First	228	82	..
Sparta, First	208	70	2
Springfield	523	138	..
Extension	33	..	..
Mission	29	..	..
Bethlehem	112	35	..
Eastland Heights	238	112	..
Sweetwater, First	449	130	3
Oakland	61	40	..
Tracy City, First	73	53	1
Trenton, First	416	96	..
Troy	205	99	..
Union City, First	571	146	..
Second	298	121	2
Watertown, Round Lick	179	99	..
Waverly, First	248	72	..
Waynesboro, Green River	155	91	..
White House, First	197	69	..
Whiteville, First	177	77	..
Winchester, First	226	61	..
Southside	94	..	..

Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference

Bellevue Church, Memphis

Theme: "The Pastor's Complex Ministry"

Monday, 7 P.M.—Nov. 13

Hymn Singing Jerry Ratcliff
 Scripture Reading Pat L. Landrum
 Prayer Kieth Wooster
 "The Pastor Faces the World of Today" Dr. W. W. Adams
 Announcements
 Music: "Good News" Singing Youth
 Offering
 Hymn
 "A Working Creed—For a Changing Church" Dr. Pierce Harris
 Benediction Henry West

Tuesday, 9:15 A.M.—Nov. 14

Hymn Singing Ray Bowman
 Scripture Reading Jerry Hayner
 Prayer Joe L. Orr
 Special Music
 "The Second Watch" Bill Thomas
 Hymn
 Announcements
 Report of Nominating Committee
 "The Church: Temple or Tabernacle?" John Wood
 Special Music
 "Knocking On Doors" Dr. Pierce Harris
 Benediction

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South Central Region	Oct. 26	First Church, Lewisburg
Central Region	Oct. 27	Tenn. Baptist Conv. Building
North Central Region	Oct. 30	First Church, Smithville
Southeastern Region	Oct. 31	First Church, Dayton
Northeastern Region	Nov. 2	First Church, Greeneville
Eastern Region	Nov. 3	First Church, Clinton

ON MATTERS OF

Family Living

By

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DANGER ON YOUR LIPS

"What is the most neglected problem in family life today?"

"The way parents talk to their children and to each other in front of their children," says Dr. James H. S. Bossard.

Families have definite, consistent conversational habits. The critical pattern was one of the most prevalent. "These families rarely had a good word to say about anyone. They carped continuously about friends, relatives, neighbors—almost every aspect of their lives from the lines in the supermarket to the stupidity of their boss."

This constantly negative family atmosphere had a disastrous effect on their children. A high percentage of them were anti-social and unpopular.

In another pattern, the family's hostilities were turned inward against themselves. "We called these people 'th quarrelers'," Dr. Bossard says. "Without fail their meals were one long round of insults and bickering. Here, too, the children absorb a pattern which causes them trouble, though it often does not show up until after they have married."

More subtly harmful was a group of families whom Dr. Bossard called "the exhibitionists." The non-expert observer would probably be dazzled by the bright wit and bubbling good humor displayed on all sides. But a close study revealed that these families operate more like a troupe of actors, each constantly battling for the limelight. The children who grow up in this atmosphere feel that if they are not the sparkling center of any gathering they will be ignored and rejected. The attitude tends to limit their appreciation and respect for other people, who come to exist only for their personal gratification.

By now you must be wondering if any-

one had good conversational habits. "Of course," says Dr. Bossard. "We call the right way 'the interpretive approach.' Here, the persons and events that enter family life are discussed calmly, with perspective and dignity, and, when the occasion calls for it, humor. No one is told to shut up. Children are encouraged to participate and are treated with respect. Understanding, and a wide range of interest, are the keynotes of the interpretive family."

Can a family change its pattern of conversation?

"Absolutely," says Dr. Bossard. "We have helped dozens of families to do it."

The first step is to pinpoint your current pattern. If it is a harmful one the change-over can become a family project.

"A long time ago," Dr. Bossard says, "a great teacher pointed out that what comes out of the mouth is a great deal more important than what goes into it. (Matt. 15:11). Improving your family's pattern of conversation will not guarantee perfectly adjusted children, but it is certain to give them a better chance for balanced living. And believe me, it can work wonders for parents, too."

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GOD'S WORSHIPER MUST BE GRATEFUL

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Focal Passages: Lev. 27:30-33; 2 Cor. 9:6-15

Gratitude is a basic virtue. It is rapidly disappearing. No social order can be great without the spirit of gratitude for favors and benefits.

Appreciation is the root of gratitude. Only little souls are devoid of appreciation. Worship is empty and without depth without profound gratitude.

There were regular tithes and special tithes under the old order. The government of Israel was a theocracy. The ruling and religious phases were largely supported by tithes and offerings. The needy and strangers and other special causes were supported by periodical tithes and offerings. The special tithe seems to be the one emphasized in our lesson today.

