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Missionary Families Return Safely To United States

The Herbert Caudills and the David Fites deplane in Matamoros, Mexico, across the border from Brownsville, Tex., where they entered the country. (See story pages 4, 5.)

Home Mission Board Photo by Don Rutledge



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Valentine's Day, which falls on Feb. 14, ought to remind us that love is something which needs to be expressed every day of the year.

For one cannot deny that every person in the world needs to hear someone say the magic words, "I love you."

I am reminded of the efficiency expert who finally met the girl of his dreams, but was too timid to tell her. So he mimeographed a year's supply of postcards, each saying, "I love you," and mailed one each day.

Sure enough, at the end of the year, the girl got married. But she married the postman. He was on hand, in person, to deliver the sweetest message this side of heaven: The message of love.

"Hate" may be the word of some in these troubled days. But if we are ever going to learn to "speak the same language," we had better start by conjugating the verb "to love."

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Interpretation

By Herschel H. Hobbs

The Second Coming of Christ

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."—Luke 21:27

Beginning with verse 25 through verse 31 Jesus answered the latter question found in v. 7, "What sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?"

Preliminary signs will be disturbances in the heavens, among nations, and in nature (v. 25). Here Jesus used apocalyptic language to describe the conditions. Because of all these things the hearts of worldly men shall be faint with fear (v. 26).

It is then that the Son of man will appear (v. 27). Jesus did not refer to time but to condition when this will take place. While there will be preliminary evidences, the sign itself will be the Lord's appearance for all to see.

Note that Jesus used the third person plural—then shall "they" see. This shows that Jesus did not necessarily expect His return while the apostles still lived. His second coming is always imminent. His followers should live in a state of constant expectancy.

Whereas His return will be one of fear for an unbelieving world, it will be one of joy for the faithful (v. 28). For their final redemption draws near. This does not refer to regeneration. It means perhaps three things (1) Release from the toils and burdens of life. (2) Vindication of their faith in Christ before unbelievers. (3) The resurrection of the body and the reward and glory of heaven. At His return Christians will receive bodies suited for the conditions of heaven. The dead will be raised (Rom. 8:23-25). The living will be transformed (I Cor. 15:35-57; I Thess. 4:14-18).

The Lord did not tell us all that we wish to know about His return. But He did tell us all that we need to know. The fact is sure. The details we can leave to Him.

Southwestern Seminary Gets \$233,000 From Benefactors

FORT WORTH—Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary has been made permanent beneficiary of as much as \$223,000 for the estates of the late Laura Dunlap Sampson and W. Emmett Sampson, both of Houston before their deaths.

Sampson was a rancher and oilman, and with his wife, gave financial assistance to several students who have attended Southwestern seminary. They also established trust funds with the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

After the period of trusteeship necessary for such funds has been accomplished, the sum will be established as the Laura Dunlap Sampson and W. Emmett Sampson Memorial Endowment Funds. (BP)

Devotional

"Our God Is Able"

Daniel 3:16-18

By Courtney Wilson, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Hendersonville

This is one of the most inspiring stories in the Old Testament—three young Hebrew men captives in Babylon with courage to stand up for their God. Because they refuse to bow down and worship before the great tower built by Nebuchadnezzar on the plain of Dura, they are brought before the King. The royal presence does not frighten them. Their words and example inspire those of us who follow.

When called to account for their refusal to be unfaithful to their God they say, "O King, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter." That is just another way of saying, we are looking for no excuses, our love of God and commitment to him are so great that we will not seek to avoid these responsibilities. I can't help but wonder how many of us would meet the challenge. The pitiful excuses we make for not serving God are often an insult to him and to the intelligence of those to whom we speak. Are we ready to stand up and be counted? In a stiff test of our faith at the factory or the office are we ready to say "I don't need a lot of time to think this over—I'm for God and will take my stand with him"?

These three young Hebrew men then proceeded to make an even more definite declaration of faith with the words "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." He did deliver them. Such a statement then and now takes real courage and faith. With this kind of commitment we could change our world today. Then and now people listen to the child of God that says, "O King our God is able to deliver us but if he doesn't see fit we will not serve your God anyway". This is the way to advance the cause of Christ—by having a faith that means something to us. No one is inspired by a weak and milk toast type of faith. On the other hand, everyone respects and admires a faith that puts our life on the line for Christ.

Preaching Professor Named By Southeastern Seminary

WAKE FOREST—Dr. John W. Carlton has been elected to the faculty of Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary as professor of preaching, effective Aug. 1, 1969.

Carlton has accepted also a part-time relationship with the Divinity School of Duke university as adjunct professor of preaching.

Since 1962, he has been a member of the faculty at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary. Previously he was associate professor of preaching at the Divinity School of Duke university.

A native of Texas, Carlton holds a B.A. degree from Baylor university, studied at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, and earned the Ph.D. degree at Duke university.

COMMITTED CRITICS

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Many aspects of Southern Baptist life are being re-examined and re-evaluated. This re-examination can be healthy. New directions for our work may be established. Creative energies may be released.

The preceding will be true to the degree that the ones who are doing the re-examining are committed to the truth of God and also to our denomination as it serves the purposes of God in the world.

It is possible for one to be critic and not be committed. His criticism may be valid but his spirit, in most cases, will defeat his purpose. Most of those who are committed to the denomination will refuse to accept his criticism.

There are critics of some aspects of the work of our denomination who are thoroughly committed to the well-being of the denomination. Some of those individuals insist that they are critical because they are committed. They contend that if one is genuinely committed to the work of Southern Baptists he will be critical of any aspect of that work that needs to be changed, improved, or strengthened.

It will be tragic for our churches and our denomination if we refuse to listen to our critics, particularly to those who are committed to the work of Southern Baptists.

It is possible that mistakes are being made in the work of our denomination that will not be corrected because no one calls attention to them. Some people may not speak up because they are afraid of the reactions to what they say.

Some way we must maintain or recover in so far as it has been lost the spirit and atmosphere that will make it possible for us to differ and yet respect one another and maintain fellowship with one another. If we are to have a healthy denomination, Baptists must be able to differ in love.

On the other hand, those who see things that need to be corrected should have the courage to speak out. Let such ones be sure, however, that they speak with a sincere desire to help. In other words, it is doubtful if any of us have the right to speak unless we are committed.

Also, if and when we feel compelled to speak let us do it in humility, recognizing that we share some of the responsibility for the conditions we are criticizing. We should never stand aloof from our denomination. Rather, we should identify ourselves with it.

If we identify with our denomination as we should, we will not be vindictive in what we say. We will never get any personal satisfaction out of criticizing our denomination or any agency or institution of our denomination. It will be somewhat comparable to criticizing a member of our family.

It should be our desire that our denomination and its institutions and agencies would be better instruments to serve the

purposes of God among men. Our prior loyalty to the work of Christ may mean that we must criticize certain phases of our denomination. But what is best for the kingdom of God ultimately will also be best for the denomination.

Criticism from one who is committed to the work of the Lord as represented by our denomination will always be constructive. It may open wounds but there will be healing for those wounds in its spirit.

Woman's Missionary Union

State YWA Breakfast

By Mary Jane Nethery

A State YWA Breakfast will be held March 1 at 7:00 a.m. at Belmont college cafeteria in conjunction with the state Youth Evangelism Conference February 28-March 1 in Nashville. The theme of the meeting is "Will You Dare . . . to Witness, to Pray, to Give?" Miss Linda Garrett, state YWA Council president will preside.

In addition to a musical presentation by the EMPACS a newly organized singing group composed of Belmont Heights Baptist church young people, missionary Benton Williams of Thailand will speak. 1969 State Council officers also will be elected and installed.

Information regarding the meeting has been sent to local WMU Directors and YWA Directors from the state WMU office. The deadline for reservations is February 21. Cost of the breakfast is \$1.00. Information regarding the Youth Evangelism Conference has been sent to pastors, educational directors, and associational superintendents of missions.

Kentucky Church Ordains Two Women As Deacons

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—Two women were ordained Baptist deacons by the Faith Baptist church here, apparently becoming the first women in the state to be deacons in a Southern Baptist church.

Mrs. Robert Snyder and Mrs. Wallace Williams, both of Georgetown, gained the distinction. The church is without a pastor at the present time.

Although they are the first in Kentucky, they are not the first in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Recently the Greenwood Forest Baptist church in Cary, N. C., ordained Mrs. Douglas M. Branch, widow of the late executive secretary of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, as a deacon. But the story was not considered unusual in that state.

But in Kentucky, it was big news. The *Western Recorder*, the Baptist state paper, devoted an entire page to the story, compared to only one paragraph in the North Carolina paper on the ordination of the widow of the late convention executive secretary.

"We want to make sure that everyone understands that this is not a group of wives of ordained deacons," said Harold Wahking, moderator of the church. "These women are regular deacons as we understand the term used in the New Testament.

"They will serve as 'undershepherds' of part of the church just like every other deacon," he continued. "They will visit the sick, encourage those who need spiritual uplift, and assist in other ways. Our deacons handle no business matters. That is the responsibility of the trustees."

