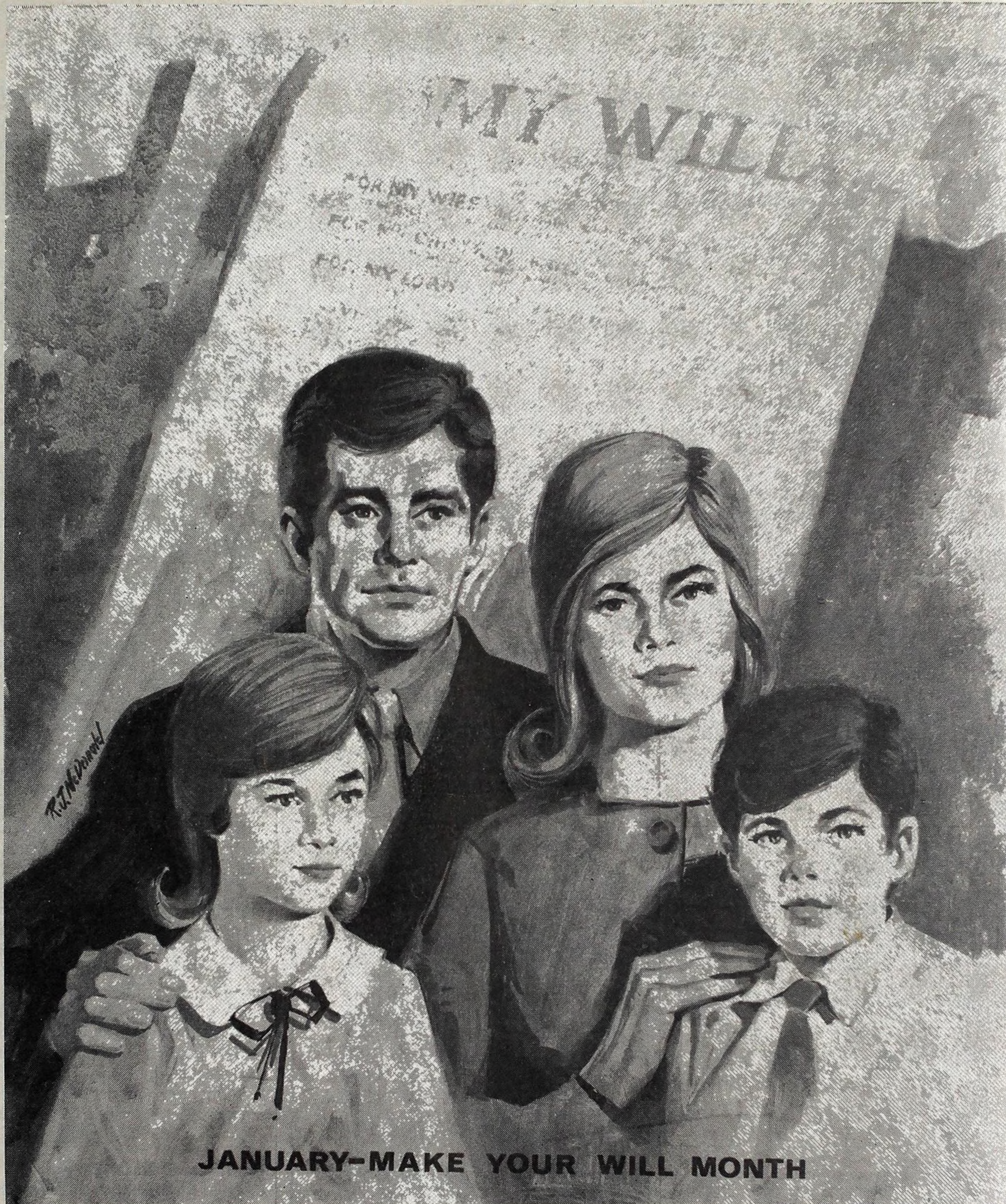


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# Ordained To Eternal Life

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed"—Acts 13:48b.

Does this mean that some were "ordained to eternal life," and that others were not? Were some **elected** to salvation and others to damnation regardless of what they did? Does this teach a sovereign choice on God's part with no regard to man's free choice? If this be true, then it should be noted that it refers to Gentiles only.

In this context one can hardly see the above meaning. Note verses 38-41. The appeal is to all to believe in Jesus. And "all that believe are justified". Paul showed that God's redemptive purpose includes all men, Jews and Gentiles alike. Robertson (**Word Pictures, in loco**) says "There is no evidence that Luke had in mind an **absolutum decretum** of personal salvation."

The Greek verb rendered "ordained" means to line up troops in orderly arrangement. The context shows that the Jews lined up against God; the Gentiles, or some of them, lined up on God's side. Their dual reactions are seen in the Jews' refusal to believe and in the Gentiles' willingness to believe. In each case man's free choice is involved. So it was not God's sovereign decree with no recognition of man's free will.



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In the Greek text "to [eis, unto] eternal life" is related to the verb "believed." Literally, "And they believed, as many as were lined up in orderly fashion [on God's side], unto life eternal."

In his sovereignty God decreed that all who believe in Jesus would be saved. But man is free to believe or not to believe. This is an act of man's will. The Jews refused to believe. Some of the Gentiles chose to believe. In so doing they took their stand alongside God. Thus they entered into eternal life.

The doctrine of election never appears in the Bible in violation of man's free will. In His sovereignty God decrees a plan of salvation. But man is free to receive or to refuse it. This should cause every man to pause and ponder.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Before we get too far along into the New Year of 1971, we would do well to remind ourselves that if we are ever to enjoy the good life God has given us, now is the time—not tomorrow, nor next year, but today.

True, life has its low moments, but you aren't truly playing the Game of Life until you spend some time in its roughs and traps.

And when it comes to problems, things are pretty well evened up in this world. As someone has said, "Other people's troubles are not as bad as yours, but their children are a lot worse."

Then too, whatever else this new year may be, it will be a year of manufacturing—people will either be making good, making trouble, or making excuses.

But in this new year, remember this: if things go wrong, don't go with them.

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## Devotional

### Religious Motivation

By Ray O. Jones, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Fountain City



Jones

We hear a lot of talk about motivation. Someone says, "If we could just motivate them. . ." which is another way of saying, "If we could only manipulate and control them." But we cannot. All of us are motivated but motivated by what is the question. Obviously, many people have been motivated in religion by fear, threat, and reward.

How do you get Christians to attend church regularly? How do you get them to give their money? How do you get members to share in the responsibilities of the church? I do not know. I know something about the motivation of my own life but I cannot force it on others.

One church tried to motivate regular attendance by inserting a ten dollar bill into some lucky person's song book. Another church offered trading stamps. Some churches use charge-a-plates with Master Charge and BankAmericard. Some churches seem to hold together by the sheer force of the pastor's personality. Other churches rely on the human desire for recognition and reward. Some desire to be motivated by threat of hell and punishment.

But wait! Reflect on God's original plan for man. Man the creature, made in God's image, is to serve God the Creator. God made us free moral agents. He does not motivate us by threatening to beat us or by dangling a reward before us. Only a corpse needs to be pushed and shoved before it moves. When a person must have threats or promises of reward before he will serve God, it is a sure sign of spiritual death. What more motivation should one need than that of just being a Christian. If being a Christian means what we have said it means, that is motivation enough! You can restrain a fanatic but you cannot motivate a corpse.

### Earthquake Rocks Ecuador; Baptist Community Unharmmed

**GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador**—Southern Baptist missionaries in Ecuador reported there was no loss of life or property among the Baptist community following an earthquake that shook southern Ecuador and northern Peru recently.

Missionary Stanley D. Stamps said that the Ecuadoran Ministry of Defense set the death toll at 24. An earlier Associated Press release reported that Jorge Acosta Velasco, Ecuadoran Minister of Defense, said at least 50 persons perished in his country. (BP)



# IRS Exempts Churches From Close Scrutiny Of Accounts

**WASHINGTON** — Examination of church books by the Internal Revenue Service for taxable unrelated income will be severely limited, according to proposed regulations published in the Federal Register here.

The new proposed regulations are in harmony with the tax reform bill earlier enacted into law and signed by President Richard Nixon.

Under the new law, churches and religious orders are still among the charitable organizations not required to file annual information returns on institutional assets and details of management.

However, a church engaged in an unrelated business is required to file an unrelated business tax return, since such income of churches is no longer tax exempt. Currently owned businesses will be taxed after five years. This means that on January 1, 1975, churches will have to begin paying taxes on income from unrelated business income.

The newly proposed regulations relating to churches, conventions or associations of churches provide for no examination of the books of such organizations to determine whether or not they are engaged in unrelated trade or business.

