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Guided By The Holy Spirit

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost [Spirit] to preach the word in Asia"—Acts 16:6.

On his second missionary journey Paul wanted to go to Ephesus, the principal city of the Roman province of Asia. But he was restrained from doing so at this time by the Holy Spirit. Later he did go to Ephesus (Acts 18:19). The words "were forbidden" translate an aorist passive participle, "having been forbidden." This shows that they were not forbidden after going through Phrygia and Galatia. Rather this forbidding resulted in their travel through this general area. If one traces on a map the route described in Acts 16:6-8 he sees that when Paul tried to go either to Ephesus or into Bythynia he was forbidden to do either. Rather he was guided toward Troas, just across an arm of the Aegean Sea from Europe.

How the Holy Spirit did this is not stated. It may have been through outward circumstances or inward impressions. But however it was done, Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised such guidance. The Holy Spirit still guides the individual soulwinner, a church, denomination, and/or mission board.

The purpose of this guidance was to send Paul to Europe. Had he not done so who can say that Christianity might have re-

mained an Asian movement. Already the gospel had been planted in Asia. It must be planted in Europe also. Otherwise Asian nations today might be sending Christian missionaries to Europe and the Americas. Which adds to our responsibility to evangelize Asia and the rest of the world.

The gospel is not to be confined to any one part of the earth. Christians are to make disciples of all nations. And when the Lord's people accept the challenge, they can expect to be guided and empowered by the same Holy Spirit who sent Paul and his company to Europe.

Joe Ann Shelton Resigns Commission For Concerts

FORT WORTH—Miss Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, has resigned her position to devote more time to personal concert appearances.

Her associate at the commission, Miss Loeen Bushman, also has resigned in order to travel with Miss Shelton as her accompanist.

A widely known religious soloist, Miss Shelton has been featured on numerous radio and television programs produced by the commission, and has been director of the Baptist Hour choir. She has recorded several religious music albums. (BP)



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The long-time mountaineer preacher, full of years and wisdom, said to his congregation: "Smile! Christians don't have to go around with long faces. I've seen Missouri mules with long faces and they don't have a speck of religion."

Most preachers have stood before their congregations, looked into the gloomy faces of supposedly victorious Christians and wanted to ask the question: "Does it really hurt that much?"

In this day and time, if one sees faith and gladness in very many faces, one has to read between the "frown lines."

But remember this: it is not the work of life, but the worry of life which robs us of strength and removes the happiness from our days.

Here is a good motto which will equip you for the living of every day: "Smile—God Loves You."

After all, Jesus came not that our joy might be dull, but that our joy might be full.

DEVOTIONAL

Prayer Is A "Pry Pole"

By William F. Malone, Layman
Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14:14

Friday's morning mail brought my Nashville office an unexpected check. Immediately an impelling idea urged that I send some money to a small Methodist Mission in Memphis.



Malone

Three years had passed since Christian layman Bob Bonar, its unpaid pastor, had invited me to sing at their Sunday morning service. Time had so erased my memory that I had

to phone Bob in Memphis to learn its name.

Telling him what I wanted and receiving no reply I asked repeatedly "Bob, are you alright?" Finally he responded, "Pardon me, wait a moment." As his composure returned, he told that the bitterly cold winter reduced income and raised utility costs so they could not pay their bills. Gas and electricity would be cut off.

Wednesday night they sought for three hours to dislodge themselves from this position. In trying to plan their way out of their problems they found only frustration. Desperate, they returned Thursday night at seven and prayed earnestly for God's intervention until midnight.

Advising Bob that my check would be only \$100 and would fall short of their total needs, I told him I would send it to his home air mail.

Jim Tippins, a Presbyterian friend, came in for the first time in a year as I was writing the check. He decided to send them \$15.00. Placing both checks in an envelope I rushed to mail them. En route I met Bob Simpson, an Episcopalian friend, whom I had not seen in over a year. He asked my "hurry" and learning my mission added \$10.00 to the collection.

God had answered Thursday night's prayers of these Memphis Methodists early the next day by using a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and an Episcopalian.