Mrs. Snyder, whose husband Robert is chairman of the deacon committee, said that while working on her doctor of philosophy degree at Northwestern university in Evanston, Ill., she attended a church that had women deacons.

Mrs. Williams said that other denominations have women deacons and some even have women ministers, adding that women are assuming more influential roles in all of society.

But the church and the women have received some criticism. One pastor in another county called Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and was extremely critical. "What really disturbed me, said Mrs. Snyder, "was his refusal to admit the autonomous nature of the local Baptist church."

Moderator Wahking concluded: "We don't pay much attention to that type of criticism . . . but we know our action is going to upset some people. We aren't rushing into this on the spur of the moment.

"We have tried to go slow and tell people in advance what we were planning to do," he said. "We can support with the New Testament proof that women deacons are legitimate, but some people won't even listen." (BP)

CAUDILLS, FITES RETURN SAFELY TO U.S.

By Dallas Lee

MATAMOROS, Mex.—Cheerful and composed, the Herbert Caudills and David Fites, Friday stepped off a Mexican government airliner here and onto freedom ground.

The party of six, smiling and teary-eyed, groped in silence for words as they encountered a welcoming party, then Mrs. Caudill blurted out: "This is a surprise."

David Fite, lean and tan from prison farm labor, said simply:

"We are grateful to be here and grateful to everyone who worked and prayed to make this possible."

But if the Matamoros arrival was silent emotional understatement, the Atlanta arrival some 30 hours later was an emotional explosion.

Refugees Present

Relatives—including David Fite's parents—and a group of Cuban refugee friends pressed against television cameramen and newsmen and sang in Spanish what sounded like "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," a doxology for tearful reunions.

In the middle of the melee, 12-year-old James Fite, the Fites' eldest son who was sent out of Cuba earlier, stood with his arms around his brothers, John, 10 and Mark, 3, getting reacquainted in their native tongue—Spanish.

Saddest of all, teenager Benjamin Valdez, a Cuban refugee living in Atlanta stood sobbing as he tried to talk

to David Fite, who had last seen Benjamin's father in prison eight weeks ago.

Caudill and his son-in-law, Fite, had been prisoners of the Cuban government since April 8, 1965, when they were arrested for and later convicted of illegal currency exchange.

Now Caudill, 65 and his wife, Marjorie, were arriving home to stay in the U.S. after nearly 40 years as missionaries in western Cuba.

"It's like leaving home" Caudill said.

Fite, 35, and his wife and two young sons were following the trail of their eldest son, James, who left Cuba via Matamoros last November, a month before he knew his father was to be freed from an Havana prison.

Not Discriminated Against

At a news conference at the Atlanta airport on Saturday, Caudill was asked what

he expected to do now. He smiled and demonstrated the surprisingly good humor under strain that marked each of them:

"I believe we'll start a second honeymoon," he replied. "And I hope the next 38 years will be as happy as the first."

Both men, in response to questions about how they were treated in prison, said: "We were not discriminated against."

Fite told reporters his release from prison on Dec. 16 was an "unexpected surprise" and a "humanitarian act of mercy." Margaret had visited him on Saturday, Dec. 14, and told him that she had received word his liberty papers had been signed and that he would be allowed to come home before Christmas.

Home On Public Bus

He was released two mornings later and surprised his family by arriving home on a public bus.

The youngest boy, three-year-old Mark, responded by running and shouting to neighbors: "My Daddy's home, my Daddy's home."

Caudill, who had been out of prison on conditional liberty two years due to eye



EMOTIONAL ATLANTA RECEPTION: David Fite rushes into arms of his mother. His father, the Rev. Clifton Fite of Waynesboro, Ga., is at left.



BROTHERHOOD: James Fite, 12, who came out of Cuba last November, greets his three-year-old brother Mark at the Atlanta airport. The boys' grandmother, Mrs. Clifton Fite is at left and David Fite is shown in the background talking to Benjamin Valdez, a refugee whose father still is imprisoned in Cuba.

ailments, apparently could have applied two years ago to leave the country.

"We did not want to leave Margaret and the children alone with David in prison," he said.

Late in the fall of 1968, when it became evident that Mrs. Caudill also was developing serious eye trouble that threatened her sight, it became increasingly important for the Caudills to leave.

Mrs. Caudill, however, told her daughter: "I would rather go blind than leave you alone now."

When Fite was released, the entire family—the Caudills and the Fites—made application to leave the country as a family unit and gained approval to fly out on the monthly Mexican government refugee flights to Matamoros, across the Rio Grande River from Brownsville, Tex.

New Strength Daily

"The way these things all came together, we believe God's hand was in it," Fite said. "This was the answer to thousands of prayers. Daily we felt new strength and saw insurmountable problems overcome.

Both the Caudills and the Fites said there had been a steady flow of friends visiting them in Havana since it became known they were leaving.

Caudill said the Baptist work has continued all along. "It hasn't grown outward much," he said, "but it has deepened."

He said there still are about 90 churches and 7-8000 Baptists in western Cuba, where Southern Baptist work began some 80 years ago. More than

half of the Cuban pastors who had been arrested also are free now, Caudill said, and many are preaching.

Caudill, at the time of his arrest nearly four years ago, was superintendent of Baptist work in western Cuba and president of the Baptist seminary in Havana.

Caudill Retirement Age

Fite, who had been in Cuba six years, was pastor of the Buena Vista Baptist church in Havana, a congregation of English-speaking West Indians, and was teaching New Testament and Greek in the seminary.

Mrs. Caudill had continued teaching in the seminary until they left Cuba. Asked what she had done to keep busy, Mrs. Fite replied:

"I've been keeping house and toting jabs (cloth sacks for hauling groceries, etc.)."

The women had been allowed to visit their husbands on varying schedules, depending on where they were, usually working out to be once a month.

Caudill spent most of his confinement in the La Cabana Fortress, across the bay from Havana. Fite, however, was moved several times and for nearly two years has been a working prisoner on prison farms.

Caudill and Fite, both under appointment of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be given time to reorient themselves and decide what they want to do next. Caudill, at 65, is of retirement age, but the Home Mission Board will continue his salary through the end of 1969.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-

treasurer of the Home Mission Board, and L. D. Wood of the language missions department were on hand to greet the missionaries in Matamoros, and then to escort them to Atlanta after spending the night in Brownsville, Tex.

Caudill, a native of Clinchport, Va., is a graduate of Mercer university (Baptist) in Macon, Ga., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth. Fite, a native of Fort Worth, is also a graduate of Mercer and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary in Wake Forest.

The Caudills tentatively plan to live in Atlanta. The Fites, who are moving into a home provided by the Avondale Baptist church in the Atlanta area, will remain in Atlanta until deciding on their next assignment.

About the Caudill-Fite story

The missionaries and their families returned to the United States Friday night (Feb. 7) HMB staffers Dallas Lee and Don Rutledge flew to Brownsville, Tex., and returned to Atlanta to provide on-the-spot coverage of a fast-breaking, important, Baptist story. Pictures were developed in Atlanta Saturday night, the 8th, airmailed to Nashville, where editing was done, and with the usual fine cooperation of Curley Printing Company, the front cover and two inside pages were replated at the last possible minute to provide readers of the **Baptist And Reflector** with the story.

Second Theology Professor Resigns at New Orleans

H. Clark Pinnock, for three years an associate professor of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, has resigned to accept a teaching position at Trinity college, Deerfield, Ill., near Chicago.

According to reliable sources, Pinnock's resignation is effective at the end of this semester. He is scheduled to begin his duties at Trinity with the summer session.

Pinnock, 31, had submitted his resignation at New Orleans about a year ago to go to Trinity, but the resignation was withdrawn.

His resignation became known shortly after the resignation of Robert H. Soileau, long-time associate professor of theology, was announced in a release through Baptist Press.

LADD SERVICES HELD

Funeral services were held in Harriman recently for Leonard E. Ladd, 61, prominent Harriman attorney. Ladd was on the board of trustees of Carson-Newman college, and of the East Tennessee Baptist hospital at the time of his death.

Ladd had served as a deacon at the First Baptist church, Harriman, and was a former chairman of the board of deacons, and was chairman of the building committee for the church sanctuary.

Burial was in Knoxville.



Caudills and Fites at news conference in Atlanta airport.

Home Mission Board Photo by Don Rutledge

LET'S THINK POSITIVELY!

"American church members since the nation's founding have been guilty of equating Americanism with Christianity", the general secretary of the National Council of Churches, Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, said in a board meeting in Memphis recently.

WASP (White, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant) jokes are prevalent.

The church is characterized frequently as being part of the "problem" in America today.

Those within the institutional church delight, apparently, in a peculiar type of self-criticism which to some seems almost like masochism (a tendency to direct aggressive or destructive impulses against one's own ego in order to reduce the anxiety attendant on anticipated inevitable punishment . . . Webster's unabridged). Those outside the institutional church have no hesitancy, apparently, in joining in the making of much sound.

Effective mass communications make dissemination of criticism inescapable. Scores of stories crossing the editor's desk each month attest to the fact that the church of Our Lord is, indeed, the object of extreme criticism.

But, finally brethren, enough is—or ought to be—enough.

