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**TENNESSEE GOAL FOR ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING \$375,000**  
**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION GOAL \$6,000,000**



# Foreign Missions Income Up, Special Assignments Noted

**RICHMOND**—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's income for 1970 was a record \$34,664,147, but even so, monetary requests from the overseas missions (organizations of missionaries) last year exceeded the board's resources by more than \$4 million, the Foreign Mission Board was told here.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the board, said the record income for 1970 was an increase of \$912,540 over 1969 income.

Receipts for the 1970 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions amounted to \$5,739,629 through Feb. 10, Cauthen said. This is \$1,474,164 more than at the same date last year.

The offering receipts are coming in faster than in previous years, which partly accounts for the comparatively larger amount received so far this year, he told the board.

It is too early to project the total amount of the 1970 offering, Cauthen said. The total will be known around May 1, when the books close.

"We are greatly encouraged that the amount received from the Cooperative Program by the Southern Baptist Convention in January showed an increase of 13 per cent over the corresponding month a year ago," he said. "It is most important that the Cooperative Program and the Lottie

Moon Christmas Offering grow in parallel lines."

The board appropriated funds for sending several persons overseas to carry out special assignments in behalf of missionaries. W. L. Howse, director of the Education Division of the SBC Sunday School Board, will consult with missionaries in Korea and Taiwan on their strategy and long-range planning.

Leo T. Crismon, librarian at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., will assist librarians in Baptist seminaries in East and Southeast Asia. Mrs. Crismon will accompany him.

Harold C. Overton, who has been associated with the Toronto Institute of Linguistics, is teaching in the missionary language school in Limuru, Kenya, during the first five months of this year. (BP)



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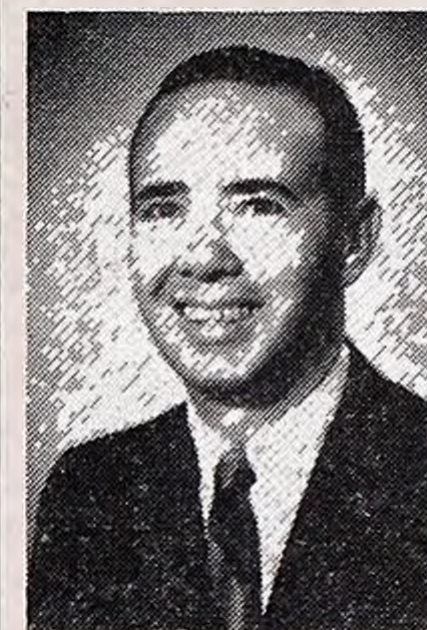
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## Devotional

### Love One Another

By George R. Wilson, Layman  
Haywood Hills Baptist Church, Nashville

It was once my privilege to work at a Youth Evangelism Ranch in the beautiful Colorado mountains. The staff and program of this ministry had been effective in witnessing to teen-agers from across the United States. The Director often said to the staff that he wanted each young person who came to the Ranch to be able to say when they left, "Didn't the staff love one another?"



Wilson

We all know that what we do speaks much louder than what we say. What kind of an image are we as Christians projecting to those who are without Christ? How much do we really love one another?

I am sure the recent January Bible Studies in I John were a blessing to all who were able to attend. In chapter four, verses seven and eight we read: "Dear friends! Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Possibly you too have heard someone say, "As a Christian, I have to love them, but I don't have to like them." It would seem to me this would be pretty near impossible for anyone to do. Of course we do not have to like some of the actions of people, but as Christians we can and must love one another. Some people are endowed with a greater capacity to love than others. But for the Christian there can always be love in his heart for all people, because we know God who is love.

What a testimony we can have to the world when they can say of us, "My, don't the Christians love one another."

(Editor's Note: Mr. Wilson is director of Social Work for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes.)

### Philadelphia Presbytery Endorses Plan to End Bail Bond System

**PHILADELPHIA** — A program that would abolish the bail bond system has been endorsed by the Philadelphia Presbytery.

Responding to a task force report coming from the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia, the Presbytery gave unanimous approval to three alternate plans to replace the present system.

In one plan, the city itself would provide bail, on a non-profit basis. In other cases, those arrested with "roots in the community" would be released on their own recognition, not posting bail if the amount set was less than \$2000. (RNS)

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Ever since the first sermon was preached, there has been at least one person in every congregation who has consoled himself by saying, "I know the preacher must be preaching about somebody else."

Why, even in a congregation made up of only two persons, each would think the preacher was talking about the other!

But sometime, following the sermon, when someone comes up to say, "Oh, preacher, I hope you didn't mean me," the preacher—instead of fumbling for a tactful word—should be honest enough to say, "Of course, I meant you—if I didn't mean you, there would be no need of your coming to church."

The question that should be applied to measure the effectiveness of preaching is not, "Did you enjoy the operation?"—but did you need the surgery?"

Good preaching is an encounter with the truth, and the truth often hurts.

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# Press Association Elects Odle, Decries Postal Rates

**SARASOTA, Fla.**—The Southern Baptist Press Association, meeting for its annual session here, elected a Mississippi editor as its president and adopted resolutions opposing proposed new postal regulations, and urging Baptist agencies, boards and institutions to invite Baptist newsmen to attend their board meetings.

Elected President of the organization, composed primarily of the editors of Baptist state papers, was Joe T. Odle, editor of the "Baptist Record," Jackson, Miss. Named president elect was James O. Duncan, editor of the "Capital Baptist," Washington, D.C.

After debating the issue in the final hour of the meeting, the editors adopted a brief resolution expressing opposition to proposed new federal postal regulations. The substitute motion, offered by "Indiana Baptist" Editor Al Shackleford, stated:

"In view of the proposed radical change in postal rates, we urge serious consideration be given to the handicap such regulations would impose on non-profit publications."

**An earlier resolution proposed by Editor John Roberts of the Baptist Courier in Columbia, S.C., urged that due consideration be given to the special hardships that second and third class postal rate increases would cause among the 33 Baptist publications with a combined circulation of 1.6 million. The proposal would increase postage cost about 150 per cent for the Baptist publications, the editors said.**

In the discussion, several editors pointed out that the original resolution sounded as if the editors were asking for government subsidies and for special privileges and that the arguments were similar to those used by advocates of federal aid to parochial and church-related schools and institutions.

Another resolution expressed appreciation "to those agencies, boards and institutions that have invited representatives of the Baptist news media to attend their official board meeting," and expressing "our wish that this be a future practice of all these bodies."

Earlier, Editor Robert Hastings of the "Illinois Baptist," Carbondale, reported on results of a survey he conducted among SBC agencies and state Baptist conventions asking whether their policies permitted new reporters to attend their board meetings.

**Generally, Hastings said, the responses indicated that representatives of Baptist news media could attend such board meetings, but there was greater vagueness on the policies among Baptist seminaries.**

Voicing opposition to closed door meetings in Baptist life, Hastings said that "the executive session is a device to build egos,"

and that "when we close the door, we are trying to play God."

He pointed out that an Illinois state law states that any government body supported by public tax funds must be open by the public, on the basis that if the public is paying the bill, then the public has a right to know what happens. The parallel to that is, Hastings said, if the average church member is paying the bill, he has a right to know what happens at Baptist board meetings.

**The director of the School of Journalism at Southern Illinois University, H. R. Long, said in another speech that in the secular press, a trend toward centralization is marked by the purchase of newspapers by corporations "which have no more interest in the public right to have access to information than a butcher."**

Most of the addresses were brought by editors of Baptist state papers who outlined their philosophies of editing, editorial writing, and the role of the editor.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee and a former editor of the "Oklahoma Baptist Messenger," brought three addresses on the history, influence and future of Baptist journalism.