An exemption for such an examination, however, is provided for in the event that the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate "believes that such organization may be so engaged and so notifies the organization in advance of the examination." Such examining officer shall be no lower than a principal internal revenue officer for an internal revenue region.

Even so, according to the proposed regulation, "No examination of the religious activities of such an organization shall be made except to the extent necessary to determine whether such organization is a church or a convention of association of churches."

Further, the regulation says, "No examination of the books of account of such an organization shall be made other than to the extent necessary to determine the amount of tax imposed" on the unrelated business income.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Ralph W. Thrower, explained the purposes of the restricted examination of the books of churches, conventions or associations of churches.

The restrictions are: (1) "to protect such organizations from undue interference in their internal financial affairs" and (2) "to limit the scope of such examinations to matters relating to the taxing of unrelated business income," Thrower said.

Unless interested groups or persons ask to comment or to make suggestions on or

before January 15, 1971 on the proposed regulations on the "Restrictions of Examination of Churches" published in the Federal Register, the proposals will become official regulations.

In the event, the opportunity to make comments or suggestions are requested churches, conventions, associations of churches or by other persons, the Internal Revenue Service will arrange for public hearings. (BP)

## Polish Premier Vows 'Normalization' Of Church-State Relations

**WARSAW**—Poland's new premier vowed here that his government will aim at a "full normalization" of relations between the state and the Catholic Church and said he expected similar efforts from Church officials and laity.

In his inaugural address to the Sejm (parliament), the newly-named Premier Piotr Jaroszewicz, who took office following a bloody six days of major rioting throughout the country, outlined the policy of the reshuffled government and included the question of church-state relations.

He said the government was looking to a "new consolidation within the framework of national unity" and sought the "cooperation of all citizens, believers and non-believers." (RNS)

## Nazarene Membership Up 3.8 Per Cent In This Year

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**—The Church of the Nazarene had a net membership gain of 18,677 or 3.8 per cent, this year.

The 490,573 members—the 1970 total—gave an average of \$221.35 to the church during the year, a statistical report said. Total giving was \$87,737,626—\$5.6 million above the 1969 figure.

Sunday schools registered an all-time high in 1970, with 4,046,199 persons involved in the U.S. and abroad.

The Church of the Nazarene, organized in 1908, has 6287 local churches and 6931 ordained ministers. Membership is expected to pass the 500,000 mark in 1971.

Eleven institutions of higher education are maintained by the denomination. In 1970, they enrolled 9625 students, an increase of 7.8 per cent. (RNS)

## State Law Barring Teaching Of Evolution Held Unconstitutional

**JACKSON, Miss.** — The State Supreme Court has struck down the last so-called "anti-evolution" law in the U.S., thus making it legal to teach about evolution in Mississippi.

Judge William Inzer based the ruling on a 1968 U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning a ban on the teaching of evolution in Arkansas.

The Mississippi law made it illegal for teachers or instructors in any state supported institution "to teach that mankind ascended or descended from a lower order of animals." It also made it unlawful to use school textbooks teaching evolution. (RNS)



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**MK COLLEGE FRESHMEN MEET:** Dr. David Stewart (standing), psychiatrist of Louisville, Ky., talked to a group of MKs (missionary kids) about coping with today's society and answered questions on drugs and their illegal usage. Dr. Stewart participated in an FMB-sponsored program aimed at helping the youngsters who have lived overseas adjust to the U.S. culture as they begin their first year of college. The program was held at board headquarters in Richmond, Va.



## *Empire Building vs Kingdom Building*

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

All of God's children, wherever they serve Him, need to remind themselves from time to time of their primary task. Also, a basic position statement upon occasion is helpful. Perhaps a first person statement better emphasizes the objective of this editorial.

I believe sincerely in the meaning and import of the passage quoted from the Sermon on the Mount. As a servant of God, in the Pauline concept of a bondservant in Christ Jesus, my task is to seek to build His Kingdom upon earth to the very best of my ability. The building of **The Kingdom**, as I see it, is primary, necessary, and all-encompassing. To me, this means that my responsibility is one involving the total interests of a compassionate Saviour.

The march of Christianity across the pages of world history has been one involving commitment, self-sacrifice, and an abandonment of self. A child of God, bent upon serving Him, cannot, I believe, serve effectively apart from a complete dedication which leaves no room for self-aggrandisement. Therefore, if I am as dedicated as I ought to be, and would wish to be, this leaves no room for a great concern about "what's going to happen to me," or "how am I going to get ahead."

Christians walk a perilous path at this point. Occasionally, we become so concerned with preservation of a comfortable status quo that we move across that line which separates Kingdom building from empire building. When this occurs, in my judgment, we have lost the major part of our effectiveness. We have ceased to be what we once were, and have become that which we ought not to be. Instead of selfless servants, we become ambitious masters.

At any level of Christian service, the local church, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, or any related boards, agencies, institutions or programs, there is **no** room—none at all—for empire building; but there is an entire world viable for Kingdom building. In other religious bodies, and in Baptist life, we have seen enough jockeying, maneuvering, "politicking" and related arts to believe personally that the institutional church and its related activities cannot too long survive in this environment. This is not the kind of works to which James was referring.

Increasingly it is evident to this editor that God's servants—wherever—must work at rising above themselves, and concentrate exclusively upon advancement of the Kingdom of God. Unless we do this as Baptists, we shall develop such a rigidity of structure in the interests of self preservation that while we concentrate upon retaining that which to us is necessary—and pleasing—

our people will walk away from us in search of some challenges to real, sacrificial, personal service and we shall be left as captains of a ship without a crew to operate that ship.

Couched in somewhat abstract terms, the burden of this editorial none-the-less is real, heartfelt, and one which we could well ponder as another year of service to our Lord unfolds during 1971. The words of the hymn are appropriate: "Rise up, oh men of God, have done with lesser things!"

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## *Here And There*

Two Jewish groups have protested issuance of a stamp depicting the Nativity scene as "unconstitutional" and "unwise public policy."

For 1970, two types of Christmas stamps were issued; 875 million Nativity scenes; 875 million with four different Christmas toy designs.

The groups, claiming to represent 12 major Jewish bodies and 87 local councils, have urged a complete end to issuance of stamps commemorating religious holidays."

To which we would comment, and not unkindly, that the founding fathers of this nation conceived of a Christian nation. Far from attaining the ideal, none-the-less, the basic principle of "One Nation Under God", a nation founded upon Christian teachings and ideals, still is valid. And, as long as America strives to any degree to attain the status of a Christian nation, then just that long is it proper and in order for this nation to commemorate religious holidays in this fashion.

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And in another direction, we have noted Southern Christian Leadership Conference sponsorship of "Soul Saint," the black answer to a white Santa Claus. Maybe one of these days, Santa Claus and "Soul Saint", along with Kris Kringle, and the many other names for that marvelous apparition, just might find a common meeting ground at the foot of The Cross, in spirit, ideal, and motivation.

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Finally, an opinion by the New Mexico Attorney General has let down the bars allowing anyone calling himself a minister to perform a marriage ceremony legally recognizable by that state. In his opinion, Assistant Attorney General Mark B. Thompson III held that whether ministers were ordained by "mail order seminaries" or whatever, a marriage performed by them is valid.

This is but another indication to us of the unfortunate by-products of mail order seminaries and degree mills. They have not, in our opinion, advanced the cause of Christ. They have, in our opinion, created many problems in the advancement of the Kingdom of God.



## American Baptists Form Fair Employment Council

**VALLEY FORGE, Pa.**—The Commission on Ministry of the American Baptist Convention has voted to establish a Fair Employment Council and to encourage the creation of pastoral relations committees in congregations.

The Council will work in the area "of discriminatory employment practices against professional leadership within the denomination." It will be made up of minority group representatives.

Pastoral relations committees are designed to help foster constructive communication between congregations and pastoral leadership. They will also take special concern for the pastor's professional and personal well-being.

The Rev. Robert D. Rasmussen, director of the commission, said "The effectiveness of the church's mission is the ultimate reason for improving pastor-people relationships. Conflict can, within certain limitations, be productive, but when those limits are exceeded, the church's mission and its credibility suffer."

"Both pastor and people must discover a reverence for human responsibility," he added. "This concept applies to the congregation's treatment of its pastor as well as to the pastor's attitude toward the congregation."

Rasmussen also called for continuation and extension of programs of ministerial support, stating that such services are necessary to offset morale problems within the clergy.

He described the current mood of the minister as "undefined unease," growing out of fears of threats to the person, family, and career of the minister. He said that to offset the "sinking morale situation" the denomination must be committed to invest "in the professional leaders who will shape the future of the church." (RNS)

## Foundation Trustees Meet In Brentwood, Elect Officers

John O. Ellis, of Nashville, is the new president of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Other officers are J. B. Avery, Jr., of Alamo, vice president and George W. Logan, of Nashville, secretary. They were elected at the annual meeting of the trustees in Brentwood last week.

