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THE PROMISED RETURN

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"—Acts 1:11.

As Jesus ascended the disciples "were looking stedfastly into heaven." The verb rendered "looking stedfastly" means to stretch one's eyes. They were stretching their eyes to maintain a view of Jesus as He rose higher and higher.

Suddenly "two men . . . in white apparel" (angels) stood by them. Why, asked they, were they standing looking into heaven as though trying to hold on to Jesus' bodily presence? "This same Jesus" will return even as He went away. In the meantime He had promised His spiritual presence through the Holy Spirit.

Several things may be deduced from this. As Jesus was their friend on earth, so He is our friend in heaven where He ever holds intercession for us (Heb. 7:25). Furthermore, He is with us continuously in His Holy Spirit. And He will return in glory and victory in God's appointed time. This assures victory and glory to all who trust in Him.

But there is also implied a challenge to us. We are to live expectantly with re-

spect to His return. But we are not to stand gazing into heaven endeavoring to plot out the time and manner of His return. Rather we are to be going into all the world declaring the good news of His first coming in redemption and the blessed hope of His return.

Because Jesus is away bodily does not mean that He is away spiritually. He is with us always even unto the final consummation of the age (Matt. 28:20). We should daily expect His bodily return. But it is not our business to predict when it will be. That is a secret hidden in the mind of the Father (Acts 1:7). Our business is to prepare men's hearts so that they will welcome His return.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

With man's second moon landing, we are reminded that it takes a lot of nerve to climb aboard a rocket and go blasting off to another planet.

But with things as they are these days, it may take more faith for some to go on living on this one.

As one despondent soul expressed it: "Due to a terrible fear of what might happen, tomorrow has been cancelled."

True, there are so many problems now that the problems are hatching other problems.

You recall, however, that Jesus said, "Don't worry about tomorrow"—but there are some who are quick to answer: "Tomorrow? I haven't even finished worrying about yesterday, not to mention today."

Still, if this be the case with you, it would be well for you to consider this "old math" Christian truth: Problems are multiplied by despair, divided by perseverance, and subtracted by faith.

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Devotional

Frustration

By Ralph E. Norton, Pastor,
Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga

As one studies the Scripture records of individual people he soon realizes that those about whom we read experienced the same problems as we do today.



Norton

Ezra records in the fourth verse of the fourth chapter one of the common experiences of today — frustration. "Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them to frustrate their purposes."

Frustration is a fact of life. It means to be thwarted, to be baffled, to seem futile. Who has not had such an experience? One of the leading causes of sickness is the feeling of frustration. The spirit of frustration takes a heavy toll of our energy, our happiness, and our productivity of works. All of which seems to bring about a deeper sense of frustration.

Failure, defeat, opposition, difficulties are not the same as frustration. Frustration is an inner personal condition, it is not an external situation. Therefore, the cure for frustration is not found in something external, but is found within. It is something you must do personally. You must personally ask:

Where am I frustrated?
What am I trying to do?
Why am I trying to do it?
How am I trying to do it?

Then we must respond to the present moment, stop living in the past or in the future. Examine the present to see what there is that I can do now. Force your conscious mind to pay strict attention to the task at hand. As the old golf adage, "Keep your head down and your eye on the ball."

Not only must we respond to the present moment, but must seek to do only one thing at a time. Establish some priorities. Realize that you may not be able to do all that either your or others may want you to do. Accept such a limitation.

We must also learn to relax. We need as someone said a personal decompression chamber, a quiet room of the mind where we can adjust to the changing pressures.

Above all there must be a positive spirit of faith in God, in others, and in self as we turn our thoughts and actions outward instead of inward. None of us can afford the luxury of frustration as we seek to serve the Living God.

Pastors, Sunday School Teachers Differ On "Rebaptism" Question

by Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE—Slightly over one-fourth of Southern Baptist Sunday School teachers surveyed in the latest Baptist VIEWpoll feel that "any person who has been immersed by any church" should be admitted into membership of a Southern Baptist church without being "rebaptized," compared to about one-fifth of Southern Baptist pastors with the same view.

A representative cross section of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers were asked this question in the survey: "Who should be admitted into the membership of a Southern Baptist church without being 'rebaptized'?"

Any person transferring from any, or almost any, Baptist church was the judgment of 52.6 per cent of the pastors and 31.6 per cent of the Sunday School teachers.

"Only persons transferring from a Southern Baptist church" was the alternative chosen by 31.1 per cent of the Sunday School teachers and 22.4 per cent of the pastors.

The third alternative, "Any person who has been immersed by any church," was selected by 27.9 per cent of the Sunday School teachers and 19.7 per cent of the pastors.

A fourth alternative, "Any person 'baptized' in any manner by any church," was indicated by 7.4 per cent of the teachers and 2.0 per cent of the pastors. The remaining 3.3 per cent of the pastors and 2.0 per cent of the teachers chosen to respond to the question.

The same question was asked of messengers to the 1969 Southern Baptist Convention

in New Orleans with one difference in the alternatives. The phrase "or almost any" was not placed in the alternative "Any person transferring from any Baptist church."

The largest portion of the messengers to the Convention (36.4 per cent) chose the alternative "Any person who has been immersed by any church." The second largest portion of the messengers (28 per cent) chose the alternative "Any person transferring from any Baptist church;" and "Only persons transferring from a Southern Baptist church" was a very close third (27.2 per cent) choice.

The survey of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention is not considered to be representative of Southern Baptists, as the VIEWpoll is for pastors and teachers. The poll of convention messengers indicated a less traditional position on the question than did the VIEWpoll panel.

The current VIEWpoll findings are based on 87 per cent response from panel members. (BP)

Colorado Baptists Concur With Baptist Doctrines

COLORADO SPRINGS—Colorado Baptists meeting here in annual session voted to reaffirm their concurrence with the doctrinal beliefs as presented in the Baptist Faith and Message Statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 and 1963.

The Colorado Baptist General Convention adopted a resolution pledging to "reassert ourselves in faithfulness to our basic doctrinal distinctives for the preservation of the spiritual integrity of our churches."

Other resolutions adopted by the convention touched on the war in Vietnam, news media coverage of churches, the generation gap and trends toward commercial business operation on Sunday.

