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FOLLOWING JESUS



By Douglas Brewer, Poplar Heights Church,
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Luke 9:23-25

Isn't there much misunderstanding about the real meaning of following Jesus? Some interpret it as being a church member. Pharisees were most religious, but Jesus called them hypocrites. Others say, "I'm following Jesus because I believe the Bible." The devil also believes but trembles. Many say, "I believe in God, I believe the Word of God, I believe in the church." Yet their



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SBC President Urges Baptists To

Communicate Faith, Concern

NASHVILLE (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention told the denomination's Executive Committee that Baptists need to communicate better their faith and concern for people.

H. Franklin Paschall of Nashville said here that unfortunately, Baptists have allowed themselves to be maneuvered into the position of appearing to be unconcerned about people, when really Baptists are a peoples' church.

"Reading the paper causes some to think that the ones who are doing the most for people are not even in the church, not even Christians, and in some instances not even believers in God," said the pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church.

"We need to enunciate more clearly our position and manifest clearly the spirit of Jesus Christ" in what we believe and do about people, he said. Baptists have the tradition, heritage, and theology of being

so-called belief doesn't change them. They go on living worldly, selfish, sinful lives. This kind of belief is not following Jesus.

Consider some things involved in a personal experience of following Jesus. We must follow Him immediately. We can't go back and live for Him yesterday neither can we extend ourselves into the future to serve Him. We only have today to follow our Lord. We are to follow Him closely. The apostles had to stay close to the Lord to hear His teaching, obey His commands, and be available for His service. Peter got in trouble by following afar off. The guide says before entering Mammoth Cave where danger is inside, "Stay close to your guide." There are all kinds of pitfalls in the world. We must stay close to Jesus, yea follow His steps. (I Pet. 2:21). We are to follow Him fully. Jesus calls for unconditional surrender with no reservation for our selfish plans. This means an intimate, personal, close communion and fellowship with our Lord day by day.

We must search His Word diligently, sincerely. We should be enthusiastic Christians to show the world He is worth our time, talent, dedication, and love. Then also we must follow Him sacrificially. David said, "I will not offer God that which cost me nothing." God is not satisfied with the left-overs in our lives. He demands first place. He calls for our very best. Our flimsy excuses will not do. He deserves and has right to our discipleship. Neither He nor you will be satisfied until you take hands off your life and give it unreservedly to Him to do with as He wills. Are you Jesus' follower?

concerned about people, he added.

Saying the biggest challenge Baptists face is the challenge of unbelief and communicating their faith, the SBC president warned that some people, especially youth, seem to be losing their faith because it was grounded in the wrong things to begin with.

"Real faith," he declared, "is not faith in the Bible, good as the Bible is, nor faith in our forefathers . . . nor faith in the church. It is faith in our Lord Jesus Christ himself."

He warned against leading youth to believe in "our way of life, our beliefs, our manners, and our customs. In later years," he observed, "they will come to see our faults and they will be disillusioned."

"If we lead our children to believe in the church and the church is exposed for its spots and wrinkles and blemishes, then later they will be disillusioned, they will have no faith, and they will get out of the church," he said.

Thus, he reasoned, the only faith that will stand the test is not faith in the church, but faith in Jesus Christ.

"Real commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ will stand the test of intellectual inquiry, scientific discovery, emotional upheavals, and every kind of trial," he declared.

Paschall added that Christians with this kind of faith may have trials, questions, problems and doubts, but faith in Christ is the faith that never fails.

Paschall told the Executive Committee he had tried to emphasize two things during his tenure as president of the 11-million member convention the past two years.

"I have been trying hard to bring extreme points of view in our convention to a respectable synthesis," he said. "It is very bad for us to go in opposite directions—some to go in the direction of social action to the neglect of personal conversion, and some to go in the direction of personal conversion to the neglect of social action."

Paschall added that he had sought to sound a positive note. "It is important for us to recognize our sins and our need for repentance and renewal, but we must come out with a sure, positive, hopeful word or we have no future."

He said that the pastor who "gets a briar in his tongue and can say nothing except what is wrong with his people and his denomination" will ultimately fail in the ministry.

He concluded by urging Baptists to communicate better than they have, saying Christianity is the only really good news in the world.

Recommends Budget, Name Poll

NASHVILLE (BP)—After two days of hearing budget requests and work in subcommittees, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee here quickly voted to recommend a proposed 1969 budget, a convention poll on a name change, and to conduct a detailed study of the convention's program of student work on college campuses.

In addition to the proposed 1969 Cooperative Program budget of \$27.6 million, an increase of \$970,000, the Executive Committee also voted to recommend a five-year capital needs budget for 1969-73 totalling \$5 million.

The recommendations will go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 4-7, for consideration.

The convention will have an opportunity to express itself in an unofficial poll on changing the name of the 11-million member body. Three names will be presented—the United Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Results of the poll will be used by the Executive Committee in its further study.

Another recommendation to the convention will suggest Portland, Ore., as the meeting place for the 1973 convention, with proposed dates of June 12-15, 1973. The convention will also vote on changing the dates of the 1970 convention in Denver to June 2-5, one week earlier than presently scheduled.

The study of student work, and its placement as part of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be conducted by the program committee of the Executive Committee with the help of a findings committee composed of state secretaries, state student directors, SBC agencies, Executive Committee members, pastors and campus directors. Surveys and interviews by seminary professors plus a national consultation on the Baptist student would be a part of the study.

The Executive Committee also authorized its public relations committee to study the possibility of adding the word "missions" to the name of the Cooperative Program, and to study the feasibility of national advertising in major media of the nation.

Religion in American Life (RIAL) was commended by the Executive Committee and given a \$12,500 allocation from operating reserves, but a proposal to commend Wycliffe Bible Translators and observe Bible Translation Day was tabled "awaiting further information."

Executive Committee approval was granted the Baptist Sunday School Board for starting three new publications—a quarterly publication for deacons, a quarterly professional journal for pastors, church

staff members and denominational leaders with a scholarly approach, and a monthly adult leisure-reading periodical.

The SBC Home Mission Board was authorized to stagger payment for purchase of the birthplace of Luther Rice, noted as the father of Baptist foreign missions. The site is a church in Northboro, Mass.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary was given permission to conduct a \$1½ million anniversary campaign for endowments and campus needs with the understanding no churches would be solicited, only individuals, corporations and foundations.

A committee study was requested on the possibility of setting up an inter-seminary housing corporation to seek savings on interest, longer long-term loans, gifts for housing, etc., on seminary housing projects.

A lengthy, detailed report was presented by a representative of Booze, Allen and Hamilton Consultants outlining financial needs of the six SBC seminaries and a formula for distributing the seminary funds. The report was referred to a subcommittee of the group's program committee for further study.

Several bylaw and constitution changes for the convention were proposed, or approved on second reading. All will go to the SBC for consideration.

A conflict-of-interest clause was recommended in the convention bylaws which would prevent any person from serving as a trustee or director of an SBC agency if he receives any direct or indirect funds or salary from the SBC agency. The version that goes to the convention is slightly different than the one offered by Paul Maxey of Missouri to the SBC last June which would have prohibited any employee of a SBC agency, a state convention or any of their institutions from serving on SBC boards of trustees.

Other bylaw changes would rotate terms of members of the denominational calendar committee, instruct the convention's credentials committee to assist in registration at the SBC, add representatives of the Brotherhood Commission and Sunday School Board to the Public Affairs Committee, and use the correct name of Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

A proposal to make the convention president's annual address to the Southern Baptist Convention a fixed item of business was submitted as a change in the convention procedure statement.

Editorial changes approved by the SBC last June in the convention's Constitution were approved on second reading for recommendation to the Houston Convention,

Missionary Sends Thanks For Prayer For Vietnam

Rev. Robert C. Davis, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary in Saigon, has expressed appreciation for the prayers of Southern Baptists during the recent fighting in the cities and towns of South Vietnam.

In a letter written Feb. 12 to Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Davis asked Southern Baptists to pray especially for God's guidance in the mission work in Vietnam during the coming weeks. He told of the necessity of shifting methods of work because of new security procedures and difficulty in transportation.

"You and others at the Board have experienced all of this, so you know what we face as we wonder how to get back at the job of establishing churches," he continued. "We definitely will have to depend more and more upon the Vietnamese Christians, and this always is good.

"Surely God will continue to lead the way day by day."

and a proposed charter for the Christian Life Commission was approved.

Also approved on second reading was a constitution change that would increase the term of office for trustees and board members of SBC agencies from three years to four years, and charter changes were approved for the Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and Stewardship Commission bringing their charters in line with the four-year terms.

The Executive Committee decided to take no action on setting up a rotation system for members of the SBC Committee on Boards, leaving instead provision for a new committee each year. It also decided to take no action providing for endorsement of pastoral counselors, leaving this matter to local churches.