Newly-elected members of the six-member Executive Committee are O. Wyndell Jones, pastor, First church, Trenton, chairman and A. E. Batts.

Re-elected members of the Investment Committee were John O. Ellis, chairman, Melvin T. Harris, and O. C. Nugent.

Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, in his annual report to the trustees, pointed out that 1970 was a good year for income, with total income distributed for the year of \$252,635.75, not including any capital gain. This represented \$38,904.02 more than was distributed last year. An amount of \$159,523.16 capital gain was re-invested. Stewart also indicated that the Foundation's assets increased \$788,475.78 in book value during the year.

The executive secretary-treasurer concluded his report by saying, "It is well within the realm of possibility for us to see the assets of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation approach \$20,000,000 during the decade of the 70's."

**MOST POPULATED COUNTRIES**—United Nations population estimates in mid-1969 show the U. S. in fourth place. The five largest countries and their populations are:

1. China, mainland	740,000,000
2. India	536,984,000
3. Soviet Union	240,571,000
4. United States	203,216,000
5. Indonesia	116,000,000

## Personally

By James A. Lester

Christmas shopping last month was more interesting to watch than to do—to be ungrammatical. Aware of trends pointed out by several news magazines, we decided to watch for ourselves; with interesting conclusions.



Lester

For the first time in recent memory, people were doing more looking than shopping; there were more idle clerks most evenings than clerks busy. Selections were more critical, possibly even more practical.

Perhaps the Christmas marketplace is as good an indication, or index, as any to what could be a trend. From the 25-year treadmill of often wasteful spending, it is just possible that people are beginning to recover. The recent months of "tight money" were evident. The prophets were too clear in speaking of the wasteful habits of Israel for us not to note and make some comparisons.

When a nation keeps spending itself into bankruptcy upon items not always necessary, or even usable, that nation sooner or later will bankrupt itself not only fiscally, but spiritually. This spiritual bankruptcy is, to us, something to be feared.

Maybe a closer watch on non-essential spending bodes well for a re-evaluation of essential items, which could mean that our giving for the Lord's work might be increased.

However one reads the signs, it was a different Christmas as far as shopping went!

### Children's Homes

#### Miss Grace Still Lives

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

Miss Grace Miller of Smyrna went home to be with the Lord a few months ago. She still lives, of course, in the Father's House. However, she still lives here on earth. You see, she made her will to give one-half of the residue of her estate to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, designated for the Franklin Home. These funds, more than twenty thousand dollars, were received recently and our Board of Trustees voted to apply them to the Homes for Homeless Children Crusade to be used in building the Franklin Home family cottages. So Miss Grace will live on and on in the lives of the boys and girls who will have a home here. We are grateful to God and to Miss Grace.

January is "Make Your Will Month." Remember your own Children's Homes. Many others in addition to Miss Grace have done so. Have you? Thank you, Tennessee Baptists.

## Unique Baptism At Belmont Heights

By John D. Freeman

Few people have ever witnessed a baptismal service after having traveled 5000 miles for that purpose. But such a scene was witnessed on Dec. 27 when Senor Edwardo Constain of Bogota, Columbia, South America, sat in a pew at Belmont Heights Baptist church in Nashville, Tenn., and watched as Pastor Robert Norman immersed his son, Rodriguez Constain, who is a student in the high school of Thornville, Ohio.

Why did this father make the long trip to witness the scene? On April 4, 1957 he had been baptized at Belmont Heights by the then pastor, Harold Purdy, and when the son made the decision to accept Christ the parent not only wanted to see him baptized; he wanted also to visit again the church where he has retained his membership, because of the lack of a similar church in his native city where he is a dealer in electric supplies.

Rodriguez is in the States, preparing for work in electronics when he returns to join his father in the capital city of the South American country. Quite naturally there was a happy reunion of father and son when they met in Nashville after each had flown to the city.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Freeman, senior minister at Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, is a former editor of Baptist And Reflector)



# Doctrinal Polarization Picked Top '70 Southern Baptist Story

NASHVILLE—Doctrinal polarization in the nation's largest Protestant denomination was selected by Baptist news editors as the most newsworthy story concerning Southern Baptists during 1970.

The 10 most newsworthy stories concerning Baptists were picked by the editors of 30 Baptist statewide newspapers and the editors of the Baptist Press in balloting conducted by Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The top three stories on the list each polled more than 200 points in a ranking system which gave 10 points for each first place vote, and decreasing points to lesser ranks in order.

**Running second and third behind the doctrinal polarization story were (2) a controversial seminar sponsored by the SBC Christian Life Commission featuring debates on the Playboy philosophy and situations ethics, and (3) Baptist efforts to grapple with the problems of racial prejudice.**

Each of the top three stories were broad general terms for a whole series of events that occurred during the year within the Southern Baptist Convention. The ballot listed several sub-topics under the general trend stories, as follows:

—"Baptists face doctrinal polarization: Affirming the Bible Conference meets before SBC; convention requests withdrawal of Broadman Bible Commentary (Genesis volume); editorials rap 'hostile' spirit at convention; Sunday School Board official urges reconciliation; board complies with SBC commentary request; board withholds two quarterlies 'not up to standards'; Leo Eddleman named doctrinal reader (at board).

—"Letters, editorials protest Christian Life Commission Seminar on 'Authentic Morality' (which features) debates on Playboy philosophy, situation ethics; SBC refuses to cut commission's budget.

—"Baptists grapple with racial prejudice: 15 black students confront Denver convention; Birmingham church splits over accepting two Negro members; numerous SBC churches quietly accept Negro members; Pastor's prayer calms racial mob in North Carolina town; Southern states face school integration orders, Baptists uphold public school system and some question establishment of private schools to avoid integration."

**The doctrinal polarization story and all its related events received 319 total points in the balloting; the Christian Life Commission seminar got 254 points, and the racial prejudice story received 222 points.**

All the other stories on the ballot received about 100 points or less. Listed in order,

with the number of points each received, were the following:

4. Baptism controversy hits North, South Carolina Baptist associations; California convention refuses to delete prohibition against alien immersion; Alabama, Arkansas conventions study the issue. 112 points.

5. SBC, state conventions feel economic squeeze: SBC may be short of total budget by \$750,000; Kansas, D.C. conventions approve budget decreases; Tennessee, Virginia keep budgets at same level; Virginia narrowly defeats effort to cut SBC budget allocation; New Mexico convention delays budget adoption due to sweeping reorganization caused by financial crunch. 106 points.

6. Hurricane Celia devastates 75 Texas Baptist churches; Baptists send aid; four churches, university get federal loans for repairs; convention asks school to seek other financing; tornados hit Lubbock, Tex., churches and Oklahoma City home for aged. 81 points.

7. Twelfth Baptist World Congress, Tokyo, emphasizes peace, reconciliation: V. Carney Hargroves (American Baptist) elected president over Herschel Hobbs (Southern Baptist). 77 points.

**8. Baptists continue opposition against aid to parochial schools: President Nixon pledges support to Catholic educators, asks Congress for parochial school aid, names panel to study issue; education voucher plan proposed by OEO; parochial aid defeated in several state referendum votes. 73 points.**

9. Baptists oppose report of President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography; Baptist testifies during commission's hear-

ing; some call for new commission; Congress disavows report, adopts new law on pornographic mail. 68 points.

10. Baptist missionaries serve in world's trouble spots: Viet Cong terror provides reason for Baptist ministry in Vietnam; Baptists send aid to Nigerian civil war victims and missionaries credited with saving 1000 lives; missionaries, Baptist hospitals serve both sides of Arab-Israeli conflict; missionaries evacuated from troubled Jordan; missionary in Beirut, missionary's son in Uruguay, kidnapped but released unharmed. 63 points.

While the balloting in the first three stories was decisive, it was very close in the last seven spots, often with only a few votes separating the ranks of the stories.

Running close behind the number ten story was the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court upholding tax exemptions for churches, and the adoption by the SBC and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs of a statement on tax exemptions. It received 62 points, one less than number 10 on the ballot.

Emphasis on youth involvement in the SBC during 1970 ushered in by Mission 70, a national youth convention in Atlanta, ranked 12th with 55 votes.

Baptist reaction to the president's appointment of a special personal representative to the Vatican received 44 votes, 13th in order of ranking by the editors.

The observance of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845 in Augusta ranked 14th, with 42 votes. (BP)

Assured that she is doing God's will at this particular point in her life, she may regard her work as sacred—even as does her missionary sister in some land across the sea.—Martha Nelson in "The Christian Woman in the Working World," a Broadman book.