In major business, the convention adopted a budget of \$449,954, including a state Cooperative Program goal of \$252,128. The convention voted to increase its percentage going to Southern Baptist Convention causes from 18 to 18½ per cent, or \$46,639. The total budget is an increase of about \$17,000 over the 1969 budget. (BP)

Maternity Home

By James M. Gregg

Dr. Mark Harris, retired pastor of the Speedway Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, who recently went to be with the Lord, dreamed and prayed that the Children's Homes might establish a Maternity Home at Memphis. Brother Harris, a long time member of our Board of Trustees, also did something about this dream of his and shortly before his death gave \$1000 to begin such a fund for a future Maternity Home. In fact we need one in each grand division of our state.

We have placed 50 babies of unwed mothers in adoption homes during the year. Our social workers and other staff members have rendered a real Christian ministry to these girls who have been referred to us by pastors and others across the state. However, if we operated our own home for these unfortunate girls, we could do far more for them in this time of crisis in their lives.

It was Dr. Harris' hope that every couple who has adopted a baby through the Homes and many others would make additional contributions to this much needed project. If God lays this on your heart, we would be happy to hear from you.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for making this great ministry of benevolence and missions possible.

Powerline Becomes Baptists' Most Popular Radio Program

FORT WORTH—POWERLINE, an image-jolting new radio program for teens and young adults, has become the most popular and hottest program being produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Less than a year in production, the half-hour show is now being broadcast weekly by some 300 stations across the nation, and from transmitters in Puerto Rico, Singapore, and the Virgin Islands.

Stations carrying the show include some of the largest and most popular stations in the nation, including for example: WLS in Chicago, WRKO in Boston, KFRC in San Francisco, KIRL in St. Louis, and WFIL, Philadelphia.

The program is designed to bridge the generation gap that tends to separate Christianity from the mind of the contemporary teenager.

It makes use of the pop hit tunes of the current record charts, interspersing them with brief, down-where-you-live Christian comment on contemporary life as experienced by youth in a chaotic, secularized society. (BP)

Unitarian Universalists Vote Million Dollar Budget Cut

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A \$1 million budget cut and an overhaul in operations was voted here by the directors of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Specifically, the 30 members of the governing unit approved a budget of \$1,871,000, based on an updated "realistic projected income" of the same amount. Their action revised a budget adopted earlier.

Dr. Raymond Hopkins, executive vice-president of the 200,000-member denomination, said there would still be a deficit of about \$500,000 at the end of the fiscal year, already five months old. (RNS)

EDITORIALS

Death At Song My

The nation has been shocked at stories of the alleged mass killings of unarmed civilians, including women and children, by American troops in Viet Nam. Just as alarming as the gory details, accompanied by photographs, of the alleged massacre is the fact that it allegedly occurred more than a year ago, and is just now coming to light.

If true, this type of mass murder is completely outside the realm of civilized warfare, and foreign to our concept of military operations. A Christian nation can fight a war, convinced of the rightness of the cause. A Christian nation cannot, however, by any stretch of the imagination condone nor tolerate this type of brutality which we condemned so heartily when practiced by Germans and Japanese during World War II.

We can understand many of the problems of war; including the dangers of men trained to kill. We can understand also, though regretfully, that in a war men must die on either side. Human life still is precious in God's sight. Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, speaking for the White House, said that if true, the massacre was "abhorrent to the conscience of all the American people." He also noted this was in "direct violation" of U.S. military policy.

When the Polish village of Lidice was annihilated to a man in World War II, the hue and cry of protest from Americans was heard around the world, and for a long time. The song My slaughter, if true, really isn't any different!

Again, if true, this type of conduct must not be tolerated. It stands a poignant lie to our Christian witness. The photograph of an enemy soldier allegedly being dropped from a U.S. helicopter to his death for refusal to talk doesn't help either. (JAL)

Shelby County Votes "WET"

The second referendum on liquor by the drink in Shelby county in less than two years ended with a substantial victory by the liquor crowd. (And that is all we know to call them.)

Despite valiant efforts by "drys" in Memphis and throughout the county, led by Baptists in Memphis, Shelby county now joins the growing list of major population areas where liquor may be purchased by the drink, and, where "brown bagging" is permitted also. Unofficial returns from all 196 precincts showed a vote of 74,788 for mixed drinks, and 60,887 against.

We find it of more than passing interest, for example, that the federal government through the Public Health Service can declare smoking a major health hazard; that the use of cyclamates can come in for strong attack, but no word has come yet from officialdom condemning alcohol as a major health hazard. And, while we are reminded constantly about the rising crime rates, there seems to be quite a bit of reluctance to blame officially the use of alcoholic beverages; a blame surely earned.

Scientific studies indicate the danger of alcohol. A few brain cells are destroyed every time alcohol is consumed. The use of alcohol has been blamed by child care executives for up to 90 per of the reasons for the necessity of taking children from broken homes. But these facts, and scores of others don't seem to matter.

Memphis as a whole is the loser by this vote. Our congratulations to those who waged a strong fight to defeat the proposal. We're sorry! It just wasn't enough to stem the tide, and combat the tremendous pressure campaign waged by proponents of liquor by the drink.

Property Tax

Church Property Assessable says the State Board of Equalization. In a ruling last week, the State Board ruled that about \$35 million worth of property owned by seven religious publishing establishments was subject to taxation. The ruling, which has state-wide application, involves among other properties that of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While right of appeal was granted to appealants, no word on their decision to do so has been announced. The State Board has indicated that a \$14 million assessment was possible against the properties.

We would not quarrel with any assessment against any portion of property owned by a religious body which is used solely for the purpose of pecuniary gain. Perhaps this is long over due. Our concern is in the potentially "gray" area where there is pecuniary gain which is reinvested in religious causes, and not held as a clear profit. Again, concern is indicated lest this type of ruling be construed to include all church properties.

Editorial comment was made last week on the Walz case now before the Supreme Court of the United States. A decision by the High Court prior to the State Board ruling might have given clearer direction for all concerned.

We believe that voluntary contributions to government are not the answer. A clear-cut answer may be a long time in coming. But in the meantime, we view with some apprehension this ruling and its possible long-range effects.

Season of Prayer

Lottie Moon Season Of Prayer and Offering For Foreign Missions is upon us. Churches in the Tennessee Convention are encouraged to support generously this over and above offering. The Foreign Mission Board now operates in more than 60 nations. This historic ministry of Southern Baptists has borne fruit over the years. God has blessed this missionary venture of faith and in turn we have been blessed by participation.