A statement outlining a policy for the convention on camping programs was approved, and several minor changes were made in the program statements of Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and the Baptist Sunday School Board.

One of the program changes would add the words "to all people regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or ability to pay in such ways as to preserve human dignity and worth" to the program statement of the hospitals.

A plan for planning Southern Baptist emphases and themes during the period of 1974-1980 was adopted, calling for involvement of selected SBC, state, associational and local church workers in the process.

The Executive Committee also voted to hold an orientation conference during the summer for new members of the 58-member committee which meets twice-annually to conduct convention business between annual sessions.

EDITORIAL

Aloha!

Unexpected developments made possible a brief visit to Hawaii and a glimpse of Baptist mission work there. Attending the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Press Association in Honolulu, we had the privilege of meeting some Baptist leaders as well as seeing this Aloha land where you are greeted with the leis garlanded around your neck; where surfing, soft music, succulent food and spectacular scenic beauty abound. Years ago Mark Twain described Hawaii as "the loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean." Its peoples are among the friendliest and most cheerful in the world.

Eighty percent of the inhabitants of the eight major islands of the Hawaiian archipelago live on Oahu—location of Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, and famed Waikiki, whose beaches are now lined with plush hotels attracting three-quarters of a million tourists a year. Waikiki is actually a part of Honolulu. Its First Baptist Church holds services at four hotels each Sunday morning in an outreach to transients. The Hubert R. Tatums led a service at 10 o'clock in the hotel where

we were staying. He has been associate at Waikiki, First Church, and is now serving as interim at the church meeting at the Baptist Academy. It is set in the midst of one of the world's most densely populated areas with high-rise apartments, 25 stories and up, all about. The fully accredited Academy has 450 students. It is using what were former military facilities and urgently needs new quarters.

Living expenses are very high in Hawaii, twenty-two percent more than in Los Angeles. Teachers in the Academy, serving at less than they were paid on the mainland, are caught in a financial squeeze. The place of the private school in Hawaii is even more important than it is on the mainland, and the Baptist Academy is fulfilling a great mission through the fine services of its superintendent, Luther Dorsey, and his faculty.

After preaching for the Academy church Sunday night, the Tatums drove us to downtown Waikiki. The ride was through breath-taking beauty. Houses, climbing more than a thousand feet up the slopes of the mountains, their windows aglow with light, glowed like huge pyramids of embers against the mountainside darkness. Multi-colored lights of hotels, high-rise apartments, shopping centers, ships in the yacht basin and the graceful curving line of the street rimming the ocean's edge painted a scene of unforgettable loveliness. Palms, banyan trees, exotic tropical plants, gorgeous flowers abounded.

Ocean and air lines of the world crisscross Hawaii. Here is the end of today. Here is the beginning of tomorrow. Here is the spot where East and West meet and mingle amidst a friendly, multi-racial citizenship. The stewardess on our plane gave greetings and instructions in eight languages. These and more may be heard on the streets of Honolulu.

Sunday, Feb. 18, a commemorative service was held noting the 150th Anniversary of the death of Henry Opukahaia, the gentle youth who became the first Hawaiian Christian. He left the island of Hawaii in 1808 at the age of 16 and swam to an American ship lying off Kealakekua Bay. He had seen his family slaughtered in tribal wars and begged the skipper to take him to America. The soft-hearted captain took the lad on a long voyage by way of China to New Haven, Conn. One evening he was found weeping on the door-step of a Yale College building. Asked why

Words That Became Worlds



Churches, Denomination, and Taxes

By T. B. Maston

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Is it consistent with our theory of separation of church and state for our Baptist churches to be exempt from taxation? Some contend that it is the only practice consistent with the separation of church and state. They suggest that the power to tax is the power to control. Others insist that this argument is a mere rationalization.

It is also suggested that the exemption from taxation of church property is a recognition by the government of the valuable and distinctive contribution of the churches to the general welfare.

Whatever the reasons for the exemption, it has been the traditional practice in our nation and evidently will be for the indefinite future. There are, however, many citizens, including some sincere churchmen, who are raising questions concerning the practice.

I do not claim to be a tax expert but it does seem to me that we need to give some attention to the tax exempt status of our

churches, and of our denominational agencies.

There may properly be some question about the exemption of all church property. I personally believe that the only property of local churches that should be tax exempt should be the building or buildings that are used for worship and educational purposes. If the church has revenue-producing property it certainly should be taxed. This would include houses or business property that is rented.

The preceding would also mean that the houses provided by the church for members of the church staff, including the pastor, would be taxed. These taxes might be paid by the church or by the staff members. The latter would enable the staff to identify more fully with the ordinary members of the church.

Also, I believe it would be proper for the church to pay an agreed amount to the county or city for fire and police protec-

tion. Why should citizens who are not members of the church or of any church be taxed to provide protection for our churches?

Our denominational agencies and institutions may need to review their policies regarding taxation. Let their trustees and administrators be sure that they do not abuse their present tax-exempt status.

Surely no church or denominational agency or institution should ever enter into an agreement that would enable an individual or a business concern to evade taxes illegally.

Taxes should be paid on all revenue-producing property by boards, benevolent institutions, colleges, seminaries, and other denominational agencies. Dormitories could be an exception to this rule, but only if the rent charged simply cared for liquidation and/or depreciation.

Any time an institution, through apartments or housing, becomes competitive with legitimate business interests in the community it should pay the same taxes as its competitors.

Certainly any property held for investment purposes should be taxed.

Let our institutions be more concerned with what is fair and right than they are with what will be most advantageous to them.

he cried he said it was because no one gave him learning. The Hawaiian lad was taken into the home of Professor Edwin W. Dwight, where he learned to read and write. He became a Christian. His hope was to return to Hawaii and win his people away from idolatry. But this earnest young Christian contracted typhus fever and died in 1818. His pleas for the Christianizing of his homeland, however, touched the hearts of others. Missionaries went to Hawaii. Congregationalists were the first. Others followed. They reduced the language to writing, printed Bibles and textbooks and established schools.

It was not till 1940, when Southern Baptist missionaries were forced out of the Orient by World War II that the Foreign Mission Board began its work in Hawaii. Today there are 21 Southern Baptist churches and missions in the Honolulu area. A splendid work is done in connection with the big university through our Baptist student centers both in Honolulu and in Hilo.

Today a large percentage of inhabitants of the islands are Japanese and Chinese. There are also Samoans, Koreans, Portuguese and many other ethnic groups.

Almost the entire 700 membership of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor is made up of those

who are with the military. Since Hawaii became the fiftieth state, the Foreign Mission Board has begun to phase out its work on a long-term basis. The Home Mission Board, in 1962, under a state cooperative agreement with the Hawaii Baptist Convention, began joint sponsorship of associational missions, mission pastoral aid, new work and other areas.

Dr. Edmond Walker is the executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention which was organized in 1943, with five churches, and has since continued to grow in number. Through these years, Baptists in Hawaii have met in school buildings, quonset huts, community halls, homes, tents, store buildings, even in Buddhist temples. They have studied the Bible and have now constituted churches throughout six of the islands. All of the churches are integrated. They show a harmonious mixture in their membership of peoples from the Orient and the Occident. Hawaii's outstanding citizen, Dan S. C. Liu, chief of police in Honolulu, is the highly esteemed president of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention. All the churches on the mainland can learn from the Hawaiian Baptists how a multi-racial people can live together in happy relationship bearing witness to the dynamic, transforming power of Christ in human hearts.

Tennessee Topics

Big Hatchie Association—**Warren G. Banks**, native of Memphis, is the new pastor of Durhamville Church. He has pastored Williston, Oakland, and Lucy Churches in West Tenn. Garland Church welcomed new pastor, **John H. Davis** and family with a reception and food shower. Davis, a native of Okla., attended Southern Baptist College in Ark., and Southwestern Seminary. He formerly pastored Lauderdale Heights, Memphis, and came to Garland from a pastorate in Okla. Beaver ordained **Alfice McCulley** as a deacon.

Mrs. Nancy Ellen Bryant, mother of **Mrs. A. F. Grahl** whose husband is pastor of Second Church, Lenoir City, died suddenly at her home in Knoxville, Feb. 6. She had been a member of Sevier Heights Church for many years.

Leonard Denham assumed his duties as minister of music at Morris Hill Church, Chattanooga, Feb. 25. He previously served Olive Street Church also of Chattanooga.

Roy Vincent accepted the pastorate of Demory Church near LaFollette. A native of Campbell County, he and his family returned about a year ago, after living for 10 years in Ohio, where he was pastor of First Church, Trenton. The two sons are **Danny**, a student at Cumberland College, and **Jerry**, who is married to the former **Joyce Summers**.