In other actions, the association approved a committee report recommending that the dues structure be doubled, and approved on first reading for final action next year a constitution change which would limit membership to "news-oriented" Baptist publications with associate membership available to non-news oriented Baptist journals.

Shackleford, editor of the "Indiana Baptist," was re-elected as secretary of the association.

Next year, the editors will meet in Kentucky, Feb. 14-16, 1972, with sessions slated in Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 12-14, 1973. (BP)

## Executive Secretaries Elect Patterson As New President

**SARASOTA, Fla.** — T. A. Patterson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, was elected president of the Association of Baptist State Executive Secretaries during annual session here.

Vice president elected by the state executive secretaries was Paul James, of the Baptist Convention of New York, and secretary-treasurer was James Smith of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Most of the sessions were devoted to sharing of common problems among the executive secretaries of the 32 Baptist state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

## Union University Presents Awards To Alumni

Union university, Jackson, honored two alumni and a member of the faculty during the recent Alumni Awards Banquet.



Glisson

Jerry Glisson, pastor, Leawood church, Memphis, was presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award for service to the institution. Also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, he is completing his third term as a trustee of Union. He is a past president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Executive Board of the TBC. In 1967 he was awarded an honorary degree by Union.

Curtis Vaughan, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, received the Distinguished Service Award for achievement in profession. A native of Humboldt, Vaughan is also a graduate of Southwestern and has studied at the University of Manchester, England and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Vaughan has written "The Letter to the Ephesians," religious texts on the books of James and John and is co-author of "A Manual for the Study of the Greek New Testament," and "The Biblical Sunday School Commentary."

Mrs. Grace Williams, of Union's department of Health and Physical Education was presented the Distinguished Faculty Award.



Williams

She has been a member of the faculty since 1942 and is a graduate of Alabama college where she was voted the outstanding woman athlete in her senior year. She was granted a fellowship to George Peabody college, Nashville, where she received the master's degree.

## Graham Undergoes Surgery

**ROCHESTER, Minn.**—Evangelist Billy Graham left Methodist Hospital here after undergoing surgery by Mayo Clinic doctors for removal of a salivary gland.

The gland had two small stones in it, which blocked the flow of saliva.

"Every time I would eat, I would have a swelling that made me look like a chipmunk," the evangelist recalled as he was convalescing in a hotel here before boarding a plane for his home in North Carolina.

One woman sent him a telegram at the hospital suggesting the problem was that he was doing too much speaking and using too much saliva, the evangelist said with some amusement. (RNS)



## *A Home For The Aged?*

Sooner or later, Tennessee Baptists will have to come to grips in a decisive manner with the question: Are we, as a convention, going to sponsor a home for the aged, or shall we remain out of this area of ministry completely?

There are arguments for and against operations of homes for the aged, or homes for senior citizens—however one designates them—by state conventions. However, the final decades of the 20th century, like it or not, are going to confront us with the necessity for making a decision in this area; a decision which we may not wish to make, and one which we may not be ready to make, but one which must be made.

One argument against such a ministry is that we have all the programs we can support; we cannot add additional ministries. An argument in favor of such a ministry is that while we have many programs and ministries, we still do not have a ministry in this area; one which many feel necessary. There is the argument that a ministry which makes provision for senior citizens in our present culture has as much validity and is in the same category as our child care program, one which has been considered by Baptists historically as a "must". It is even logical in many ways to make such a ministry operable under one management.

There are many avenues open for support and operation of a home for senior citizens which make the financial burden upon a state convention somewhat lighter than some might anticipate. And, there are many who will give money, perhaps endowment funds, for this type of ministry which they probably would not give for other ministries. Some information from other states indicates that, to a large degree, if a proper site can be provided, such a home could be largely self-sustaining under competent management.

In the several state conventions in fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention, there were 22 homes in 1970, with property evaluated at \$24,798,924.00.

This is not an argument for or against the concept of a home for the aged. In his presidential address to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1969, Rev. Tom Madden called for Tennessee Baptists to take a long and searching look in this area. There can, in our opinion, be no other way to approach the matter than in a concept of ministry.

We do not profess to know the answers to questions involved in this matter. We do know, however, that the question is being raised increasingly, but, at least on the part of some pastors, with considerable concern.

The conclusion of the editorial is, therefore, as it began. Sooner or later somebody within the leadership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention—a responsible

committee of the Convention or of the Executive Board—is going to have to weigh this issue in the light of the increased number of Baptist senior citizens, who would benefit by a ministry of this type during the remainder of this century and in the years beyond.

We must be very, very careful in our attitudes lest we become as other civilizations—non-Christian—have become. Many cultures historically have simply cast out older people and left them on their own, the concept being that if they are no longer productive they are no longer useful.

This is far outside the Judeo-Christian ethical concept. But, if we are not careful, we are in danger of falling into the same line of thought that some of these non-Christian cultures have. We already see signs of this in medical care for the aged. We see and hear things we do not like in terms of "there's not much we can do for them anyway, so why bother". To us, this is wrong; therefore, this idea for consideration.

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## *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*

Led by Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist churches this month focus emphasis upon the needs represented in our program of home missions. As churches study needs and learn more about the ministries of the Home Mission Board, we believe they will support increasingly these ministries with their prayers and their monies.

The goal this year for Tennessee is \$375,000. This Annie Armstrong Season of Prayer for Home Missions and Easter offering deserves the interest and support of all our churches. Learn, pray, and then give!

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## *Attention Focuses Upon Colleges*

Beginning with this issue of **Baptist And Reflector**, and continuing for 20 weeks, Belmont college, Carson-Newman college, and Union university are sponsoring one page advertisements to focus attention of all Tennessee Baptists upon our colleges, their ministries, their relationship to the convention, and their needs.

Every reader of **Baptist And Reflector** is asked to read carefully these pages. Pastors are urged to place them upon the church bulletin boards.

These are our colleges. We are proud of them! In Christ's name, and for His sake, they do a tremendous job for Tennessee Baptists under difficult circumstances.

Additional material in **Baptist And Reflector** during these weeks will focus the spotlight upon these institutions. They have a tremendous story to tell! They are going to tell it in a new way! We hope and pray that this emphasis will rekindle interest in our institutions on the part of all Tennessee Baptists.



# SBC Executive Committee Sets 1972 Budget Recommendations

**NASHVILLE**—The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, after hearing pleas for increased operating funds and financial projections of income unequal to the needs, voted here to recommend a nine-month SBC budget for 1972 of \$24.6 million, an increase of 3.37 per cent.

The convention, moving to a new fiscal year in October of 1972, will operate from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, 1972, on the same basic operating budget for nine months as the 1971 budget level, if the proposed 1972 budget is adopted by the convention in St. Louis.

The budget increase would come in the capital needs section rather than in the operating section, SBC officials said. Amount of the proposed increase is \$787,500, or 3.37 per cent. The 1.79 per cent increase in Cooperative Program funds in 1970 created a \$932,000 deficit in approved capital funds. It is anticipated that another \$1,050,000 will be added to this deficit in 1971.

On a nine-month basis, the proposed budget includes \$21.8 million in operating funds; \$932,927 for capital funds not reached in 1970; \$1,050,000 in capital funds not expected to be reached in 1971; plus the \$787,500 in capital needs for 1972.