This offering provides a substantial portion of income for the board's operations in these many nations. Woman's Missionary Union has over the years led in the observance of this season of prayer. Baptist churches throughout Tennessee this week and next week will be joined by other Baptist churches throughout the convention in special mission study and prayer.

Margaret Fund Students In Tennessee

By Mary Jane Nethery
Executive Secretary

The following young men and women, sons and daughters of Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries, are studying in Tennessee colleges and universities. Each has been assigned to one or more associational Woman's Missionary Unions with the request that the sponsoring association remember these young persons on various occasions such as birthdays, Christmas, Easter, etc.

Name and Address	Country Represented	Birthday	Associations Assigned
Gullatt, Mirlam A. Box 98 (Belmont College)	Japan	March 3	Indian Creek Robertson County William Carey
Skinner, Janice J. Box 91 (Belmont College)	Paraguay	July 27	Nashville New River
Stevens, Catherine L. Herron Hall (Belmont College)	Mexico	February 5	Big Emory Maury New Duck River
Dorr, Philip D. Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Yemen	April 2	Bledsoe Haywood Nolachucky
Frazier, Anita Gall Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Nigeria	April 6	Clinton Fayette Sequatchie Valley
Goldfinch, James Lee Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Costa Rica	July	Crockett Hamilton
Hawkins, David Lee Box 770 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	South Brazil	June 24	Duck River Knox County
Helss, James D. Box 1769 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Japan	August 30	Big Hatchie Cumberland Gap
Helss, John Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Japan	October 26	Central Hardeman County
Humphrey, Stinson Box 216 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Nigeria	March 3	Campbell County Stewart Western District
King, Rebecca Box 1825 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Indonesia	January 24	Dyer Holston Union
McGee, Charles Sidney Box 682 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Nigeria	April 28	Bradley Gibson Holston Valley
Oliver, Anne J. Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Japan	November 27	Chilhowee Riverside
Oody, Arvilla Jean Box 936 Carson-Newman College Jefferson City 37760	Liberia	March 22	Grainger Northern Watauga
Parker, Frank Box 1057 Carson-Newman College	Japan	October 26	Alpha New Salem East Tennessee
Parker, Patsy N. Box 941 Carson-Newman College	Japan	May 24	Beulah Giles Tennessee Valley
Walworth, Rebecca A. Box 750 Carson-Newman College	Mexico	July 17	Cumberland County Hiwassee
Williams, Beverly Anne Carson-Newman College	Thailand	November 11	Cumberland Loudon Salem McMinn
Yarnell, Carol E. Box 532 Carson-Newman College	Malaysia	March 1	Midland Shelby
Medling, Carol A. Box 90887 Memphis State University Memphis, Tennessee	Okinawa	June 7	Carroll-Benton Madison-Chester
Morris, Marilyn C. Union University Jackson, Tennessee	Taiwan	May 16	Hardin Lawrence Stone
Kirk, J. Thomas 3333 Clearview Avenue, N.E. Knoxville, Tennessee 37917	N. Brazil	May 22	Copper Basin Sweetwater Truett
Hawkins, Bill Austin Peay Hall University of Tennessee Martin, Tennessee	S. Brazil	Dec. 24	Concord Beech River Polk
Boone, Hal 1100 Court, Apt. #6 Memphis 38104	Uganda	March 16	McNairy Jefferson Clinch
Thurman, Charles Douglas Box 884 B Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee	Malaysia	December 22	Wilson Sevier
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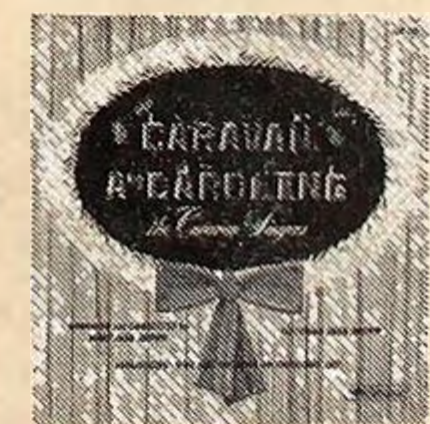


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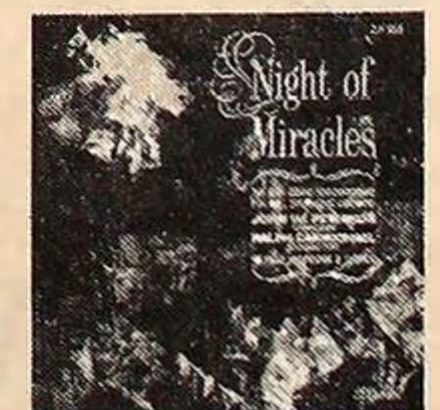
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Arkansas Baptists To Study Membership Policy On Baptism

FORT SMITH, Ark.—The Arkansas Baptist State Convention side-stepped a thorny doctrinal question here, voting to appoint a committee to study the convention's policy regarding membership of churches that accept the baptism of other denominations.

The committee study was recommended by the chairman of two committees which have been grappling with the problems precipitated last year when the convention voted to "withdraw fellowship" from four churches because they practice "alien immersion" or "open communion."

On the motion of Dillard Miller, pastor of First Baptist church, Mena, Ark., the convention approved the committee study, and voted to seat all messengers to this year's convention except any from the four churches previously excluded.

Miller, chairman of the committees on credentials and reconciliation, said that purpose of the committee study would be "to clarify, specify and recommend policies regarding membership to this convention."

Miller said that only one of the four churches excluded last year had conferred with the convention's reconciliation committee, and this church indicated it would not send messengers to the Fort Smith convention.

The four churches excluded because they accepted as members persons who have been baptized by non-Baptist churches, or allow non-Baptists to partake of the Lord's Supper, are: First Baptist church, Russellville, Ark.; First Baptist church, Malvern, Ark.; University Baptist church, Little Rock; and Lake Village Baptist church, Lake Village, Ark. (BP)

Education Barrier Blamed On Far Right

NEW YORK—Right-wing extremists are financing attacks on sex education in schools in an effort to obtain power, according to Dr. Franklin Littell, chairman of the Institute for American Democracy and a professor at Temple University.

"In 1961 the radical right was being financed by slightly less than \$1 million," the Methodist clergyman claimed. "In 1968, some \$46 or \$50 million has poured into their coffers."