Frank Evans is the new pastor of Bethel Church, Green Brier. He came from the pastorate of First Church, Flintville. Evans is a former pastor of Oakland Church in Robertson Association.

C. J. Donahoo, 68, of 7635 Austin Drive, Chattanooga, died Feb. 22. He served as pastor of Oak Grove Church 31 years prior to his retirement in 1965. Services were held Feb. 24 at Oakwood Church with **Ralph Norton**, **Sam Jones** and **Wallace C. McGill** officiating.

Le Roy Ashley, who retired from the ministry after 47 years, died Feb. 20 at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, after a heart attack. He was 76. Born in Rodney, Miss., he came to Memphis in 1954 upon retiring from a pastorate in Independence, Mo. He had served as interim pastor at Ardmore Church, Memphis, and was a member of McLean Church.

Powell's Chapel Church, Route 3, Murfreesboro, observed "**Rufus Barrett Day**" Feb. 18. He has just completed his 30th year as treasurer of the church. Tribute was paid him during the morning worship service and a gift was presented him by **Pastor William Perry** as a token of the church's appreciation. Barrett, a life-long member of the community, also served the church as deacon, Sunday school superintendent for the Intermediate Department and leader of the Royal Ambassadors.

Lincoln Park's

59th Anniversary

"The Lincoln Park Story" is an attractive 20-page booklet issued on the church's 59th anniversary detailing the church's history which began with 35 charter members Feb. 14, 1909 in Lincoln Park town which was annexed by Knoxville in 1917.

Charles R. Ausmus, pastor since 1947, author of the booklet observes "that the fact that many of our members have been here 50 years or more and many have worshipped here all their lives, speaks a message of loyalty."

The church during the past 20 years has averaged 56 baptisms each year. Sunday school enrolment is 1605, attendance has averaged over 1000 per Sunday for 12 years; Training Union enrolment 472. The annual budget is \$115,000 of which about \$46,000 goes to missions.

Ausmus' anniversary message on I Cor. 15:10 on The Grace of God pointed up God's unmerited favor in action is sovereign, saving, seasonable, sustaining, serving, successful, supplying and sufficient for every hour.

Committee Active In Seeking Fite's Successor

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn.—The committee of Trustees appointed by **R. H. Bible, Sr.**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Carson-Newman College, to seek out and recommend a successor to **Dr. Harley Fite**, President of the College, is active in screening possible candidates.

It is significant that the chairman of the committee, the Honorable **Hamilton S. Burnett**, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, was chairman of the committee that selected **Dr. Fite** for the presidency in 1948. Judge Burnett is a graduate of C-N and the son of the illustrious scholar and former president of the College, **Dr. J. M. Burnett**. Judge Burnett has been a member of the College Board of Trustees for 20 years and was chairman of the Board for several years.

All other members of the committee are C-N graduates and are presently members of the Board of Trustees and are steeped in the traditions of the school. They are **Dr. Harry D. McNeeley**, President of Tennessee Eastman Corporation and member of the Board of Eastman Kodak Company; **Leonard Ladd**, Attorney-at-Law, Harriman; **Lawrence Smith**, druggist and owner of Smith Mortuary, Rutledge; **Rev. Henry Chiles**, Pastor of Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville.

FOUNDATION HONORS C-N STUDENTS

JEFFERSON CITY—The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has designated two Carson-Newman College students as among the best future college teacher prospects on the continent.

Dr. Paul D. Brewer, chairman of the C-N Philosophy Department and Foundation representative on this Baptist campus, has announced that **Winston Crawley, Jr.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winston Crawley, Sr., 7506 Greengate Drive, Richmond, Va., and **Larue Goldfinch**, son of Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Goldfinch, San Jose, Costa Rica, who are Southern Baptist missionaries, have been designated.

Graduate deans throughout the United States have already received the background material on Mr. Goldfinch and Mr. Crawley with the recommendation that they are worthy of financial support in graduate school. The Foundation designated 1,124 college seniors at 309 colleges, out of a total of 11,682 nominated by their college professors.

Young Crawley hopes to become a university mathematics teacher, while Goldfinch is interested in teaching English as well as doing some creative writing.

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Union University News . . .

Four outstanding alumni of Union University received the college's top alumni awards Feb. 17 at the annual Homecoming Banquet held on the Jackson campus.

Dr. Carroll Ijams, chairman of the Department of Physics at Memphis State University, and **Dr. Wm. L. Howse**, director of The Education Division of the Sunday School Board of the SBC received the Distinguished Service Award given annually by the Association for achievement in profession.

Dr. Ijams, a former Jacksonian, is a 1936 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Union and formerly taught at the college. A captain in the United States Naval Reserve, he is a member of the University Speakers Bureau.

Dr. Howse has been director of the Education Division for the Baptist Sunday School Board since 1954. A 1922 graduate of Union he has served as president of the Texas Baptist training Union Convention, Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, and the Baptist Sunday School Convention of Tex.

Receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Awards, given annually in recognition of service to the institution, were **Judge Andrew Tip Taylor**; and **Dr. Connie Pickler**, pastor of Boulevard Church, Memphis.

Judge Taylor has served two terms as president of the Union University Alumni Association and directed one of the college's major capital fund campaigns.

Dr. Pickler served as a member of Union's Board of Trustees for six years and has been instrumental in sending many Shelby County Baptist students to the college.

Dr. R. H. Ward, a member of the Union faculty since 1948, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Dr. Ward, chairman of the Division of Social Science since 1959 and head of the Department of History since 1954, has served the college in the past as Acting Dean and Interim President.

More than 50 class agents for the annual Alumni Fund drive were honored with a special noon luncheon in the college dining hall.

N. Brice Curry of Nashville, national chairman for the fund, speaking on the Great Teacher Program supported by the



JACKSON—This father flanked by his twin doctor sons are deacons in Woodland Church here. **James M. Phillips**, now retired has been district manager of the Southern Bell both in Jackson, Tenn. and Jackson, Miss. **Dr. James** (left), a general practitioner here, is married and has three sons. He is also a musician and was director of the church music for some two and a half years, still sings in the choir and teaches a class of young adults in Sunday school. **Dr. Mack** is a surgeon living in Selmer where he does most of his work in McNairy County Hospital, the only surgeon there. He is a bachelor and lives close enough to attend Woodland Church regularly and plays for its Sunday night services. Both doctor sons were baptized in their Junior years by **Dr. W. C. Boone** who is now pastor of the three year old church which has grown from 39 charter members to 193 and has \$175,000 property, a \$40,000 budget with \$6,200 last year to the Cooperative Program and about \$7,000 to all missions.

alumni, reported contributions to date of more than \$15,000.

Earmarked for the support of quality instruction at Union University, the annual giving program is used to upgrade faculty salaries and a part of the funds will be used to attract exceptional teachers to the Union faculty.

During the luncheon three members of the Class of 1918 were special guests of the college. **Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks Sanford** and **Miss Grace Everett** of Jackson, and **Mrs. Lillian Hollowell Adams** of Nashville were presented golden anniversary certificates.

Dr. Robert Orr, Dyersburg, president of Union University Alumni Association, reviewed the program of the association and discussed plans for the future.

Howard Mansfield, a Memphis businessman, was elected president of the association. Other officers elected were: **James Scott** of Jackson, vice president and president elect; and **Mrs. John E. Parker, Jr.** of Jackson, secretary.

Elected to serve as members of the Board of Directors were **George Henning**, Brownsville; **Bill Sublett**, Jackson; and **Jack Criswell**, Paris.

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Hawaii Police Chief Urges Baptist Support of Police

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)—The chief of police for Honolulu, Dan S. C. Liu, urged top Southern Baptist leaders here to help build respect for police and law enforcement agencies in a time when many in the nation show the police disrespect.

Chief Liu, an internationally-known law enforcement expert who is also president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, delivered the major address at a joint session of the editors of Baptist state papers and executive secretaries of Baptist state conventions.

Chief Liu told the editors and executive secretaries that the police carry out a duty that in some respects is God-given because they work for the good of society in maintaining law and order.

Following the banquet when Chief Liu spoke, the editors and executive secretaries split into separate sessions for their annual meetings.

The Baptist Press Association elected Jack Gritz, editor of the Baptist Messenger in Oklahoma City, as president and Gene Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist in Lutherville, Md., as vice president. Don McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Standard in Dallas, Tex., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Executive Secretaries Association elected Robert Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, as president, and Robert Hughes, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, as vice president. Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the executive secretaries' group.

Both groups are scheduled to meet next year in Raleigh, N. C.

Thousands Request Crusade Prayer Pact Information

By Catherine Allen

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—The scratch of a pen and a lick of a stamp are bringing thousands of Western Hemisphere Baptists closer to prayer partnership.