## Norfolk For '76 Sessions

In other actions, the Executive Committee voted partially on the basis of new hotel construction to recommend Norfolk, Va., for the second time as the proposed site of the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention session, approved a study committee report expressing support for a Negro Baptist seminary in Nashville.

The Executive Committee took further steps to phase out the Hospital Agency of the SBC by recommending bylaws changes for action at the 1971 convention in St. Louis; expressed belief that the "Baptist Faith and Message" Statement of 1963 is "not amendable;" and recommended that no action be taken to change the basis of representation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The budget, bylaws changes, and recommended site for the 1976 convention must be approved by the convention when it meets in St. Louis, June 1-4.

Most of the time during the committee meeting was spent grappling with the budget. During a full day of budget hearings, 20 SBC agencies presented pleas for increased operating funds totalling \$34.1 million.

During a subcommittee meeting, however, financial projections were presented indicating that anticipated Cooperative Program (unified budget) income for 1971

would be about \$29.2 million—enough to meet the operating budget, but not enough to pay the 1971 capital needs, nor the 1970 capital needs not met last year.

## Atmosphere Of Challenge

The budget that was recommended, though only an increase of \$787,500 over the 1971 budget, is actually an increase of more than \$2.9 million over anticipated 1971 receipts, if the nine-month budget recommended is projected on a 12-month basis.

During discussion of the budget, R. Jack Robinson, pastor in Augusta, Ga., said that the committee was faced with urgent needs for operating increases totalling more than \$5 million, yet because of capital needs that must be paid, the amount of available funds for the operating section was only about \$50,000 more in 1972 than in 1971.

**Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, in an impassioned plea to the committee, said that it was the first time since World War II that the SBC has not been able to increase operating funds, and that the "burdens will be felt" all around the world.**

He urged the committee members and SBC leaders present to return home and do everything possible to create an atmosphere of challenge to "pour all we can into the Cooperative Program so that what we've done today will never occur again."

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, warned against leaving with a spirit of pessimism, suggesting rather that members should go "rejoicing with optimism that receipts during January and February have increased substantially.

In a related, but separate action, the Executive Committee voted to authorize the treasurer to make 1971 operating budget distributions on the full amounts allocated, unless the percent of increase in giving for 1971 should fall below four per cent. In that case, the treasurer was instructed "to send no operating funds in excess of 7.32 per cent increase" over 1970 allocations "until all agencies receiving less than 7.32 per cent have received their authorized increase."

With the exception of the budget, most of the other discussion was devoted to a recommendation from the administration committee suggesting that the SBC vote on either Norfolk, Va., or Detroit, as alternative choices for the 1976 convention site.

## No Ethnic Limits Now

After lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee voted 22-9 to amend the subcommittee's recommendation by eliminating

Detroit, and recommending for the second straight year that the convention meet in Norfolk, June 15-17, 1976. Last year, when a similar recommendation was made, the SBC referred the matter back to the committee for more study.

Discussion also was prompted by a subcommittee recommendation that the SBC committee on committees and the committee on boards be requested to consider representation of ethnic groups on convention boards, agencies, commissions and committees.

An amendment proposed by Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, Ala., was approved expanding the scope of the recommendation by reminding the two committees that there are no constitutional provisions limiting nomination of such trustees and committee members of the basis of age, national origin, sex or race.

Most of the discussion centered around the question of why "ethnic groups" should be singled out and made a "special category."

On the action regarding the recommendation that the SBC discontinue the "Hospital Agency of the Southern Baptist Convention," the Executive Committee urged the board members to seek compliance with SBC action in Denver to change the names of the hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., so it will be clear that they are not state Baptist convention or SBC institutions.

## Timerite Operation Questioned

A second action referring to a previous convention request recommended that no change be made in the basis of representation in the SBC "because it is our opinion that no idea or suggestion has been made thus far that would improve the existing basis of representation of messengers" to the SBC.

The Executive Committee asked its program committee to study proposals by the SBC Radio and Television Commission for that agency's program statement to allow TIMERITE, a subsidiary corporation of the commission, to work in the print media area. Past operations by TIMERITE in this area have exceeded the scope and intention of the program statement, the action stated. TIMERITE was asked to discontinue these operations.

A subcommittee study of SBC radio and television operations asked the SBC Foreign Mission Board and the Radio-TV Commission to work out guidelines and procedures for overseas radio and TV operations within one year; and urged the commission to explore with the SBC Home Mission Board the "possibility of greater use of radio and TV to win America to Christ."

A request to allow the Southern Baptist Foundation to change its program statement to "solicit" endowments and trust funds to benefit SBC causes was tabled by the committee. (BP)



# Monroe Calls For Urgency In Communicating SBC Needs

**NASHVILLE** — Citing overwhelming needs and lack of financial resources to meet those needs, the chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee outlined reasons "why we are where we are" in a financial crunch facing the Baptist denomination.

James Monroe, pastor of the First Baptist church of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., issued a challenge to Southern Baptist leadership to come to a "new sense of urgency and commitment" in communicating Baptist efforts of taking the gospel to a world in need.

Monroe's address came during the opening session of the SBC Executive Committee just prior to two days of budget requests from SBC agencies in preparation for drafting a proposed SBC budget for 1972.

The agencies presented requests totalling \$34.2 million for 1972. The 1971 budget requirements had previously been reported as \$31.1 million. In comparison, actual 1970 Cooperative Program receipts totalled \$27.9 million, or \$932,926 short of the 1970 goal.

Monroe added that the problem in the SBC is not as intense as it is in some Protestant denominations, but there is "a growing uneasy feeling among Southern Baptists that one day we might find ourselves in similar circumstances."

Citing the problem of leadership, Monroe said that "we are living in times when we've been more interested in building 'a' kingdom than in 'the' kingdom.

"For some years, we've had a sanctuary complex"—building more and bigger buildings until SBC churches reported a total indebtedness of \$879.3 million in 1970—an amount that is \$22 million more than total gifts for all causes through the churches, Monroe observed.

"Kingdom building exists in the institutions, not just in the churches," he added.

"We have erected a denominational structure that is almost too big and inflexible to act and react quickly in changing times," he observed.

Commenting on the current "Jesus Movement" Monroe said that as an example of this inflexibility, many Baptist churches are "still wondering what to do about these kids who've turned on to Jesus. We must not," he said, "mark it off as a fad or reject it because we didn't start it."

Calling for a new effort at communicating a concern for people as individuals, Monroe also urged a new sense of fellowship—New Testament "Koinonia"—among Baptists. "We must affirm that the Cooperative Program depends on a cooperative spirit."

He urged the Executive Committee, the denomination's central coordinating body,

to accept its role in the challenge, observing that "this committee has been afraid of its own power, and has been reluctant to use it for fear of misusing it. Thus, we fail to expose and debate and resolve the issues placed before us."

Commenting on the pressures state conventions face to keep more and more funds on the state level, Monroe stated that "unless our state conventions can learn how to handle the college (financial) situation, we're going to see more and more money drained away from world mission causes."

He concluded with a plea for a new sense of urgency and commitment among Baptist leaders to communicate the needs of people around the world. (BP)

## North Georgia Methodists Endorse Merger With Black Conferences

**ATLANTA**—North Georgia United Methodists voted here by the narrowest margin yet to merge their conference structurally with the black Georgia conference.

After almost four hours of debate delegates approved a new plan of merger in secret ballot, 486-360. Only a majority was required for passage.

