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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

I am told that a Georgia Baptist church recently observed "Carpet Commitment Day."

This could open up a whole new series of special days. For instance, there are churches that might decide to have "Repair the Pump Day," or "Make the Steeple Higher Day," or even "Get the Termites out of the Church Day."

As for "Carpet Commitment Day," this should meet with approval in most churches. It is, after all, a good soft project.

And in many of our churches it could be said that they may not be "marching to Zion," but they are treading on deep pile carpet.

But nevertheless, there is this much to be said for "Carpet Commitment Day." As far as some pastors are concerned, it would be a very familiar project inasmuch as they have spent a considerable amount of time "on the carpet."

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Devotional

The Favorite Verse in the Bible

John 3:16

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor
Kennedy Baptist Church, Memphis

A few years ago we ran a survey to determine the favorite passage of Scripture, the favorite Bible character, and the favorite hymn in our church.



Kolb

John 3:16 is the favorite verse with our church. Paul is considered the favorite Biblical character and "The Old Rugged Cross" is the favorite hymn.

The favorite verse in the Bible with most Christians is John 3:16. Martin Luther called it "the little gospel." Dr. Robert G. Lee calls it

"the world's greatest love story." Angel Martinez speaks of it as "the sweetest music this side of heaven." Dr. Hyman Appelman says "it is the mightiest word God ever spoke to the children of men. It is simple, sufficient, sure. There is no possibility of misunderstanding it, of misinterpreting it."

There is no greater truth in God's Word than the truth contained in John 3:16. Some say they do not know enough about God's Word to be saved. All you need to know is found in John 3:16.

Let us re-examine the great and glorious truths of John 3:16.

"God so loved the world." Salvation starts with God. Before we were born God provided salvation for us. We didn't discover God. He discovered us. He reveals Himself to us and He takes the initiative in our salvation.

"That he gave his only begotten Son." God loves us! "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). God loves all of us. God's love is universal. God demonstrates His love for us by sending His Son. He gave the nearest and dearest that He had in order that we might have everlasting life.

"That whosoever believeth in Him." The word "whosoever" tells us of the constituency of salvation. Salvation is for all races. It makes no difference who a man is or what he has done, he is included in God's "whosoever." It was for sinners that Christ died. They must believe in Him as Lord and Saviour. The plan of salvation is not a puzzle or mystery. It is simple. The Bible means what it says and says what it means: "That whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Word of God says the unbeliever is perishing. The Bible says the believer has everlasting life. To perish means to die; to believe in Christ means everlasting life. "He

Interpretation

Was Judas a Christian?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table"—Luke 22:21.

These words speak of the intimacy which was betrayed. One who ate with Jesus handed Him over to His enemies for crucifixion. Jesus said, "Woe unto that man by whom he [Son of man] is betrayed" (v.22)! Was Judas a Christian who fell from grace, or was he ever a Christian?

The answer is found in that which followed Jesus' words. The disciples began to ask who would do this dastardly deed. Luke only notes this fact. But Matthew is specific as to what was asked (26:21-25).

The apostles began to ask, "Lord, is it I" (v.22)? Note that they called Jesus "Lord." The form of the question invited a negative answer. Each one hoped that he was not the one. But he feared what might be in his heart, yet unknown to him.

Finally, Judas asked a question. He dared not remain silent, lest that should reveal his intentions. So he asked, "Master, is it I" (v.25)? His question also invited a negative answer. He hoped that Jesus did not know of his intentions. However, Jesus replied, "Thou hast said," which meant, "Yes."

But the point is in the word "Master" or "Teacher." Whereas the others called Jesus "Lord," Judas called Him "Teacher." When he betrayed Jesus he used the same title (Matt. 26:49). **He never called Jesus "Lord."**

To Judas Jesus was not "Lord" but "Teacher" or "rabbi." He was just another rabbi speaking fine phrases. Judas followed Jesus not out of faith but out of selfish ambition. He wanted something out of Jesus, but not salvation. He wanted a position of power, prominence, and wealth in the earthly kingdom which he thought that Jesus would establish. When that bubble burst, he sold Jesus for what he could get out of Him.

Why Jesus chose Judas will ever remain a mystery. Apparently He saw qualities in him which would have made him useful in His spiritual kingdom. But Judas never surrendered them or himself to Jesus. Through selfish ambition he reached for the world—and got nothing.

Judas was not a Christian who fell from grace. He was never in grace. He was not a Christian at all.

that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36).

Dr. Robert G. Lee is preeminently correct when he says John 3:16 speaks "volumes in a line." John 3:16 is the favorite verse in the Bible because it is the gospel in a sentence.

One-Issue Christians

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

There are one-issue voters. There are also one-issue Christians. The former is unfortunate. The latter is more unfortunate.

The one-issue Christian may judge his own life on the basis of one particular issue. From his perspective he is right on that issue; and, hence, he considers himself to be a good Christian.

More frequently the one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of one issue. This issue is usually a pet subject of his and one on which he considers himself to be right.

For some the one issue will be in the area of personal morality. For others it will be some phase of social morality. For still others the one issue will be a particular theological doctrine or perspective. Regardless of other things one is considered a good Christian if he is "right" on that doctrine or regarding the perspective.

Those who select an issue in the area of personal morality may be negative or positive in their approach but more frequently the former than the latter. If negative, the issue may be swearing, smoking, drinking, or some other comparable issue. If one is free of that habit or "vice" he is good; if not he is bad.

For others the one issue may be in the area of positive personal morality. For example, if one is "honest in his business," "a man of integrity," "a good neighbor," "generous," "kind and considerate," he is judged to be a good man. Whatever the virtue it is a pet idea of the one-issue Christian. For him if one is "right" regarding that issue or virtue, he is considered a good Christian.

In the contemporary period the one-issue Christian will frequently concentrate on some particular social issue. The goodness or badness of a Christian will be judged upon the basis of his attitude regarding this one issue.

The issue may be capital punishment, divorce, Communism, foreign aid, poverty, race, Red China, unemployment, United Nations, or war. The one-issue Christian judges other Christians on the basis of their position regarding a particular one of these issues. If they are wrong from his perspective on the issue then they are wrong. If they agree with his position then they are right and, hence, are good Christians.

It needs to be emphasized over and over again that there is no single issue that is an adequate test of the genuineness and vitality of one's Christian faith. The ultimate test is how much we are like the living Christ. This means, among other things,

that a Christian's life should be judged by the totality of its impact.

One may be right, at least from our perspective, on one issue and yet be entirely wrong on equally important issues. We need to remember that the same thing may be true of us. We all have our blind spots. Let us in this area as elsewhere do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Let us also remember that one may differ with us on what we consider to be the supreme issue or test of the Christian life, and yet over all he may be a better Christian than we are.

Hull Named Southern Seminary Dean; St. Amant Returns to Teaching Role

LOUISVILLE—William Edward Hull, professor of New Testament interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary here, has been named dean of the School of Theology by the seminary trustees, effective Aug. 1.

A native of Alabama and a graduate of Samford university (Baptist) in Birmingham, Hull has been a member of the seminary faculty since 1958. He holds both the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern and has done advance study in New Testament at the University of Gottingen, Germany. During 1968 he was named director of graduate studies in the School of Theology.

Hull succeeds Penrose St. Amant, who resigned in January after 10 years in the administrative post to return to teaching in his role as David T. Porter professor of church history.

In other action during their 1969 meeting, the trustees:

... elected Adjunct Professor John H. Boyle, director of pastoral care, Louisville Medical Center, to the faculty with the rank of associate professor of psychology of religion, effective Aug. 1.

... elected New Testament instructor John B. Polhill to the faculty with the rank of assistant professor of New Testament interpretation, also effective Aug. 1.