One is reminded of a rather unique definition of *kill*

Man—Highest of God's Creation



"WHEN I LOOK INTO THE NIGHT SKIES AND SEE THE WORK OF YOUR FINGERS — THE MOON AND STARS YOU HAVE MADE — I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN BOTHER WITH MERE PUNY MAN, TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HIM! AND YET YOU HAVE..."
— PSA. 8:3-5 (TAYLOR'S LIVING PSALMS)

— to create a vacancy without nominating a successor. Assuming the impossible—we kill off the church by criticism, what then? ? ? Where would we possibly go for an effective substitute for Christ's church? ? ?

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ isn't going to be killed—ever. However, effectiveness of the Lord's work can be damaged irreparably.

So what's wrong with people believing that the American nation as it was conceived and founded should be identified closely with Christianity? Is this sin, or error? Certainly not! The student of history knows well that historic backgrounds in this country originated out of Christian belief and Christian backgrounds. Some seem to enjoy sweeping under the rug today the fact that America was established with strong motivation as a place where freedom of conscience to worship God would have primacy.

Why should we continually be placed upon the defensive? Admittedly we fall short of the ideal—as we're quite sure did our founding fathers. But at least let's give them credit for moving in the right direction. We began this nation as one nation, under God. Our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, our bases for origin as a constitutional government were rooted deeply in Christian-Jewish traditions.

The so-called paralysis of analysis is making itself felt in our effective witness. Divisions between proponents of the so-called social gospel—and pure evangelism (unnecessary and unwanted distinctions), are encouraged by this paralysis of analysis.

The *WASP* jokes seem to be a part of a move, consciously or unconsciously to segmentize Protestant culture and heritage as we have other segments in a nation which has opened her doors to all. Not so! It's still no sin, we believe, to be white, Protestant, and of Anglo-Saxon (or any other) heritage. Whatever is good and right and consistent with the teachings of Christ in any culture should be admired and encouraged.

Let's quit blaming the "church" for our problems and woes. Would you believe, instead "people?" Let's quit trying to find a scapegoat, and start looking for positive answers—in Christian ethics and in Christian love!

Home Missions Offering

The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer and Easter Offering for Home Missions is upon us. Tennessee Baptist women have a goal of \$280,000, with a goal in the Southern Baptist Convention of \$6,500,000.

Churches will do well to study again the multiple ministries of the Home Mission Board, and then join with the women of the church in supporting and contributing to this special emphasis in a worthwhile manner.

Consultation on Baptist Student Concerns Held Amid Spirit of Optimism, Hope

By James Evans McReynolds

NASHVILLE—A spirit of optimism, hope and expectancy was reflected by college and university students from 13 states meeting here for the first National Consultation on Baptist Student Concerns.

Sponsored by the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the consultation offered students an opportunity for expression and a hearing from Southern Baptist agency leaders.

"The church is an institution given to us by Christ. It's just like any institution in that you can't change anything by standing on the outside throwing rocks at it. You've got to get on the inside and work," related David Smith a senior from Mars Hill college, Mars Hill, N. C.

"I have faith, I am not a fatalist. I believe Christ is a living reality in our world. I believe the church can be a forceful factor in solving the crises of our world," Smith added.

"This conference has shown me that other people have different ideas from myself, and that these people have opinions and facts to back up their ideas," John Turner, junior from Eastern New Mexico university, Portales, said.

"Now I understand that we need to dig deeply into the whys of our beliefs," Turner added.

After two days of brain picking in eight work groups, representatives from each group reported their summary statements on the issues discussed to agency leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The discussion groups centered on the topics of the new morality, poverty, war and peace, campus evangelism, civil rights, Christian life on campus, future life in the megalopolis, and problems of automation and impersonalization.

The agency leaders responded to the summary statements made by the students.

"We are highly sensitive to your age and what you think," Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Education Commission, responded.

"We would rather go along with you than with those who haven't moved an inch in many years," he added.

Students had expressed opposition to the war in Vietnam and lack of individual responsibility in tax support of the government. Plugging up loop holes which are used by the rich to avoid taxes and negative income tax for the poor were suggested. Some indicated approval of lobbying for legalized abortion. In the area of birth control, they agreed that information should be provided for needy families.

Miss Janis Glass, a student at Oklahoma State university, Stillwater, suggested that the SBC offer protection for pastors who are turned out of their

churches for speaking out according to their consciences.

Some students voiced their support to all suggestions, but most agreed that students are entitled to their individual beliefs.

"The church should not dictate what a man believes," David Smith of Mars Hill said, "Personal beliefs should have respect as they come from a man's own communion with God."

Students had suggested approval of interracial marriage, dancing as an activity of the Baptist Student Center, abolishment of Training Union, and other controversial issues.

"Churches do little to prepare students for college life," Dan Haskins, a senior at Tennessee Technological university, Cookeville, pointed out.

"Churches often interfere or put pressures on some student groups with which they disagree," Haskins added. He also expressed a desire for better BSU-local church relationships.

"Some of the constructive thoughts students have brought out during the consultation will influence what our denomination does during the 70s," W. O. Thomason, acting secretary, student department, Sunday School Board, said.

"In 10 years we will wake up to find that the students of today are leading our convention."

Larry Green of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, summed up his feelings by saying, "As we wrote down page after page of criticisms of the church and her work, we have decided that although the church has many faults, there are many good things about it, and we are staying with it."

The summary reports were taped and will be distributed to Baptist student directors as a reflection of the thinking of today's college student, and as resource material for student ministries. (James Evans McReynolds is an information specialist in the office of public relations, SBC Sunday School Board.) (BP)



Baptist Student Union directors for the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in Nashville with Student Department secretary Charles M. Roselle (shown at head of table), to plan student work for the year.

Sam Hirsch Dies at 65; Religious Film Producer

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Sam Hirsch, general manager of Family Films, Inc.—one of the largest producers of religious motion pictures for television and the church—died here Jan. 24 of a heart attack. He was 62.

A native of New York, Hirsch founded Family Films in 1946. Among the many denominations he produced motion pictures for were The Methodist Church, the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. (RNS)

Illinois Board Names Staffer, Architect

CARBONDALE, Ill.—The board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association meeting here elected a new state Sunday School secretary, and employed an architect to design the new Baptist Building to be erected in Springfield, Ill.

John W. Perkins, associate in the convention's Sunday School department for the past 2½ years, was promoted to department secretary, succeeding Ernest Adams who resigned to join the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The firm of Ferry and Henderson of Springfield was named to design the new state convention office building in that city. Tentative plans call for completion of the new building by the summer of 1971 when the headquarters will be moved from the present building in Carbondale to the more centrally-located city of Springfield. (BP)

Tennessee News Briefs

West Maryville church, Maryville, has called **Glenn Brooks** as pastor.

Union Grove church, Chilhowee association, has called **Ralph Patton** as pastor.

Herman Matthews, pastor of Wilsonville church, Newport, for 11 years, resigned recently and retired from the active pastorate. He served approximately 26 churches in Tennessee and Arkansas over a period of 46 years. The **Matthews** are now making their home in Sevierville.

McLean church, Memphis, called **Reid Moore** as minister of music. For 17 years he served as minister of music at First Baptist church, Jackson, Miss. **Mrs. Moore** is the former **Bessie Strong** of Memphis.

Walter Rogers, Jr., a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., has moved to Columbia where he is minister of music at First Baptist church. **Robert E. Lee** is pastor.

J. B. Morris has resigned as pastor of First church, Dayton, to become pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Huntsville, Ala.

Bethlehem church, Robertson association, ordained **John T. Foote** as deacon. They recently dedicated their new pastorium which consists of three bedrooms, two baths, living room-dining room, kitchen, den, study, and garage. It is valued at \$17,500. **Charles D. Fouraker** is pastor.

Miss Debbie Hicks of Goodlettsville is the new secretary to the director of education and promotion, **Harold G. King**, Nashville Baptist association. She is a member of New Hope church, Bledsoe association.

Union Hill church, Goodlettsville, ordained **Ed C. Galbreath, Jr.**, **Teddy Armstrong**, **Martin Dorris**, **Wayne Bennett**, **Tom Reding** as deacons. **Rev. Homer Robinson** and **Rev. Dan Lawler** assisted pastor **Hugh Widick** in the ordination service.

James A. Ivey is serving as interim pastor at McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville.

David V. Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. **John H. Faulkner** of Jellico, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by First Baptist church, Jellico, **Richard Allison**, pastor. Faulkner has been called as pastor of New Columbus church, Corinth, Ky. He is married to the former **Patricia Johnson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W. E. Johnson** of LaFollette.

James Bell is the new pastor of First church, Hartsville. A native of Sparta, Ga., and former pastor of Fairmont Baptist church, Sparta. He received the B.A. degree from Belmont college and attended Southwestern seminary.

Robert Sanders is now pastor of Bledsoe Creek church, Bledsoe association. He formerly served as pastor in Wilson County association.

Pleasant Valley church, Bledsoe association, ordained **Thomas Hale** to the Gospel ministry. **Richard Patton** preached the ordination sermon, **Oscar Trainer** led the prayer, and **S. E. Wood** served as moderator. Hale is serving as interim pastor at Pleasant Valley.