The legality of the plan is under question, however, the denomination's Commission on Religion and Race plans to file with the Church's nine-man "supreme court," the Judicial Council, a brief asking for a declaratory judgment of a major provision of the North Georgia plan. (RNS)

## 726-Member Florida Church Reports 1500 Revival Decisions

**NICEVILLE, Fla.**—The First Baptist Church here, with 726 resident members, reported more than 1500 decisions during an eight-day revival sparked by the church's youth.

Of the 1500 persons making decisions, 461 were on "professions of faith in Jesus Christ," and most of these were teenagers with no prior church affiliation, according to the pastor Fred Steelman.

On the fourth night of the revival, led by Houston Evangelist Freddie Gage, services were moved from the 600-seat church auditorium to the 1000 capacity high school auditorium, and people were still turned away, Steelman said.

The pastor gave credit for the results to God at work among the church's teenagers.

The youth had numerous ways of sharing their witness with other teenagers, and a steering committee composed entirely of junior and senior high school students coordinated the revival. (BP)

## Rabbi Dismissed in Close Vote

**NEW YORK**—A Reform rabbi, whose long hair and bell-bottom pants offended some members of his synagogue, was dismissed by a 9-vote margin during an emotional congregational meeting here.

Rabbi Philip Schechter of Temple Shaaray Tefila, a 126-year-old synagogue, will not have his contract renewed at the end of June.

Trustees of the wealthy East Side temple, which started out on the West Side of Manhattan, had earlier rejected a renewal of the rabbi's contract. (RNS)

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## School of the Prophets

### A three-day Seminar on Church Dynamics

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1971

Dear Fellow Pastors:

So many of you have asked if you could come with your staff to our church and look at our program through which God has blessed us. From time to time you have come in increasing numbers. We always feel that we have not given you either the time or the attention you deserve.

Therefore, we are setting aside one week a year to devote to you and your colleagues. This year, because of the Nationwide Bible Conference in Dallas, we are setting aside only three days instead of a week, for our first annual SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS. We encourage you to come for the Bible Conference and then to stay for our three-day seminar.

Six of the twenty hours of study will be led by me, personally, outlining for you my study habits, sermon preparation, approach to staff-relationships, counseling techniques, soul-winning, sermon delivery, pastoral convictions, etc. The remaining fourteen sessions will be conducted by our staff.

A thick syllabus of printed materials outlining our church program in detail will be given to each person enrolling in the school, and only to those enrolling. Almost half of your tuition will apply towards the expense of this syllabus.

May God grant us the privilege of fellowship and study together in an enriching SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS. We will look for you.

*W. A. Criswell*

W. A. Criswell, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

## SCHEDULE

### ★ FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1971 ★

8:00- 9:00 a.m. Registration in Coleman Hall  
9:00- 9:45 a.m. Opening address in Auditorium — Dr. W. A. Criswell  
10:00-10:45 a.m. Class sessions\*  
11:00-11:45 a.m. Class sessions\*

#### COMPLIMENTARY LUNCHEON

2:00- 2:45 p.m. Class sessions\*  
3:00- 3:45 p.m. Class sessions\*  
4:00- 4:45 p.m. Class sessions\*

#### SUPPER BREAK

7:00- 7:45 p.m. Session in Auditorium  
"THE PREACHER AND HIS SERMON"  
(Part I) — Dr. W. A. Criswell  
8:00- 8:45 p.m. Class sessions\*

### ★ SATURDAY, MARCH 20 ★

9:00- 9:45 a.m. Session in Auditorium  
"THE PREACHER AND HIS SERMON"  
(Part II) — Dr. W. A. Criswell  
10:00-10:45 a.m. Class sessions\*  
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# Tennessee News Briefs

**Woodrow Wall**, for nine years minister of music and assistant to the pastor of First church, Knoxville, was ordained into the gospel ministry on Feb. 21 at First Baptist church, Newnan, Ga., prior to becoming pastor of First Baptist church, Greenville, Ga. **Mrs. Wall** is the former **Marie Magill** of Clinton.

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, observed Religious Emphasis Week Feb. 15-19. **John H. Boyle**, associate professor of psychology, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., was guest speaker.

**Miss Andrea Webster** has joined the staff of Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Seymour, as dean of girls. In addition to her duties as dean, **Miss Webster** will teach one of the new courses added to the curriculum this year. A native of Knoxville, she is a graduate of Cumberland college, Williamsburg, Ky. She served formerly as a summer worker at Arlington church, Knoxville, as youth director and as director of youth and graded choirs.



Webster

**Ernest Fite**, 94, a member of Prosperity church, Auburntown for the past 80 years, died recently. **Fite** served as a deacon for 47 years.

**Henry Johnston** is the first member of First church, St. Joseph, to surrender to the gospel ministry. Following two years' service in the United States Army, **Johnston** plans to enter college. **Ben F. Hamilton** is pastor at St. Joseph.

## Leadership Changes

Springfield church, Springfield, has called **John D. Adams** as pastor. **Adams** comes to Springfield from Hillcrest church, Dyersburg, where he has served as pastor for five years. A native of Trenton, he is a graduate of Union university, Jackson, and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. **Adams** is presently serving on the board of directors of Dyersburg Vocational Rehabilitation school and is a past president of the Dyersburg Ministerial association. **Mrs. Adams** is the former **Robbie Jean Cathey** of Trenton and they have two children, **Kimberly**, eight and **Tracey**, two and one-half years old.



Adams

Armona church, Chilhowee association, has redecorated the auditorium. **Fred A. Davis** came as pastor from First church, Philadelphia, recently.

**David W. Jones**, son of **Grant L. Jones**, pastor, First church, Sevierville, and **Mrs. Jones**, received the doctor of medicine degree at commencement exercises held at the University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, recently. **Dr. Jones** is a graduate of Belmont college, Nashville. While at Belmont he was a member of the Blue Key National Honor Society and was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, served as president of Phi Nu Sigma Social Club, Circle K and the Senior class, and as chairman of the Student Government Association's legislative council. **Mrs. Jones** is the former **Brenda McNeeley**, of Greenback.

## State Student Directors Elect Webb New President

**CHICAGO**—The State Baptist Student Directors Association, an organization of statewide workers with Baptist students, elected **Joe H. Webb**, state director of the department of student work for the Florida Baptist Convention, as the organization's new president.

**Webb** succeeds **Clyde Clayton**, state student director for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, as president of the organization.

Most of the meeting, held here at the Center for Continuing Education of the University of Chicago, was devoted to discussion of Baptist work with students and a sharing of common problems faced by the state student work directors.

Outside speakers brought addresses on conversational prayer, coffeehouse ministries, youth culture, crisis centers and their role in counseling and suicide prevention, and youth evangelism. (BP)

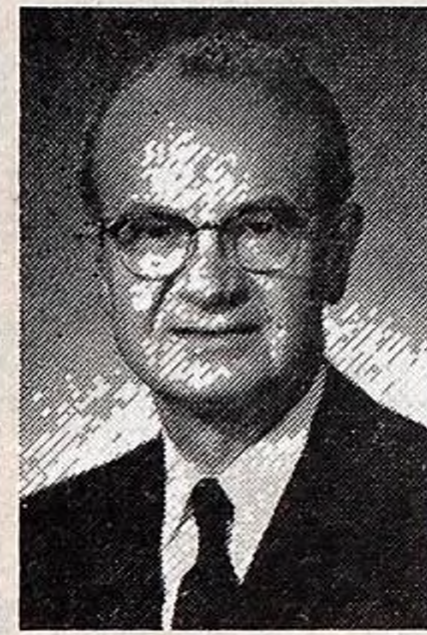
## Beech River Association Observes Centennial

A brief history of Beech River association has been prepared and is included in the 1970 minutes of the association, just off the press, according to **Kenneth Sparkman**, missionary.