Right-wing attacks on sex education, he contended, can be explained only in the context of parallel attacks by the same groups on the U.S. Supreme Court and the World and National Councils of Churches, and the attempt to infiltrate police departments and legislatures with "front men." (RNS)

Graham To Speak at SBC Planning, Promotion Meet

NASHVILLE—Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at a Cooperative Program luncheon during the Southern Baptist Planning and Promotion Conference here, Dec. 8, the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission has announced.

About 800 top Baptist leaders from throughout the nation have been invited to attend the annual meeting, Dec. 8-12, when Southern Baptist plans for the coming years will be outlined in detail.

Graham will speak at the luncheon beginning at 12:30 at the Sheraton Motor Inn. Attendance will be by the invitation.

The luncheon sponsored by the Stewardship Commission will be one of three general sessions for the 800 Baptist leaders during the week. All three general sessions will be on Monday, Dec. 8.

Most of the time will be devoted to future planning, with reports on Southern Baptist plans for 1973 to 1979. Other major addresses will be presented by Edward B. Lindaman, an executive for North American Rockwell Corp., who has worked on the Apollo projects, and by Olin T. Binkley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Following the general sessions on Monday, the 800 leaders will split into about 14 different groups for additional planning conferences.

Sessions are scheduled for state Baptist executive secretaries and SBC agency heads, and state and national workers in the areas of Sunday School, church training, church music, Brotherhood, student work, Woman's Missionary Union, evangelism, stewardship, missions, seminary extension and church architecture.

Other meetings are planned for associa-

tional superintendents of missions and associational directors of religious education. Most adjourn by noon Friday, Dec. 12.

Stewardship, with the emphasis on the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget, will be the major concern discussed during the luncheon when Graham will speak.

James V. Lackey of the SBC Stewardship Commission said that in addition to Graham, there would be telephone interviews between Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Secretary Baker James Cauthen and a SBC foreign missionary, and between Home Mission Board Secretary Arthur Rutledge and a home missionary.

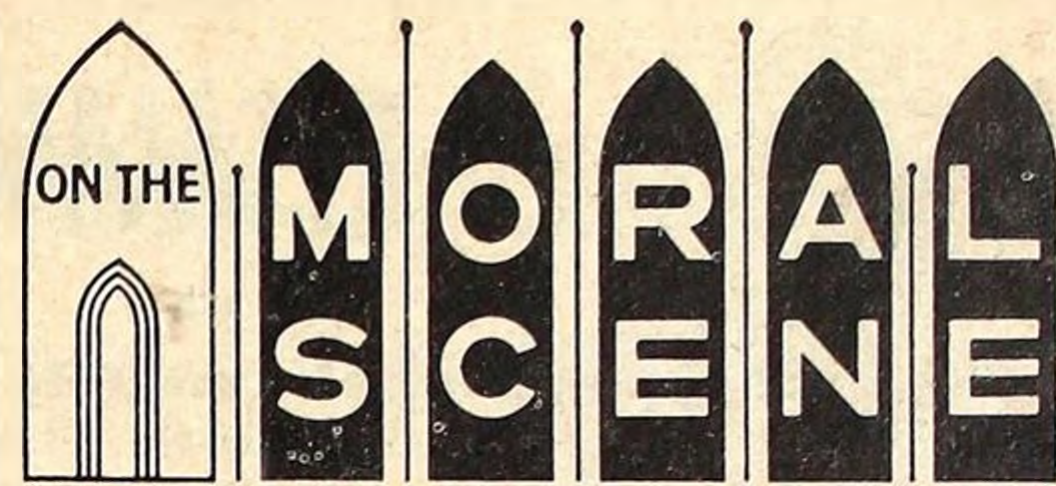
Lackey added that plans also call for live entertainment from country and western music stars who play for the radio program, "Country Junction" produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. (BP)

PREACHING OPPORTUNITY WHILE IN JAPAN

Pastors who attend the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, next July 12-18 may be invited to preach from Japanese Baptist pulpits.

Shuichi Matsumura, chairman of the local arrangements committee for the congress, has asked interested pastors who are coming to Japan to contact him. He will be able to assign many of them to preaching engagements one week before the congress or one week after the congress.

Correspondence on this matter should be sent to Dr. Shuichi Matsumura, Baptist World Alliance Local Arrangements Committee, 33 Hachiyama-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 150, Japan. (EBPS)



CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

● Half of the American people cannot afford to buy a new home, yet future population needs require one new city every month until the turn of the century, George Romney, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), said recently. . . . "We face reform or revolution," he declared in urging the real-estate industry to help alleviate housing barriers. Magnificent downtown buildings do not help those who live in blighted residential areas, he said. The secretary added that 50 per cent of the population cannot afford to buy homes because of tight money and high interest rates. But he predicted a need to accommodate 100 million more people by the year 2000. (Louisville Times, 11/12/69)

South Carolina Baptists Elect Harold Cole Secretary

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The South Carolina Baptist Convention elected a new general secretary-treasurer, honored its outgoing executive, elected a rural minister as president, adopted a record budget, and resolved to support President Richard M. Nixon.

The convention's resolution committee however, did not report out another resolution which would have required teachers in the state's Baptist schools to support the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message adopted by the SBC in 1925 and 1963.

Meeting here for their 148th annual session, the convention elected A. Harold Cole, former assistant general secretary-treasurer, to the top executive position without opposition.

Cole will take office Jan. 1, 1970 following the retirement of Horace G. Hammett, who was honored during an hour-long session of the convention for his 20 years' service to the convention. Hammett has been general secretary for the last eight years.

The outgoing executive was given a silver service and a gift of \$7500 from the convention's General Board in order to pay off the mortgage on his home and attend the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo next July.

A record budget of \$5.3 million was adopted for 1970, allocating \$3.5 million for state mission efforts and \$1.7 million for Southern Baptist world mission causes. (BP)

Menninger Tells Clergy --- 'Preach Louder'

NEW YORK—Ministers discouraged with their preaching should not turn away from it and confine themselves to counseling individuals, but should "preach louder," according to the noted psychiatrist Karl Menninger.

Comparing preaching to preventive medicine, he said it was not enough to heal those who are sick, but people must also be told to stop destroying themselves.

"It is time for clergymen to speak out," he asserted. "You should not be in the silent majority but the evocative minority. People are moved by what you say."