Officials of Pact, the prayer partner project coordinated by Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), in connection with the Crusade of the Americas, say that mailbags going out are heavier than the ones coming in at the moment.

To date, they have filled requests for more than 521,700 copies of a leaflet containing a Pact application blank. Of these, some 475,000 have been in English, 42,700 in Spanish, and 4,000 in Portuguese. Mailing the requests is taking full time of one employee and part time of several shipping clerks at WMU offices in Birmingham, Alabama.

Pact applicants who forget to include their Zip Codes are causing the WMU employees to spend hours pouring over directories, because the Zip Code must be on every piece of mail sent from the WMU offices here.

The oversize application cards require six cent stamps under new postal rates. A budget-breaking number of cards are limping in with postage due, WMU officials said.

Many letters ask for blanks by the hundreds—a copy for each member of a congregation or class. Other requests are from individuals, from entire churches, and from families. Nearly a thousand blanks went to persons who became interested in Pact at the meeting of the North American Baptist Women's Union last November.

Most churches have requested a church partner as well as encouraging members to seek individual partners.

Pact has been in business barely a month, but already some 1,200 applications have been returned. Many of them say, "Send more blanks for my friends."

A random sampling of completed blanks revealed an 80-year-old woman applicant, numerous retired men, and dozens of young couples. Names of well-known Southern Baptist leaders are mingled with strange-sounding names from faraway places.

In answer to the question of how many members are in a family seeking a family partner, one person wrote, "four—after the baby comes in April."

A man wrote of his family: "If you have an especially large family to match, we might be suitable. We have three married daughters."

Several English-speaking persons were accidentally sent blanks printed in Spanish, but the language barrier did not bother them. With a note, "Hope this is the right information," they have made an educated stab and completed the blanks correctly.

Pact headquarters will not begin assigning partners for several more weeks, awaiting mail deliveries from distant countries and conventions, and allowing for a larger percentage of the applications to be returned. All partners will be assigned by January 1, 1969, in time for prayer during the year of the Crusade.

"There's no way to tell how many Pact partners will be praying for the Crusade when it gets underway this time next year," said Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary.

"The figures today indicate perhaps a half million people will be involved in Pact," she said.

"We're beginning to see visions of Pact applications lined up down the hall and out the front door," she quipped. "But even better is the vision of thousands of Christians lined up from Canada to Argentina praying for the success of the Crusade."

Portland was selected by the committee over invitations from Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Chicago and Kansas City.

Convention sites had previously been selected by the convention for 1968, Houston; 1969, New Orleans; 1970, Denver; 1971, St. Louis; and 1972, Philadelphia.

Portland Recommended Site For '73 Convention

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention voted here to recommend Portland, Ore., as the site for the 1973 convention session, and to move the dates of the 1970 convention in Denver up one week earlier.

Both recommendations will go to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, June 4-7, 1968, for consideration.

Proposed dates for the 1973 convention in Portland are June 12-15, 1973.

The recommended change in dates for the 1970 convention in Denver would move the convention one week earlier to June 2-5, 1970, rather than June 8-12 as recommended by the Executive Committee in September.

The change was necessary, said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, because of the uncertainty of the availability of hotel rooms in Denver the second week in June, a heavy tourist season, and because the date is closer to the meeting time of the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, July 12-18.

Portland, the site of the 1973 meeting, will offer a 13,000 seat auditorium built in 1960, and guarantee 5,000 hotel rooms, the administrative committee of the Executive Committee reported. The auditorium is three miles from the heart of the city, but shuttle busses will be provided, and city officials said the bus system handled a recent convention of 16,000.

Dick Hall Elected To POAU Position

CINCINNATI, Ohio (BP)—Dick H. Hall, Jr., former vice president for development of Atlanta Baptist College who resigned in protest over the school's decision to accept federal aid, has been elected southern regional director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

Hall, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., was elected to the newly-created position by the executive committee of Americans United during the 20th National Conference on Church and State here. The election was retroactive to Feb. 1.

The new POAU executive will help organize local chapters of the national organization, work with young people interested in church-state affairs, and enlist financial support for the organization.

He has been national vice president of Americans United since 1960, and shared in presiding over the conference here with Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and national president of Americans United.

In his resignation as development officer for the proposed new Atlanta Baptist College, Hall said that he had supported the principle of separation of church and state through all of his ministry. "To be of further use to the college I would be compelled to compromise very deep convictions. This I cannot do."

New Orleans Seminary Slates Scholarship Drive

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Board of Development meeting here voted to launch a \$1½ million fund-raising campaign for student scholarships and other needs at the seminary.

Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns, Inc., who is chairman of the seminary Board of Development, described the fund campaign as one of the most worthy efforts the board had attempted.

The decision to begin the 18-month campaign came after a feasibility report indicated that "the fund-raising atmosphere of New Orleans Seminary is good."

Johnson spoke to the seminary students and faculty at chapel during the meeting, saying "the greatest secret of my business success has been in setting goals. I know what I want and where I am going."

The Holiday Inns official who was named Lay Churchman of the Year in 1965 by Religious Heritage of America, Inc., challenged the student ministers to approach their work with enthusiasm and to watch for every opportunity to be of service.

Saigon Missionaries Tell of War's Horror

"Words can never describe the horrible experiences of the past few days," Rev. and Mrs. Samuel M. James, Southern Baptist missionaries living in Saigon, Vietnam, wrote in a personal letter to friends on Feb. 10.

"From a joyous lunar new year celebration this country was turned into a nightmarish holocaust," they said. "The war has raged on every side of us and for days our house was our only possible refuge."

"Bodies still unburied lie stenching in the sweltering heat. The smell of decaying bodies reminds of the possibility of widespread disease in addition to all the other tragic circumstances. Our immediate neighborhood was spared, but our village was partially demolished."

"The building of our theological school has so far been spared, but it will be months before we can reopen. Our students are faced with a gigantic task of ministering to the suffering and of rebuilding the churches and chapels. We are doing the best we can under unbelievably difficult situations."

"In one of the churchyards we have more than 1,000 people whose homes were destroyed. They have neither food nor clothing."

"We desperately need your prayers for ourselves and our fellow missionaries, and especially for the Vietnamese Christians."

"We all face a massive rebuilding task. I must admit that the only thing I have left is my call, but that is sufficient. We have experienced the Lord's presence and assurance through it all."

"The news of the deaths of our Christian and Missionary Alliance friends almost broke us up."

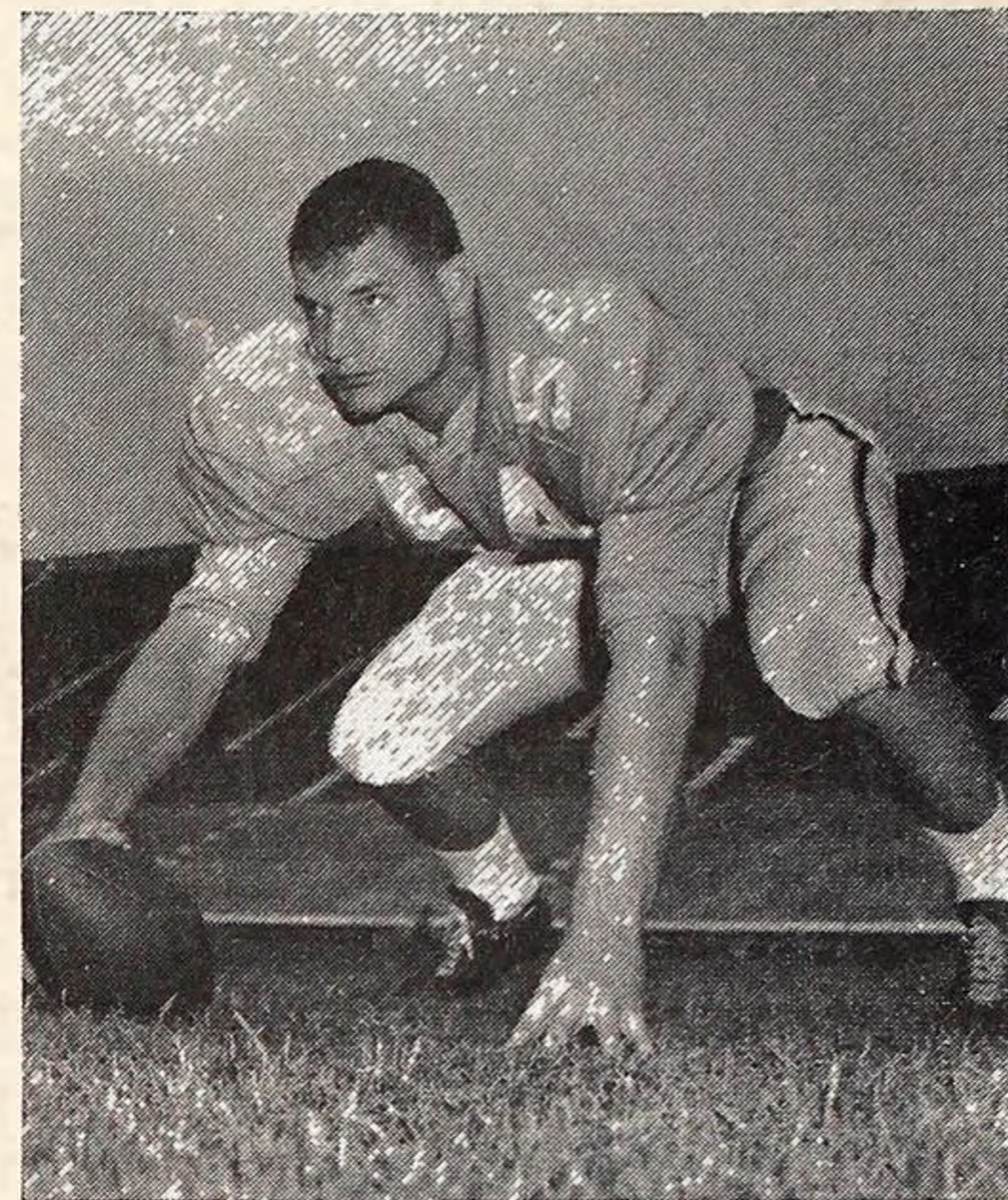
Missionary Wives, Children Leave Vietnam For Bangkok