Wayne Bowery, recently ordained by Beulah church, Kingsport, is the new pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist church, Lebanon, Va. Wayne is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and attended Southeastern seminary.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Billy Graham, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Taiwan, are now living in Richmond, Va. (temporary address: 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230). He is a native of Jasper, Tenn.; she is the former **Anne White** of Greeneville, Tenn.

North Johnson City church, Johnson City, has called **Wiley I. Rutledge** as pastor. A native of Nashville, he formerly served West Albemarle Baptist church, Albemarle, N. C., for seven years as pastor. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., with the B.D. degree. **Mrs. Rutledge** is the former **Marjorie Walters** of LaFollette and also a graduate of Carson-Newman college. They have three children, **Martha**, **Mark** and **Sue Ellen**.



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Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, signs check for \$927,620.11, largest sum Tennessee Baptists have ever sent to Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention for a single month. Looking on are **Martha Grove**, head bookkeeper (left), and **Alice Byram**, Dr. Kendall's private secretary. Total receipts received for month of January were \$1,400,610.18, largest income for any single month in history of Tennessee Baptists.

50,003 Baptisms Reported In Baptist Overseas Work

The 5154 churches and 6974 congregations related to Southern Baptist mission work overseas reported the baptism of 50,003 new Christians during 1968, bringing their total membership to 611,470. These figures are in the Foreign Mission Board's annual report, now in final preparation.

The figures do not include many people who made professions of faith in Christ but who have not yet been baptized, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen noted. Worldwide emphasis was placed on evangelism during the year, which closed with more than 8000 decisions being registered during the Philippine 1968 New Life Crusade.

At the end of the year 538,304 were enrolled in Sunday School, 156,370 in Training Union, 166,139 in Woman's Missionary Union, and 18,366 in Brotherhood organizations. Vacation Bible School registration for the year totaled 177,089.

The report revealed that 3672 of the churches are self-supporting, and that the number of national pastors is 4413.

With a record 247 missionary appointments being made in 1968, there were 2371 missionaries under appointment to 69 countries or territories at year's end. This figure includes 119 missionary associates and 122 missionary journeymen. More than half the 4176 missionaries appointed since the organization of the Foreign Mission Board are now in active service.

"We press toward the objective of 5000 missionaries at the earliest possible date," Cauthen said, "with full confidence that Southern Baptists, because of their love for Christ and their awareness of worldwide needs, will continue to provide the essential funds through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

Cauthen stressed that sustained advance requires an increase in operating funds of \$2,000,000 annually. He expressed thanks that about 50 per cent of the Cooperative Program funds available to the Southern Baptist Convention have been allocated to foreign mission work for the last several years.

"We believe this reflects both the missionary concern of Southern Baptists everywhere and the desire of the SBC Executive Committee to do everything possible to extend the message of Christ throughout the world," Cauthen said.

The annual report also showed that 837 schools ranging from kindergarten through senior college enrolled 87,597 students last year. This total includes 1894 students at 46 theological seminaries.

During the year 21 hospitals and 83 clinics provided care for 47,586 inpatients and 631,977 outpatients. Sixteen children's homes provided care for 800 children, and

Missouri Baptists Urged To Uphold Pupil Schools

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Southern Baptists in Missouri were urged here to pledge support for an expanded public school system despite increased costs to taxpayers, if and when Catholic parochial schools in the state are closed down.

An editorial in *The Word and Way*, weekly newspaper of the Missouri Baptist Convention, urged positive support of public school education, but did not urge specific opposition to Catholic pleas for tax support for their schools.

The editorial, written by Editor W. Ross Edwards, was entitled, "Education for All: Let's Be Positive."

During the month of January, four Catholic bishops in Missouri issued a joint statement announcing an all-out drive to obtain tax funds from state officials to help pay for the mounting costs of the Catholic parochial school system.

Catholic Schools May Close

A few days later, the Catholic school board of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese voted 12-1 to recommend that their 54 schools with 23,000 students be closed on September 1 unless at least half of the system's operating costs are borne out of state tax funds.

The bishop of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese, Charles H. Helmsing, rejected the proposal, however, saying it was too drastic.

Instead, the bishop outlined a three-year plan to consolidate some Catholic elementary schools, give more help to inner city schools and assist religious education on the campuses and seek "tax rebates and/or state aid, thereby assuring the continuance of Catholic education in Missouri."

Bishop Helmsing was one of the four Catholic bishops in the state signing the statement calling for an all-out drive to obtain tax funds from the state legislature.

Let's Be Positive

The editorial in the Baptist state paper did not condemn Catholic plans to seek state financial aid, but emphasized: "Let's be positive" in supporting public school education.

"Since the state and federal constitutions forbid the use of tax funds for sectarian schools," the editorial stated, "we urge our

24 good will centers enrolled 6818 children and 3961 adults.

Twenty-seven publication centers produced 1,184,806 copies of 257 books, 6,092,553 copies of 368 periodicals, and 17,048,931 copies of 315 tracts.

citizens to make all necessary preparations for welcoming the additional students in areas that will be affected if the church schools are closed."

Editor Edwards suggested that Baptist readers write to Gov. Warren E. Hearnes, the senators, and representatives "pledging to them your support of public education." "The additional students would doubtless cost taxpayers more money," the editorial added. But it pointed out that all forms of education are expensive, and "the cost over a long period of time would very likely be no greater than supporting multiple school systems."

While closing the Catholic schools would be painful to some, the editorial said, it is nothing really new. "At one time Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and other denominations operated sectarian high schools in Missouri. As public education grew, these schools were gradually phased out."

The editor wrote that it would be a great boost to the spirit of good will to have students from all denominations in the same school system. "This experience can mean much to our children, to us, to our churches, and to the cause of Christ and to our country."

Public Education—Democracy

The editorial also argued that public education is one of the greatest supporters of democracy, that it would be easier to secure approval of bond issues for public education, that public education could take a giant step forward with broad support from all parents, and that the greatest benefits would go to the students.

In the same issue, *The Word and Way* reprinted an editorial appearing in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* opposing the use of tax funds for parochial schools.

"We cannot agree that it is right or fair to use public funds, obtained by taxation of people professing various religions or no religion at all, to support the religious institutions of a part of the people," said the St. Louis newspaper editorial.

"What the state government ought to do now, it seems to us, is to take seriously the rumblings from Catholic authorities and begin to prepare the public school system to accommodate the growing demands that may be made upon it," said the *Post-Dispatch* editorial.

There are about 140,000 students (16 per cent of the total school population) attending Catholic schools in Missouri. The system costs about \$75 million a year. (BP)

LETTERS to the EDITOR

January 31, 1969

To the Editor:

I thought you may be interested in having this little news item. I am Charles Anderson, the pastor of the West Side Baptist mission. For the past two years we have been praying that the Lord would make a way for us to have a much needed new building and in a better location. We purchased four acres two years ago with the help of the Tennessee Convention, but it wasn't in the desirable location. We could not afford the location that was preferred.

A few months ago, after the morning services, Bro. William M. Beasley, the pastor of the North Dayton Baptist church in Dayton, Ohio, called and told us that Bro. Lacy Matthews, a former Crossvillian, who was a member of his church wanted to donate 3 acres of property to us. This property was in the area we desired to purchase.

Bro. Lacy Matthews also donated one acre to Bro. William Beasley who has been his pastor for a large number of years. This was an act of love and appreciation for him.

The land donated to the West Side Baptist mission was in memory of and the new church will be a memorial to his former wife, Fannie May Turner Matthews, and her mother, Mattie May Farris Turner.

We believe that this is God send or nothing short of a miracle. We would like to express our appreciation to Bro. Lacey Matthews and wife, Helen I. Matthews, for their love for our Lord and desire to see God's work on earth advance.

Please rewrite this and place it in your paper. Thank you! Praise God for the work of the Southern Baptists.

In Christ,
Charles Anderson, Pastor
West Side Baptist Mission
Route 4, Sparta Drive
Crossville, Tennessee 38555

Dirksen 'Prayer' Measure Submitted In Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R-Ill.) made good on his vow to carry his "prayer amendment" fight to the Senate floor this year. Although he has filed bills for three consecutive years, the issue has been largely dormant.

Early in the session, as has been his practice, he filed a measure which would not make it unlawful to pray to God in a public building, including schools.

Although, technically, informal noncompulsory exercises of this nature may be held in public places, the 1962 and 1963 prayer rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court, he said, have caused confusion and even the voluntary exercises have largely ceased.

Sen. Dirksen needs at least two-thirds of those voting to approve the amendment before it can advance to the states, of which at least 38 would have to approve through referenda within seven years of Congressional passage.

Should the Senate pass the measure, it also would have to pass in the House before advancing to the states. (RNS)

January 23, 1969

To the Editor:

Our Tennessee Baptist Paper has gone through such a delightful change for the better that I want to express my gratitude to you as our Editor. It seems to me as if we have emerged from twilight into the full light of day.

I am reading the weekly issues with the greatest zest for I am finding news from all over the world which bears on our Denomination. Furthermore it is all presented with a fresh, up to date approach and is readable from "kiver to kiver"!