Dr. Menninger was a featured speaker at a three-day conference of ministers, psychiatrists, and others in the counseling field. Sponsored by the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, the interdisciplinary convocation was on the theme "The Revolution in Values."

Dr. Menninger urged the ministers to preach particularly about water and air pollution and other practices damaging to the physical environment. "If I were a clergyman, I don't think I could preach about anything else than 'When are you going to stop destroying this beautiful planet?'"

"The magazines have taken up this issue, and I wish the clergymen would," he said. "It is a matter of the soul, a matter of our survival." (RNS)

TENNESSEE NEWS BRIEFS

Oak Street church, Hamilton County association, recently honored pastor **T. J. Youngblood** and his family with a testimonial dinner. **Youngblood** has resigned after six years with Oak Street to become pastor of Center Grove Baptist church in Coosa association, Rock Springs, Ga.

Central church, Hixson, has called **Sam Welch** as educational director. He at one time served as superintendent of missions for Hamilton County association for a period of seven years. **Billy Kennedy** is pastor.

Rock Springs church, Maury association, recently honored **L. E. Hardison** for 56 years service as church treasurer with the presentation of a Bible. The pastor, **Charles H. Davis**, has resigned to become pastor of a church in Paducah, Ky.

Richard Stephens has been called as pastor by Harpeth Heights church, Nashville association. **Stephens** comes from First Baptist church, Fort Smith, Ark., where he has served for the past 14 months as associate pastor. A native of Kentucky, he is a graduate of Georgetown college, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. **The Stephens** have one son, **Jeff**, nine.

R. Paul Strickler has resigned as pastor of First Baptist, Helena, Ga. He will make his home in Kingsport, 1607 Bloomingdale Pike, and plans to serve as interim pastor and do supply work.

Pleasant Grove church, Maryville, has called **Dan Dunkel** as pastor. A graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Inc., Wake Forest, N. C., he comes to Maryville from Sharon church, Knoxville, where he served as pastor for five years. **The Dunkels** have two children living at home.

Westwood church, Cleveland, has realized three records in one week: Sunday School with 368 in attendance; Training Union with 148; and morning worship with 367. This is the sixth Sunday School record in 20 months. **Jerry A. Songer** is pastor.

Robert Annis Padgett, chairman of deacons, First church, South Pittsburg, died recently at the age of 82. A deacon for more than 50 years, he also taught the men's Bible Class (Padgett Class) for more than 40 years. A former state senator, he was a former mayor of South Pittsburg and retired automobile dealer. Funeral services were conducted at First church with pastor **Norman O. Baker** officiating.

Mt. Olive church, Knoxville, recently licensed **Stephen Powers** and **Alexander Underwood** to preach. **Lewis D. Gourley** is pastor.

Apison church, Hamilton County association, has called **Ronald Holland** as music director. **W. C. Tuten** is pastor.

Bartlebaugh church, Hamilton County association, plans to erect an addition to their educational building. **C. E. Blevins** is pastor.

Cedar Hill church, Hamilton County association, has called **Harry E Welch** as pastor. **W. L. Ferguson** is serving as interim music director.

Lamar Ingle has resigned as pastor of Dalewood church, Hamilton County association.

Frawley church, Hamilton County association, has called **J. Frank Frantz** as pastor.

Parkview church, Jackson, has called **Norman Culpepper** as pastor. He formerly served as pastor of Memorial Baptist church, Blood River association, Kentucky.

Clifton Hill church, Hamilton County association, **C. Raymond Carroll**, pastor, recently occupied their remodeled auditorium

East Chattanooga church, Chattanooga, recently ordained **James Holder, Jr.**, **Don Richardson**, **J. Karl Smith**, and **Curtis Waller** as deacons. **Robert C. Stitts** is pastor.

Fellowship church, Hamilton County association has called **Deral Sims** as pastor.

Harrison church, Hamilton County association, recently brick-veneered their church building. **Lewis Allman** is pastor.

First church, Hixson, **Whitt Aiken**, pastor, is in the process of constructing a new educational building.

Executive Board Meets Dec. 5 For Purpose of Re-organization

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will hold its re-organizational meeting on Dec. 5 in Brentwood.

Since most of the work of the Executive Board is carried out through committees, this will be a time of re-organization of the various committees which are given specific duties, as they set up their work for the new convention year. The committees meet a day prior to the meeting of the Executive Board and then present their reports to the full meeting of the board, making recommendations.

According to Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, "This will be a policy-making meeting, a time for reviewing, re-evaluating almost every area of our work—a time of in-depth study as to needs, methods."

Sub-committees will report through the committee to which they are responsible.

During the meeting there will be a report on the Shaping of the 70's by Charles Norton, secretary, Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, chairman of the co-ordinating committee for the state board staff.

The committees which will be meeting and reporting to the Executive Board are as follows: Administrative; Christian Services; Denominational Cooperation; Education; Public Affairs and Christian Life; State Mis-

sions and the Tennessee Baptist Program.

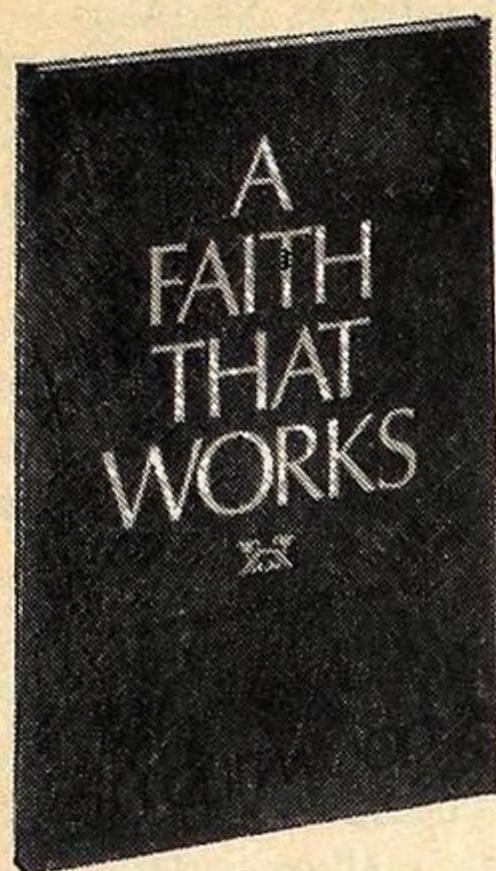
Subcommittees which will meet include: Missions; Religious Education; Evangelism and Stewardship; Baptist Student; Baptist and Reflector Liasion; and Public Relations Study.