Seven Southern Baptist missionary wives and their children and two missionary journeymen left Vietnam on February 19 for Bangkok, Thailand. Two other missionary wives, Mrs. Peyton M. Moore and Mrs. Robert R. Compher, and their children have returned to the States.

Those in Bangkok are Mrs. Robert C. Davis, Jr. (of Hearne, Tex.) and five children; Mrs. Ronald W. Fuller (of Lafayette, Calif.) and three children; Mrs. James M. Gayle (of Freeport, Tex.) and three children; Mrs. Herman P. Hayes (of Bossier City, La.) and two of her three children (the third is in college in the States); Mrs. James F. Humphries (of Decatur, Ga.) and three children; Mrs. Samuel M. James (of Durham, N.C.) and three children; Mrs. Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr. (of Avon Park,

Brotherhood Department

To Speak at Ambassador Breakfast



Bob Johnson will speak at the breakfast for Ambassadors at 7:00 A.M., Apr. 13, First Church, Chattanooga. Drafted to play professional football with the new pro team of the Cincinnati, Ohio Bengals, Bob, while playing football at the University of Tennessee made every all American team (AP and UP) including the Scholastic A.A. team. He is a native of Cleveland, Tenn. and was All-American Center at the University of Tenn.

30 CARE FOR 1,000

The newest Baptist church in Vietnam, Faith Church, of Saigon, with less than 30 members, is taking care of more than 1,000 refugees, reports Rev. James F. Humphries, Southern Baptist missionary associate. The pastor is getting help wherever he can.

Fla.) and five children; and, the journeymen, Mary Kay Johnson (of Groom, Tex.) and James Bobo (of Fort Worth, Tex.).

The missionaries in Bangkok may be addressed, Thailand Baptist Mission, Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mrs. Moore may be addressed at 4626 Frazier Ave., Fort Worth, Tex., 76115. Mrs. Compher may be addressed, c/o Paul Compher, 4422 Strathmore Ave., Garrett Park, Md., 27066. The Moore and Compher families are scheduled for furlough this year.

Mr. Fuller accompanied the families to Bangkok to help work out arrangements, but he expected to return to Vietnam. All the other missionary men (except the journeyman) and two families remain in Vietnam.

WMU AREA INTERPRETATION MEETINGS

From Apr. 3-19 state WMU leadership will conduct 48 meetings in 40 areas of Tennessee to interpret coming changes in WMU organizations and materials effective October 1. The meetings are for all local WMU/WMS officers, leaders and members, pastors and educational directors in addition to associational leadership. Chairmen of the WMU Leadership (formerly nominating) Committees and WMS nominating committees are urged to attend in order to become aware of the various offices to be filled.

Day meetings are scheduled for 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Night meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and close at 9:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided in the churches only during day meetings.

Drastic changes are in view for all the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union. Contact your WMU President regarding the possibility of your attending one of these conferences.

DATE	WEST TENNESSEE	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	EAST TENNESSEE
	Miss Nethery, Conductor	Miss Peoples, Conductor	Miss Sullivant, Conductor
Apr. 3	Waverly First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Clarksville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	
Apr. 4	Paris First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Nashville Woodmont Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Greeneville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
Apr. 5	Dyersburg First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Columbia First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Johnson City Central Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 8	Centerville First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Murfreesboro First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Cleveland First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 9	Waynesboro First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Selmer First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Hartsville First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Athens First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 10	Selmer First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Smithville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Spring City First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
Apr. 11	Lexington First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Cookeville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Oneida First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
Apr. 15	Union City First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Livingston First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Rockwood First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 16	Milan First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Crossville First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Maryville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
Apr. 17	Ripley First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Dunlap First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Knoxville First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 18	Memphis Temple Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Manchester First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Oak Ridge First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
Apr. 19	Somerville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30 Bolivar First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30	Manchester First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Maynardville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
		Pulaski First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	Jefferson City First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
			Rogersville First Church Night Meeting—7:00-9:30
			New Tazewell First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30
		Fayetteville First Church Day Meeting—9:45-12:30	

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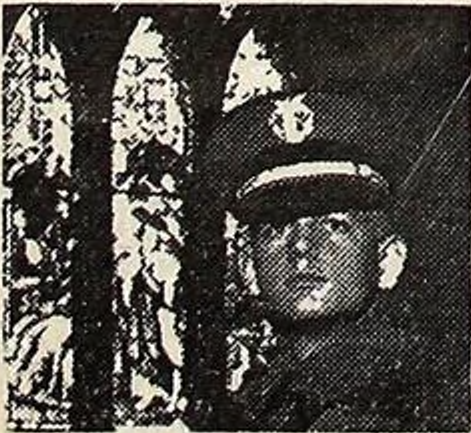
Wake Forest, N.C.—Southeastern Seminary's new Student Center, now nearing completion, has been named Mackie Hall in honor of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Mackie of Wake Forest by the Seminary's Board of Trustees which held its annual meeting on the seminary campus. Dr. Mackie has been the seminary physician from the beginning of the seminary in 1951 and had served as physician for Wake Forest College for many years previously. He and Mrs. Mackie have participated in the development of the community, church and seminary.

Other action taken by the Board of Trustees, according to President Olin T. Binkley, include the election of Mrs. H. Eugene McLeod as director of the Ruby Reid Child Care Center and the approval of plans for the second Urban Seminar to be held in Washington, D. C., June 17-July 12. This project is sponsored jointly by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the District of Columbia Baptist Convention and Southeastern Seminary.

The election of Dr. Ellis W. Hollon, Jr., as Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion was confirmed, and tenure was granted to Dr. Donald D. Cook as Associate Professor of New Testament. Sabbatical leaves for the academic year 1968-1969 were granted to Dr. Ben S. Johnson, Dr. B. Elmo Scoggin, Dr. J. Carroll Trotter and Dr. James E. Tull.

The trustees authorized a study of theological education, recommended by the president of the seminary, to provide a sound basis for comprehensive and long-range planning in harmony with the nature and purpose of the school.

Bequests and designated gifts accepted by the Board included: (1) The Laura D. Powers Endowment Fund for Student Aid, (2) the James I. Miller Endowment for Student Loan Fund and the James I. Miller Library Endowment Fund, (3) a gift to establish the Chaffin-Dickey Memorial Loan Fund, (4) a gift for the Lillie Norket Student Loan Fund, (5) the Robert T. Ayscue Memorial Scholarship Fund, and (6) funds for the establishment of the Frances Jackson Durham Hebrew Prize.



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1968 Vacation Bible School Clinic Plans

By Bob Patterson

For the past fifteen or so years, Tennessee Baptists have had State Vacation Bible School Clinics for the training of Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic teams. Until 1964 all associational teams attended one central three-day clinic in Nashville for Associations, and the State Sunday School Department shared in the expense of this clinic. Mr. Jesse Daniel, State Sunday School Secretary until 1963, pioneered in the development of the state and associational clinics.

In 1964, three clinics were held: one in Knoxville, Nashville, and Jackson. By having three clinics more associations were reached, more 100 per cent teams participated, the length of the clinics was cut, and the cost of the three clinics was less than the cost of one central clinic.

Associations have majored on enlisting capable Vacation Bible School workers to receive intensive training under expert leadership at these clinics; then the associational teams conduct one or more associational Vacation Bible School Clinics for the faculty from the churches in the association.