## Youth Evangelism Conference Set For Jan. 29-30, 1971

A Youth Conference on Evangelism, will be held Jan. 29-30, 1971, at the following places in Nashville: Friday evening, Vanderbilt Memorial gymnasium, beginning at 7 p.m.; Saturday morning, group meetings at First church, Belmont Heights church, Belmont college gymnasium and auditorium, all beginning at 9 a.m.; and the third session will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in Vanderbilt Memorial gymnasium.

Program personalities for this year's conference include: Kenneth Chafin, director, division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.; Arthur Blessitt, evangelist who works with hippies on Sunset

Strip, Hollywood, Calif.; Bill Glass, full-time evangelist who formerly played with the Cleveland Browns professional football team; Myrtle Hall, a student at Kings college who sings regularly during the Billy Graham crusades; Barry St. Clair, a student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and others.

The group sessions will include a period of singing, testimonies, and each will have three young people from Southern seminary to lead a conference on "How Can I Be a Personal Soul Winner." The conference is sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and will be directed by F. M. Dowell, Evangelism secretary.



## Tennesseans Receive Degrees At New Orleans

Two Tennesseans received degrees during commencement exercises on Dec. 18, 1970 at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

O. Wayne Smith, of Memphis, received the master of theology degree. He attended Union University, Jackson, and is a graduate of Memphis State university. Mrs. Smith is the former Joyce Stokes, also of Memphis.

Thomas Edwin Lilly, of Erwin, received the specialist in education degree. A graduate of Mercer university, Macon, Ga., he also holds the master of religious education degree from New Orleans. Lilly is presently serving as a counselor at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans and formerly served as Baptist Student Union director in Florida for 13 years.

## Australians Bolster Greek Ministry

Australian Baptists, continuing their interest in work among settlers from Europe, will now have a full-time director of activities among Greek people there.

A district association of churches in Sydney, the largest city of Australia, has appointed Michael Glinatsis, described as "a well-known Greek evangelical leader."

The association in Sydney will support Glinatsis financially, and will send him through a college theological course for ordination, the newspaper, "Australian Baptist," reported.

Baptist work already exists in Australia among Italians and Spaniards. (EBPS)

## Private, Parochial 'Scholarship' Aid Urged By Maryland Commission

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Maryland's Gov. Marvin Mandel will be asked to provide aid to parochial and other non-public schools through a scholarship plan based on the financial need of students.

Crux of the proposal put forth by the Commission to Study State Aid to Non-Public Education here is the scholarship. Under the plan, every student in a non-public school would be eligible for a minimum of \$50, even if his family were well-to-do.

Full details of the plan have not yet been made public, but it was understood that a family having a gross income of \$4000 would be entitled to \$230 a child in any non-public school.

This presumably would be about the lowest level income at which a family might be expected to send a child to a non-public school.

Initial estimates of the cost to the state were set at between \$13 million and \$14 million a year. (RNS)

## Church That Splits Over Negro Rejection Chartered, Calls Pastor

BIRMINGHAM—A new church organized from about 300 people who walked out of the First Baptist church here when the church refused to accept Negro members was chartered and dedicated here, just after it called J. Herbert Gilmore as pastor.

The new pastor of the Baptist Church of the Covenant, organized with 316 charter members including the two Negroes who were rejected by downtown church, was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church.

During the service held to charter and dedicate the church, the dean of the School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, William E. Hull, told members of the new church they would be despised and ridiculed by many in the institutional church.

Hull told members of the Baptist Church of the Covenant not to despair, however, for "it pleases God to use the despised."

Hull traced the development and decline of the nation Israel, observing that the congregation of God is "forged in the furnace of crisis." (BP)

## Yugoslavs Concentrate On Unchurched Area

During 1970, Yugoslavian Baptists turned their home missions emphasis into a large area where almost 12 million people live. There are only four small Baptist congregations in this region.

It encompasses coastal and southern Yugoslavia. One Baptist church is in Sarajevo, another in Leskovac, a third in Pec, and the fourth in Radovis.

"In a spiritual sense, the area is a great mission field, comparable to many in Asia and Africa and other parts of the world, where every effort is made for advance and extension in mission," a Yugoslavian Baptist leader said. "Naturally, under these conditions, spread of the gospel in this area is very difficult."

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (USA) provided funds to buy a building for the church in Osijek, and funds from the same source are being used to build a church in Karlovac.

Yugoslavian Baptists have 12 preachers, many of whom travel to several churches and mission stations to conduct services and provide the Lord's Supper. During the year about 100 people were won to Christ through Baptist outreach in Yugoslavia. (EBPS)

## Baptists Aid Estonian Translation

Baptist theologians are participating in a United Bible Societies project in Soviet Estonia.

Two representatives of the United Bible Societies went to Tallinn to discuss principles and techniques of translation with an interconfessional group of theologians. The Lutheran church received permission over a year ago to prepare a new translation of the Bible in Estonian. (EBPS)



Johnnie Hall, director, Adult Work, Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, viewed the mobile training lab at the recent planning meeting of the Church Training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## Lab

## Church Training Department Designs Mobile Training Lab

The Church Training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has custom-designed a mobile training lab as an aid for conference presentation of materials and techniques. The eight by 35 foot van will be used to test programs on selected groups and to display materials.

The van includes a rear screen projection with three slide projectors, a movie camera and projector, a filmstrip projector, and a closed circuit television monitor called CCTV.

The mobile lab will seat 12 persons and is equipped with audio-visual training devices programmed to run 45 minutes each in the areas of general church training, adult, youth, children, and preschool training.

Church Training department personnel plan to use the van in training sessions with local church groups, associational meetings and state convention meetings. The van will also be used for display and exhibit purposes in shopping centers, state fairs and other public places.

## LETTERS

Letters to the Editor are solicited. Again, we request that letters be limited in length to 150 words, and they must be signed. Frequently letters are received which should be run, but the length prohibits our use of them. Space limitations in "Baptist And Reflector" make very difficult the use of letters longer than 150 words however interesting and useful the letter may be.



# Tennessee News Briefs

**Harlon Johnson**, pastor at Dodson Branch church, Stone association, has been ordained into the gospel ministry recently.

**Herman Moore**, pastor, Center Hill church, McNairy association, was hospitalized in Gulfport, Miss.

First church, Counce, honored pastor **Reuben Trussell** on the occasion of his third anniversary with the church recently. An afternoon reception was held and the pastor was given several gifts as well as money.

First church, Adamsville, honored pastor **Ralph Thomas** and family on the occasion of his third anniversary with the church recently. The **Thomas** family was honored with a noon meal as well as with gifts.

First church, Algood, has purchased a bus.

Stevens Street church, Cookeville, has a newly-organized Baptist Men group. A carpeting project for the church auditorium is underway and the Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring the painting of the church auditorium.

**William D. Fox**, pastor, Trace Creek church, New Johnsonville, has been named "Outstanding Alumnus of 1970" by the Alumni Association of Belmont college, Nashville. A graduate of Belmont and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., **Fox** formerly served as pastor of Antioch church, Antioch.

## Suburban Crime Up 14%; FBI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Crime in the suburbs climbed by 14 per cent over the previous year during the first nine months of 1970, the FBI reported.

But over-all, the rate of increase was the lowest for a comparable period in five years. It was down a percentage point from the same period last year, the agency said.

The climb last year, over-all, was 11 per cent during the first nine months. This year it was 10 per cent.

In the larger cities—those having 250,000 or more population—crime was up 6 per cent. The suburban increase was 14 per cent and the increase in rural areas was 9.

Property crimes, Attorney General John Mitchell reported, were up 14 per cent, burglary was up 9 per cent and auto theft up 6.

Violent crimes against individuals rose 10 per cent, with robbery up 15 per cent to head this category. Murder was up 9 per cent, aggravated assaults 7 per cent and forcible rape by 2. (RNS)

## Religion Around The World

**Miss Helen Gilmore**, Southern Baptist missionary to Kenya, has completed furlough in the States, and was scheduled to leave Dec. 31 for Africa (address: Box 2925, Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa). **Miss Gilmore** was born in Nashville and lived in Clarksville and Clinton while growing up. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965.

**Miss Anita Coleman**, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, was scheduled to arrive in the States on Dec. 21 for a short furlough (address: 414 N. Claybrook #1, Memphis). **Miss Coleman** was born in Buena Vista but spent most of her childhood in the New Zion community near McKenzie. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966.

**Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Paraguay, were scheduled to arrive in December for furlough in the States (address: 635 Skyview Dr., Nashville 37206). He is a native of Nashville and she, the former **Frances Lawrence**, is from Effingham, S.C. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950.