Hayward Highfill, pastor, First church, Clinton, newly-elected president of the Executive Board, will preside.

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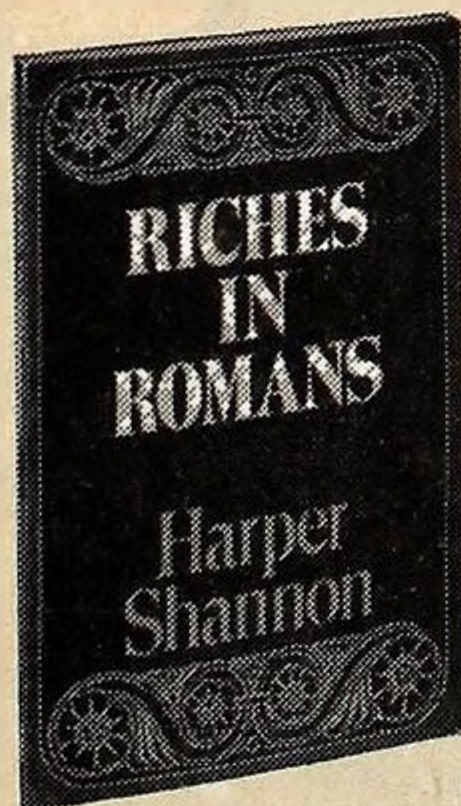


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Public Opinion Can Change Television, NAB Member Says

DALLAS—A local television executive here who serves on the nine-man National Association of Broadcasters' board, says that properly channeled public opinion has the power to halt what he believes is a "disturbing trend" in television programming.

"I'm not trying to cast networks in the role of the heavies," says Mike Shapiro, general manager of WFAA-TV here, "but much of the programming which comes down the network cable violates, in my opinion, the National Association of Broadcaster's code, and is not suitable for prime time hours when children are watching."

Shapiro, who serves on the board that sets and interprets the NAB code, has some strong ideas about moral programming and what can be done to achieve it.

"The American viewing public is the best judge of what it will and will not see," Shapiro says. "Individuals and organizations which do not approve of certain programming—whether it be movies, variety show sequences, commercials or news—should let networks, local stations, broadcasters and advertisers know about it."

Shapiro points to the massive response of the public to Vice President Agnew's recent blast against news commentators as an example of how the public can express itself.

"In that case," Shapiro says, "the point was made clearly that the general American public, if asked, will express themselves on the type of programming it approves or disapproves. But people shouldn't wait to be asked if they have an honest objection to programming," he adds.

The outspoken television executive goes a step further. He believes it is up to the local station to take an interest in everything it broadcasts and to seek the opinions of viewers.

"If broadcasters do not keep basic moral values in mind," he says, "someone else will—probably eventually the federal government. No one wants that."

CHURCHES TO MERGE

Three Baptist churches in the central part of Gothenburg, Sweden, are expected to merge sometime early in 1970 to form one large downtown congregation. All the churches are related to the Baptist Union of Sweden.

A fourth Baptist church in the same area, which is part of the Oerebro Mission, a second Baptist group in Sweden, has declined an offer to take part in the combination. (EBPS)

Shapiro, who attends a Reform Jewish Synagogue in Dallas, says his convictions have grown from "basic moral religious beliefs I've been taught all my life. Those convictions have been put to the test by the new trends in network programming," he says.

"I don't believe old moral values, which built the stability of this country should be replaced by so-called new moral values," he says. "I don't buy the idea that TV programming has to change with every fad."

With these moral values in mind, Shapiro and his station manager, J. C. Hauser, an Episcopalian, and his program manager, George Milner, a Southern Baptist, work closely together in determining program content. (BP)



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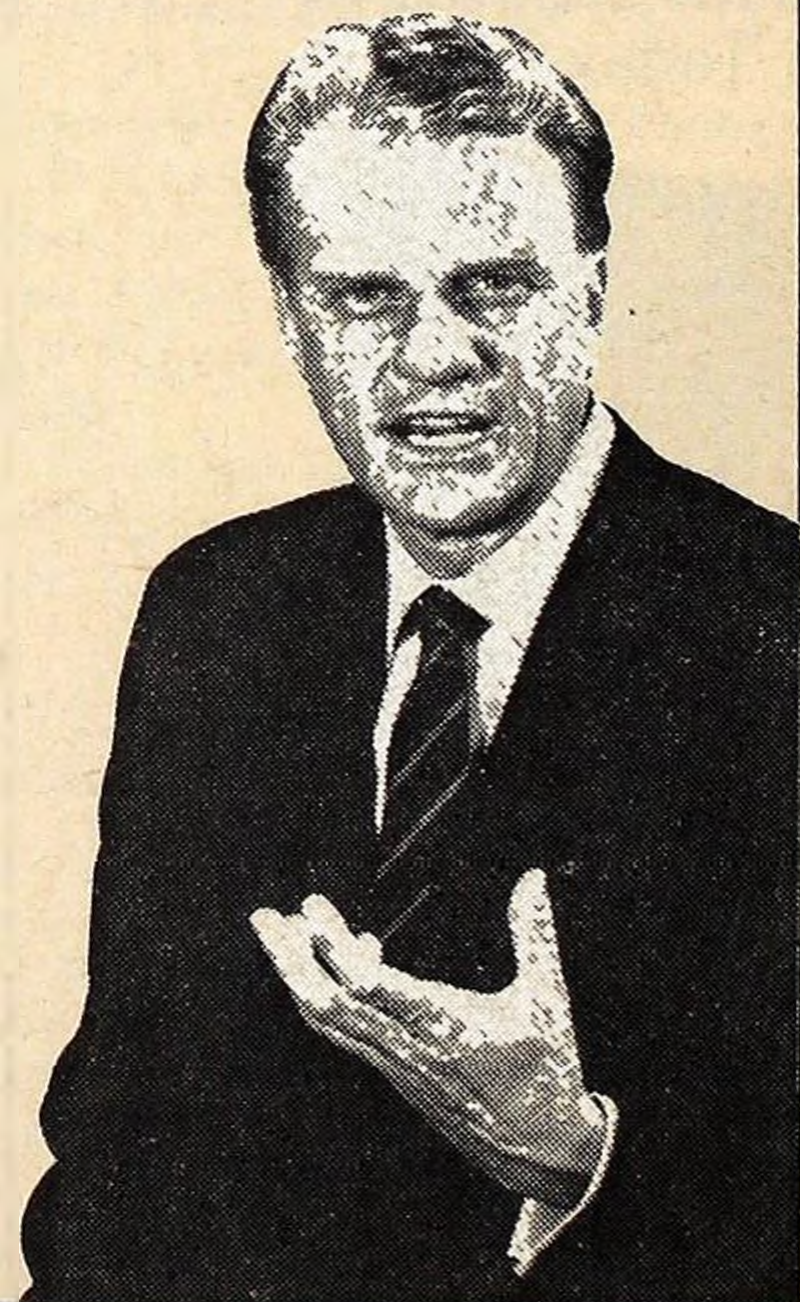
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Therapists Emphasize Christian Dimension