The association began its centennial observance when it met last year with Union church, the organizational site of the association in 1870. The observance will conclude when messengers gather for the 1971 meeting of the association at Wildersville church which has just completed a building program.

## Heart Attack Fatal To W. A. Harrell

**NASHVILLE**—**William A. Harrell**, 67, longtime secretary of the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board died Feb. 26 at Baptist Hospital after apparently suffering a heart attack while attending a Downtown Kiwanis Club luncheon.



Harrell

**Harrell**, who joined the board in December, 1926, served as associate secretary for department young people's and adult Sunday school work until 1933. He was associate secretary of the Baptist Training Union department of the board from 1933 until 1940 when he assumed his position as head of the architecture department.

**Harrell**, who was honored last Dec. 11 with a retirement dinner at First Baptist church here, was scheduled to retire March 31.

Prior to coming to the board, **Harrell** was a field worker for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 28, at the First Baptist church, Nashville.

Survivors include his wife and a daughter, **Mrs. Susan Smart** of Austin, Tex. (BP)

## Rites Held for William Rufus Beckett

Services for **Rev. William Rufus Beckett**, 90, retired minister of Donelson, were held Friday afternoon at the Donelson First Baptist church. **Beckett** died Feb. 25 after a brief illness. He served churches in Tennessee and Mississippi. Churches he served in Nashville include Grace, Third, and Inglewood and New Hope at Hermitage.

Survivors include two daughters, **Mrs. Edward C. Startup** and **Mrs. John E. Burris**, both of Donelson; a son, **John Bernard Beckett**, Nashville.

## John William Howell Killed In Vietnam

Funeral services for **John William Howell**, 21, son of Pastor and **Mrs. Sam Howell**, First church, Pocahontas, were held Thursday, March 4, at Hebron church, Bolivar, with **Bertie Moore** and **Claudie Hammers** officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. **Howell** was killed in Vietnam while serving with the 101st Airborne Infantry. He was a member of Porter's Creek church, Hardeman County association, where he served formerly as Church Training director.

In addition to his parents, **Specialist Four Howell** is survived by two sisters, **Miss Janie Ruth Howell**, Bolivar, and **Mrs. Marilyn H. Marcum**, of Middleton, and **Mrs. John T. Sykes**, Bolivar, grandparent.



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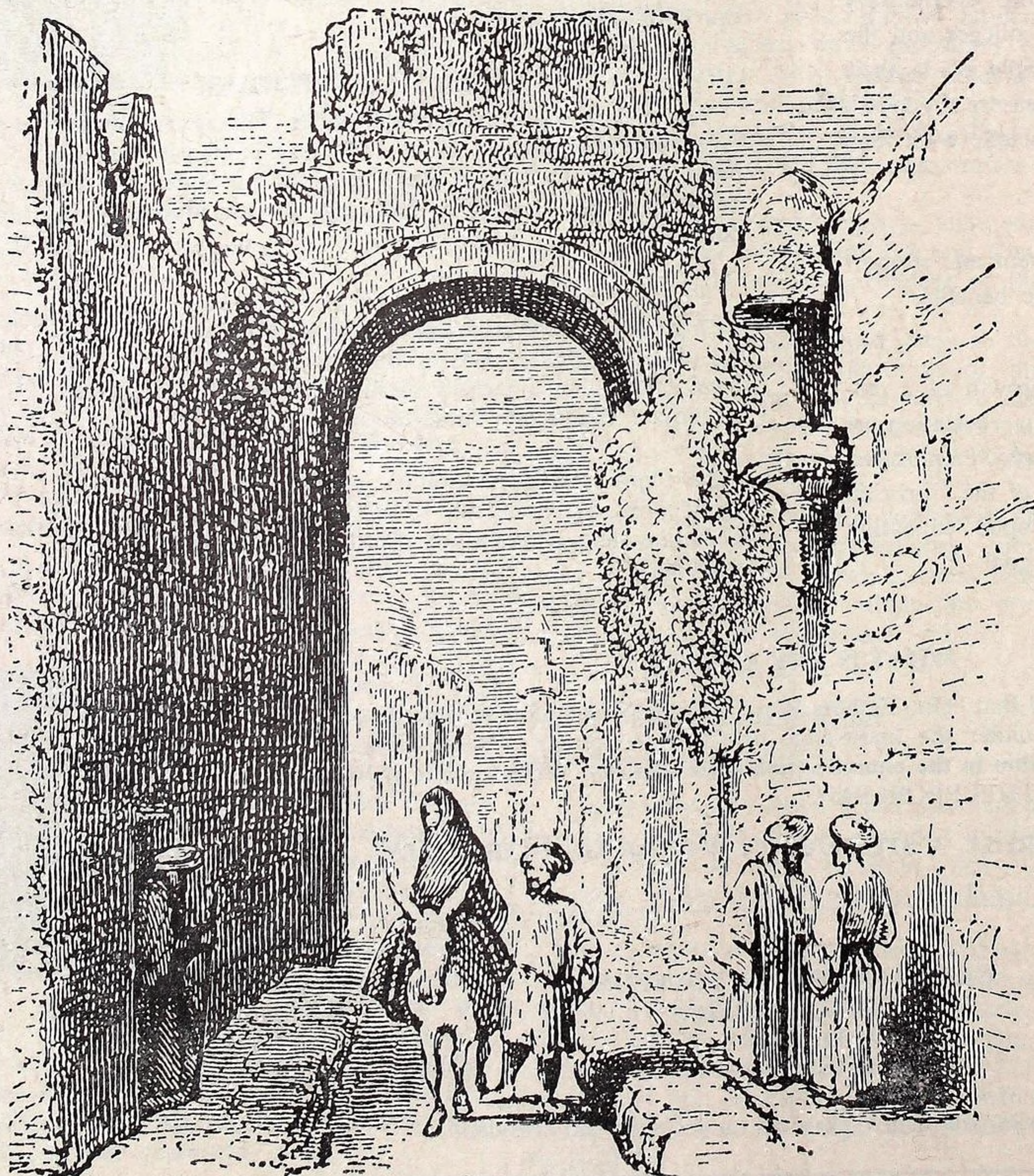
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### E. Y. Mullins Fellowship Dissolves—Lack of Interest

**RICHMOND**—The E. Y. Mullins Fellowship, an organization of liberals in the Southern Baptist Convention, is dead.

The organization, born during a period of doctrinal dissent in the SBC, was dissolved by its leaders due to lack of interest.

Thomas D. Austin, chairman of the continuing committee for the Mullins Fellowship announced the decision to discontinue the organization in a letter to "The Religious Herald," Baptist state paper in Virginia.

Austin, former pastor of Montrose Baptist Church in Richmond who recently became senior minister at First Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga., said that he sent to each of the 150 dues-paying members of the organization a letter in December saying he had decided to resign his leadership role, and suggesting that the organization be dissolved.

"If I do not hear from you contrary by the 15th of January, 1971," the letter to the membership said, "I will assume your concurrence with my recommendation and my last act as chairman of the continuing committee will be to carry through all the recommendations." (BP)

### Two-Child Family Advocated To Southern Presbyterians

**ATLANTA**—A proposal submitted to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) suggests that couples limit their families to two children.

The denomination's Task Force on World Hunger, which originated the recommendation, also asked that families desiring more than two children consider adoption. (RNS)

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## First Church, Martin Calls D. William Dodson, Jr.