... approved the site selected by the architects for the new building to house the School of Church Music and authorized the start of design procedures, with ground-

Brooks Resigns As Pastor; Protests Tax Aid To Mercer

ATLANTA—One of Georgia Baptists' most outspoken opponents of federal aid to religious institutions, Hugh Brooks, has resigned as pastor of Atlanta's West End Baptist church because of issues revolving around Mercer university's vote to seek three federal grants for building construction.

Brooks resigned effective June 1, but did not announce any plans for the future.

On the Wednesday night prior to his Sunday morning resignation, the West End Baptist church defeated a proposal from its deacons that the church pull out of the Georgia Baptist Convention "if it allows its institutions to seek and accept tax money." The vote count was 183-121, against the proposal to withdraw from the convention. (BP)

breaking by fall, pending availability of financing for the project.

... promoted G. Willis Bennett, Page H. Kelley, W. Morgan Patterson and Robert A. Proctor from the rank of associate professor to professor and J. Phillip Landgrave and Donald L. Williams from the rank of assistant professor to associate professor.

... granted tenure to faculty members Lucien E. Coleman, Jr., James W. Good, W. Bryant Hicks and Donald P. Hustad.

... confirmed the appointment of C. Richard Broome as director of administrative services, which will also include his present duties as administrator of data processing; and the appointment of Kenneth Herren as director of housing, including his present duties as manager of Seminary Village.

... approved in principle the development of a graduate faculty within the seminary, with final details to be developed between now and the April 1970 meeting of the Board. This proposal does not call for the formation of a separate graduate school.

... elected new officers of the Board: Howard Spell (dean of Mississippi college), chairman; W. Barker Hardison (pastor, Westover Baptist church, Arlington, Va.), first vice-chairman and chairman of the executive committee; Wayne Dehoney (pastor, Walnut Street Baptist church in Louisville), second vice-chairman; and re-elected Louisville businessman Frank Ellis as secretary. (BP)

EDITORIALS

CHILDREN'S HOMES DAY

Emphasis upon the ministries of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes is being made in churches Sunday, May 11th.

This ministry of love and compassion which is carried out by Tennessee Baptists in the name of Our Lord deserves our prayers, interest, and physical support. The four homes operated by the Convention now care for an average of 336 children. To provide adequately for these children calls for an expenditure annually of \$603,705. A staff of 90 is required to insure proper operation of the facilities.

Goal for the special offering this year is \$200,000. During recent years, the offering has increased annually. There is need again for a generous response upon the part of Tennessee Baptists in this special season of emphasis and offering. Again, Tennessee Baptists would need to remember, with appreciation, support given for the Children's Homes through the Cooperative Program. For 1969, \$335,000 is allocated from the Tennessee portion of the Cooperative Program dollar for operation of these homes. Therefore, as we remember this special emphasis and offering, we must remember always support rendered through the vital lifeline of the Cooperative Program.

CONTENTION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT



With appreciation to Superintendent James M. Gregg and staff, for their ministry of love for Christ's sake, we join in the appeal for continued, adequate support for this ministry.

BEST WISHES DR. FINCHER

Our congratulations to Carson-Newman President John Albert Fincher upon the occasion of his formal inauguration as the president of the institution.

Coming from a distinguished career at Samford university, and other places of responsibility in the field of education, President Fincher comes to Carson-Newman well equipped to lead our Baptist college in an era of unparalleled opportunity and challenge.

With all of the unrest and dissension evident upon college campuses throughout this nation and the world, it is none-the-less a challenging day of opportunity for the responsible formulation of the mind of men within a Christian framework.

To President Fincher, the board of trustees, the faculty and the entire student body and staff we extend sincere best wishes in the name of Tennessee Baptists. We pledge our prayerful interest, concern and support. We wish for Dr. Fincher long years of service in this strategic position.

GAMBLING PROPOSAL KILLED

The Tennessee House of Representatives by a 55-23 vote killed the Comer proposal to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog races in Tennessee.

The action of the House on April 24, was one of re-referral to the House Judiciary Committee, where it is expected to remain until 1970.

Gratitude is expressed to members of the House who voted courageously to kill the proposal. Gratitude is expressed also to the many, many Baptists in Tennessee who expressed their opposition to the measure. We believe that defeat of this bill is a most healthy sign. Tennesseans, interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of our state, will not be bowled over with "pie in the sky" promises of money at any price.

We hope the measure is dead permanently. Reason tells us this is not the case. We will, in all likelihood, face in 1970 the issue of gambling again. But for now, thankfully, the issue is dead.

Rigdon Named To Head SBC Seminary Extension Department

NASHVILLE—Raymond M. Rigdon, a staff member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for the last 20 years, has been named director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Rigdon's appointment was announced by Olin T. Binkley, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and chairman of the administrative committee for the Seminary Extension Department of the six SBC seminaries.

A native of Georgia, Rigdon will move from his position as editorial services staff consultant for the church training department at the board's office on Ninth Avenue, to the Seminary Extension office at 460 James Robertson Parkway, effective May 1.

He succeeds Ralph A. Herring, who retired as director of the SBC agency on Dec. 31, 1968, and is now living in Charlotte, N.C. An associate in the department, G. Ray Worley of Fort Worth, has been serving as interim director.

Binkley said in making the announcement that Rigdon has "exceptional competence in the field of adult education," and added that he felt the work of the Seminary Extension Department under his leadership "will advance toward the achievement of the high purposes for which it was established and is maintained."

BISHOP PIKE LEAVES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FORMS 'CHURCH ALUMNI FOUNDATION'

NEW YORK—Controversial Bishop James A. Pike says he is leaving the Episcopal Church and the institutional church in general. Announcement of the decision will appear in a by-lined *Look* magazine article dated April 29.

Bishop Pike—saying he henceforth wants to be known as Dr. Pike or "Jim Pike"—explained that he does not plan to join another Church or form a new one. He, his new wife and some others have formed a "Church alumni foundation" to deal with religious concerns.

The resigned bishop of the Diocese of California said a "believing hope" has been reborn in quitting the institutional church. Such a hope formerly held for and within the church, he wrote, has gone away.

A fellow of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions in Santa Barbara, Calif., since 1966, the bishop accused the establishments of Christianity of evidencing a "credibility gap," a "relevance gap" and a "performance gap." He attributed an increase of "Church alumni" to these gaps. (RNS)

The Seminary Extension Department was founded in 1950 to provide continuing education for laymen and ministers through correspondence courses and extension centers.

During his 20 years with the Sunday School Board, Rigdon has held several key positions. He joined the board's staff as editor of "Sunday School Young People," and in 1953 became director of editorial services (later editor-in-chief) in the board's church training department. (BP)

Baptist College Cuts Deficit In Half, Votes To Continue

NORMAN PARK, Ga.—Trustees of Norman college here committed themselves to the continuance of the Southwest Georgia Baptist school, and expressed a unanimous decision that the school will remain open.

In semi-annual session, the trustees formally recognized that the institution's leadership had reduced its anticipated deficit of more than \$200,000 to \$110,000.

They further pledged themselves "to be responsible for a proportionate share of the remaining debt, to be raised as soon as possible."

The trustees also took steps to "remove the myth" that the institution might close by emphasizing that "Norman will continue in operation without question."

In comments after the meeting, Thomas G. Renfro, president of the Baptist school, said the resolution should resolve all apprehension about the future of Norman (Junior) college. (BP)

Public Demand Key To Teaching Religion

MINNEAPOLIS—The public should demand objective teaching about religion in the public schools, and the schools should provide special training for teachers of the subject, an institute sponsored by the University of Minnesota was told.

Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of both Macalster college and the National Council of Churches, said the U.S. Supreme Court has given the "green light" for such teaching.

"Religious illiteracy," he told the institute, is "one of the very serious problems confronting our nation at the present time." (RNS)

French Baptists Open New Church In Tours

TOURS, France—French Baptists dedicated a new building which contains a 200-seat meeting hall and an apartment for the pastor.

The Baptist church in Tours has 22 members and an equal number of regular worshippers not members of the congregation. It is a home mission station of the French Baptist Federation.

Speakers at the dedication ceremonies included the pastor of the Reformed Church in Tours, Andre Thobois, president of the French Baptist Federation, and the Rev. Hal B. Lee, pastor of the English-language Emmanuel Baptist church in Paris. Mr. Lee brought greetings on behalf of the (U.S.A.) Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

Baptist work in Tours began in 1960. (RNS)

General Baptists Feel Results Of Crusade of the Americas

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo.—The effects of the Crusade of the Americas have begun to be felt among churches affiliated with the General Association of General Baptists, the executive secretary of the association and the editor of its national paper reported here.

Kenneth R. Kennedy, top executive of the 65,000-member denomination, said that one crusade ended in Southeast Missouri with a total of 390 decisions. "We praise God for this."

Edwin Runyon, editor of the General Baptist Messengers, reported details of the crusade, saying it started at the Idalia Baptist church near Bloomfield, Mo., when a high school senior spoke at youth services. Because of the interest and response, the student was asked to continue to speak each night as long as interest justified.

At the end of one week, 198 persons have made decisions for Christ, and the size of the crowd had grown so large that the services were moved to the Second General Baptist church in the neighboring town of Dexter, Mo. At the end of another week, nearly 200 additional decisions had been made.

Kennedy, in a letter to Crusade of the Americas North American Coordinator Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, wrote: "Thank you for inviting General Baptists two years ago to be a part of the Crusade of the Americas." (BP)

Sullivan Calls For Five-Point Program For Tax Reform

NASHVILLE—The executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, James L. Sullivan, has called for a five-point program for tax reform.

Sullivan outlined the five-point program recently in a speech to the downtown Lions Club in Nashville. His five points were:

1. Communicate to the public the facts concerning the reasons for tax exemptions to churches, the current laws, the dimensions of the problem of which churches and church institutions are only a very small part, and the dilemma of the cities' role of those who seek a valid answer.

2. Develop a philosophy to revise the current hodge-podge of tax laws according to a scientific, equitable approach to taxation and tax exemption.

3. Revise laws to protect church and state by:

- Being more discerning in granting charters for tax-free institutions;
- Developing a system of periodic reporting to make sure that tax-free institutions remain true to their original charter purposes;
- Seeking more and better ways of developing indirect tax plans in which tax-free institutions can participate without putting their existence in jeopardy;
- Providing a legal system whereby a tax assessor is given authority to negotiate with tax-free institutions if and when they want to make payments in lieu of taxes, or when a part of their operations becomes commercial and competitive;
- Considering another base of taxation rather than property; or when considering the Scandinavian system of rewarding those who make maximum use and improvement of their properties through reduction of taxes;
- And keeping churches and church-related institutions tax-free to preserve religious freedom, but developing a system whereby partial taxes can be paid at local and national levels if they engage in strictly business enterprises not tax-exempt according to their charter purposes.

4. Administer the laws without fear of

favoritism with as much equity as is humanly possible.

5. Urge self-discipline on the part of churches and religious bodies and institutions where tax problems are involved.

"As citizens," concluded Sullivan, "we would do well to address ourselves to study and improvement in this area on a rational basis, or in time all tax exemptions might go by the board through default." (BP)

Spanish Police Raid Witnesses' Meeting

SEVILLE, Spain—Spanish police raided a prayer meeting of 160 Jehovah's Witnesses in a Seville suburb and arrested some of the sect's leaders.

Police Chief Antonio Nieto Maestra said his men surprised the Witnesses at their "secret and unauthorized meeting," arresting their leaders and three foreigners.

He did not specify the number arrested but denied earlier reports that police had arrested all 160. He refused to give the nationality of the three "foreigners." All are being held under a law forbidding unauthorized meetings. (RNS)

REVIVAL RESULTS

Green Hill church, Mt. Juliet, **Carl Price**, pastor, reports 23 for baptism and 8 additions by letter during their recent revival. **Jerry Songer**, pastor, Westwood church, Cleveland, was the evangelist.

Broadmoor church, Memphis, reports 16 for baptism and 14 additions by letter during their recent revival which was led by **Dr. Herbert Gabhart**, president, Belmont college, Nashville. **James Saunders**, Broadmoor's minister of music, was in charge of music. **Ira C. Cole** is pastor.

John Gilbert, pastor, First church, Poplar Bluff, Mo., led First church, McKenzie, in their recent revival. Reports indicate 19 professions of faith and seven additions by letter. **Orvind M. Dangeau** is pastor.

Highland Park church, Lawrenceburg, reports six professions of faith and six additions by letter during their revival. **Carroll C. Owen**, pastor, First church, Paris, was the evangelist. **J. Arnold Porter** is pastor.

First church, Flintville, **B. J. Chitwood**, pastor, was led in their recent revival by **Ken McDaniel** of Park Forest South, Illinois. **Harold McGehee** of Nashville, led the singing. There were 13 professions of faith, one by statement and 18 young people made fresh commitments of their lives to Christ.

First church, Pulaski, **Clarence Stewart**, pastor, was led in recent revival services by **B. Carter Elmore**, pastor, First church, Dickson. There were 20 who came for baptism, five other professions of faith, 14 additions by letter, one surrendered to some church related vocation and there were 38 rededications. **Roy Bethune**, interim minister of music, led the singing.

First church, Estill Springs, reports three professions of faith, three additions by letter and nine rededications during their recent revival. The evangelist was **Ray McCall**, pastor, Shelbyville Mills church, Shelbyville and **H. W. Holt**, Estill Springs music director, led the singing. **E. D. Hediger** is pastor.

William L. Swafford, pastor, First church, Elizabethton, led his church in their recent revival. Ten came for baptism and four by letter. **Don Farmer**, minister of music and education, First church, Manchester, led the singing.

Eddie Smith, youth specialist from Corpus Christi, Tex., led First church, Troy, in their recent revival. The church reports 29 professions of faith, four by letter and approximately 78 rededications. **William George** is pastor.

West Shiloh church, Stantonville, received 31 on profession of faith, one by statement, two by letter and 40 rededications during their recent revival. **Carl Nelson** of Huntsville, Ala., was the evangelist. **Lynn E. Eagan** is pastor.

First church, Cleveland, received 20 additions during their revival, led by **Floyd Roebuck**, pastor, First church, Rome, Ga. **Charles Shacklette**, associate pastor, Northside Drive church, Atlanta, Ga., led the singing. **William E. Cropper** is pastor.

Union Valley church, Giles County association, reports eight professions of faith, two rededications and many came requesting prayers for the lost during their revival. **Ray Glass**, pastor, Liberty Hill church, Ethridge, was the evangelist. **Glen Dunnivant** is pastor.

At last—a way to get today's young people interested in reading the Bible



The mountain where Moses received the Ten Commandments is this one on the Sinai peninsula, according to a late Byzantine Christian tradition.



Israelite idols of pagan gods, made in defiance of God's command. These were found at Samaria and date to the 8th Century B.C.



The cup that Jesus used at the Last Supper was probably not metal as many people believe. Instead, it was very likely glass like the one shown here.



The tomb of David may be one of those shown here, according to Scriptural indications and other historical evidence.