By Dallas Lee

ATLANTA—A group of counselors and therapists here are disarming religion-based suspicion of psychology by combining professional competence with Christian insight.

About 15 professionals in mental health fields have established a clinic where troubled people "are free to come knowing that counselors will not threaten their faith, but hopefully strengthen it."

Paul Walker, acting director of the Atlanta Counseling Center, said:

"We are professional in approach and Christian in value structure. We are evangelical, and that term is large enough to allow for professional competence without sacrificing the realities of Christian encounter."

As a result of this religious orientation, and the conservative statement of faith that defines it, the clinic is fast extending counseling to people who generally could be expected to reject the offerings of psychology.

Many people from conservative religious tradition, Walker said, are suspicious of psychology, "but when they are exposed to the meaning of mental health in a Christian sense, they are open to us."

The need so often, Walker said, is for a person to have guidance clarifying and sorting through his value structure in order to recognize and verbalize his feelings, and then to cope with them realistically. (BP)

Chancellor To Address Mission 70 Conference

ATLANTA—National Broadcasting Co., newsman John Chancellor will review the 1960's and speculate on the 1970's before some 4500 students and young adults congregating here for Mission 70, Dec. 28-31.

The Southern Baptist conference on world missions and church-related vocations will also feature Negro Baptist Pastor Bill Lawson of Houston, and Evangelism Professor Kenneth Chafin of Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville.

The Program, however, will be heavy on drama, music and dialogue, rather than on speakers, conference leaders have said.

On the news staff of NBC since 1950, Chancellor has covered every major election and has served at news bureaus in Vienna, London, Moscow, Brussels and Berlin. He is also a former director of the Voice of America, and has been host on NBC-TV's "Today" show.

Following the 1964 election, he was assigned to the NBC Washington news bureau as chief White House correspondent. (BP)

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NCC President Foresees New Type Of Organization

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The retiring president of the National Council of Churches says he anticipates that the NCC may be supplanted "before many years" by a new conference of churches.

"I feel it's altogether possible that the Roman Catholic Church may be participating in the new agency along with some

Protestant denominations not now in the NCC," said Dr. Arthur Flemming, who is also president of Macalester college, St. Paul.

In a wide-ranging interview with the Minneapolis Star, Dr. Flemming declined to comment on the notice served on the NCC by the National Committee of Black Churchmen that it is prepared to stage an all-out drive on the Council if it does not accede to demands and name blacks to top echelon posts. (RNS)



SHOOTING THE PRESIDENT of the Southern Baptist Convention, **W. A. Criswell**, First Baptist Church, Dallas, is the movie crew for the film, "Dimensions of Courage." The SBC anniversary film, a 45-minute documentary in color, will be released Dec. 15, 1969 through the Baptist Film Centers. (BP) Photo

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We observe that all laws that have any effective force automatically impose penalties for violation. This is particularly true of the laws of nature. We see the same principles operative in moral laws when viewed with a full perspective.

We sin against God and His divine laws. We live in a moral universe. God loves the sinner and is willing to forgive and forget. But He cannot say "It is nothing just forget it." Violated law must be satisfied. How can God be just and justify the ungodly. In other words, how can God be righteous and declare the guilty innocent or treat them as such? The penalty must be paid and the law somehow satisfied. God in the person of His incarnate Son keeps the law perfectly in His life as a man and then pays the penalty for us.

Those who really repent and turn their sin problem over to Jesus Christ have His righteousness and atonement put to their credit. But some will say we have no such substitutionary system among men.

Yes, but we are here dealing with a relationship between a holy sovereign God and sinful man. It is not a system between fallen men. A sovereign God in grace creates a different situation. Besides God changes our inner nature while He forgives. Man cannot do this. Anyway God reveals this as His plan of reconciliation.

SINS OF IGNORANCE

Leviticus 5:17-19

The offering of animal life and plant life to deity has been widespread among most people through the ages. In some cases they are offered as a gift of appreciation for divine favors; in other instances it is done to appease the wrath of the gods and in still other cases it is done as a propitiation for sin. It is either an echo of a day when their ancestors had fuller light or it is an anticipation, though dimly, of a great redemptive truth yet to be revealed. In our lesson divine inspiration seizes on a reflection of truth, for the sake of communication, guiding toward the full truth in Christ.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse in civilized countries. It cannot be overlooked in God's system. Often people are not cer-

tain; they have doubts but they go ahead and follow the line of least resistance, then plead ignorance. Someone has said, "If you doubt, don't." Jesus taught that those who sin in ignorance shall be beaten with few stripes. Yet, we will suffer if we sin.

SIN AGAINST OTHERS

Leviticus 6:1-5

We are neither to steal, keep that which is found or fail to return that which has been borrowed. We are to be faithful in that which has been entrusted to us.

If we have either defrauded or deprived another of that which is his, we are to restore it adding 20%. A regular sacrifice is not sufficient.

God holds us accountable to Him for our sins against others. We should ever keep this in mind. We cannot hurt others without hurting God. He identifies Himself with His creatures.

OUR SINS AGAINST GOD

Leviticus 8:6-7

There are sins which are indirectly against God and sins which are directly against Him. Man frequently trespasses against God. It is amazing that he will defy such power and insult such love but he will. The perversity of man continues to puzzle us.

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Commandments that carry no penalty for disobedience convey little worth remembering. This is a universe under the moral sway of divine law. We cannot disobey and deny God's law with impunity.