In 1968 a somewhat different plan is being used. The State Sunday School Department is furnishing program personnel for sixty Associational Vacation Bible School Clinics, and in as many different locations. These clinics are arranged to provide the best in training possible for all Vacation Bible School faculty members from all the churches in the state.

The program personnel for these clinics is composed of State Sunday School Department workers specially enlisted and trained consultants who work regularly with the State Sunday School Department, and some out-of-state specialists in age-group Vacation Bible School work.

Each association will plan and prepare for its own clinic as usual. The program personnel will be furnished and be from

outside the association. This will make for a boost in interest and hopefully in attendance.

Next week's Baptist and Reflector will contain a complete listing of the sixty clinics and will be spaced from March 18 to April 19. Church leadership should complete the enlisting of the Vacation Bible School Faculty in time to have a full attendance in the associational clinic. This will be one of the best opportunities for preparation.

In 1969 it is possible that the three state clinics and the former pattern of associational clinics will be re-instituted.

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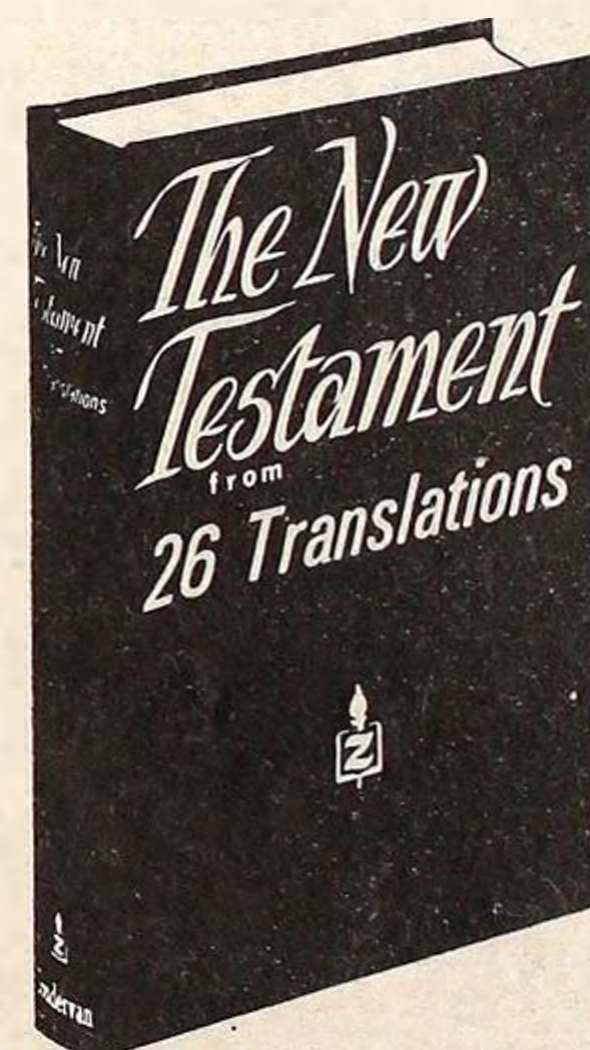


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SBC Membership Tops 11 Million In 1967

NASHVILLE (BP)—Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention passed the 11 million mark during 1967 for the first time in history, reaching a total of 11,142,726. It was an increase of 193,233 over the previous year's membership.

A year-end statistical summary from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department also disclosed an increase in new converts. The number of baptisms of new converts rose to 378,937, the highest number since 1962. This was an increase of 17,978 over the 1966 total.

The statistics were based on reports from 34,147 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 198 from the number reported last year.

Decreases were reported in enrollments of Sunday School, Men's Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union organizations, but Training Union and music organization enrollments were up.

Sunday School enrollment dropped by 24,482 to a total of 7,579,203.

Brotherhood, a men's and boy's mission education organization, enrollment for 1967 was 457,770, a decrease of 5,783. Preliminary reports, however, indicate a modest increase for the Royal Ambassador organization for boys, although final figures are not yet available.

Enrollment for the Woman's Missionary

Union, a missions education organization for women, girls and children, was 1,444,428, a decrease of 15,400.

Training Union enrollment showed an increase of over 8,000, reaching 2,560,384. Last year, Training Union enrollment dropped 58,114 to a total of 2,552,073. Accounting for this year's increase was the inclusion for the first time of two phases of the churches' training ministry—new church member orientation, 25,242; and leadership training, 20,977. Training Union is the Sunday evening study program of Baptist churches.

Music ministry enrollment continued upward, exceeding for the first time the one million mark. The 1967 music ministry enrollment was an increase of 74,126, bringing the total to 1,019,130.

Southern Baptist giving continued to rise during 1967, the statistical report indicated. Total receipts for all causes amounted to 711,775,365, up nearly 42 million.

Contributions for missions topped \$120,454,869, an increase of over \$5 million for 1967.

Property value of churches climbed to \$3,495,020,717. The nearly \$3½ billion figure is up \$200 million from the value of church property in 1966.

The churches reported a total of 161,691,630 spent on new construction. The total includes 155,209,065 spent on con-

struction for the local churches, and \$6,482,565 on local church missions.

Enrollment in Vacation Bible Schools, the weekday Bible ministry of Baptist churches, recorded a total of 3,439,325 in 30,601 schools. This was an increase of 50,411 over last year's enrollment.

Kindergartens were operated during 1967 by 1,786 Southern Baptist churches, an increase of 320 churches.

Churches were classified according to location and population in the statistical summary. The totals in each classification were as follows:

Open country, 14,588; village, 4,702; town, 3,781; city (population 2,500-9,999) 3,502; downtown, city (population 10,499-49,999), 571; downtown, city (population 50,000 or more), 287; neighborhood, city (population 10,499-49,999), 1,932; neighborhood, city (population 50,000 or more), 1,539; suburban, city (population 10,499-49,999), 1,726; suburban, city (population 50,000 or more), 1,501.

The convention statistics reflect only those figures reported by churches with no adjustments made for incomplete reports, said Martin Bradley, secretary of the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board. Bradley said the reports were carefully edited and requests were made to churches for verification and correction of questionable items.

Layman Charges Ministers Ignore Churches' Laity

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A layman entered a minister's fortress here and leveled a series of blasts at what he called the greatest failure of today's preachers.

Speaking to the faculty and students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Tom McCord of Decatur, Ga., charged that ministers are ignoring the capable laymen of their churches who sincerely want to become involved in church work.

"I know by name several creative laymen who have given up church work more or less because they have felt our Baptist democracy is a farce," said McCord, a construction company owner.

"I think we laymen live in a vacuum and you preachers live in another vacuum, so that we actually talk and associate without really communicating, he told the seminary students and faculty. Then he continued:

"If we could somehow reach this great reservoir of Christian manpower in our church; somehow mobilize the incalculable

energy of the laymen in our churches, then we could see a great spiritual awakening.

"It seems you ministers are resentful and feel we are trying to push you aside and take your place in the pulpit.

"The minister is vainly trying to be equal to laymen in laymen's business sense, mistakenly hoping to appear equal in secular areas.

"When you as a minister have lunch with a layman, stick to your profession, and to your astonishment you will realize that laymen are hungry for sharing the great store of knowledge in spiritual areas that you have gained during long and arduous years of preparation.

"I wish we had a course in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that would teach ministers to increase their skills as enablers; that is they would better learn how to enable the laymen to find significant work.

"Maybe I am reading something into the

Gulf Oil Grants Belmont \$5,000

NASHVILLE—Belmont College received a \$5,000 capital grant from Gulf Oil Corporation as part of the Company's educational assistance program.

The \$5,000 check was presented by O. R. Jones, district manager, and W. Crunk, superintendent of operations for Gulf, to Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, president of Belmont.

The Belmont grant is one of 62 capital grants awarded by Gulf this year to assist institutions in meeting anticipated growth requirements, replacing obsolete buildings and equipment, and expanding their services.

situation that is not true, but at times I feel the minister doesn't want laymen spouting off any new ideas, they just want us to come to all the services, put some money in the plate, and not criticize the preacher or his program."

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Draw Near And Hold Fast

Basic Passage: Heb. 10

Focal Passage: Heb. 10:19-25, 35-39

The tabernacle and temple were full of shadows and symbols of the new and living way achieved through Christ. Among other symbols the veil was most significant. It shut out from the Holy of Holies all except the high priest. Here, after the sacrificial offering was presented, the Shekinah glory of God was manifest signifying divine acceptance of the offering.

In the death of Christ His flesh was torn and the veil was rent. The way into the very presence of God was opened to all.

Among the Jews favorable to the Christian way there were those who gave mental assent to its truthfulness but had not made full committal to it. There were those who had made that committal and had burned all bridges behind them.

This message was to encourage the wavering to take the final step and avail themselves of all Christ had achieved and provided. Another purpose was to encourage the full believers to appreciate and appropriate all the richness they had in Christ.