The coin of the tribute shown by Jesus to the Pharisees was undoubtedly a denarius like this one, bearing the image and superscription of Tiberius Caesar.

New Illustrated Family Encyclopedia of THE LIVING BIBLE pictures and explains over 2,000 Biblical events, places, and things—many shown as they actually appeared at the time

So many young people today seem to be losing the way. Pot parties, promiscuous sex, vandalism, and rioting are becoming almost a way of life for them.

The lessons of the Bible seem to be losing their influence. Many young people just don't read their Bible with true reverence and understanding the way previous generations did. It no longer seems real or important to them.

But suppose our children, during their formative years, could take a trip to the lands of the Bible *as they actually existed*.

Suppose they could actually *see* the city founded by Cain.

...the mountain where Noah's ark is believed to have landed.

...the very spot where the waters of the Red Sea must have parted for Moses and the fleeing Israelites.

...the wall where the Apostle Paul is said to have been lowered in a basket.

...the actual salt pillar that has been known for centuries as Lot's Wife.

...a "coat of many colors" exactly like that worn by Joseph.

...the kind of camel saddle in which Rachel hid her father's household goods.

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Tennessee News Briefs

First church, Dandridge, **Robert D. McCray**, pastor, has called **Troy Harmon**, a Carson-Newman student from Elkins, North Carolina, as summer youth director.

Curtis Fitzgerald was ordained to the gospel ministry by Highland Park Baptist church, Columbia, April 13. **Bill Delaney** is pastor. **Boyd LeCroy**, associational missionary in William Carey Association, preached the ordination sermon. Fitzgerald has been called as pastor of Theta church, Columbia.

Miss Rebekah Lambert, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, who has arrived in the States may be addressed at Route 3, Lewisburg, Tenn., 37091.

West Union Baptist church, located about four miles east of Dresden, began a building program in March, 1968, which included a new ceiling in the auditorium and choir loft, installing carpet, new light fixtures, central heating and cooling system and bricking the building. The cost was approximately \$11,000. The debt was paid and the note burning ceremony was held recently. Participating in the service were pastor **Charles Washburn**, **Richard Allen**, **Ted Dyer**, **James Tucker** and **Wesley Perkins**.

New Prospect church, Lawrenceburg, has ordained **Charles Gresham** to the gospel ministry. **James Shutt** is pastor. Gresham has been called as pastor of Kelleys Chapel church in Indian Creek association.

Miss Jenell Greer, Southern Baptist missionary, has completed furlough in the States and returned to Thailand (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). A native of Antioch, Tenn., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1942.

Johnny King, **Roy Gilleland**, **Charles Davis**, **Wayne Vaughn**, **Hubert Smothers**, **Gen. Howard E. Butler**, and **Staley Langham** preached in the revival at West View chapel at Kingston Springs. Langham, who is the pastor, reports 12 rededications, three answered a call to special service, and seven were baptized at the close of the revival. The chapel was a mission of Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville.

Charles McGuffin was ordained as a deacon April 27 by Trenton Street church, Harriman.

Revival Results

R. Trevis Otey, pastor, First church, Jackson, led his church in revival services. There were 22 professions of faith, 10 by letter, six for special service, and 64 rededications. **Carlys Scates**, the church's minister of music, led the singing.

Lockeland church, Nashville, reports two for baptism and 10 rededications during their revival. **Roger McDonald**, pastor of Central Baptist church, Newman, Ga., was the evangelist. **Herschel Creasman**, assistant pastor of First church, Valdosta, Ga., led the singing. **Harold Sorrells** is pastor.

Bethpage and China Grove churches in Gibson County association were led in revivals recently by **Walter Warmath**, vice president of Union university, Jackson, as evangelist and professor **Richard Emery**, also of Union, in charge of the music. There were three additions by baptism at each church. **H. B. Woodward**, Bells, is pastor of both churches.

Burlen Singleton, director of the Baptist Rescue Mission in East St. Louis for the Home Mission Board, led Grace church, Morristown, in their revival. Pastor **R. T. Roberts** reports 19 professions of faith with 14 coming for baptism, three additions by letter, and several commitments to soul winning and rededications.

Ray Jones, Jr., son of **Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, Sr.**, Route 2, Knoxville, recently led Buckner Baptist church, Buckner, Ky., in a revival. Ray is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, and is pastor of Pond Run church, Echols, Ky.

FILM WINS AWARD. "When the Messenger Turns to Go Away," the Annuity Board produced film, was one of three films to win top awards in the Communications Contest of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Association. The 30-minute color film portrays the Baptist preacher and the role he plays in the work of the Lord. The film is available on loan, no charge basis, from the Protection Plans Office, 1812 Belmont Blvd., Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Paul R. Phelps, Director.

Pitt Named to SBC Stewardship Post



NASHVILLE—William H. Pitt, Sr., stewardship secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the past nine years, has been named director of the endowment and capital giving service of the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission.

Pitt, a native of Memphis, will move from the state-wide office here to the SBC stewardship office on James Robertson Parkway effective in mid-May, according to Stewardship Commission Executive Director Merrill D. Moore, who made the announcement.

He will be responsible for church and institutional fund raising by the Stewardship Commission on request from Baptist churches and institutions in cooperation with state conventions.

Before joining the Tennessee Baptist Convention staff in 1960, Pitt was associational missionary for the Gibson Baptist association in Northwestern Tennessee for five years, and pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, Louisville. Previously he was pastor of two Memphis churches.

Ordained to the ministry in 1950, Pitt earlier worked with Colonial Bakery in Memphis, and coffee companies in Memphis and New Orleans.

He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, and Union university, Jackson, Tenn. (BP)

Secretaries' Luncheon

The Tennessee Baptist Convention honored its secretaries at its annual luncheon April 25 at the Brentwood Country Club, Brentwood. Following the luncheon a program was presented using the theme, "Hats Off to the Ladies." Highlight of the program was Fashion News Today in which several of the secretaries modeled clothes from a local store.

Gene Kerr, assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist convention, was master of ceremonies.

Free Shuttle Bus Slated From SBC To Seminary

NEW ORLEANS—A free shuttle bus will run from the Rivergate Convention Center where the Southern Baptist Convention meets June 10-13, to the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary during the week of the convention.

The bus will run each hour throughout the convention week, enabling those who attend the convention to visit the seminary campus while in New Orleans.

The seminary will hold open house on Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., during a period of time when no convention

sessions will be held.

Open house at the seminary is scheduled immediately following the annual alumni luncheon for seminary graduates and alumni. The luncheon will be held at the Jung Hotel in downtown New Orleans at noon Thursday. (BP)

● **PEAK EFFICIENCY** is reached by most people between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., local sun time, according to doctors who conducted a 5-year study for the British Navy.

Valuable Painting Stolen From Italian Parish

ROME—Italian police and Interpol, the international police organization, have begun an intensive search for art thieves who stole a valuable painting from a parish church near Pesaro.

The painting, known as the "Madonna del Cardellino (Our Lady of the Goldfinch)," has a value estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1 million, depending on the still-disputed question of who painted it.