May God bless you with health and discernment as you help us to go forward.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Debbie R. Baird
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Union Awards Editor Hurt, Teacher Service Awards

JACKSON, Tenn.—The editor of the Baptist Standard, state Baptist paper in Texas, John J. Hurt of Dallas, has been named to receive a distinguished service award by Union university, a Baptist school here.

Hurt, a 1931 graduate of Union university, received the award along with presentation of a distinguished alumni award to Albert A. Stone, general manager of the Jackson Sun here, and a distinguished faculty and staff achievement award to Gladys Stone of Jackson. (BP)

\$628,849.81 Gifts Income Received by Union in 1968

JACKSON—Gift income totaling \$628,849.81 was received by Union university during the calendar year 1968 according to a report released by Dr. Wm. Walter Warmath, vice president of the college.

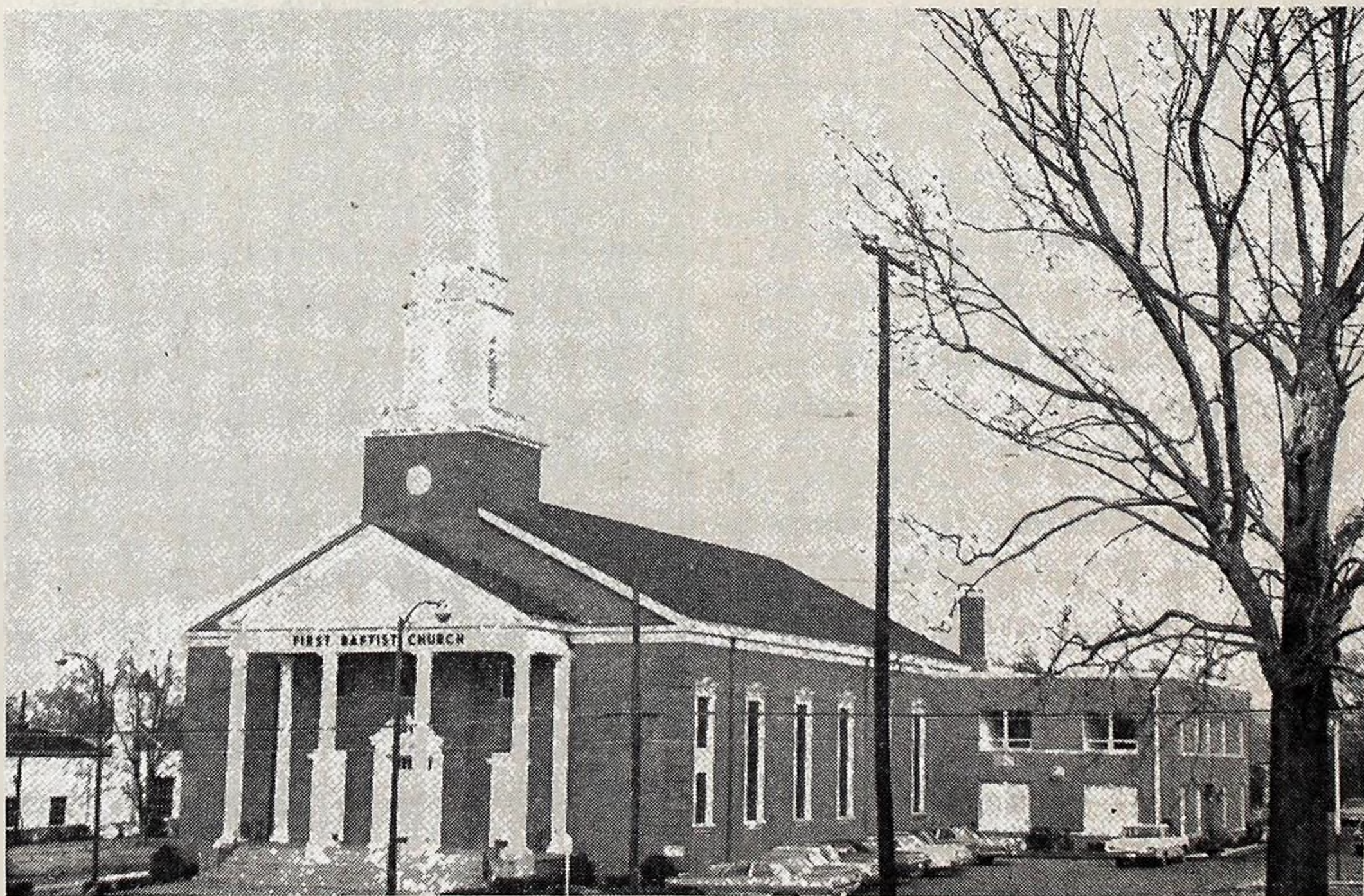
In breaking down the total, Warmath explained that the major portion came from the unified missions program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the University's supporting agency.

Warmath said, "Union's gift income reflects a strong tie with Tennessee Baptists and the churches of West Tennessee."

"We also represent the private enterprise system in higher education as we do not use any part of the tax dollar for our operation, but are dependent upon the private dollar with which to subsidize the education of more than 1000 students annually," he said.

In 1968 the college received \$269,698.71 as operating funds and \$91,223.91 as capital funds from the Convention.

Direct church gifts amounted to \$94,982.82. Alumni gave \$31,927.14; friends, \$30,538.80; business and industry, \$18,621.69; and foundations, \$15,200. From bequests Union received \$68,000 and from the Affiliated Independent Colleges of Tennessee, an organization of 11 private higher education institutions in the State, \$8656.75. (Special)



First church, Lebanon, has dedicated their new sanctuary and educational building. Built at a cost of just over \$500,000 (including furnishings), the new facilities replace buildings destroyed by fire on Oct. 2, 1966. Robert G. Capra is pastor of the church.

Dividend Check For Annuitants Given Annuity Board Approval; Morgan Elected

DALLAS—Southern Baptist Annuity Board trustees authorized a "13th" dividend check to retired persons, elected four new officers including a new president, approved promotions for five staff members and changed the dates for future annual meetings during their 51st session here.

Most of the two-day meeting of the 60 state and local trustees was devoted to the review of a report by Executive Secretary R. Alton Reed covering work accomplished in 1968.



Morgan

A speech explaining the rules of Social Security as they affect the minister was presented by Robert J. Myers, chief actuary for the Social Security Administration, Washington.

In his 14th annual report, Reed said the board paid a record \$6½ million in benefits to retired or disabled ministers and denominational employees or their beneficiaries, \$917,641 more than was paid in 1967.

Commenting on the recommendations approved by the trustees Reed said the major one concerned the authorization for issuing the "13th" check for the third straight year.

Each person who received a retirement benefit in 1968 will get an extra check amounting to 12 per cent of his annual benefit. The extra check was made possible by interest earnings in excess of the retirement plan requirements, Reed said.

Darold Morgan, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist church, Dallas, was elected trustee succeeding E. H. Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist church, Houston, who rotates off the board.

Reed said staff members promoted include Floyd B. Chaffin, L. Taylor Daniel and Fred W. Noe, who were elevated to senior associate secretaries from associate secretaries and Owen Henley and Davey L. Borders were advanced to associate secretaries.

The promotions were made to streamline the administration of the protection ministry of the board which has grown tremendously in recent years, Reed said.

The trustees also approved the first Tuesday and Wednesday of February as the official dates for all their future annual meetings, Reed said.

In his report, Reed pointed out that more than \$66 million has been paid in benefits during the 50 years the board has been in operation.

He said funds held in trust for more than 35,000 Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees who participate in the protection program increased by more than \$20 million. These funds now total more than \$208 million.

Other highlights reflected gains in every area, Reed said.

Reed said 23,714 persons are now enrolled in plan "A", the basic part of the Southern Baptist Protection Program, which provides multi-family benefits. This represented an increase of 1538 new participants over 1967.

The number of Baptist agencies which have retirement programs with the board reach 174, an increase of 29.

Reed said benefits paid for the first time included 309 age retirements, 139 widows, 48 disability, 83 children, 64 education and 22 variable. Variable benefits will be paid during 1969 on the basis of a unit value of 97 cents, up from 93 cents paid in 1968.

A memorial service for Wallace Bassett, former president of the Annuity Board was conducted by Westmoreland. Bassett, who died in October, 1968, had served as a trustee for 48 years, 45 of them as president of the board. Bassett was pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist church here, and his successor, Darold Morgan, is the new president of the board.

Elected as new vice presidents to succeed those who also rotate off the board were Ned P. King, a Dallas layman who is president of Mercantile Security Life Insurance Co.; Stanley E. Wilkes, pastor of Calvary Baptist church in Oak Cliff, a Dallas suburb; and Lafon Campbell, pastor of Georgia Avenue Baptist church, Silver Springs, Md. Re-elected vice president was W. Dewey Presley, a Dallas layman who is president of the First National Bank. (BP)

Advisory Council Officers Named at Southwestern

FORT WORTH—The Advisory Council at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here elected an attorney and banker from Round Rock, Tex., Tom Joseph, as its new chairman.