Dr. D. William Dodson, Jr., has been called as pastor of First church, Martin. Dodson served formerly as pastor of Lamar Heights church, Memphis for a period of five years.



**Dodson**

A native of Knoxville, he received his education at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Luther Rice seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He has also served as pastor of

churches in Texas, Alabama, and Florida.

Dodson serves as a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the convention, and is the immediate past-president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Mrs. Dodson is the former Janelle Slaughter of Mobile, Ala., and they have four daughters.

## Mental Retardation Seminar Scheduled For March 11-12

A seminar for workers with the mentally retarded, sponsored by the Church Training department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Charles L. Norton, secretary, will be held March 11 and 12 at First church and Greene Valley hospital and school, Greeneville, respectively.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide basic information and guidance for beginning and continuing a meaningful religious education program for the mentally retarded.

Program personalities will include Dr. Kenneth Roark, Johnson City; Floyd Dennis, Mental Health department for Tennessee, Nashville; Dr. James Willett, superintendent, Greene Valley hospital and school; Raymond Langlois, pastor, First church, Greeneville; Mrs. Thelma Start, superintendent, Dawn of Hope school, Johnson City; Miss Beverly Dietzschold, Central church, Chattanooga; and Norton.



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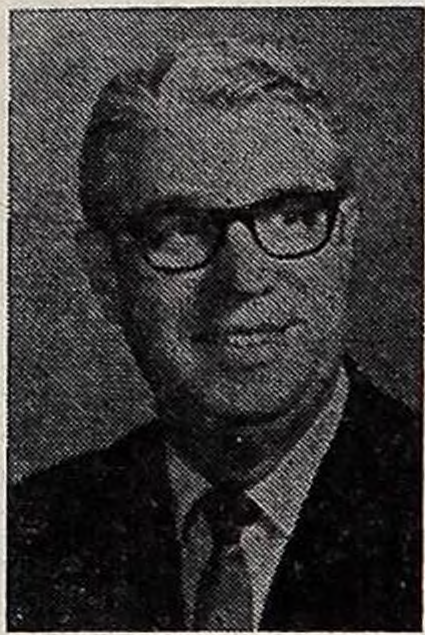


# Living By The Law Of Love

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

## Bible Study Passages: Luke 10:25-37

Our lesson this week centers around the Parable of the Good Samaritan, one of the best known and best loved of all of the parables of Jesus. Luke is the only Gospel writer who records the parable of the Good Samaritan. Its inclusion in his gospel is consistent with his compassionate nature and with his purpose to present Jesus as the Son of Man. A. T. Robertson, the great Greek scholar, said: "This parable of the Good Samaritan has built the world's hospitals



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and, if understood and practiced, will remove race prejudice, national hatred and war, class jealousy."

The central point in the lesson teaches us to live by the law of love. Let us consider carefully this lesson for its message is needed today.

### I Living by the Law of Love Means Loving God Supremely (Luke 10:25-29).

On more than one occasion the question of "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25) was asked of Jesus. This time a certain lawyer asked the question. The lawyer was an expert in Jewish law, one skilled in the interpretation of Jewish religious law. He was a man who was supposed to know the answers. He asked Jesus the question to put Jesus on trial, to tempt Him. He would like to defeat Jesus in debate; he would like to discredit Jesus and show his own superiority. Jesus answered the lawyer by asking the question, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" The lawyer thought Jesus would answer the question by prescribing some new rite or ceremony that would in some way disparage the Law. The lawyer evidently had in mind some one heroic act or deed. His concept of eternal life was in keeping with the Jewish teaching of salvation by works.

The lawyer answered Jesus' question right by saying, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27). The lawyer knew the Law (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18). Jesus said: "This do, and thou shalt live" (Luke 10:28). The tense of the verb indicates that the lawyer is to keep on loving God and his neighbor forever. Of course, no one ever did or ever can do what the law lays down toward God and man. A. T. Robertson said: "If he kept the law perfectly always, he would inherit eternal

life." A sinful nature keeps us, prevents us from keeping God's law. Hence, the law became our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24).

The law summarized by Jesus teaches man to love God with the totality of his powers. One who lives by the law of love must love God supremely.

### II Living by the Law of Love Means Loving One's Neighbor As One's Self (Luke 10:27b, 29).

The lawyer in asking the question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25) had convicted himself. He proceeded to ask another question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). This he did desiring to justify himself. He wanted to justify himself for asking a question to which he already had the answer, or to justify himself with respect to the command to love his neighbor.

The Jews split hairs over the neighbor question and excluded from "neighbor" all Gentiles, and especially Samaritans. The word neighbor means a "nigh-dweller." The Jews made racial exceptions as many do today. To the lawyer, a neighbor would be another Pharisee. According to rabbinical teaching, a neighbor to a Jew was a fellow Jew. Persons of other religions and races were not neighbors. Jesus, in the parable of the Good Samaritan, broadened the definition of a neighbor to include anyone who needs our help.

One who lives by the Law of God loves his neighbor as he loves himself. When one loves himself he meets his own needs.

### III Living by the Law of Love Means Breaking Down Man-Made Barriers (Luke 10:30-35).

In relating the Parable of the Good Samaritan He told of a man, possibly a Jew, who was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho, a distance of 17 miles, a descent of thirty-four hundred feet. The man fell among robbers who stripped him of all his clothing, his money, and beat him leaving him half dead. By way of chance, of coincidence, a priest came down the same road and came alongside the wounded man, looked at him, and then stepped over to the opposite side of the road to avoid ceremonial contamination with a stranger. A priest was a Jew, he represented the Jews, and he was a man whose profession and task in life should induce him to perform an act of mercy.

A Levite, who was a helper to the priests, an assistant in Temple services, came down the same road and acted as the priest had acted. He, too, passed by on the other side.

Then, a Samaritan, came down the road

## Bond Holders Must Share In Costs, Morton Rules

U.S. District Judge L. Clure Morton has ruled that church bond holders with bonds on deposit with Guaranty Bond must bear a proportionate share of the cost of the receivership under which Guaranty Bond and Securities Corp. in Nashville is now being operated.

Morton ordered counsel for receiver James C. Barbour to draw an order which would provide that interest on bonds owned by some 96 churches and 400 individuals would be held by the receiver to use in administering the estate.

Cost of operating the receivership was placed at \$10,000 per month plus the cost of Barbour's salary and audit costs.

The Nashville firm was placed in receivership in January.

Morton's ruling was issued Feb. 19, but he reserved a final ruling on a request by Barbour to use maturing coupons and maturing bonds to pay the cost of conserving the estate until opposing counsel was given opportunity to object.

and came to the wounded man and had compassion on him. He went to him, bound down his wounds, poured in oil and wine, lifted him up on his beast of burden, and took him to an inn. The word for inn is a different word from the one used in Luke 2:7 and probably implies a more substantial place of entertainment. The Samaritan took care of the injured man and the next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii, two pence, with the instruction to take care of him. When he came to the inn again he promised he would take care of any additional expense.

The Priest and the Levite couldn't be bothered because they were busy keeping ceremonial laws. The Samaritan, the most unlikely man as a hero (John 4:9), could be bothered because he was living by the law of love.

### IV Living by the Law of Love Means Neighborliness (Luke 10:36-37).

After telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus asked the lawyer: "Which, now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him who fell among the thieves?" (Luke 10:36). Unable to say, "the Samaritan," the lawyer said: "He that showed mercy on him" (Luke 10:37). Jesus said: "Go, and do thou likewise" (Luke 10:37). The emphasis is on the "thou."