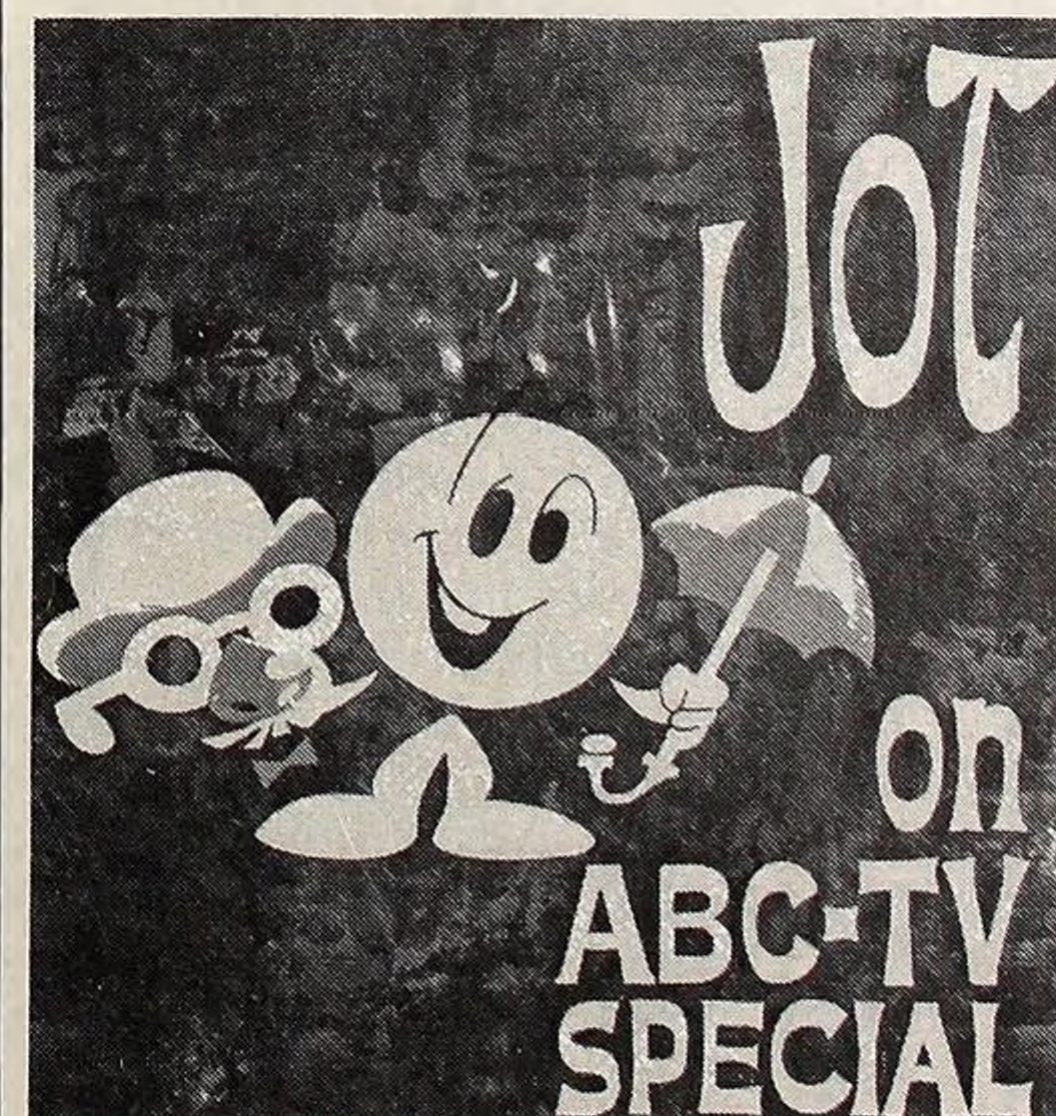
Some experts call it the work of the Renaissance painter Perugino, which would put its value in the million-dollar range. Others consider it the work of Eusebio da San Giorgio, a member of the Umbrian school, and thus worth about \$500,000.

There has been a recent wave of thefts of valuable works of art from churches. Church authorities have asked the people to form a voluntary guard to prevent such thefts. (RNS)

Assessor In Phoenix To Tax Church Homes

PHOENIX—Church leaders in Arizona's Maricopa County expressed "shock" when Assessor Kenneth R. Kunes ordered all tax-exempt church rectories and parsonages returned to the tax assessment rolls.

When the new Arizona state tax law went into effect, many tax-exempt lands carried no appraisals or valuations on them and such evaluations were never carried out, Mr. Kunes said. As a consequence, many Mormon properties will have to be appraised, some of them for the first time, he said. (RNS)



JOT, star of the Southern Baptist television cartoon of the same name, plays a leading role in an American Broadcasting Company TV special to be telecast nationally May 11. The program will be at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Check ABC affiliated station logs for correct local time.

J.N.J.—Today Not Tomorrow

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In a recent broadcast, Paul Harvey made the statement that there is a comeback in independent colleges and schools with approximately 250 being established this last year. He went on to emphasize that teachers are weary of sit-ins and campus disturbances. They want to teach—something most of them have invested much time and talent in.

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Family Living

Educator Warns Parents to Prepare Child for Changes

By B. David Edens

An education study center told parents to prepare their children for a swiftly changing, computerized world in which men may have to change careers several times before retirement and the office stenographer will be out of date.

The Advisory Center for Education said that by the year 2000, when today's students are in midcareer, one of five workers will be employed in medicine, science, teaching and other professions—2½ times as many as at present.

Fewer than one in 10 will hold clerical jobs—a decline of 25 per cent, the center predicted. Three of five will be manual laborers, a drop of nearly 13 per cent, and the numbers of business executives will hold steady at 10 per cent.

All this adds up to a revolution in education and the decisions children must make about their careers, said the center, a non-profit agency.

We could so mistakenly give these children career advice rooted in the past: the vacancies abundant now, the details of jobs currently performed.

There is the equivalent of asking them to look backwards over their shoulders while walking forward in a world evolving dramatically during the next 30 years or so.

Computers will take over routine office jobs and the increasing numbers of girls seeking work should train for professional jobs.

Men who train for a single career may quickly be put out of work by technological advances. They should prepare themselves educationally and emotionally to change careers in midstream.

Numeracy, the ability to understand and use complex mathematical data, will become as important as the ability to read and write.

Colin Leicester lists 10 fields where he said career opportunities would expand sharply over the next 30 years. They include oceanography, nuclear physics, medicine, town planning, computer technology, and sociology.

Sunday School

BACKYARD STUDIES

By Wendell W. Price

Summer offers multiplied opportunities for Christians to stretch their growth. Some gather one night a week for six weeks.

Some possible groupings are:

- by families
- by classes
- by departments
- by special interests groups
- new officers/teachers
- potential officers/teachers

The Superintendent of Training plans the activities. He may select several teachers and have six classes for adults simultaneously. He plans the time, the dates, the studies, the teachers, the places, gets them going and pulls together the results.

This is a good time to meet in backyards, in homes, in parks or trailer camps, and add some fellowship spice to the Christian diet.

DO IT! Plan, pray, proceed!

CARDINALS, BISHOPS TO OBSERVE GREATER SIMPLICITY IN CLOTHING

VATICAN CITY—Much of the color and pageantry of the Roman Catholic Church will disappear as the result of a decree of Pope Paul promulgated on Holy Saturday.

The splendid dress of the cardinals, Princes of the Church, and the ceremonial dress of lesser prelates will be stripped of much of its grandeur. Even coats of arms and forms of address will lose their medieval trappings under the decree.

The most notable single change will be the elimination of the "red hat" which has been the traditional symbol of the cardinal's rank. The galero, the enormous, flat red hat with 30 tassels which was formerly presented to new cardinals but never worn, will no longer be presented. Also eliminated will be the smaller red felt hats with elliptical brims which actually were worn by cardinals. Similar hats, black in color, will be substituted, and the same color change is decreed in many other parts of the regalia of cardinals. (RNS)

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WHAT LOVE CAN DO

By James M. Gregg

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You can demonstrate your love through your love gift to the Children's Homes, through your church on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Thank you for all you do for the children in your four homes.