The Advisory Council, composed of 39 Baptist laymen, helps the seminary to plan, promote and interpret its efforts in theological education, and seeks to create good will for the seminary and channel this into active support, seminary officials said. (BP)

Pennsylvania's Governor Opposes State Lottery

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Gov. Raymond P. Shafer has voiced opposition to a legalized lottery as a revenue source for Pennsylvania.

In a television program, "Conversation with the Governor," he said "I don't think that a lottery is a way to raise money for the needs of people."

"I just think that an enlightened society can handle its needs in a much more intelligent way," Gov. Schafer continued. "From a purely pragmatic standpoint, it has never worked. Look at New Hampshire and look at New York. The people there who advocated the creation of a lottery said this was going to be the answer to all their problems."

"The lotteries have fallen flat on their faces in both states. And for that reason I just don't think that it is a proper thing for us."

"From the moral standpoint, we have seen that just getting revenue from gambling does not answer the problem either; it certainly doesn't cut down on costs of government. Nevada has wide-open gambling, and yet they have the highest per capita costs of government in the nation . . . so this is not the answer." (RNS)

\$8000 Minimum Pay Urged For Pastors

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—United Methodist churches in the Western North Carolina annual conference have been urged to set a minimum salary goal of \$8000 for pastors to meet a "salary crisis" among clergymen.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., and his district superintendent also called upon conference agencies to cut budgets by 10 per cent during 1969-70 and to channel resultant savings into minimum salary support.

"The failure of 80 per cent of our charges to provide the figure regarded as modestly adequate for a pastor's salary in these days of hurtling inflation has plunged our conference into a salary crisis," said the bishop.

He said only 18 per cent of the 700 charges in the conference paid their pastors \$8000 or more in 1968-69. The 700 "charges" include 1250 congregations. The guaranteed minimum salary in the conference is now between \$5000 and \$6000.

Bishop Hunt warned that unless a minister receives sufficient salary to provide basic care and security for his family, "he is in poor position to give his best leadership to the charge." (RNS)

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Social Security Official Warns Ministers On Taxes

By John D. Boskas

DALLAS—A minister who allows his church to pay Social Security taxes for him on an employee-employer basis may find himself facing many penalties and problems including the possible loss of some benefits, a top official of the Social Security Administration said here.

Robert J. Myers, chief actuary for the Social Security Administration in Washington, D. C., issued the warning during a speech to trustees attending the 51st annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

Myers said when a minister who allows his church to pay Social Security taxes is caught, then his troubles really begin.

First of all, he will have to file correct forms to straighten out his record. Then, after he obtains a refund of the employee taxes he paid, he will have to pay the self-employment taxes along with interest and penalties for all the years covered by the statute of limitations for Social Security. He said a church would also be refunded the taxes it paid for the minister during those years.

Although he did not elaborate on how some benefits could be lost, he did say there were various circumstances under which losses were possible. Each case would have to be dealt with individually, he said.

Myers emphasized his remarks primarily, he said, to alert each minister to file Social Security taxes properly from the very beginning so no problems could arise.

A minister cannot claim to be a minister performing the duties of a minister for income tax purposes and then assume he is an employee of a church for Social Security, he said.

He pointed out that the 1967 Social Security Act changed the status of a minister in Social Security significantly.

All ministers are automatically in Social Security as self-employed persons unless they apply for exclusion on the grounds of conscience. Only ministers who have never had Social Security coverage can apply for such exemptions.

Myers also expressed hope that churches would help their ministers financially so they could pay their self-employment taxes.

He cautioned the minister to report money his church gives him for this purpose. That money must be reported not only to Internal Revenue for income tax purposes but also to Social Security if the minister has not reached the current \$7800 maximum coverage point.

Myers praised the work Social Security and private pension plans, such as the one the Annuity Board administers.

Jackson Named Consultant In Church Recreation

NASHVILLE—Neil Jackson of Nashville has been named administration consultant in the church recreation department, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Cedar Lake, Ind., Jackson has a bachelor of arts in Bible degree from Bob Jones university, Greenville, S. C., and a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

Jackson has served as minister of education at the First church, New Orleans, and minister of music at Meadowbrook Baptist church, Fort Worth.

He has also been audiovisual consultant for Broadman Films, for the board.

Jackson will work with local church recreation committees in establishing leadership for local churches. (BP)

Workshop Slated at Southern

A "Summer Youth Program Workshop" will be held May 9-11 on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Sponsored by the seminary's School of Religious Education, the workshop will seek to close the gap between church and youth, will be designed for those working with youth this summer and will offer practical programming ideas and skills needed for an effective program.

Church Loans Tight, Bill Would Hike Rate

RALEIGH, N.C.—Legislation which would raise North Carolina's legal interest rate to 7 per cent on loans for church building projects was introduced in the legislature.

State law now limits such interest charges to 6 per cent, with some exceptions. Sponsors of the bill said the measure was asked by church groups to allow them to raise money needed for church structures. (RNS)

Through the Cooperative Program every individual Baptist in every Southern Baptist church which supports the program can participate in every phase of the world mission work the convention is doing today.

The Cooperative Program enables a local Baptist church to act in concert with thousands of other Baptist churches in presenting the "Symphony of World Missions."

"Both Social Security and private pensions have particular roles to play. Both are needed. Together, both can take care of future financial needs of a minister or his dependents," Myers said. (BP)

New York Baptists Set Stage for New Convention

GREENWICH, Conn.—The Executive Board of the Baptist Fellowship of New York, meeting here with leaders from Southern Baptist Convention board and agencies, set the stage for becoming the 31st Baptist state convention affiliated with the SBC next fall.

The board made plans for a constituting convention on Sept. 26, 1969, in Syracuse, N. Y., and for beginning of state convention operations on Jan. 1, 1970.

Several future meetings of the Executive Board and its administrative committee were planned for the next several months in Syracuse, and Endicott, N. Y., and Scotch Plains, N. J. (BP)

William I. Powell Elected Director of Development

JEFFERSON CITY—A Carson-Newman college graduate will return to his alma mater in February to take over the duties of Director of Development.

Carson-Newman college president, John A. Fincher, has announced that William I. Powell, 36, of Chattanooga has been elected to the post by the Board of Trustees of the Baptist college.

A native of London, Ky., Powell is leaving the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chattanooga where he is a vice-president with duties in the Correspondent Bank Division.

The new director began his banking career with American National in 1957. A year later, he was promoted to officer status and was assigned to manager of the bank's new Lookout Valley branch. He rose to the position of an assistant vice-president in 1964.

Education

I respond to the student generation's concern for relevance. I feel the same concern. As knowledge increases, the threat is that the body of knowledge becomes simply one bit of trivia after another, in no order, in no coherence, in no relationship of meaning. The word relevance is derived from the participle form of the Latin verb meaning "to lift up." My mind immediately associates the word of Christ: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." There must be an organizing center for knowledge and for life. As we live now, hanging on to the side of a cooling planet which whirls with more knowledge, power, and hazard than ever before, we must have a center and we must constrain the pressures of life towards that center in centripetal force: else we will spin off in irrelevance, in lack of meaning.

(Dr. Paul Geren, President, Stetson university)

73 U.S. Denominations Gave \$3,612,671,698 in '67

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Members of 73 U.S. Protestant denominations gave their churches a total of \$3,612,671,698.00 during fiscal 1967, according to a news report on church financial statistics released today by the National Council of Churches.

Five additional Canadian communions in the survey reported a total income of \$136,559,317.00.

These and other church financial figures are included in a new booklet (Report on Church Financial Statistics and Related Data) published for the National Council's Section on Stewardship and Benevolence, under direction of Dr. Nordan C. Murphy.

Comparison of the new figures with those of previous years a virtually impossible, Dr. Murphy said, because the number of church bodies reporting in the current survey far surpass those in previous surveys. In 1966, for example, 41 U.S. church bodies in that year's survey reported a total annual income of \$2,973,285,264.00.

Major Groups Missing

The 73 church bodies do not, however, include all recognized churches in the U.S.A. Missing from the list are such major groups as the Roman Catholic church, the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints (Mormons) and the Church of Christ Scientist which do not publicize stewardship figures. Also missing are figures for numerous Eastern Orthodox church bodies, and for the same reason. There are 124 U.S.A. church bodies listed in the Yearbook of American churches.

The report shows that the average per member contribution to U.S.A. churches in 1967 was \$73.95. When combined with the five additional Canadian bodies reporting, the average per member contribution worked out to \$80.06.

The "givingest" church members of all appear to be those affiliated with the relatively small United Missionary church (11,733 members) who contributed an average \$369.47 in 1967. This church, with headquarters in Elkhart, Ind., estimates that one out of every 100 of its members serves as a foreign missionary.

Construction Dawn

A number of other small evangelical church bodies reported high per member contribution averages, including the Seventh Day Adventists (\$315.62), Wesleyan Methodist church in America (\$289.90), Pilgrim Holiness church (\$247.58), National Fellowship of Brethren churches (\$246.83), and the Brethren in Christ church (\$241.35). The highest figure among the five major Canadian churches reporting was \$131.84 in per member giving in the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

Baptist Tells POAU, Support Separation On Reason, Not Bias

NEW YORK—A Baptist seminary professor urged support for separation of church and state, "not based on fear of government, on anti-Catholic prejudice, or on blind devotion to a cause, but rather on carefully-thought out reasons based on facts assembled in an objective manner."