Giving Reflects Gratitude Deut. 14:22-29

Tithing of everything that came into the hands of the people was the divine plan. It was a logical reaction growing out of appreciation. It was the basic proportion prescribed by the law of God. The dictates of law can do no less.

One act of worship was eating and drinking before the Lord out of that which had been purchased by money which had been received from a transaction made with the tithe. In these early days even moderate drinking was a step up. Later on when a fuller light was bestowed as found in Isaiah and Proverbs, total abstinence was suggested. In any case our lesson is not dealing with secular drinking but with a sacred ceremony.

Notice that when the carrying of gifts was too burdensome and inconvenient, God provided for a practical solution of the problem. Later translations of this passage from Deuteronomy are clearer than the King James.

You Cannot Surpass God's Generosity 2 Cor. 9:6

It has been well said that we cannot out-give God. The Lord is far ahead of us in generosity and will stay far ahead of us.

Sowing sparingly or bountifully and reaping sparingly or bountifully does not mean necessarily that God will return to us in these proportions in material things every time. There are times when we need spiritual blessings more than anything else.

To be selfish is to cheat ourselves. To be generous out of unselfish love is to unconsciously favor ourselves. There is such a thing as a divine reciprocity.

Gratitude Generates Gracious Giving 2 Cor. 9:7, 15

Some people give grudgingly out of a sheer sense of duty. Often they complain about it.

There are others who say that since they cannot give cheerfully they are under no obligation to give. It is imperative that they repent, change their spirit or let God do it, so that out of love and gratitude they will give cheerfully.

If we are thankful for God's unspeakable gift, it will be easy to give graciously. This gift that is so wonderful that it makes us absolutely speechless will generate generosity if we dwell on it.

This unspeakable gift is God's presentation of His only begotten Son as the sacrifice for our redemption. It is the greatest offering that love ever made in either time or eternity. The plan was born before time.

"He that spared not His only Son, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32. This is God's guarantee of all lesser but needed gifts. It should cause us to gratefully purpose in our hearts to be generous in tithes and offerings to Him and His blessed cause.

Some may question the application of tithing and offerings to the idea of cheerfulness and giving as we purpose in our hearts. There is no incompatibility in such a situation. If this idea of tithes and offerings be God's plan, then it is up to us to get ourselves in the proper mood to do it cheerfully from the heart.

There is no evidence that giving under grace should be less than giving under law. In fact, we should never fall below the minimum under law. Under the marvelous benefits under grace, we should cheerfully, wholeheartedly and designedly move up in our generosity even in giving. If we are not in a mood to do so then we should repent after close self-examination. God can place us in the proper posture to do it.

An alcoholic had kept up tithing even on his diminishing income. He had only his small tithe left. He was desperately thirsty for a drink. He decided to spend his tithe money for liquor. While he was in the act of making the purchase his conscience came alive with a terrible lash. He changed his mind. His memory went back to his home where he had been drilled on tithing and reading of the Word of God. He saw his dear father and precious mother kneeling at the family altar. His heart was deeply touched. He came back to God. Having had a new birth he found a new thirst for righteousness. The one link that held him in that desperate hour was his practice of tithing. For that he was deeply grateful. He became not only a good steward of money but of life.

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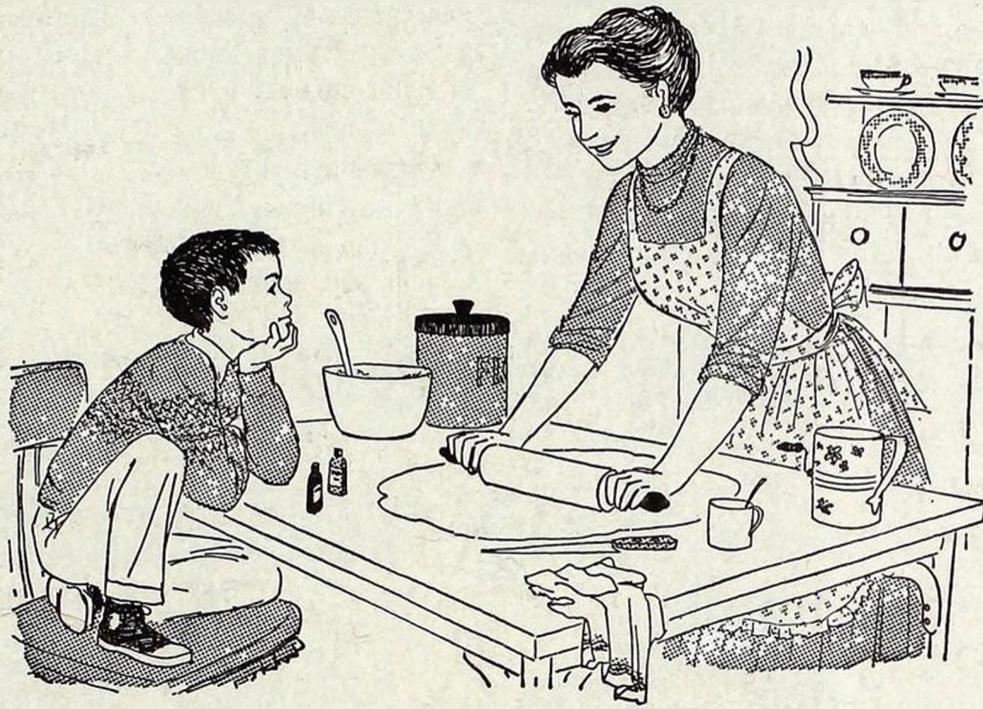
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Children's Page