Objectives, Trends Affecting Churches Studied for 1973-79

NASHVILLE—A total of 32 state planning conferences involving about 500 Baptist leaders are refining and revising during the month of April two consolidated reports outlining trends in society that will have an effect on the church, and the possible objective areas of Southern Baptist work in the period, 1973-79.

The two consolidated reports were compiled on the basis of reports from recorders at 32 similar meetings in January involving the same Baptist leaders who discussed in detail the trends and possible Southern Baptist Convention objectives for 1973-79.

A total of 30 trends in society which will have a direct bearing on the church in the 1970's were outlined in the first consolidated report, prepared by Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here.

McClellan said that the trends were not listed in any order of priority, but that in sheer volume, the trend most cited by the 32 Baptist groups meeting in January was the increased importance of education.

Both the war in Vietnam and the racial revolution in the nation were cited as cultural trends having an effect on the church in the 1970's. (BP)

East German Baptists Consider New Name

Baptist leaders in the German Democratic Republic (Eastern Germany) want to abandon the denominational name which has been shared in common with Baptists in Western Germany for more than 20 years.

The two have used the common title, "Union of Protestant Free Churches in Germany." The word, "Germany," has been a symbol of a geographical area including both East and West.

Although the name "Baptist" is not carried in the denominational title, the union is primarily composed of Baptists.

Eastern Germany has voted to adopt a new title for the denomination there. It would be called "Union of Protestant Free

Churches in the German Democratic Republic."

The Baptist action follows the pattern of what has been happening in other denominations in Eastern Germany, as pressure to break the last ties—even sentimental ones—with brethren in Western Germany has been applied. (EBPS)

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Tennessee House Kills Gambling Bill

The Tennessee House of Representatives on April 24 killed the controversial bill to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races and dog races, apparently ending one of the hottest disputes of the legislative session.

By a vote of 55 to 23, the House re-referred to the Judiciary Committee—where it is expected to remain at least until 1970—the far-reaching proposal sponsored by Rep. Jack Comer, Knoxville Republican.

Declaring that members of the House did not "have enough guts" to face up to the issue, and branding those who had opposed his bill as "hypocrites," Comer then joined 54 other legislators who sent the bill off to the committee graveyard. Rep. Jim White, Nashville Republican, made the motion to shelve the proposal.

Scores "Nashville Banner"

Only moments before the major roll call, the Knoxville lawmaker unleashed a bitter assault upon *The Nashville Banner*, its publisher and its editor for the newspaper's

strong editorial opposition to the measure.

Apparently sensing defeat of the proposal, on which he had already delayed a final vote for a week in an unsuccessful effort to round up more support, Comer then blasted the House members for refusing to face the issue.

Opponents of the bill, including church leaders across the state, disagreed with Comer's interpretation of the action. They noted that an overwhelming majority of the House membership voting on the re-referral motion obviously opposed enactment of the legislation.

Even some of those who voted against sending the bill back to committee in obvious defeat said they probably would have opposed it on final passage. But they said they felt the House should have brought the bill to a vote on its merits, or lack of them, rather than sending it back to committee.

Comer told reporters he had no plans to try to revive the bill, under which horse and dog racing tracks would have been established in counties approving them in local option referendums. But the Knoxville businessman said Sen. J. O. Patterson, Memphis Democrat, might try to move his companion bill in the Senate. Patterson had dropped the Senate version of the bill into the hoppers without fanfare only a few days before the House vote, but legislative observers and news reporters agreed there was little, if any, chance the controversy-ridden bill would be brought up again before the close of the current session on May 9.

for new measures, and a companion bill on the same subject also went in the hoppers in the Senate. Routinely, both the Patterson and King measures also are resting in committees.

Also introduced during the final rush of new bills was a proposal by Rep. Richard Holcomb, Chattanooga Democrat, to increase the penalties for those convicted of furnishing narcotics or marijuana to minors under 18 years of age. It would set the penalty at fines of up to \$2000 and imprisonment of 20 years.

But it was Comer's bill which drew most of the attention during the week. And its rejection by the House—and Comer's angry remarks shortly before the vote was taken—was viewed as ending the bitter controversy for this session.

"Something For Nothing"

Comer had attempted to revise the bill to divide projected tax revenues anticipated from operation of the race tracks and gambling operations between the state, cities and counties, which municipalities in which they would be located receiving a larger share.

But the House did not vote on the amendment, which was designed to remove the criticism of the bill's original provisions earmarking the funds for education. Gov. Buford Ellington and others had attacked that portion of the measure, and the governor's opposition to the entire proposal was well known in the legislative halls.

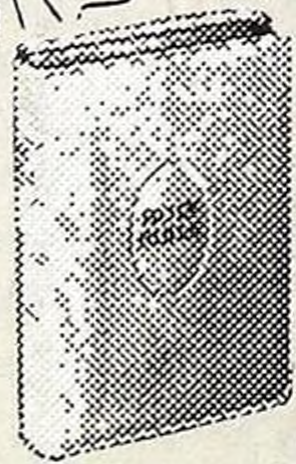
Ellington told a news conference last month that financial support for education had not slipped to the point where Tennessee has to resort to revenue from gambling to pay for its schools.

Two days before the House action, the Rev. C. T. Baker, Jr., executive director of the Tennessee Council of Churches, had urged rejection of the bill in a public hearing. He called it a "something-for-nothing" proposal which would add to the state's woes.

"History shows that pari-mutuel betting brings many ills and breeds illegal book-making," he told lawmakers attending the hearing. And he said the provision for local option elections would have no affect on illegal gambling which he said surely would occur in surrounding areas.

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Narcotics Curb Proposal

On April 23, the cut-off date for introduction of measures to be considered during the 1969 session, Rep. Alvin M. King, Memphis Democrat, submitted still another horse, harness and dog racing measure. It was introduced only on its caption, which said it proposed to create a racing commission and to authorize local option elections. Presumably, the body of the bill would be added by amendment later—a system customarily followed when bills are offered only on their captions to meet introduction deadlines.

The King measure was among several hundred bills introduced on the final day



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Versatile Composer Gillis Unveils New Religious Operatic Work

DALLAS—Don Gillis did everything but sell popcorn.

The former NBC radio executive, now chairman of the arts division at Dallas Baptist college, delegated few responsibilities in the recent world premiere of his religious opera, "The Nazarene."

Gillis wrote the original story, libretto, score and arrangement for the production and then, as chairman of the Dallas Baptist College Cultural Arts Festival, handled promotion, publicity and helped round up talented people to work on and off stage for the premiere performance.

Starring in the opera were four talented singers from the Southwest: William Pickett, Anne Criswell (daughter of Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas), Andrew White and Christine Palmer. Leading the orchestra and chorus was A. Clyde Roller, associate conductor of the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

"The Nazarene" centers around the resurrection morning, as tragedy turns to triumph and the followers of Jesus gradually shake off their grief and see the dawning of hope. Often poignant, occasionally light-hearted, but eventually triumphant, the opera reflects the many hours of research by the author to lend authenticity to his plot.

This production was the feature event in Dallas Baptist college's first festival venture. Theme for the festival was "The Arts in Texas—And Texas in the Arts."

Festival Chairman Gillis is a renowned composer of popular symphonic, chamber music and opera. His works have been performed by Arturo Toscanini, Sir John Barbirolli, Victor Alessandro and Leonard Bernstein.

He has been guest conductor of the Baltimore, San Antonio and Atlanta Symphony Orchestras.

For 10 years, Gillis was producer for Arturo Toscanini, later writing and producing the NBC radio series "Toscanini—Man Behind the Legend."