The appeal came from William M. Pinson Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Fort Worth, during a major address at the 21st national conference sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Pinson warned against "the temptation to solve difficult issues by sloganizing," or "assuming an extremist posture in the defense of our position." He called for arguments based on "the positive as well as the negative," saying:

"It is not enough to tell churches and government what they ought to do. We should speak a responsible word about legitimate church and government action in the fields of education and welfare. We must encourage churches and government in efforts to meet the needs of men in society for justice, freedom, and opportunity.

Pinson said that continued militancy in support of separation of church and state might involve "tension, sacrifice, and perhaps even suffering."

Another Southern Baptist, Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist church in San Antonio, presided at the conference as vice president of Americans United. The president, Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, was unable to attend because of illness in the family.

Two major speakers touched on the role of the courts in separation of church and state.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, speaking at the conference dinner meeting, de-

The report shows that among the U.S.A. churches supplying breakdown statistics, an average of 19.21 per cent of all contributions was channeled into benevolence use (such as national and foreign missions and church relief programs), while 80.79 per cent was earmarked for local congregational expenses (church upkeep, ministerial salaries and the like).

Citing U.S. Department of Commerce figures, the report also states that the value of new construction of religious buildings took a downward turn from the all-time high of \$1,174,000,000 in 1966. The figure for 1967 is \$1,093,000,000.

The analysis of per capita giving used by the NCC researchers is based on total membership of churches rather than on communicant membership alone. This was done to make a comparable membership base for all religious bodies reporting. (Special)

Foundation

Foundation Names New Officers

By Jonas Stewart

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation exists for the purpose of promoting the Lord's work through assisting our people in estate planning and improving their present financial position for Christian service. Taxes are high. Much that a person saves in a lifetime goes to pay estate tax when he dies unless he plans carefully.

New officers are: President, Tom Madden; Vice-President, John O. Ellis; Secretary, J. B. Avery, Jr. The executive committee is composed of Tom Madden, chairman; J. B. Avery, Jr., Ben Carson, George Logan, John O. Ellis and F. C. Delaney. The investment committee is John O. Ellis, chairman; Melvin Harris and O. C. Nugent.

The Foundation offers free counseling service on how to provide information for the attorney in preparing a will such that an entire estate or any part of it may be tax free and serve the Lord for all time to come. The Board of Trustees, made up of experienced, successful Christian business and professional men, advise in all investments. Many people are earning more money on their savings through the Foundation than from any other source. Anyone interested may contact the executive secretary at 1812 Belmont Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee.

fended Supreme Court rulings which have disturbed some church groups by declaring:

"Supreme Court rulings prohibit imposed religious practices; they do not prohibit voluntary student expression of religious practices."

He declared that the rulings, such as the ban on required prayers, "maintain" the separation practice "while preserving freedom for religion." Hatfield added that the best answer for those protesting the court ban on required prayers was to ask the question, "Do you have family devotions?"

Leo Pfeffer, attorney for the American Jewish Congress who has argued several church-state cases before the Supreme Court, said that the courts had done the most to establish quality in education, eliminating religious doctrine, but it would be a mistake to "put all our reliance in the courts.

He called for mobilization of forces to express public opinion in the state legislatures which are dominated largely by "organized interest groups."

Pfeffer said that the public school system is facing "its greatest crisis" because attacks by church groups seeking funds for their private schools are weakening the entire American system of education.

A new attack is coming from racial groups now clamoring for "separate" schools, and this too, is weakening the public school system, he said. (BP).

Christ's Commission and the Church

Basic Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2
Focal Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:14 to 6:2

Christ has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. There is a serious breach between man and God. Christ is the great arbiter. He is the mediator. The breach has been bridged. The basis for reconciliation and the terms of reconciliation have been achieved and established by Jesus Christ.

The commission to proclaim this great fact and present it to men has been given to the church. The church is to urged with compassionate love the acceptance of God's offer.

The world's ills grow out of this breach and conflict between God and man. It prevents any basic inner or outer harmony between God and man. This causes man to be at war with himself and at war with his fellowman. This makes peace impossible. Therefore we have restlessness and grave strife everywhere.

This must be resolved or tragedy will pile up on tragedy endlessly. Carnage and bloodshed will continue to curse the earth.

The time element is so important. We must urged lost men to seek the Lord while He may be found, before it is too late with them individually. We must get at the root of the world's ills instead of just mending and patching up results.

THE MOTIVATION 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Paul was swept along by impelling love. It was such an obsession that some thought that he was beside himself. Far from it, he found himself on a higher level.

This love grew out of what Christ had done for him and each redeemed person. Christ had died for all since all were dead. This gave them a new life purchased by the death of Christ. Henceforth they were not to live for themselves but unto Him who died for them and rose again. They were to keep their eyes on Him who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despised the same, and is set down on the right hand of God.

Christ is not to be viewed any longer after the flesh but after the spirit; even His flesh is now transfigured into a spiritual body. Besides Paul, with new eyes, beheld Him risen and exalted.

THE MESSAGE 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 21

Any man in Christ is a new creation. In that recreation the old order passed away and a new order of things came into being.

For this to take place God had to reconcile us unto Himself by His Son. This was not our idea nor our initiative nor our work, but was wholly of God. We were the recipients of God's grace of reconciliation whereby He is reconciling the world unto Himself in Christ.

This reconciliation involved God's not imputing our sins to us but to Christ, and imputing the righteousness of Christ to us. You see Christ had never sinned and we had never wrought a righteousness acceptable to God. So this was the only way God could save us.

THE MISSION 2 Corinthians 5:20, 6:1-2

We are God's ambassadors appointed by Him to represent Him to a lost world. When we urged you to be reconciled to God we are speaking for God Himself. In essence He has committed to us the world of reconciliation. We can speak the word in the Spirit. You can accept it and that settles it not only on earth but in heaven.

Therefore we are on the team with God. O sinner, do not let this wonderful offer of reconciling grace be in vain so far as you are concerned.

You see, God in a time that was propitious wrought out our salvation. Now is the propitious time for the estranged to be reconciled to God.

Our reconciliation should start a chain reaction. Each one reconciled should persuade another to be reconciled without a break in the reaction. That is the first impulse when we are saved. It should ever be fresh and active.

God has bestowed on us a high honor. It is as if a king or president or premier should select us to represent him to the chief executive of another nation, the terms of peace. What a hallowed privilege that would be!

The terms of reconciliation are not vindictive or revengeful. They do require unconditional surrender but are couched in mercy. The one to whom they are offered does not deserve such grace. Yet, we are urged to offer these magnanimous terms of peace.

God is waiting and angels are waiting for us to deliver that message and for an affirmative answer. If it comes it will set the joy bells ringing in heaven. Our opportunity is unlimited and our privilege is the highest this universe knows.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Drafts Or Chills Are Exonerated In Colds

No matter what mama says, wet feet don't bring on colds and neither does chilling, latest research on causes of the common cold shows. To get a cold, a child or adult has to be where the cold viruses are—which is indoors, where the people are, conclude Baylor Univ. School of Medicine physicians on the basis of a long-term study.

In one of the most recent experiments, 47 healthy men were kept wet, cold, uncomfortable for periods long enough to produce super-sniffles. They remained healthy men. It was direct exposure to common cold viruses that turned some of them into the pitiable creatures we recognize as cold-sufferers, Drs. R. Gordon Douglass, Jr., Keith M. Lindgren and Robert B. Couch report in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The primary health hazard of winter, long regarded as "the common cold season," is apparently not the drear, damp, chill weather outside, but the farm, thickly populated rooms where humans gather to escape the drear, damp and chill.

Baylor College of Medicine Names Dr. Michael Debakey

HOUSTON—Dr. Michael Debakey, famed heart surgeon, has been elected president of the new nonprofit corporation which operates Baylor College of Medicine and as chief executive officer of the college.

The election actually reaffirms a position Debakey held before Baylor College of Medicine recently began operation outside the framework of the Baylor university system and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

As vice president in charge of medical affairs for Baylor university, Debakey, in effect, was the college of medicine's chief executive.

A week before Debakey's election, the general board of Baylor university unanimously ratified a charter establishing the new nonprofit corporation.

Last November, Texas Baptists voted at the annual Texas convention to permit the medical school to take charge of its own affairs through a nonprofit corporation and authorized the Baylor general board to supervise the change-over. (BP)

Historically:

From the Files

50 YEARS AGO

Bellevue church, Memphis, burned a note in the amount of \$8240 on their Sunday School building. During the same service the pastor, R. M. Inlow, challenged the church to raise \$40,000 to build a new auditorium. The sum of \$37,000 was raised that day.

20 YEARS AGO

Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, organized its first Brotherhood.

First church, Carthage, dedicated its new educational building.

Members of First church, Tullahoma, have raised \$30,076.38 toward their new auditorium.

10 YEARS AGO

Red Bank church, Chattanooga, dedicated its new \$550,000 sanctuary and celebrated the 11th anniversary of pastor Ralph Norton.

Woodbine church, Nashville, voted to sell its property to the state for \$71,100, to make way for a new expressway. The church plans to relocate.