The law of love is not limited by race, position, or creed. When a person recognizes his own duty to be neighborly, none are excluded from his help. Any person in need of our help, our compassion, our assistance is a neighbor and if we live by the law of love.

Conclusion: With whom do you identify? Do you identify with the Good Samaritan? Must we not first identify with the victim? Too often there is a great gulf between knowing and loving. The one who loves the Lord cares and ministers!



# The Man Who Died Twice

Basic Passages: John 11:37-46; 12:1-3, 10-11

Focal Passages: John 11:37-44; 12:1-3, 10-11

Lazarus and the other two whom Jesus brought back to life were not raised to immortal life as we will be in the great resurrection in the future at His second coming. They were restored to the life all of us possess here on earth. Therefore they died again.

Their earthly career was extended. Their very presence must have been a marvelous witness to Christ and His ministry. We know that this was true of Lazarus. He is the only one to whom

scriptures refer later.

There were different periods of time each had been dead when raised. The daughter of Jarius had just passed away. The son of the widow of Nain was being carried to the cemetery. Lazarus had been buried four days. The power of Christ was completely effective in each case.

In their restoration and in His own resurrection we see the divine mastery over death.

## CAVILING DOUBT

John 11:37

Mary and Martha were disappointed that Jesus did not come at once and prevent their brother's death. God's delays disappoint us and try our souls so often. Yet this delay provided an opportunity for a demonstration of the greater power and glory of God.

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## JESUS TRIUMPHS OVER DOUBT AND DEATH—John 11:38-44

Jesus was deeply moved as He came to the scene of the grave of his beloved friend and observed the consequences—severe grief over the loss to those who cared so much.

He had human hands to do all they could. They could remove the stone from the cave and the grave clothes that bound him. However, only Jesus the Lord could speak life into his limp, decomposing body.

## LOVELY EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

John 12:1-3

Lazarus was back in the happy family circle again. Jesus delighted them with a visit six days before the passover. They gave a banquet in Christ's honor by way of heartfelt appreciation for the restoration of the broken circle.

We see Martha in her accustomed place of serving. Lazarus was host at the table. Mary bestows an unusually sacrificial gift upon the Master by opening a pound of spikenard and anointing the feet of Jesus. Then she wiped His feet with the hair of her head. The exquisite fragrance filled the room.

## ENEMIES WORRIED ABOUT PRESENCE OF LAZARUS—John 12:10-11

The presence of Lazarus who had been raised by Jesus from the dead was causing many Jews to believe. It was an irrefutable testimony that was having telling effect.

The cynical unbelieving critics were greatly embarrassed and perturbed. They wanted to find some way to get rid of Lazarus. Instead of being happy and praising God for such a glorious fact, they were bitter and pernicious in their spirit. They could not explain away the miracle so they plotted to destroy the living evidence.

Some people are so depraved and so intransigent that they will not accept any amount of evidence for something they want to reject. Deep seated prejudice and preconceived ideas cause some people to cast eternal life from them.

Some people are unreachable and unresponsive to the last degree. No form of argument or convincing data will budge them. They have closed their eyes, stopped their ears, seared their consciences and steeled their hearts.

## Foundation

## John D. Freeman Trust

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

As a young preacher there was a name that inspired and awed me. It was the name of John D. Freeman, at that time executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He had earlier served as editor of the **Baptist And Reflector**. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation was begun under his leadership.

In recent years I have come to know Dr. Freeman as a personal friend. The longer I know him the more convinced am I that my youthful admiration was not misplaced. Observation has revealed him to be a preacher of the Word, a leader of men, a denominational statesman, an educator, a winner of souls and—above all—a Christian gentleman.

It is only fitting that Sunday, Feb. 28, 1971, was designated "John D. Freeman Day" by the Belmont Heights Baptist Church. This is the church where the 87 year old Senior Minister has made an average of approximately 5000 visits each year for the past 11 years. On this day the church promoted gifts to the scholarship fund commemorating his long years of service to our Lord. Friends from across the state were invited to send contributions to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation to become a part of the irrevocable trust to remain until Jesus comes. The income will be used for financial aid to ministerial students attending Belmont College.

This seems to be an appropriate way for the ministry of pastors and other great Christian leaders to be perpetuated. Already funds of this nature are being considered by others for the benefit of our schools, children's homes, **Baptist And Reflector**, Cooperative Program, and Southern Baptist Convention causes. For more information write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, phone 615-833-4220.

## Up, Up And Away!

**SALISBURY, Rhodesia** — An aircraft, built by a Roman Catholic priest in nearby Mount Hampden, took to the air for the first time in a successful test flight here.

Flown for 20 minutes by Barry Rodney, a professional test pilot for the Rhodesian civil aviation agency who detailed minor modifications, the aircraft now has initial authorization to fly.

Its builder, Father Brendan Conway, spent 1500 hours of work on the aircraft. A French-designed Jodel low-winged monoplane, it is built of wood and fabric and can cruise at about 120 miles per hour. It is fully-instrumented. (RNS)



# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

I have just returned from the annual meeting of the state executive secretaries. This year we were guests of Dr. Harold



Kendall

Bennett, executive secretary of Florida State Convention and the meeting was held at Sarasota. The editors of the state Baptist papers also met at the same time. We have one joint meeting on Monday evening at which time there is a banquet and all of the wives are present also. These annual meetings

of the executive secretaries and the editors have been held for many years.

They are very valuable meetings. They provide a wonderful fellowship and they also afford an opportunity to study the problems and the opportunities of work within the state conventions. The editors study the problems of communicating the news and of serving the people as the news media and as the means of keeping them informed about the spiritual needs as well as the progress of the work of the churches and the denomination.

The work of the state conventions has become very much larger through the years. The complexity of the social order in which we work has increased the problems and made it more difficult to establish priorities. Work must be evaluated. Institutions must be kept abreast of the times and also work to maintain their spiritual ministries. State mission programs have been enlarged. More social ministries will have to be initiated as time goes on.

The financial needs are also becoming a very serious matter in every state convention. Everywhere inflation has reduced the buying power of the dollar. Even though giving has kept increasing, the buying power of the dollar has been reduced steadily. This was a serious concern on the part of all executives. Strict administration of budgets has been true for many years but there has had to be a tightening up of many areas of work and the reducing of that which has lowest priority.

Administrative responsibilities have become very great and the load the executive secretaries bear is a big one. They

On Matters of

## Family Living

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### 'Buddy' Parent Doesn't Provide Adult Image

Appearances to the contrary, children still look to parents for a model of what a responsible adult should be, according to a specialist in children's emotional problems. If a parent doesn't provide this adult image, the child is deprived of a goal, said Dr. Albert A. Lorenz, director of the Lorenz Institute, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Children try to reach their parents as dependable adults; their needs aren't met when the parents respond as if they were fellow teenagers. A "buddy" parent is no substitute for a parent who provides guidance, discipline and a model to follow, he stressed.

Even when things go wrong and a child needs the help of a psychologist, psychiatrist or counselor, it doesn't comfort him to be told that everything is the parents' fault, noted Lorenz. "No child wants to hear that his parents are guilty. If the parents are made out to be no good, then the child is apt to see himself as no good."

In his experience, most parents are not to blame when children develop emotional problems. The parents usually care very much about the child, he has found, "and come in with great guilt even though they have tried very hard."

share ideas and compare the work in their states. They compare methods and share ideas for solving problems and meeting needs. Four executive secretaries have resigned this year and one is retiring. During the last few years there has been a great number of changes in the state leadership. This reflects the stress and strain of the work and the complexity of the times.