Prior to his association with Dallas Baptist college, his faculty posts have been with Southern Methodist and Texas Christian universities, the latter awarding him an honorary doctorate. (BP)

Young Baptists, Hippies Alike—In a Nice Way

SANTA FE, N.M.—Young Baptists may not be as far removed from the hippie as they might think. Businesswoman Lois Neville linked them in a complimentary way recently in a complaint to *The New Mexican*, Santa Fe daily newspaper, concerning shoplifting.

Following a run-down on the characteristics of typical young thieves, Miss Neville wrote, "... I have never had anything stolen by a 'hippie' or by any of the young Baptists who come into town from the camp" (Glorieta Baptist Assembly).

Miss Neville attributed the problem of theft to lack of direction toward constructive use of young people's talents. (BP)

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Matthew 25:40



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Focal Passages: Hebrews 13:1-3; Jeremiah 38:7-13; Matthew 10:42

Compassion should have no artificial barrier or inhibition. We do not feel responsible for people whom we do not know or with whom we have no natural or social ties. Love should break over boundaries and customs.

People who are strangers and visitors in our countries may mean much for us or much against our country in the future.

They are getting an image of us while among us. They are watching us wherever they go. They may get a very distorted image from our news media, visual or oral or both. A noisy few can bring judgment on the many. They will carry their impressions of us back to their own country. Thoughtful, personal courtesies and closer contacts might correct wrong impressions.

This is also true when we are abroad in large numbers. We can behave as guests of foreign countries so as to reflect on our own nation. We can so act as to leave a good taste in everybody's mouth.

We should remember that we are strangers to the cultures of the world. We are ambassadors of the King of Glory. We will be constantly moving about as strangers and in the midst of strangers. It is our solemn duty to represent and not misrepresent our Sovereign.

YOU NEVER KNOW

Hebrews 13:1-3

The springs of compassion must be kept flowing freely. Else they will become stagnant and clog up. "Let brotherly love continue."

Entertaining strangers may turn out to be hospitality to angels. You never know. Paul and Silas sang in the prison when they were in agony. It was something unheard of. Only Christ could enable His disciples to do this. The interesting thing is that the prisoners "heard them," though that was not what they had in mind. It must have been a great testimony to their fellow prisoners.

The reach of some act of courtesy, service or kindness can never be known. A woman near Baltimore generously served buttermilk to Dr. Kelley. It was his favorite refreshment. Later on by chance he was her doctor at Johns Hopkins. Her critical illness required much attention and skill. The bill was a big one but the grand old doctor re-

fused to take a penny. He remembered that she was the one who served him so freely of her country buttermilk. Of course, she had no such idea in mind when she shared her simple blessing. "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

A FOREIGNER INTERVENES

Jeremiah 38:7-13

Jeremiah's frankness and forthrightness angered certain counselors of King Zedekiah. They convinced the king that he was hurting the morale of the people and the army. Therefore, he should be put in prison and forever silenced. The king gave his permission and Jeremiah was cast into a dungeon then in the prison court. It had no water. He sank into the mire and would have perished.

Ebed-melech the Ethiopian who was in the king's service was distressed and aroused. He sought the ear of the king and got it. He pled for Jeremiah's life. The king gave him 30 men with whom to extricate the prophet and save his life. This was promptly done. Jeremiah remained in the prison court.

Ebed-melech the Ethiopian eunuch was under no natural or official obligation to Jeremiah. He was a foreigner but intervened in behalf of God's prophet.

There may be no cultural, political or fraternal obligation on us in particular cases. Anyone in need is our neighbor. All who are saved owe it to Jesus to render whatever service the distress calls for and is within our power to give.

ANY UNSELFISH SERVICE REWARDED

Matthew 10:42

The size of the service and the prestige of the one we serve will not determine the measure of reward. A cup of cold water in the name of a disciple will be richly rewarded.

We are honored with the privilege of service. It may be to a stranger, an unknown child or an outcast. God will know and will remember.

In the name of a disciple identifies it with Christ for whom we are rendering the service. Isolated acts in our name is the selfish way.

Negro Seminary President To Remain In Nashville

NASHVILLE—Charles E. Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological seminary here, has turned down a post as professor at the New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary to remain with the Negro institution in Nashville.

Boddie's decision was announced by Phale D. Hale, chairman of the board, American Baptist Theological seminary.

Earlier this year Boddie was named professor of social ethics at the New Orleans seminary. In accepting the post he would have been the first Negro faculty member at any of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

He is a graduate of Syracuse university, Colgate Rochester Divinity school, the University of Rochester, and holds the doctor of divinity degree from Keuka college, Keuka Park, N. Y.

Before he became president of the American Baptist Theological seminary, Boddie was associated with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies for more than seven years.

Boddie has been president of the Negro institution for the last five years. The seminary is affiliated with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (BP)

New Broadman Books Manager Named, Expansion Planned

NASHVILLE—Ras B. Robinson Jr., has been named manager of the Broadman Books department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Robinson assumed his position April 1. He previously was marketing planning coordinator of the board's publishing division.

When asked about future plans for Broadman Press, Robinson said, "Our aim is to make Broadman Press a household name in the religious book publishing world. We plan to take an aggressive interest in serving religious book needs." (BP)

SCOTLAND COLLEGE IN NEW QUARTERS

The Baptist Theological College of Scotland is moving into new quarters in Glasgow.

Scottish Baptists bought a building near the university of Glasgow and adapted it for college use. The building, in addition to classrooms and offices, contains a residential apartment for college president R. E. O. White.

The 20 students enrolled in the theological college will be benefitted from nearness to the university, since some are also taking university courses. The theological college formerly shared space in Glasgow with the headquarters office building of the Baptist Union of Scotland. (EBPS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall



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May 4-11 is Christian Home Week in the Southern Baptist Convention. It reaches the climax on Mother's Day. It is so important and fitting that we should have a week set aside to give emphasis to the Christian home. There have been so many divorces and so many broken homes since World War II. It has added greatly to the complex social problems of this era. Much emphasis has been given to this problem during the last few years.

The first requisite for a truly Christian home is that Christ be the Lord in the home. I used to see framed statements hung on the walls in old country homes which said something like, "Christ is the Unseen Guest in this home." In many of these homes this was really true. The father and the mother were both dedicated Christians. The home showed many evidences of the spirit of Christ. There was family worship and the Bible was read and prayer was offered each day and no meal was eaten without the giving of thanks.

The Christian home will also be properly related to the church. The old family pew was a real blessing when families went to church and sat together. Today the churches are so much better equipped to minister to the whole family than at any time in our history. This ministry ought to begin with the youngest child and there ought to be a place for each member of the family to the oldest grandparent.

Many churches are providing guidance for young people to equip them for marriage and for building a real Christian home. Counselling and teaching have a very vital place in laying the foundation for a truly Christian home. Every pastor and all leaders of youth ought to see that this ministry is not neglected and that every new home is undergirded with a true spiritual foundation.

On May 11 we celebrate Mother's Day. Motherhood is brought to its fullest and greatest meaning through the personality of a great Christian mother. Only as a mother is brought to know Him and to love and serve Him can she have the influence and give the leadership to her children that they need. Only then can she help build a truly Christian home. Sentimentality and beautiful words are not enough. We must face the grim fact that many mothers are bringing problems to their homes due to lives that are sinful and out of harmony with Christ.

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Historically: From The Files

50 YEARS AGO

The total number of Baptists in the world, according to the Baptist Year Book, is 8,070,762. Baptists of the world have increased 8000 per cent in 125 years and they number 1/20 of the Christian population of the earth. The Year Book gave Baptists in the United States 57,734 churches, 43,911 ministers and 6,534,132 members. We are second to Methodists who number 7,608,284, although our ministers exceed those of the Methodists by 2111. Presbyterians number 2,171,601; Lutherans, 2,455,334; Episcopalians, 1,078,435; Disciples of Christ, 1,337,450; Church of Christ Scientists, 85,096, and Unitarians, 71,110.