**Frank L. Durham**, a Dallas layman, joined the staff of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention Jan. 1 as the new senior vice president in charge of investments, according to R. Alton Reed, president and chief executive officer. **Durham**, 56, will fill the new post created last September in the reorganization of the board. He will head up the over-all investment program which includes mortgage loans and real estate, as well as stocks and bonds. Each of these areas is headed by a vice president.

The Danish government will continue to let taxpayers have income tax deductions if they contribute to their churches. Because of some changes in the Danish tax system in 1970, loss of the privilege was feared by some church leaders. The Danish Baptist weekly newspaper has reported that the finance minister has assured church leaders the deduction will continue. (EBPS)

The **Marshall G. Duncans**, Southern Baptist missionaries to Kenya, East Africa, may now be addressed at P. O. Box 137, Limuru, Kenya, East Africa. Both are natives of Tennessee. He was born in Knox County and she, the former **Margie Rains**, is from Clinton. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

## Leadership Changes

Lynn Garden church, Kingsport, has called **Carl Strickler** as pastor. A native of Kingsport, **Strickler** comes to Lynn Garden from Faith Baptist church, South Boston, Va., where he served as pastor for the past four years. He is a graduate of East Tennessee State university, Johnson City, and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

Ramer church, McNairy association, has called **William Copeland** as pastor. He served formerly as pastor of First church, Clifton.

First church, Savannah, has called **Don Travis** as education and music director. He comes to Savannah from First church, Crump, where he served as pastor. **Warren G. Robards** is pastor at Savannah.

West Shiloh church, McNairy association, has called **R. Wesley Pitts** as pastor. A native of Pontotoc, Miss., he is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

First church, Eva, has called **Kenneth E. Brewer** as pastor. **Brewer** formerly served as pastor of Deerfield church, Lawrence County association, for over four years.

Pond Grove church, Rockwood, has called **Guy Farris** as pastor. **Farris** formerly served as pastor of First church, Baxter.

**Bobby Moore** has resigned as pastor of Poplar Grove church, Stone association.

Bear Creek church, East Tennessee association, has called **Charles Sunderland** as pastor for another year.

Gibson church, Gibson, has called **William T. Spencer, Jr.**, as pastor. **Spencer** formerly served as pastor of Nashway church, Jackson. A native of Chattanooga, he has served as pastor of churches in New England, East and West Tennessee, and while in service preached in mission points in Africa.

## Cigarette Smoking Up In '70

WASHINGTON, D.C.—For the first time in the four years since the big tobacco scare emanated from reports of health hazards here, tobacco consumption has increased in the United States.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Americans puffed on the average of 4030 cigarettes this year. This amounts to 201.5 packages a year for each adult smoker.

During 1969, the average adult smoker used 3993 cigarettes.

The department said much of the upturn is due to promotions and advertising by the industry before the upcoming ban on TV and radio ads. (RNS)



# Weekly Church Attendance: Catholic Figure Drops To 60%, Protestant Average Still 38%

**PRINCETON, N.J.**—Attendance by U.S. Roman Catholics at worship in a typical week dropped to 60 per cent in 1970, 3 per cent decline in a year while Protestant churchgoing remained at about 38 per cent, according to the Gallup Poll.

Gallup disclosed that the over-all average weekly attendance in 1970 was 42 per cent, unchanged from 1969. Protestant regularity declined in the years before 1964, reaching a low of 37 per cent that year. The Catholic percentage in 1964 was 71, according to the Poll.

The decrease in the Catholic ranks was attributed mainly to a falloff in attendance by young adults in their twenties.

Among American Jews, the weekly synagogue attendance rate has been fairly constant for six years, 17 per cent in 1964 and 19 per cent in 1970.

In the years that Gallup has been tabulating percentages of church attendance, the high mark came in 1955 when the over-all average was 49 per cent. The 42 per cent in 1970 compares with 44 per cent in Canada, 36 per cent in the Netherlands, 26 per cent in Greece, 25 per cent in Australia, 20 per cent in Britain and 18 per cent in Uruguay.

The Gallup figures were based on interviews with 15,738 persons at 300 sampling points. The question asked was, "Did you, yourself, happen to attend church in the last seven days?"

Lutherans had the highest 1970 rate, 43 per cent, among Protestants. In descending order were Baptists, 39 per cent; Methodists, 38 per cent; Presbyterians, 34 per cent and Episcopalians, 29 per cent.

## Southern Baptist Choirs Sing In Manger Square

**BETHLEHEM**—Four Southern Baptist choirs from the United States sang carols and hymns on Christmas eve beneath clusters of brilliantly colored lights in Manger Square.

Later, the American Baptist singers joined Scandinavian Protestant groups for an open-air Christmas service in the Shepherds' Field outside Bethlehem.

The Southern Baptist choirs—200 singers all told—were the Fort Worth, Texas, Baptist Girls' Choir; the Atlantic College Mixed Choir from Palm Beach, Fla.; the Dallas, Texas, Baptist College Mixed Choir, and the Brewton-Parker College Mixed Choir from Mt. Vernon, Ga.

On the Sunday after Christmas, the choirs sang at a Roman Catholic service in the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. On Jan. 1 they gave a concert at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. (RNS)

Of the total, more women—46 per cent—than men—38 per cent—attend worship in an average week. Forty-three per cent of non-whites attend, as compared to 42 per cent of whites.

Gallup reported that 46 per cent of U.S. college graduates included weekly worship in their schedules. Forty-one per cent of high school graduates who did not go to college attend services weekly, the same percentage recorded by those having grade school educations.

The Mid-West, the survey showed, is the most churchgoing U.S. area with 47 per cent attending on the average. In the South, 44 per cent worship regularly, with 43 per cent in the East and 33 per cent in the West.

Young adults attend less often—32 per cent attend weekly—than persons in the 30-to-49 and 50-and-over age brackets. The latter age groups have 45 per cent attendance records, according to Gallup.

The poll also carried data on church attendance on the bases of family income, worship habits and community size. (RNS)

## WMU

### Girls 12-17 To Compete In Creative Writing

A creative writing competition for girls age 12-17 has been announced by Woman's Missionary Union.

The contest is being conducted by **Accent**, the magazine for Acteens. Miss Oneta Gentry, the editor of **Accent**, said entries should be on one of the following subjects: nature, people, buildings, or books. Writing submitted must be completely original and may be of any length. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1971.

Miss Gentry said winners will be announced in the September 1971 issue of **Accent**. Winning compositions will be published in **Accent**.

### Nixon Signs Bill Creating Birth Control Agency

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A bill creating a federal office to coordinate ways of controlling population and authorizing funds for contraceptive information and research has been signed into law by President Nixon.

The Office of Population Affairs created by the \$382 million, three-year program will be headed by a deputy assistant secretary. It will grant funds to public and non-profit organizations to assist them in establishing family planning services.

The law stresses that family planning services must be voluntary and that abortion must not be included as a method of birth control. (RNS)

## Graham Hits WCC For Actions 'Outside Church Jurisdiction'

**MONTREAT, N.C.** — Evangelist Billy Graham criticized the World Council of Churches here for actions he said are "totally outside the jurisdiction of the church."

Graham was commenting on the WCC's establishment of a fund opposing racism, with grants going to some agencies in southern Africa which have been accused of using violence against existing governments.

"When the World Council of Churches gave \$200,000 to some militant groups in Africa to carry on violence, the Archbishop of Canterbury criticized the Council," he said. "Well, I agree with him 100 per cent, but I go further."

"This week the 'London Telegraph' carried a big story on the fact that the World Council of Churches had just voted \$200,000 to help Americans who desert from the military. This is totally outside the jurisdiction of the church."

"I don't think the American people who pay the overwhelming majority of the money to the World Council to support it are going to want the World Council of Churches giving money for this type of thing. I think more and more people are going to designate their money when they give to a local church—if their denomination belongs to the World Council."

"They'll designate it for local expenses or for missions. I think the World Council is making a very serious blunder and they're going to lose a lot of good will around the world except in Eastern Europe. They may please the Communists, but no one else."

"I believe in social action by the church," Graham said. "I believe the church has a social responsibility, but not exclusively; and in a lot of churches that's all they're doing. They've become humanistic organizations and they've left the Gospel and the Bible. What we need is balance in the church." (RNS)

### Doctor Shortage May Close Two Adventist Hospitals

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A shortage of doctors may mean that two of the 138 hospitals operated around the world by the Seventh-day Adventists will close, the Church's headquarters said here.

The hospitals involved are the 123-bed Kendu hospital in Kenya, and the 80-bed Ishaka hospital in Uganda.