We are all tempted and tried. All sin and fall short of the glory of God. Something must be done about it.

God seeks to warn and woo us in every possible way. We have much light. Sin against it is much blacker than sin in ignorance. However, if I violate some valid law I must receive forgiveness and atonement for such a blunder.

All of our sins today are more grievous than ever because we sin against more light

New Mexico Baptists Defeat Doctrinal Test Amendment

ROSWELL, N. M.—The Baptist Convention of New Mexico turned down an amendment that would have eliminated from its fellowship any churches that in the future might accept as members persons who have been baptized by non-Baptist churches.

By a vote of 185-103, the convention defeated a constitution change offered from the floor asking that "no church be recognized as a cooperative church by the convention which practices open membership and receives members on the basis of their baptism by other than a Baptist church."

The amendment was suggested by Frank Wheeler, superintendent of missions for the Mountain Valley Baptist Association, with offices in Alamogordo, N. M.

During debate on the amendment, opposition was voiced on the grounds that the action would be an infringement upon the autonomy of the local church, and that doctrinal matters of this nature should rest in the hands of the local congregation.

A convention official pointed out that at the present, no Southern Baptist church in New Mexico is known to have policies approving of "alien immersion."

In other action, the convention adopted a 1970 budget of \$626,168, a decrease of \$34,067 from the 1969 budget. (BP)

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January Bible study has become one of the significant movements among Southern Baptists. I was a member of the Sunday



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I have looked back through the books which we have studied, and I have them all in my personal library. It is truly amazing how much of the Bible has already been studied. Books have been chosen from both the Old Testament and the New Testament. They have been well chosen in keeping with the times and the needs of the hour.

This year we shall be studying the Epistle of James. The message of this book is so timely for this year. The message of James may almost be summarized in the words, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." Today there is a great emphasis on social concern and the application of the principles of the Christian faith to the problems of our time as revealed in the great social problems that plague us.

James deals with both of these modern demands. Contrary to those who would try to make Paul and James teach opposite doctrines concerning faith and works, they teach the same things with a different emphasis.

James very correctly shows that a faith that saves is dynamic in the life and will manifest itself in the outward life. Paul emphasizes the same thing in a different way. He speaks of dying unto sin that we may live unto God and of being crucified with Christ. In the eighth chapter of Romans, and also in Romans 12:1-2, Paul sets the highest standard of spiritual achievement in becoming like Christ in lives united with Him.

I hope every church will make a real effort to have the best Bible study week this year that you have ever had.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Family Factor Most Important in School Achievement of Children

The impoverished city families now demanding local control of schools are neither likely to know nor be willing to accept the fact that "the family factor is more important than the school factor in the school achievement of children up to the ages of 8 or 9 years," observes education specialist Dr. Robert J. Havinghurst of University of Chicago.

Their children are not doing well in school and their tendency, understandably, is to blame the school staff and school methods for the youngsters' failure.

The basic situation is further obscured by "vocal critics of the schools and the establishment generally" who may be aware of the crucial role of the family factor but are unwilling to take it into consideration in evaluating the schools' services, says Havinghurst. They blame the schools for not transcending the family factor.

The concept of local community control of schools is not new, reminds the educator. "The novel and important thing about the contemporary movement is that it is a movement of poor people and of minority group members who have hitherto had little to say in school matters because they have had little or no power. The movement is certainly a healthy one in a democracy."

This is the time, however, for cool-headed members of the urban poor and minority groups to band together to learn to use the new power rationally, Havinghurst feels. It is also the time for members of the "establishment" who "recognize and assert the right of poor people to self-determination," to support and assist the poor in their movement and to help them to control its excesses.

Historically

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Stewardship of Southern Baptists during the convention's \$75,000,000 campaign indicates that they gave liberally and sacrificially. During Victory Week the record indicates that individuals gave not only money, but jewelry, lands and houses, stocks and bonds, and savings stamps in order that the goal might be reached.

20 YEARS AGO

The Tennessee Baptist Convention celebrated its Diamond Anniversary. Meeting in Nashville 75 years after organization on April 10, 1874 in Murfreesboro, messengers to the annual meeting heard reports which revealed that Tennessee Baptists' giving exceeded the million and a quarter dollar mark for the first time. Total receipts through the Cooperative Program amounted to \$1,310,357 which was \$75,889.10 more than the \$1,234,467.90 given the year before.

10 YEARS AGO

In his annual report to Tennessee Baptists, W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, indicated that Tennessee Baptists had once again set a record in giving: Cooperative Program, \$3,221,337.55, a gain of \$312,002.83 over the year before; designated and reported, \$1,003,907.90, a gain of \$272,986.12. In the campaign for the convention's schools, a loss was reported: \$86,920.45, as compared to \$144,022.87 for the preceding year.

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The collection, by Charles and Ruby Treadway, replaces the character stories formerly used in curriculum materials. These stories may be used as resource material for opening exercises or as illustrations by pastors.

The fifty stories, adapted from those used in the Vacation Bible School material, are arranged to include the story, additional material to supplement the illustration and necessary instructions for use.

Charles Treadway is consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School Department and Mrs. Treadway is associate professor of English at Belmont college, Nashville.

This is their first book as coauthors.

JOURNAL CITES INCONSISTENCY: PARADE PERMIT FOR ANTI-WAR UNIT, NONE FOR BAPTISTS

JACKSON, Miss.—The newspaper of the Baptist Convention of Mississippi finds it inconsistent that the U.S. government would allow the mid-November anti-war protests in Washington after refusing the Baptists a parade permit last year.

An editorial in the *Baptist Record* recalled that in May 1968 the office of Central National Capital Parks refused a permit to the Baptist Crusade of the Americas.

The refusal came during the Poor People's Campaign in the nation's capital. "Civil strife" was the reason given then by the parks superintendent for not granting a parade license to the Baptists.

Commenting on plans of the New Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, sponsor of the November demonstrations, the Baptist paper wondered if the group also had to go to the parks superintendent. (The permit was handled through the Justice Department.)

The Baptist editorial found a basic incongruity in allowing "an allegedly Communist-controlled group, which has the avowed purpose of opposing the policies of our government . . ." to march when the Baptists were barred a year earlier.

The group holding the Nov. 15 march, said the paper, "has been positively identified as Communist by a government witness who infiltrated its planning meetings." The charge appeared in a Jackson daily, the editorial noted. (RNS)



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