New Books

The Treasury of T. De Witt Talmage; selected and edited by May Talmage; Baker, \$2.50. These selections are from sermons published weekly in the large cities, and many small towns in America, England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand, and translated into foreign languages.

Amos Among the Prophets by J. K. Howard; Baker, \$2.95, 119 pp. The book is divided into two main parts. In the first the prophet Amos is put into the background of the developing prophetic movement in Israel and the characteristics of this "Reformation Movement" are outlined and discussed. The second part is the commentary proper.

Jesus as a Soul-Winner; A. T. Robertson; Baker, \$1.95. This is the last book to appear from Robertson's authorship, and it also contains the last new sermon prepared by him.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

A new criticism of the churches was added this week. In a news release by United Press International, a report is given



Dr. Kendall

of a 38-member task force, created by the National Council of Churches to study the problems of alcohol. The report states, "The task force asserted this week that churches, in their preoccupation with total abstinence, have left American society virtually without any guidelines distinguishing between responsible and irresponsible drinking." It is a shame the task force said and urged churches to repent of their sin of omission by promoting open, mature and realistic discussion of the social use of alcohol.

Imagine the churches teaching people how to drink correctly! Yet that is what they are being rebuked for not doing. On Sept. 19, Sylvia Porter, in her daily column gives a shocking report on alcoholism in industry. This very tragic report has received little attention. She says that on-the-job alcoholism now costs industry four billion dollars annually, doubling the two billion cost five years ago. It is a loss of 16 million dollars to business and industry every working day. At least three million workers now suffer from alcoholism, this is 5.3% of all workers in business, industry and civilian government. This compares with two million five years ago. Out of every 20 top corporation executives, one may be an alcoholic. At the rate of today's executive pay scales, the loss in executive time is beyond calculation.

The four billion figure covers absenteeism, tardiness, sick leave, other fringe benefits, wasted time, other forms of inefficiency, accidents, wasted material and the loss of trained manpower. The absenteeism rate for alcoholics is three times as great as for the nonalcoholic worker—the typical alcoholic worker losing a full month of working days each year.

Remember that this is just the picture of the loss in business and industry. What would it be if we had the whole national picture! Miss Porter points out that the vast majority of alcoholics in business and industry are in the 35-55 age bracket, the key productive years. As a result, she observes, alcoholism now ranks as our fourth most serious national health problem, after heart-artery disease, mental illness and cancer.

Alcoholism is growing at a rapid rate. All of the compromising and glowing promises that have been offered for its solution by

Sunday School

Leaflets to Be Used with Crusade of the Americas

Jesus, My Lord and *The Way of Salvation*, two leaflets to be used in connection with the Crusade of the Americas, are now available.

Both leaflets provide special Sunday School lessons for churches to use in connection with evangelistic services. All churches conducting revivals during the Crusade of the Americas will find the use of these leaflets very beneficial.

Jesus, My Lord is a brief and concise presentation for Junior boys and girls that shows what it means to become a Christian and how to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour.

The Way of Salvation, while following the same theme, is written for Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

Both lessons are designed to involve class members during a class session under the guidance of the teacher. With each series there is a teaching helps leaflet.

These leaflets are listed as items X59 and X60 on the April-June Church Literature order blank and will be sold in packets of 10 with a teaching helps leaflet in each packet. The packets are 34 cents each. They may be ordered from: Church Literature Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

Book Store Manager

NASHVILLE—Phil D. Fortenberry of Louisville, Ky., has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

A native of Tylertown, Miss., Fortenberry received his bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State university, Starkville, and his bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. (BP)

more drinking, by making it easier to get alcoholic drinks, by calling it a disease, and by making it an acceptable part of even the church's social life have not brought any solutions but have only added to the speed with which it is increasing. I firmly believe that the answer is spiritual and until that answer is accepted and believed and practiced we will go right on sowing to the wind and reaping the whirlwind. Some day soon the situation will get so bad as it did in the old saloon days that people will rise up again to bring out the true spiritual situation and the real remedy in Christ.

Youth Conference On Evangelism Set For February 28-March 1

The first Youth Conference on Evangelism in Tennessee will be held Friday, Feb. 28 beginning at 6:55 p.m.-Sunday, March 1 at Belmont Heights Baptist church and Belmont college gymnasium, Nashville, according to the Department of Evangelism, Tennessee Baptist Convention, F. M. Dowell, secretary.



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The two-day conference is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Evangelism in cooperation with Sunday School, Training Union, Student,

Woman's Missionary Union, Music and Brotherhood Departments of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The conference is being held in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas for Junior, Senior High school, college and career young people.

Music for the conference is under the direction of Frank G. Charton, secretary, Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention and Lee Roy Till, minister of music, First Baptist church, Dallas, Tex. Ann Criswell, daughter of W. A. Criswell, pastor of First church, Dallas, will present special music at each session.

B. Gray Allison, Evangelist, Ruston, La., will lead each session in Bible Study.

Following a message Friday night by James Vaus, Jr., executive director, Youth Development, Inc., New York, the conference will move to the Belmont college gymnasium for a period of fellowship and recreation, directed by Frank Hart Smith, associate, Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board and will close with testimony and weight lifting demonstrations by Paul Anderson, champion olympic weight lifter of Toccoa, Ga.

Other program personalities include: host pastor Robert Norman; Bret Yohn, student, University of Oklahoma; Max Barnett, student director, University of Oklahoma; James P. Craine, pastor, First Baptist church, Anderson, S. C.; Nathan Porter, associate, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; John Sims, School of Music, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.; David Pitt, athlete and student, Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City. Also Wayne E. Ward, professor of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Roy Gilleland, secretary, Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Miss Mary Jane Nethery, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention and representatives of the Church Recreation Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mission Gifts Up In January; Not Enough for December Loss

NASHVILLE—Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget increased 9.96 per cent during the month of January, but it wasn't enough to make up for a 16 per cent loss in December of 1968, SBC officials here said.

Cooperative Program missions gifts for the month of January totalled a little less than \$2½ million, one of the biggest single months of missions support in the denomination's history.

The \$2,498,574 channeled to world missions through the Cooperative Program in January of 1969 was an increase of \$226,322 over similar gifts in January of 1968, or an increase of 9.96 per cent, the SBC Executive Committee here reported.

But the big increase in January was not enough to offset a 16 per cent decrease in Cooperative Program contributions during the month of December, which caused the denomination to fall short of its budget at the end of the year by \$722,530.

When Cooperative Program gifts for December of 1968 and January of 1969 are combined, the total of \$4,427,415 is still about 3 per cent less than the approximate \$4,568,000 given during December of 1967 and January of 1968, said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

Designated gifts to specific SBC missions causes during January of 1969 increased 4.37 per cent compared to January of 1968. Designations for the first month of 1969 were \$3,461,514, compared to \$3,316,681 in 1968.

The combined designated and Cooperative Program contributions made a total of \$5,960,088 available to Southern Baptist causes during the first month of the year, an increase of 9.37 per cent or \$371,155 over total contributions for the same 1968 period.

The total missions gifts reflect only amounts given to support national SBC causes, and do not include contributions to local and state Baptist mission efforts. (BP)

The Cooperative Program is rigid, yet flexible; liquid, yet solid; mechanical, yet spiritual; intricate, yet simple; well-rounded, yet pyramidal; Southern, yet global; perennial, yet annual; mature, yet growing; liberal, yet orthodox; denominational, yet personal. It is calculated and appropriated, yet consists of Faith, Hope, and Love—and the greatest of these is LOVE.

Training Union

Leadership Conference

Highland Heights Baptist church, Memphis, will be host to the Nursery-Beginner-Primary-Junior Leadership Conferences Feb. 20-21.

The first session begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20, when the film "First Steps in Religion" will be shown. A group conference for each department will be held from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. Junior boys and girls will attend a Junior Memory Work Clinic.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, a film will be shown followed by group conferences until 11:30 when lunch will be served at the church for a nominal cost. General conferences will begin at 12:30 and close at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jesse Meek, director of Nursery-Beginner-Primary Work, and Mrs. Edward Kennedy, director of Junior Work, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will direct the conferences.

Specialists who will help lead the conferences include: Mrs. C. Aubrey Hearn, kindergarten teacher and writer, Nashville; Mrs. Margaret Ware, approved Primary worker, curriculum writer, Cleveland; and Mrs. John Hammatt, approved Junior worker, curriculum writer, Nashville.

Raymond Wilson Promoted At SBC Hospital

NEW ORLEANS—The board of directors of Southern Baptist Hospital, Inc., here, has promoted Raymond C. Wilson from administrator to the newly created post of executive director, and has named three others to new administrative posts.

Wilson's new duties cover leadership of all operations of the Southern Baptist Hospital and related facilities in the New Orleans area.

In a realignment of responsibility, the board also created three new administrative positions and named persons to fill them.

J. D. Stoudenmire was named fiscal affairs administrator; Edward Clarkson was elected health care administrator, and Fred H. Willie, property services administrator. All will work under Wilson as executive director.

Hardy M. Harrell is executive secretary-treasurer of Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., which operates both the New Orleans Hospital, and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. The new appointments apply only to the New Orleans Hospital. (BP)