Dr. H. N. Sheffield, director of the denomination's department of health, said that there is a shortage of doctors throughout the Afro-Mideast division (RNS)

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This Is For You—  
Baptist Men

By Roy Gilleland

In a time of change and challenge we need to think creatively and quickly. Baptist Men's Day on Jan. 24, 1971 should be a day when Baptist Men show themselves truly to be on the cutting edge of a 20th century witness for Christ. Every day should be Baptist Men's Day, but if we have not already done so, let's make a start.

Let this be a day of witnessing to what God has done in us and for us. Start the day at 8:30 A.M. with a fellowship breakfast. Let the meal ticket be an inactive Baptist, or one who has never committed his life to Christ. Bring these friends to this breakfast and in a natural, unassuming way, show them the fun of Christian fellowship as you tell them about your Christ. Ask these friends from the fellowship breakfast to Sunday morning Bible Study, and then to morning worship service with you.

Meet at the church at 2:30 P.M. for prayer and then go witnessing and visiting for Christ.

Let the Sunday night worship services be a time of commitment. Ask for a commitment to begin family worship in the homes and to witness.

For additional suggestions and materials write Brotherhood Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Christian Life Seminar Set  
For March 1-3, New York City

The Christian Life of the Southern Baptist Convention, Foy Valentine, is sponsoring a national seminar slated for March 1-3 in the Commodore hotel in New York City. The theme for the seminar will be "National Priorities and Christian Responsibility."

Concerning the purpose of the seminar, Valentine said, "We will earnestly seek God's guidance in understanding what America's national priorities ought to be, but that in itself is not enough. We will be challenged to accept our Christian responsibility for helping bring these priorities to vital fulfilment . . ."

Program personalities will include: Leighton Ford, associate to evangelist Billy Graham; Grady Cothen, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary; Bill Moyers, former editor of *Newsday* and former White House press secretary; Leon Jaworski, president-elect of the American Bar Association; John Gaventa, college student and staff assistant for the President's Commission on Campus Unrest; and Gardner Taylor, pastor, Concord Baptist church, Brooklyn, New York.

Church Giving Noted

The twenty-five churches giving the largest amount of dollars through the Co-operative Program from November 1, 1969-October 31, 1970 gave a total of \$1,134,532.98 which is 20.48% of the total Co-operative receipts, \$5,539,105.88. In order of gifts, they are:

1. Nashville, First—Nashville Dr. Franklin H. Paschall	\$ 75,590.43
2. Memphis, First—Shelby Dr. R. Paul Caudill	72,498.29
3. Central, Fountain City—Knox Dr. Charles S. Bond	70,400.00
4. Knoxville, First—Knox Dr. Charles A. Trentham	65,100.00
5. Bellevue—Shelby Dr. Ramsey Pollard	63,029.65
6. Belmont Heights—Nashville Rev. Robert J. Norman	62,741.66
7. Kingsport, First—Holston Rev. William J. Purdue	57,842.57
8. Brainerd—Hamilton Rev. J. Ralph McIntyre	53,882.32
9. Maryville, First—Chilhowee Dr. J. William Harbin	53,373.36
10. Chattanooga, First—Hamilton Rev. William E. Spears	42,583.33
11. Highland Heights—Shelby Dr. Slater A. Murphy	39,900.00
12. Donelson, First—Nashville Rev. W. L. Baker	39,577.61
13. Paris, First—Western District Rev. Carroll C. Owen	37,040.83
14. Sevierville, First—Sevier Rev. Grant L. Jones	36,624.78
15. Wallace Memorial—Knox Rev. James G. McCluskey	36,216.11
16. Whitehaven—Shelby Dr. Lewis D. Ferrell	35,505.29
17. Ridgedale—Hamilton Rev. R. Raymond Lloyd	34,871.45
18. Jackson, First—Madison-Chester Dr. Travis Otey	34,716.80
19. West Jackson—Madison-Chester Dr. David Q. Byrd	34,345.53
20. Athens, First—McMinn Rev. Richard Smith	34,101.57
21. Robertsville—Clinton Dr. Lee Morris	33,037.51
22. Union Avenue—Shelby Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr.	31,385.39
23. Temple—Shelby Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr.	30,454.69
25. Lincoln Park—Knox Rev. Charles R. Ausmus	30,115.18
25. Cleveland, First—Bradley Rev. William Cropper	29,598.63
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Baptist Minister Challenges  
Use Of 'Catcher In The Rye'

PITTSBURGH — A Baptist minister in suburban Allison Park has challenged a book used in Deer Lakes High school senior English classes, charging that "Catcher In The Rye" contains "hundreds of phrases where God's name is used in vain."

The Rev. Jesse Jones, pastor of Calvary Independent Baptist church, said the book was brought to his attention by his daughter, a senior at the school.

"I would not repeat to men, let alone to women, some of the remarks and phrases in the book," Mr. Smith said.

The book is being used as part of an English course and each student is asked to read portions of it aloud for class discussion.

School Principal Ralph Mastandrea said he "might have to do something about the book in light of the complaint . . . I might turn the matter over to the director of curriculum to see if we can't find another book to replace the one now in question." (RNS)

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# The Nature Of The Kingdom

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor  
Audubon Park Baptist Church, Memphis

## Bible Study Passage:

Matthew 9:14-17; 13:31-33, 51-52; Mark 4:26-29

The terms "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God" are used interchangeably and are identical in meaning. The term "kingdom of heaven" appears thirty-three times in Matthew and no where else in the New Testament. The term "kingdom of God" appears fourteen times in Mark, thirty-two times in Luke, and four times in Matthew. The gospel of John uses the term "kingdom of God" two times. Matthew avoiding use of the term "kingdom of God" because he was writing primarily for the Jews, and the Jews had an aversion about using the name of God. There are those who believe the "kingdom of heaven" refers to the work of Christ on earth between the days of His flesh and His advent in power and in glory. Also, those who hold this view believe the "kingdom of Heaven" will be realized when Christ comes again.

It is evident that the terms "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God" mean the rule of God, the reign of God. The kingdom is God's rule. We cannot establish the Kingdom but we can receive it and proclaim it.

One third of the teachings of Jesus are found in His parables. Jesus used parables to teach us the nature of the Kingdom. Let us consider the nature of the Kingdom as set forth in this lesson for this Sunday.

**I. The Newness of the Kingdom**  
(Matt. 9:14-17).

The new kingdom Jesus came to inaugurate must have new forms of its own. Moses required fasting on the great Day of Atonement (Lev. 23:27). The Pharisees fasted twice a week (Luke 18:12). Since fasting was an important part of the Jewish ritual why did the disciples not fast? Jesus answers the question by pointing to the marriage customs of the day. The disciples were not fasting because they were enjoying the bridegroom's presence. The Messiah had come and it was no time for fasting. Jesus points out the newness of His kingdom

by using two illustrations. You do not patch an old garment by using a raw piece of woolen cloth. It will shrink when wet and tear a bigger hole than ever. You do not put new wine in old wineskins because the new wine will ferment and crack the dried, stiff, old wineskins.

A new kingdom needs new forms. A new life in Christ demands new forms of expression. We are not to practice a Judaized Christianity. We are to be new creatures in Christ Jesus.

**II. The Expansion of the Kingdom**  
Matt. 13:31-33).

The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed. The mustard seed was the smallest seed Jesus' hearers were accustomed to sow. It was the smallest seed in that country that produced such a large plant. It grew to approximately eight to twelve feet in height. The mustard seed produced a plant so large the birds could lodge in its branches. The tiny mustard seed was an appropriate illustration of the expansion of the kingdom.

The parable of the leaven is interpreted two ways. There are those who hold that the leaven represents evil and corruption, and there are those who believe the leaven represents good. To interpret the leaven as good leads to the fact that Christianity, with its small and obscure beginnings, would pervade the whole race of mankind. To interpret the leaven as evil suggests the leaven denotes the false doctrine which often permeates the teaching of professed Christians.

**III. The Proclamation of the Kingdom**  
(Matt. 13:51, 52).

Jesus raised the question with His disciples, "Have you understood all these things?" (Matt. 13:51). Their answer is "yes" (Matt. 13:51). Understanding came to the disciples after Jesus had explained the Parables of the Sower and the Tares. New light came to the disciples through Jesus' use of parables.

Jesus said every Scribe who has been instructed unto the Kingdom is like a householder who brings of His treasure things new and old (Matt. 13:51). A Scribe who becomes a Christian has become a disciple to the Messianic kingdom. If the Messianic kingdom had turned out as the Jews expected, then the Scribe would not have been able to bring forth any new truths about it. John A. Broadus said: "The Jewish Scribes gloried in teaching only old things, but the Christian Scribe learned such new lessons as these parables have just been giving, and so could sling out things new and old." Truth is not to be accepted just because it is traditional, old, or new.