Every true, full believer has the holy privilege to come into the very presence of God for himself. This is the highest Christian privilege.

Coming Into God's Presence Heb. 10:19-23

We believe that God is in a real sense present everywhere. However, there are places where His presence is uniquely focused. The central presence of God is in the heavenly sanctuary. After the finished work of Christ on the cross, resurrection and ascension achievements, the way into the very presence of God in His glorious reality has been open in a new and direct way.

In the tabernacle the sanctuary or Holy of Holies was known as the hallowed place when the high priest after minute preparation entered with great reverence. Now this is opened to all real believers. Therefore they should come into the blessed presence of God with assurance and courage.

We are assured not only by the sacrificial work of Christ but by the fact that Christ our great high priest has entered there and presides over the house of God. Therefore we are to draw near with a sincere heart possessing a purified conscience and a washed body.

In the preparation of the high priest for entering the sanctuary, a purification by sprinkling of blood and a complete washing of the body in the laver were observed. This symbolized the efficacious blood of Christ which purges our inner being which

is portrayed by an outward cleansing of the body. This washing of the body possibly refers to baptism.

There is no sense in wavering in our Christian profession since God will never let us down because He is faithful in keeping His promises. The only course is to doggedly hold fast to our faith.

Coming Together In Worship Heb. 10:24-25

The hallowed privilege of direct approach to God should not lessen but should encourage our coming together in worship. We need not only the individual approach to God but the collective approach in worship.

Evidently some had grown lax in meeting with the brethren in church worship. The writer of Hebrews knew that such neglect would likely weaken their steadfastness in the faith. He knew also that collective worship provided a wonderful opportunity to inspire, encourage and exhort each other to love and good works. True worship and Christian fellowship will be highly productive in such desirable results.

Another basis for urgency was the imminence of the return of their Lord. According to the message of Christ in Matt. 24, the fall of Jerusalem would be a foregleam of certain phases of His second coming. This event must have been very near at that time. It would be an epochal event in the life of all Hebrews.

Consistent, Patient Steadfastness Urged Heb. 10:32-39

After these Hebrew believers had received the true light they suffered a series of great afflictions or persecutions. They had faced it beautifully with forbearance. They were made a public spectacle by mockery and ridicule. They had shared the reproaches of their fellow believers.

In view of their past record they are encouraged not to cast away such fortitude in facing other severe trials. Such patient steadfastness as they had displayed has its reward.

The promises of God are always kept but at times they are delayed in performance for our good. After we have done God's will sometimes we have to patiently wait for the reward. Besides Christ will come in due time with His reward for us.

The just or righteous must live a life of faith. Losing heart and reversing course never receives God's approbation.

The author includes the true believers with himself as that group that never draws back but believes unto the saving of the soul.

On Matters of FAMILY LIVING

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It's not the number of conflicts— It's the solution that's important

"The frequency of conflicts doesn't affect the health of a family," according to psychologist Thomas Gordon. "It is how the conflicts are resolved that counts."

Parents tend to react to children's problems or problem behavior by habit, in a stereotyped way. They may command, admonish, warn, criticize, attack, ridicule, call names, interpret or analyze, reassure or sympathize, interrogate or probe.

The effect of these responses may be to block further communication and make the child feel defensive, suspicious and resentful, points out Dr. Gordon.

He suggests 3 ways to open up communication with a child:

- ✓ Inviting the youngster to tell you more.
- ✓ Listening without comment.
- ✓ Listening actively.

Listening "actively" does not mean impatiently waiting for the child to finish so that you can start, stresses the psychologist. It means listening quietly and responsively in such a way that the child begins to listen to himself and think about what he is saying.

Children have an amazing capacity to find solutions to their problems if you just let them and don't try to take the ball away.

Some were evidently moving in the right direction for discipleship but were drawing back before full committal and discipleship. The frightful cost was shaking them in their purpose.

Those who were steadfast were used as an example and inspiration to those who were wavering. Also the author wanted to give them strong approbation.

We have in this lesson as great treatise on the new and living way wrought by Christ. We have great encouragement to draw nigh unto God. We have the strongest emphasis of fellowship in collective worship. We have the most solemn warning against drawing back. We have presented a powerful incentive for persistent, patient steadfastness in going on to ultimate victory. We have the imminence of Christ's return as a mighty source of hope and enduring strength.

Children's Page

BANDY'S PICNIC BASKET*

By R. Ford



Bandy Bear lived in the park with his father and mother. Their home was a cool cave near the picnic grounds. Every day, Bandy would go to the picnic tables and beg food from all the visitors.

Every time someone gave him something to eat, the little bear would gobble it down and beg for more. Bandy always showed his thanks by doing tricks for the people. He rolled in the soft, green grass and smiled at them with his biggest bear smile.

One day, Bandy scurried across a stream on a fallen log and found a picnic basket on one of the tables. Quickly, he grabbed the basket and waddled into the woods as fast as his short legs would go. Under a big tree, the little bear stopped to examine his prize. Oh, how good it smelled! His little, black nose wiggled at the delicious odors coming from the picnic basket.

His furry, little paw dipped into the basket and came out with a sandwich.

"Oh, how good this sandwich looks!"

Bandy's tiny pink tongue darted over the sandwich. Then he took a big bite. In fact, he crammed the whole sandwich into his mouth. And—it was a peanut butter sandwich! The peanut butter stuck to his teeth. Try as he might, the little bear could not chew the sandwich.

"I need something to wash this down," Bandy thought. His little, furry paw went into the basket and came out with a red bottle.

"Soda pop!" he cried. "My favorite drink."

But if little bears could read, Bandy would have read "Catsup" on the bottle. He turned the bottle up and drank a big mouthful.

"Ugh! What awful-tasting soda pop!" Bandy exclaimed as he threw the bottle away.

"Perhaps I can find something good in the bottom of the basket," Bandy said.

He pulled out a jar of little, red berries. At least Bandy thought they were berries. But if little bears could read, he would have seen "Red Peppers" on the jar.

Bandy could hardly wait to taste the delicious berries. He tossed a handful of the peppers into his mouth. The little bear's eyes started to water. His mouth started to burn.

"Ouch! Ouch! And double ouch!" Bandy cried. "Those are the worst berries I have ever tasted!"

He ran to the lake and drank some water, but his mouth still burned. As fast as he could run, Bandy ran to his mother.

"Mother! Mother!" he cried, "I ate some berries and now my mouth is burning."

"Where did you find the berries?" Mother asked.

"I found them in a picnic basket," Bandy moaned. "But I promise never to steal another basket."

"Now not only your mouth will burn," Mother promised. "I must punish you for stealing."

THE TRICKY CRAB SPIDER*

By Avis Demmitt

Now you see him! Now you don't! This tricky little spider is an expert at camouflage. Most spiders spin webs to catch their dinner. The crab spider does not spin a web. It uses other ways to lure its dinner into reach.

The crab spider gets its name from its crablike appearance and its crablike way of moving. Its short, broad body is shaped like that of a crab. The legs are attached to the body in such a way that the spider can move sidewise or backward easily than forward.

The crab spider is small. The body of the female is only about half an inch long. The male is much smaller.

The crab spider makes its home inside different kinds of flowers. Some of its kind can change color to match the flower in which they hide. This change does not take place at once. A space of time, ranging from one day to ten or more days, is necessary for the color change to be completed.

When the spider has changed color, it is almost invisible. Then it is ready to deal with the unwary insects which approach the flower. Even the large, powerful bumblebee is easy prey for this gay deceiver.

The female crab spider is an excellent mother. It spins a cocoon and lays its eggs inside. Then it closes the cocoon and guards it carefully.

During the six weeks before the eggs hatch, the mother spider is a fearless guard. It will fight anything that threatens to approach the cocoon. It goes without food this entire period.

At the end of the six-week period, the mother crab spider cuts a hole in the hard case of the cocoon. The babies emerge. Then each baby spider spins a silk thread and climbs to some high spot. A brisk breeze sends each tiny spider floating away on the silk thread—in search of a new home.

"But I have been punished already," Bandy pleaded.

Mother felt sorry for the little bear. She gave him some honey and cold milk. Soon his mouth stopped burning.

Bandy never stole again. If one of the visitors gave him something strange to eat, he would take it straight home and ask his mother if it were for eating.

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Attendance & Additions

Churches S.S. T.U. Add.