Excepting Methodists, Baptists outnumber any three denominations in the United States. From 1850 to 1900 the population of this country increased 3½ times while Baptists increased almost six times. Latest figures released by the Census Bureau, May 2, 1918, give Baptists of the United States, 7,236,650.

20 YEARS AGO

Our three Southern Baptist seminaries have students representing 38 states and eight foreign countries. Most of the students come from states close to the seminaries.

The New Orleans seminary enrolls 226, or 60 per cent of its students from three nearby states. The remainder of its enrolment represents

29 other states and five foreign countries.

The Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., enrolls 641 or 46 per cent of its students from one state while the other two seminaries received only 27 students from this state. But both the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. and New Orleans seminary are 600 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Here is a territory 600 by 1200 miles without a Baptist seminary. From Los Angeles, Calif. to Southwestern seminary is 1449 miles, to New Orleans is 1942 miles and to Southern seminary is 2215 miles, that is, as the crow flies—and few Baptist preachers fly that way.

10 YEARS AGO

Dr. Davis C. Woolley, extension director of Christian Education, Howard college, Birmingham, Ala., has been named executive secretary-treasurer of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, succeeding Dr. Norman Cox, who is retiring.

Dr. Clyde Penrose St. Amant, professor of Church History at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, resigned to accept a post with Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., as dean of the School of Theology.

Dr. George B. Connell, president of Mercer university (Baptist), Macon, Ga., died of a heart attack as he and his wife were leaving Macon for a trip to Florida.

● **EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PASTOR OTHER THAN AT HIS CHURCH**—More than 10,000 Southern Baptist churches reported paid employment for their pastor apart from the church in 1968. Of this total, 7320 churches indicated a full-time paid employment apart from the church. Part-time employment was reported by 3000 churches. (Research Roundup)

great Christian mother, but there must also be a Christian father. Two Christian parents can join hands as they lead their family in following Christ in daily living to make their home a blessing to their children and a place where real happiness reigns. America's greatest need is many more homes where Christ truly reigns as Lord.

Bill Abolishing Death Penalty Tabled

RALEIGH, N.C.—The biennial effort of church groups and others to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina failed again when the House voted, 68 to 38, to table a bill which would end the death penalty.

This action effectively bans further discussions in this legislative session since a two-thirds vote is necessary to return the bill to an "active" status.

Before the opening of a heated debate which preceded the vote, the Rev. Collins Kilburn, House chaplain, appealed to members in an opening prayer to eliminate things that "are brutal and vengeful in dealing with wrongdoers." (RNS)

Historical Commission Studies Negro History, Writing History

NASHVILLE—The Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention elected a new chairman, approved of a supplementary volume of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, and heard lectures on how to write Baptist history and the significance of Negro Baptist history during its annual meeting here.

Elected chairman of the commission was W. Morgan Patterson, associate professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, succeeding Fred C. Schatz of Belmont college, Nashville.

In major business action, the commission approved of publication, hopefully by 1971, of a supplementary third volume of the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, covering Baptist history from the period 1958-1970 since the first two volumes of the encyclopedia were released.

Major speakers for the three-day meeting of the commission, including joint sessions with the Southern Baptist Historical Society, an auxiliary to the commission, were Barrington R. White of Oxford university, Oxford, England, and E. A. Freeman, pastor of First Baptist church (Negro) in Kansas City, Kan.

Freeman was invited to speak on "Negro Baptist History" at the request of the commission's administrative committee in response to adoption by the Southern Baptist Convention last June of a "Statement Concerning the Crisis In Our Nation."

The third volume of the encyclopedia will up-date and supplement the two-volume encyclopedia first published in 1958, said Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

It will "be a comprehensive history of the convention over the past 12 years, including biographical information on denominational leaders who have died since 1956, and any information omitted in the first two volumes," said Woolley.

Volume three would include all the historical and developmental information about the convention, its agencies, and the state conventions and their agencies since 1956.

The first two volumes of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists as published in 1958 included nearly 4350 articles by nearly 900 writers, covering in detail Baptist work, distinctives, history, personalities, doctrine, controversies and crises, information on other religious groups, and histories of Baptist organizations.

It is now in its fourth printing, but no major revisions have been made in the encyclopedia. There have been some corrections and changes made in the second and third editions, but few in the fourth.

The commission decided here it would be better to prepare a supplemental volume to the encyclopedia covering the period since the first volumes were published than to completely revise the present volumes because "to revise completely the present two volumes would be a major undertaking involving the resetting of the entire two volumes."

The third volume will be produced under a cooperative venture with Broadman Press, publishing arm of the SBC Sunday School Board, and each of the SBC agencies involved.

Woolley said the commission hopes to secure the manuscripts in time to release the third volume during 1971.

The new volume will use the same format, paper, type, binding, etc., as the first two volumes, and will be about 450 to 500 pages in length. There will be pre-publication and post-publication prices for both the third volume alone, and for all three volumes.

The commission voted to create an eight-member editorial committee which would select a managing editor, assign space allocations to Baptist agencies, enlist writers for general articles, procure monographs not relating to SBC organizations, selecting the topics for assignments, etc.

The editorial committee would also work with a general encyclopedia committee composed of representatives from each SBC agency and state convention. The two committees would give approval of the final manuscript to be submitted to Broadman Press.

COTA Telecasts Prompt Big Viewer Response

ATLANTA—Cards and letters were coming in 100 a day three weeks after the nationwide Crusade of the Americas telecasts sponsored by Southern Baptists.

The three telecasts, featuring Evangelist Billy Graham and News Commentator Paul Harvey, offered free material to anyone who would write to a special crusade box number in Atlanta.

Toward the end of April, the volume of mail from all over the nation went over 2500 and included nearly \$1300 in gifts, despite the fact no financial appeal was made.

In response, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism here is sending a packet of materials that includes several tracts, a registration blank for a correspondence Bible course, transcripts of Harvey or Graham as requested and a booklet called "Good News By a Man Named John," which is the Gospel of John in Today's English Version. (BP)

The general encyclopedia committee would be responsible for selecting writers and assigning topics for articles relating to SBC agencies and state conventions, setting copy deadlines, editing for content, and keeping assignments on schedules.

Final editing would be done by Broadman Press which also would handle pre-publication publicity and sales. Broadman Press would also develop a style guide to be followed by writers, possibly using the same style guide developed for the previous encyclopedia.

Woolley said the decision by the commission to publish the supplemental volume was one of the most significant actions it had taken in recent years.

Hand-Fashioned Mace For Fincher Ceremony

JEFFERSON CITY—Twenty-one pieces of laminated walnut, beautifully finished with beeswax and turpentine, have been fashioned into a handsome mace to be used in the inaugural ceremonies of Dr. John A. Fincher at Carson-Newman college April 29.

Guy Sexton, C-N campus engineer, provided the design layout and Fred Deering fashioned the eighteen pound mace that will be carried in the inauguration procession by Dr. Gerald Naylor.

According to Dr. Robert Burts, professor of history at C-N, the mace is of ancient origin, dating back to the middle ages. "It was the ancient emblem of authority carried by the sergeant-at-arms who led the speaker's procession into the House of Commons in England. It is now used in this country for state and college ceremonial occasions," Dr. Burts said.

"It is altogether fitting that the mace be used on the occasion of the inauguration of a college president. The authority symbolized by the mace does not rest solely in the vested powers of the office, but is founded in the process that encourages the consistent search for truth. Its use in inaugurations is continued by responsible and dedicated educators who humbly, yet proudly, pass on the search for truth to others," Dr. Burts said.