**IV. The Consummation of the Kingdom**  
(Mark 4:26-29).

This parable is found only in Mark's gospel. The parable teaches us of the work of God in bringing His kingdom to fruition and harvest. The secret of growth is in the seed, not in the soil, not in the weather, not in the cultivating but the seed spontaneously works according to its own nature. To be sure man is not without responsibility for he must plant the seed and harvest the grain. Man has his part to play in God's Kingdom but the consummation of God's Kingdom is His work.

## Highland Heights, Memphis, Honors Murphys, Others



Dr. and Mrs. Murphy

S. A. Murphy, Sr., pastor of Highland Heights church, Memphis, for 28½ years, and Mrs. Murphy, were honored upon Murphy's retirement, along with other retiring and resigning staff members, by members of the church at a tea and reception on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1970.

The church named Murphy pastor emeritus and deeded the debt-free pastorium to the Murphys. A special retirement fund was begun for Murphy some years ago by the church which will be paid him on a monthly basis, independent of other retirement programs, and the Murphys were presented a cash gift.

Others honored were also presented cash gifts and are as follows: Nolan Smith, Sr., retired Jan. 1 after 14 years' service as assistant to the pastor; Glenn A. Smith, resigned Dec. 31, 1970 after 20 years' service as minister of music; and Mrs. F. A. Tucker retired Jan. 1 after 28 years' service as church secretary.

Nolan Smith, Sr. has been re-called on an interim basis as church visitor and Glenn A. Smith as interim minister of music.

Following Murphy's message on Dec. 27, 11 deacons were ordained: Wesson Brown; M. D. Clayton; Eugene Dowdy; Gary Wilkes; Ronald Goad; Wayne McCord; John Moore; Richard Wilson; C. T. Scobey; Marvin Skaggs; and W. C. Vaughan. In the special service John Caldwell and Travis Callery, already ordained, were set aside to serve the church as deacons.

## Fred Chapman Named SBC Stewardship Consultant

NASHVILLE—Fred M. Chapman, pastor of Glenwood Baptist church here for the past five years, has been named consultant in endowment and capital giving for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission with offices here, effective Jan. 1.

Chapman, a Nashville native who was pastor of several Texas churches before coming to the Nashville church in 1965, succeeds Ben G. Gill in the consultant position. Gill has been promoted to director of endowment and capital giving service for the SBC Stewardship Commission.

The 39-year-old Chapman will consultant with SBC churches in directing fund campaigns using the commission's "Together We Build" plan. (BP)

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# New Chinese Baptist Hymnal Mixes Eastern-Western Tunes

By June P. Carter

**RICHMOND**—When Chinese Baptists sing a hymn, they often choose one set to Western music, because they associate these hymns with their introduction to Christianity, says Miss Fern Harrington, a Southern Baptist missionary.

Some Chinese Christians say that indigenous Chinese music, although used in some Christian hymns, reminds them of their old Buddhist roots, so they prefer the Western hymn tunes.

Miss Harrington has been working with Chinese people for 30 years, first in China, then the Philippines, and now Taiwan. She is vitally concerned with hymn preferences of Chinese Christians and is one of a committee of five appointed to the task of helping produce a new Chinese-language hymnal.

The committee includes two Baptist missionaries and three Chinese musicians; its members live in Taiwan, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Modest about her own musical ability, Miss Harrington says she is on the committee to represent the ordinary person in the pew.

The hymnal is a project of Baptist Press in Hong Kong, an agency which produces Chinese literature for Baptist use throughout the Orient.

## Wherever Chinese Congregation

Although there are about 11 different Chinese hymnals and about 20 church songbooks published by various Christian groups, none adequately meets the needs of Baptist churches, says Miss Harrington.

The hymnal which most congregations use is 35 years old and is full of errors in both music and words, she said. Often a church's supply of the hymnal includes copies of several different revisions, so that the congregation finds itself singing somewhat different words to the same music.

The new hymnal will be used wherever there is Baptist work among Chinese-speaking people. As far away as Los Angeles, a Mandarin-speaking Baptist congregation is anxiously awaiting its completion.

The committee's work began three years ago. They wished to include 600 hymnals, so a major part of their task was a matter of selection. One hundred will be characteristically Chinese in melody. Many of these Chinese hymn melodies were written by Bliss Wiant, an American missionary to China, now retired.

Favorite indigenous hymns from throughout Asia will be included as well. Miss Harrington's brother, who lives in New Delhi, is in a position to help in the selection of some of these. One, a folk song

from India, is an American favorite—"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."

A native of Missouri, Miss Harrington left Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary where she teaches, for furlough last April in the United States, but she brought her Chinese hymnal and a Chinese dictionary. Periodically she receives from the music office in Hong Kong a number of hymn translations for the committee's consideration. She studies each hymn and jots down any recommendations she might have.

## Checks "Singability"

She checks each hymn's "singability", determining whether the words adequately follow the tune. Sometimes she suggests different wording or closer adherence to the hymn's original meaning.

Since translators sometimes soar above the reading level of the average Chinese, she suggests simplification where she believes it is needed. To make this judgment she relies on two tools—her own reading level, which she equates with that of the average Chinese adult, and the Standard Mandarin Dictionary which rates characters according to their difficulty.

Simplified musical notation will facilitate singing from the new hymnal. Above each note of the melody will appear a number from 1 to 7 representing the note on the diatonic scale. Thus, in a hymn written in the key of C the number "1" would represent the first note of the scale—"Do," or middle C.

The higher C is designated by a dot above the number, and the lower C by a dot below the number. Time is indicated by a simple system of straight and curved lines.

Is a Chinese hymn read from right to left? No. Although the Bible and other books are read that way, music is read from left to right to fit the music, she says.

Each hymn page presents a much neater appearance in Chinese than in English. Since each character has the sound of a single syllable, the text of each hymn can be marshaled into neat columns.

Although the first target date for publication of the hymnal was Christmas 1968, various difficulties forced the date forward. Now the committee hopes that by April 1971 the new hymnal will be ready for Chinese churches.

Meanwhile, says Miss Harrington, a frequent plea from Chinese Baptists is "Oh, how long, how long must we wait for the new hymnal?" (BP)

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Carter is a staff writer for the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia.)

## Revival Results

First church, Rockwood, reports 32 decisions during their recent revival. **Jim Bain**, of Oxford, Miss., was the evangelist. **Robert W. Campbell** is pastor.

Antioch church, Athens, reports 17 professions of faith, six transferred memberships, and 50 rededications during their recent revival. **David Walker**, full-time evangelist from Cleveland, was the evangelist. **Wayne L. Benson** is pastor.

Hillview church, Chilhowee association, reports one profession of faith, one surrender to special service, three joining the church, and several rededications during their recent revival. Pastor **Carl Asbury** preached.

Battle Creek church, Robertson County association, held a week of "saturation evangelism" in the church community recently, climaxed by a weekend revival. There was one profession of faith and seven rededications. **John A. Harrison**, pastor, Bible Union church, Martin, was the evangelist. **Winburn C. Davis** is pastor.

First church, Loudon, reports 13 professions of faith, five additions by letter, and 30 rededications during their recent revival. **Elmer Foust**, pastor, Olive Springs Baptist church, Marietta, Ga., was the evangelist. The revival closed the 70-70 campaign in the church's Sunday School.

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# MOTHER AND SON

**Basic Passages:** Luke 2:41-52; John 2:1-12; Luke 8:19-21;  
John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14

**Focal Passages:** Luke 2:51-52; John 2:1-5; Luke 8:19-21;  
John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14

The mother of Jesus was fortunate as no other woman has been in all history. She was the most blessed of all women. However, she was not either the mother of God or a possessor of deity. She was the mother of Jesus on the human side but God through the Holy Spirit was the progenitor of the Son of God incarnate in Jesus. Thus Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God.

The relationship between Jesus and His mother under maternal auspices was very beautiful and ideal. However, when she seemed to intervene in matters relating directly to God, Jesus made it clear to her that her authority did not extend to that area.

The devotion of Mary to Jesus and the devotion of Jesus to His mother Mary, present to us a pattern for all homes. It is profoundly significant. It should be observed and carefully emulated.

## THE DEVELOPING JESUS Luke 2:51-52

After Jesus had been found in the temple and restored to His family group, He was subject to parental authority, even though He had informed His parents that He was under a higher authority and commission.

Jesus advanced in stature, wisdom and in favor with God and man. Coming into human flesh the incarnate Son of God was much like us in all aspects except as to sin. He grew in favor with God. Just as a sweet, tender baby is very precious to the parents, yet as he or she begins to grow and develop into increasing appeal to parental love and pleasure, so the unfolding Messiah increased in divine satisfaction. Note that the growing Jesus captured the goodwill of men. Right thinking men and women liked Him. Observe the order, "in favor with God and man".