Reports are encouraging for 1971. There are many reports of great revivals which are breaking out over the country. Many feel that we may be on the verge of a great spiritual awakening and real revival. You will be reading about the great revival of First Baptist in Houston and the one at Niceville, Fla. Revival will come when the people get tired of the awful sinfulness of our time and follow the instructions of II Chron. 7:14. God will still keep His promises and He is no respecter of persons nor generations. He has brought great revivals in the past and He will do it again when his people meet the conditions.

The executive secretaries and editors were optimistic as to the outlook and the

## Historically:

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Baptist hospital, Memphis, admitted 7858 patients the year before, 1248 of these treated free of charge, according to statistics. These charity patients cost the hospital \$36,688.

First church, Jackson, S. E. Tull, pastor, liquidated a mortgage debt of \$11,500.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

At the annual meeting of Southern Baptist editors meeting in Tampa, Fla., Porter Routh, of Nashville, reported that the **Baptist And Reflector** had received a boost of 1500 additions to its circulation with the inclusion of the paper in the budget of First church, Nashville.

Statistics released for 1950 revealed that membership in the 27,788 churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention passed the 7,000,000 mark for a total of 7,079,889, which represented a gain of 318,624 during the year. Sunday School enrolment reached an all-time high of 5,024,553, Training Union enrolment reached 1,441,195, Woman's Missionary Union organizations had 1,033,479 enrolled, and Brotherhood enrolment reached 167,744.

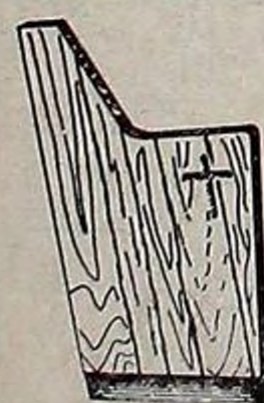
#### 10 YEARS AGO

The newest of the Baptist Book stores owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was dedicated in February in Nashville.

Approximately 1,000,000 words were transmitted over the teletype service of the Southern Baptist Convention during its first year of operation. The new service served 31 Southern Baptist offices in 16 cities.

Total circulation of the 28 State Baptist papers in the Southern Baptist Convention totaled 1,465,471.

fellowship was a most helpful one. It was a great week and left us with a feeling of new courage and inspiration as we face the year ahead and come back to face the tasks in our respective states. The road ahead is a challenge to put forth our very best for our Lord with the knowledge that He will be with us and the harvest is His. Let us keep praying that this may be the year of real spiritual revival across our land.



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## CHALLENGE TO LAYMEN

By James B. Nugent

What will challenge Baptist men?

None can deny the great potential that lies with Baptist men for the cause of Jesus Christ. It is simply unlimited!

All too long this great potential has been lying dormant. We have read and seen many new ways and "methods" tried, but all without very much success in arousing this great sleeping giant.



Nugent

What will challenge Baptist men? As a Baptist layman, and one who has engaged in Baptist Men's work for a number of years, I have observed men can only be challenged by what interests them most. So, let us search ourselves, both individually and

collectively, by asking: Where does our main interest lie? What interest challenges us most? Is it business, stock market, politics, sports, our homes and all of our possessions? Yes, these are all real challenges—and certainly worthy pursuits—but compete for our time and energies; yet, in no event should any of these take precedence over what our main interest should be. God help us all to realize these are all man-made challenges, and the results of these challenges can soon fade away. There is nothing permanent or lasting about any of them.

### Failed To Command Interest

We have failed, I think, in commanding the first interest of our Baptist Men. Why? Because we have offered too many man-made "methods." These "methods" simply have not offered a real challenge. In fact, I believe we have now reached the place where we cannot challenge Baptist Men in these ways. We, as Christians, can only be challenged by Jesus Christ our Saviour, Himself.

Listen to the challenge He offers, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." (John 12:32) He is challenging Baptist Men today to lift Him up for all the world to see. He first offered this challenge to a handful of His men—and, what happened? They turned the world upside down!

Recently at the Tennessee Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Dr. W. A. Criswell spoke of the pastor and his men as the "unbeatable team." It has been inferred for a long time that the pastor does not want the help of the layman. I cannot subscribe entirely to this observation. It would seem that the average pastor is so loaded down with his task that he certainly would welcome the help and partnership of his men in forming an "unbeatable team" for Christ.

Let's draw a parallel. Jesus Christ and his men—though few in number—were a

## Tornados Damage Four SBC Churches In Mississippi

**JACKSON, Miss.**—A series of tornados, described as the worst to hit Mississippi in three decades, destroyed or seriously damaged at least four Southern Baptist churches in the Delta area of the state.

Damage and destruction was cited at First Baptist church, Inverness; Delta City Baptist church, Delta City; Central Baptist church, Little Yazoo; and Tillatoba Baptist church, Tillatoba, Miss.

Pastors' homes at each of these churches were also destroyed or damaged, according to reports received by the "Baptist Record," Baptist state paper here.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Executive Secretary W. Douglas Hudgins and W. R. Roberts, the convention's pension board representative, spent two days in the area checking the extent of the damage. (BP)

team, unbeatable. I believe if every pastor and his men accept the challenge Jesus Christ offers them, too, can also turn the world upside down. May I add also that Jesus promised the presence of the Holy Spirit with us. God help all of us to join this unbeatable team.

### Waiting For Lights Of Love

Jesus also challenges us to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

I am reminded of a story I read recently about a church in Switzerland far up on the mountainside, and in it there were no lights or lamps. When the time came for the evening service, one could see the villagers coming from their homes, each bearing his own light. At first there was only a glimmer in the darkness; but, when they had all arrived for the service, the little church would be aglow with the combined light of many candles and lamps. Many of us may have only a small light; perhaps, others have larger lights. But the world has no light at all, except as we bring all our lights together. The world is waiting for the Christian lights of human love, friendliness, cheer, kindness, courage, faith, hope and prayer that should be exemplified in the individual life of every Christian. Are we bringing our light to help brighten a dark world?

What greater challenge is there than the challenge Jesus our Saviour gives to the Baptist pastor and his Baptist Men throughout our Convention? If our pastors and their men will not accept a challenge our Saviour offers, then I do not believe Baptist Men can be challenged!

What do you think?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Nugent is president of Tennessee Baptist Men, and also executive vice-president of Exchange Mutual Insurance Company, Nashville.)



Dr. and Mrs. John D. Freeman were honored Feb. 28 with John D. Freeman Day at Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville. Freeman, senior minister at Belmont Heights church, is a former editor of **The Baptist And Reflector** and a former executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

### ABC January Income Highest In 10 Years

**VALLEY FORGE, Pa.**—"The income received for the American Baptist Mission Budget (ABMB) in January 1971 was the largest amount received in any January for the past ten years," says Ralph R. Rott, executive director, Division of World Mission Support. Receipts were \$1,080,475 as compared with \$1,015,411 for ABMB giving in January 1970, or an increase of 6.4 per cent. (ABNS)

### SALVATION ARMY NAMES NEW U.S. COMMANDER

**NEW YORK**—Commissioner Edward Carey has been appointed National Commander of The Salvation Army in the U.S. by General Erik Wickberg, international commander who maintains his headquarters in England.

Commissioner Carey succeeds Commissioner Samuel Hepburn who will retire in April. (RNS)



James M. Gregg, left, executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., and L. W. Hart, crusade director, study charts of giving by churches in the \$675,000 Homes for Homeless Children Crusade now under way in Baptist churches in Middle Tennessee.