February 25, 1968

Alamo, First	273	71	..
Alcoa, Calvary	149	57	..
Central	153	73	..
First	563	239	..
Athens, First	611	288	..
Baxter, First	99	65	1
Bean Station, First	100	44	..
Adriel	95	..	..
Barnards Grove	96	20	..
Brownsville	604	161	3
Mission	81	..	..
Calhoun, First	158	119	..
Carthage, First	189	34	1
Chattanooga, Bartlebaugh	109	28	4
Brainerd	930	293	2
Calvary	217	70	..
Central	854	244	..
Meadowview	48	25	..
Concord	516	194	..
East Brainerd	283	123	..
East Lake	463	134	2
First	1008	256	6
Morris Hill	284	86	5
Northside	355	127	..
Oakwood	482	175	1
Red Bank	1095	244	..
Ridgedale	519	170	..
St. Elmo	310	105	..
White Oak	452	153	4
Woodland Park	275	114	..
Clarksville, First	945	231	3
Grace Avenue	224	106	..
Hillcrest	251	89	6
New Providence	240	85	..
Pleasant View	277	78	..
Ridgecrest	5	..	..
Spring Creek	167	53	1
Cleveland, Blue Springs	59	38	..
First	578	160	..
Clinton, Second	408	112	1
Collierville, First	338	85	..
Columbia, First	453	105	1
Highland Park	397	141	1
Northside	154	75	3
Concord, First	274	107	..
Cookeville, Bangham Heights	73	57	..
First	581	138	1
Washington Avenue	229	97	4
Corryton	248	102	..
Crossville, First	232	61	2
Homestead	216	94	..
Daisy, First	250	69	..
Dayton, First	278	79	..
Denver, Trace Creek	96	44	..
Dunlap, First	156	58	..
Dyersburg, Southside	200	97	..
Eagleville	115	26	7
Elizabethton, Calvary	141	51	..
First	343	89	..
Immanuel	329	99	..
Oak Street	222	91	..
Siam	167	74	1
Ethridge, Mt. Horeb	136	79	..
Etowah, First	291	67	1
Gladeville	125	63	..
Goodlettsville, First	547	193	..
Madison Creek	141	79	..
Grand Junction, First	141	71	..
Greeneville, First	361	128	9
Hartshaw	26	..	..
Second	169	54	..
Greenbrier, Bethel	149	70	2
First	359	99	..
Jordonia Classes	110	..	..
Lights Chapel	37	43	..
Harriman, South	441	163	..
Trenton Street	333	97	..
Hendersonville, First	950	155	4
Henry	96	44	..
Hixson, Central	366	187	..
First	375	78	1
Memorial	296	143	..
Humboldt, First	545	166	..
Jackson, Ararat	105	34	..
Calvary	448	181	1
First	802	210	..
Highland Park	222	90	2
North	238	91	..
Parkview	360	129	1
West	757	369	..
Johnson City, Antioch	126	66	..
North	198	43	..
Temple	345	113	2
Unaka Avenue	356	107	..
Kenton, First	206	82	..
Kingsport, Colonial Heights	519	170	..
First	833	238	6
Litz Manor	225	54	..
Lynn Garden	439	113	..
State Line	301	201	1
Kingston, Cedar Grove	243	162	2

First	395	137	..
Knoxville, Beaver Dam	398	116	..
Black Oak Heights	238	65	2
Broadway	786	145	..
Central (FT C)	1184	437	11
Cumberland	446	156	13
Fifth Avenue	558	128	..
First	982	190	1
Grace	443	133	..
Immanuel	358	95	..
Lincoln Park	940	254	1
McCalla Avenue	703	213	..
Mount Carmel	138	58	..
Mt. Harmony	178	89	1
Meridian	611	140	..
New Hopewell	263	110	..
Rocky Hill	291	94	..
Smithwood	632	186	3
Wallace Memorial	699	235	..
West Hills	376	119	5
West Lonsdale	354	163	5
Lawrenceburg, Deerfield	127	89	..
First	201	48	..
Highland Park	298	132	3
Meadow View	107	59	..
Lebanon, Immanuel	497	224	3
Rocky Valley	135	65	..
Southside	180	97	3
Lenoir City, Beads Chapel	67	23	..
Calvary	213	80	..
First	392	97	..
Kingston Pike	149	80	..
Lewisburg, First	316	77	..
Livingston, First	218	99	..
Loudon, Corinth	244	126	..
New Providence	123	88	1
Union Fork Creek	90	78	..
Madison, Alta Loma	280	120	..
First	439	90	2
Madisonville, First	318	81	..
Malesus	269	105	..
Manchester, First	344	140	2
Trinity	137	82	..
Martin, Southside	199	90	6
Maryville, Everett Hills	411	181	..
First	743	219	3
Mt. Lebanon	232	113	..
Pleasant Grove	154	64	..
Stock Creek	206	85	..
McEwen, First	97	34	..
McKenzie, First	339	67	..
McMinnville, Gath	128	45	..
Magness Memorial	292	47	2
Westside	53	28	..
Medon, New Union	83	50	..
Memphis, Ardmore	665	265	..
Bartlett	474	197	3
Bellevue	1502	607	8
Beverly Hills	523	136	1
Boulevard	282	108	4
Brunswick	97	49	..
Calvary	268	130	..
Dellwood	465	202	4
Ellendale	203	85	..
First	1194	280	7
Fisherville	145	63	..
Glen Park	326	181	1
Graceland	635	217	..
Highland Heights	996	483	5
Kennedy	798	228	2
LeaClair	504	242	4
Leawood	783	222	3
Lucy	179	127	..
Mt. Terrace	295	149	3
Peabody	230	138	2
Rugby Hills	286	130	5
Scenic Hills	246	110	5
Second	968	415	5
Sky View	458	224	2
Speedway Terrace	601	241	5
Temple	817	218	1
Wells Station	613	185	2
Whitehaven	788	230	..
Milan, First	477	127	..
Monterey, First	224	70	1
Morristown, Bethel	230	139	..
Buffalo Trail	181	45	..
Cherokee Hill	102	40	..
First	636	147	1
Hillcrest	273	128	1
Montvue	237	57	..
Pleasant View	141	105	..
White Oak Grove	211	92	5
Murfreesboro, Belle Aire	109	37	..
First	656	143	..
Calvary	100	38	..
Southeast	223	91	..
Third	287	58	4
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1105	319	7
Madison Street	94	40	..

Retired Couples To Help Overseas

In its February meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board invited three retired couples to help in overseas mission work for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holifield, of Houston, Tex., plan to leave the States about Apr. 1 for Nigeria, where he will be business manager of the Baptist hospital in Ogbomosho. He formerly had an administrative job with an oil company.

Mr. and Mrs. Sibley C. Burnett, of Nashville, Tenn., expect to go to Berlin, West Germany, in June to substitute during the furlough of a missionary couple. Burnett was superintendent of weekday and Vacation Bible School promotion for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, prior to retirement.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Foster, of Thomasville, N.C., will substitute for furloughing missionaries in Belgium, beginning their assignment in July. He is a retired pastor.

Brook Hollow	429	128	..
Dickerson Road	484	194	2
Donelson View	205	128	3
Fairview	175	35	..
First	1375	498	6
Carroll Street	132	66	..
Cora Tibbs	48	27	..
T.P.S.	429	..	..
Gallatin Road	369	116	..
Glenwood	297	95	..
Grace	702	229	1
Haywood Hills	500	182	2
Hermitage Hills	411	174	..
Hillhurst	316	112	..
Inglewood	665	142	9
Joelton	299	103	1
Lincova Hills	251	53	..
Lockeland	448	92	..
Park Avenue	1000	290	5
Rosedale	138	43	..
Tusculum Hills	402	106	5
Two Rivers	334	177	7
Valley View	146	70	4
Woodbine	518	165	1
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	641	185	1
Old Hickory, First	424	176	..
Peytonville	23	16	..
Rayon City	186	64	..
Oliver Springs, First	181	85	..
Middle Creek	121	72	..
Parsons, First	217	89	..
Philadelphia, Cedar Fork	155	96	1
Portland, First	377	119	..
Powell, First	250	61	..
Rockwood, Eureka	116	..	..
Rogersville, East	251	102	..
Henard's Chapel	120	78	..
Hickory Cove	56	32	..
Rutherford, First	127	..	..
Savannah, First	211	60	2
Sevierville, First	488	163	2
Seymour, Dupont	124	43	..
Shelbyville, First	357	94	1
Flat Creek	56	..	..
Hickory Hill	36	31	1
Smyrna, First	345	108	..
Somerville, First	245	120	..
Shady Grove	40	16	..
Sparta, First	202	72	1
Springfield	519	100	..
Extension	30	..	..
Mission	35	..	..
Eastland Heights	241	97	..
Oak Grove	188	86	..
Sweetwater, First	416	117	..
Oakland	62	39	..
Trenton, First	414	..	..
Union City, Beulah	34	37	..
First	575	128	..
Second	311	121	..
Watertown, Round Lick	193	75	..
Waverly, First	248	55	..
Waynesboro, Green River	144	82	..
White House, First	186	36	..