## THE DUTIFUL SON John 2:1-5

This incident is made to imply a number of things that were never intended. Some people try to imply that it justifies the use of wine as a beverage. Well, if that is so, it was under the complete supervision of the authority and conscious presence of Christ the Son of God. Those who would warrant the use of fermented wine as a beverage—from this incident—would have to keep their practice under the consciousness of His direction and presence.

We believe that the practice was a symbol of the sanctity, sacrifice and radiant ex-

hilaration of love in marital relationships. The fruit of the vine, crushed and poured out like blood is used by Jesus as a symbol of His shed blood in the Lord's Supper. When we appropriate His sacrifice we know the joy of salvation.

Jesus made it clear again that He was under a higher commission than one imposed by human authority. However, He went ahead and carried out His mother's wishes.

## THE HIGHER RELATIONSHIP Luke 8:19-21

Jesus was informed that His mother and brothers were seeking Him but could not reach Him due to the congested crowd.

His reply may sound strange to our ears. Jesus answered them, "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it." It was a golden opportunity to stress a higher relationship available to all of us who will become true disciples of His.

Jesus had an earthly family but He had also a heavenly and eternal family that superseded it. God's love is marvelous in that He remakes us and calls us His children. We become the children of God when we believe and receive Christ but we demonstrate it when we obey Him.

## A SUPREME ACT OF FILIAL LOVE John 19:25-27

Amid the tragic events and agonies of calvary Jesus saw His mother in the crowd. The poignant plight and grief of His precious mother touched Him. He knew that outside of Himself and the Holy Trinity of which He was one, His dear Mother was suffering most. He called her attention to John and John's attention to her. He assigned her to the tender care of the beloved apostle. This responsibility John readily assumed.

In that frightful hour Jesus thought of the repenting thief and saved him. He thought of His bitter enemies who were crucifying Him. He besought the Father to forgive them. He thought of His precious mother and placed her in the care of loving hands. He thought of us and died for us that we might be eternally saved.

There are so many sides to this wonderful Christ Jesus. While He frequently reminded His mother of His higher relationship to His Heavenly Father, He was never forgetful of His relationship and obligations to her.

## Foundation

### Write Your Will Month

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

January has been designated in the Southern Baptist Convention calendar as "Write Your Will Month". This is a worthy emphasis and should receive unanimous attention by pastors. The disposition of one's estate at death is often more important to the Lord's work than what he does in life. An estate can be wasted or it may be conserved by a will. The law allows one very liberal consideration for tax purposes by a carefully prepared will.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is receiving an increasing number of inquiries from all over the state by people who are interested in preparing a Christian will. Everything a Christian does should be subject to the Lord's direction; however most people who have a Will prepared it without consideration of how best to honor the Lord. Many are leaving their gifts outright to the church or other Christian Causes without realizing that by leaving it in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation these bequests will reproduce themselves every few years and still can remain there to be reproduced again and again until Jesus comes.

The cover of this issue of the **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR** carries a picture which is available in poster form from our office. It is in five colors. Also available are bulletin inserts with the same picture and additional information on the back. These may be ordered in any quantity needed without cost.

Requests should be made to Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027; phone 833-4220.

### Critical Issues Booklets Available For Leadership Readiness Conferences

**NASHVILLE**—Five booklets on critical issues which will serve as background materials for study in Leadership Readiness Conferences this spring have been released by Convention Press.

The issues—evangelism, the cooperative program, moral issues, vocational guidance and family ministries—will be discussed in the conferences and definite plans of action for churches formulated.

The issues or areas of concern were voted by the Southern Baptist Convention as emphases to be stressed in 1971-72. The issues were set forth by 43 study groups of church members and leaders.

We have many dual relationships. There is no legitimate conflict. If all parties will be fair, there should be no competition. Every authority should be reasonable and right. We should not have to make a choice but if we do, God should come first every time.



# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Here we are finishing the first week of the second year of the decade of the 70's. How time flies! It seems only yesterday that



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we were making plans for and looking forward to the beginning of this new decade. It only reminds us of the fact that time marches on and that life is short. What we are going to do we must do quickly.

There will be many great opportunities in 1971 for the churches and for individual Christians. Many churches

will be engaging in the January Bible study week. This year we study the Epistles of John. The messages of these Epistles are great and every church ought to make every effort to have a whole week of study.

I was serving on the Sunday School Board when Dr. Barnett proposed this special week of Bible study. The January Bible study was launched as a supplement and as a time when one book could be studied in a week, and it could be studied more in depth.

The program has grown very much during these years and now many thousands are studying the Bible each year. It should serve as a real stimulus for Bible study throughout the year. If you have never read the Bible through you should do so this year, and if you have read it in former years you will want to continue to do so.

It has been my habit to read different translations. This year I plan to read through the New English Bible. It is a good translation and makes many passages clearer and easier to understand. I also plan to read through my Greek New Testament again. I have done so nearly every year since seminary days.

In January there will be two conferences on Evangelism. The regular State Evangelistic Conference will be held Jan. 18-19 at the First Baptist church here in Nashville. On Jan. 29-30 the second Youth Conference on Evangelism will be held at the Vanderbilt Memorial stadium at Vanderbilt university.

In February there will be four Leadership Readiness Conferences held looking forward to 1971-72 year of work. These will be planning sessions with state and Southern Baptist leadership for the church and associational leadership.

As the New Year dawns there are promises that it will be a good year for the churches and a better year than 1970 has been. Let us make every effort to bring a new spirit of faith and zeal into our work to quicken our outreach to a lost world with the redeeming grace of Christ.

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## Family Living

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### Teaching Young To Read Music Found Helpful In Reading Words

First and second graders who are taught to read music find it easier to read words than kids who don't receive the musical training, reports San Bernardino County coordinator of education Edwin A. Movsesian.

Half a group of 135 first, second, and third graders in two California schools were taught to read music in order to play a set of musical bells as part of an "orchestra." The other half participated in singing and rhythmic activities. At the end of the school year, the first and second grade youngsters who had learned to read music and play the bells as part of a group showed "significant" gains in standardized reading tests over the children who had not received the extra musical training, Movsesian reported in **Today's Education**. Third graders' reading was not affected by the musical training.

As Movsesian sees it, the music training apparently helped to develop the beginning readers' reading readiness skills. In order to play instruments together, the children had to learn to listen carefully, giving complete attention to the teacher. Left-to-right eye movement, a prerequisite of reading, was strengthened as the music teacher moved the pointer from note to note.

As the children came to understand that each note was the symbol for a distinct tone, they mastered a learning which carried over to regular reading where words must be accepted as symbols representing things, actions and ideas, suggested the education specialist.

● **WHITES USE MORE OPIATES, STUDY SAYS.** The use of opiate drugs—including heroin—appears to be increasing more rapidly among white activist college students than among their Negro activist counterparts, a group of psychiatric researchers has been told. The annual meeting of the Eastern Psychiatric Research Association also heard recently a detailed report on what appears to be increasing widespread abuse of non-narcotic pain-killer called Darvon. The report criticized what it termed over-prescription of this drug by physicians. (By Richard Severo, **New York Times News Service**, 11/12/70)

## Historically

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

The **Christian Index**, the state Baptist paper of Georgia, printed its centennial edition. The special edition contained 192 pages besides the cover.

The Baptist Convention of South Carolina purchased the **Courier** for the sum of \$24,000, and Baptists of Virginia purchased the **Religious Herald** for \$40,000. These acquisitions left three Baptist papers which had not passed into the hands of denominational boards.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Harold J. Purdy, pastor of First Baptist church, Bowling Green, Ky., was called as pastor of Belmont Heights church, Nashville.

Statistics revealed that Southern Baptists appointed 111 new missionaries in 1950. This record number of appointments brought the total of active missionaries to 803.

Texas Baptists broke ground for a new \$1,000,000 headquarters building.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

James Canaday, pastor of Calvary church, Jackson, for 12 years, was called as pastor of Central church, Johnson City.

Reports indicated that 10,252 new churches and missions had been established since the beginning of Southern Baptists' 30,000 Movement. The campaign began in 1956 and was scheduled to conclude in 1964.

### Church In Revolution Will Emerge Led By Laity, Baptist Pastor Says

**FORT WORTH**—Observing that "we are seeing a revolution in the church today," a Kansas City Baptist pastor predicted here that the church would emerge with a great spiritual awakening that will make the laymen the main thrust of christianity.

Olan Runnels, pastor of Swope Park Baptist church in Kansas City and president of the alumni association of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here, made the statements in a chapel address during the seminary's full board of trustees meeting.

"The world is going to see the greatest spiritual awakening since Pentecost; there are signs of it all around," Runnels told the seminary audience. (BP)



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