TOMMY FINDS THE ANSWER

By Betty Foust Smith



Tommy sat at the kitchen table, watching Mother roll out cookie dough. Tommy did not look happy.

"What's the matter, Tommy?" Mother asked. "Why are you unhappy on such a beautiful, sunny day?"

"David won't play with me," said Tommy. "Why won't he play with me, Mother?"

"I think I know," replied Mother. "But can you find the answer yourself?"

Tommy thought and thought.

"Is it because I can't run as fast as he can?" he asked.

"No," said Mother. "That isn't the answer."

"Is it because David is bigger than I am?" guessed Tommy.

"No," smiled Mother. "That isn't the answer."

"Then I don't know why David won't play with me," sobbed Tommy. "Tell me, Mother."

"Tommy," said Mother, "do you remember what you did yesterday?"

"Oh, yes!" replied Tommy. "Yesterday I

got a new ball and a new dump truck from Grandmother. David played with me all day."

"Did you share your new toys with him?" asked Mother.

Tommy hung his head.

"No, Mother," he said. "I wouldn't let him play with my new ball or my new dump truck."

"God tells us to make others happy," reminded Mother.

Tommy was quiet for a whole minute. Finally, he said in a small voice, "I made David unhappy by not sharing, didn't I, Mother? That is the answer, isn't it?"

"Yes, Tommy," replied Mother. "That's the answer."

Tommy jumped up.

"Today," he shouted, "today I will make him happy. Today David may play with my new toys all day. May I go tell him now, Mother?"

"Indeed you may," laughed Mother. "And if you will bring David into the kitchen in an hour, I'll have cookies and milk to share with both of you."

ESTERS: SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE*

By Clair G. Wood

"Mmm, don't you like the smell?" asked my wife, as we explored the interior of our new car. Even as I agreed, I wondered what she would say if she knew that the "new car" odor had likely been sprayed on the auto's interior a short time before the car left the plant.

This odor, along with many others, is produced by a compound from one of nature's most versatile families, the esters.

Centuries before man knew of the esters, he used the fragrant oils that contained them. From antiquity, the Chinese burned musk in their temples and the Egyptians buried incense with their dead. The frankincense and myrrh which the Wise Men carried to Bethlehem were also esters.

In those early times, however, these oils were so expensive that only the extremely wealthy could afford to have perfumes made from them. Indeed, the historian, Pliny, once complained that the Roman legions fought a number of battles merely to gain possession of some of these oils.

The reason for their value becomes apparent when we consider the oil that gives the odor of violets. It takes two thousand violets to make a single pound of petals and more than sixteen tons of petals to produce a pound of oil! It is easy to see why an ounce of this oil would be worth more than its weight in gold.

Once the prized possession of kings, many of these delightful fragrances may now be prepared by an enterprising high school chemistry student. Armed with a few test tubes, a burner, and some inexpensive chemicals, the student can produce esters with odors of jasmine, bananas, pineapple, and peppermint.

Until less than a century ago, it was not known that man could artificially produce fragrances. Then the German chemist, Tiemann, synthesized vanillin. This is the chemical responsible for the taste and odor of vanilla. His discovery promptly drove the price of vanilla from about \$250.00 per pound to the \$5.00 per pound it sells for today.

Each new discovery of synthesizing esters led to another, until we are now surrounded by a bewildering array of different odors.

Businessmen are even experimenting with the effect of odors on the sale of their merchandise. They have sprayed women's hose, gloves, and other apparel with a pleasant odor and placed them on sale with identical ones that have not been treated. The ladies picked the perfumed articles and stoutly maintained they were of better quality, even when the similarity between articles was pointed out. Chemists are continually searching for new odors and flavors, and the time might well come when sales appeal is based more on the nose than on the eye.

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