It is blessed to be used of God.

(Mr. Malone is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.)

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Bates Urges Baptists: Accept Responsibilities Of Trustees

NASHVILLE — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention issued a challenge here for Baptists to stop engaging "in sharp and loveless controversies" and to accept their responsibilities as God's trustees and witnesses in the world.

Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, N.C., and president of the 11.6 million-member convention, made the plea during a Cooperative Program rally sponsored by the denomination's Stewardship Commission.

"Many feel that the Southern Baptist Convention has begun to engage in sharp and loveless controversies which could conceivably distract us from the main task of of the people of God," Bates told more than 260 Baptist leaders attending the rally.

He cited trends in church history, observing that when this occurred, the churches became unconcerned about the world, and the "little deposit of religiosity left, soured and putrefied the lives of the membership and the total movement became a grief to God."

Southern Baptists, he stated, must find their way "into a fresh understanding of the 'trustee-witness' concept of the scriptures."

Asked later to explain what he meant by the term "trustee-witness," Bates replied that every Christian has been entrusted by God with the management of certain affairs for God, and is thus both a "trustee" and a "witness."

He added that the word "trustee" implies some of the same responsibility as the word "steward" or "stewardship," but that he felt a fresh concept needed to emerge with excitement and creativity concerning the "trusteeship" (or stewardship) of responsibility Christians have.

In his address, Bates said that this concept is largely neglected, and that Baptists have not been taught what it really means to be a "trustee-witness."

While Baptists have emphasized the responsibility of tithing (giving one tenth to the church), they have often neglected to teach that "not just a tithe is holy unto the Lord, but all of life's wealth is a trust," Bates said.

"Our willingness to compromise for a portion in giving has carried over into our missions philosophy," he added. "We have tried to conduct missions by proxy.

"I do not believe we shall long survive when the total task of the church is done by a few," the SBC president declared.

He expressed doubt that anyone present really believes "that he can

give his proxy to witness to our mission boards and their missionaries."

"Why, then," he questioned, "do we hope to succeed by proxy promotion in stewardship (trusteeship)?"

Saying it was not just the business of the denomination's Stewardship Commission to promote the Cooperative Program, the SBC unified budget plan, Bates stated: "It is the first business and the main business of every agency of this convention to help push and personalize the Cooperative Program.

"Unless the Baptist Press finds a way to do this, it is guilty of 'sitting on' the grandest story it could print week by week," Bates added.

"If the mission boards, seminaries, agencies and commissions do not pitch in and help, it seems to me that this would be the equivalent of 'biting the hand that feeds you,' or at least never clasping it in thanks," he said.

Bates told the 260 denominational leaders, including leaders for state conventions, all SBC agencies and members of the SBC Executive Committee, that "the influence of those gathered in this place today, if properly exerted, could not only change the spirit of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . we could change the world." (BP)

PR Director Employed At Belmont College

Phillip R. Pitt, of Pulaski, has been named director of the Office of Public Relations at Belmont college, according to Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, president.



Pitt

Pitt, a native of Memphis, will assume his full-time duties June 1, following a period of orientation in the various areas of the work of the college, including public relations.

He is now part-time instructor of history at Martin Junior college.

He is a graduate of Union university, and holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary. While a seminary student he served as pastor of various churches in Kentucky and Tennessee, and more recently at Highland Baptist church, Pulaski, for the past two years. He was president of the Giles County Ministerial Association for 1970-71.

Pitt is married to the former Peggy Varden. They have one child, Patrick, age nine months.

Union Trustees Approve \$2 Million Budget For 71-72

A two million dollar budget for the 1971-72 operation of Union University has been approved by the university's Board of Trustees.

Funds amounting to \$2,010,377 were allocated for the operational budget and almost \$222,000 for capital development.

Union President Robert E. Craig said that instructional expenses will consume \$616,435 of the operational budget, not including scholarship monies. Scholastic aid is set at \$170,000 and this amount plus the funds of the Student National Defense Loan will total about one-half million dollars in student aid.

In discussing the tight financial situation in higher education, Dr. Craig told the trustees that all colleges, public and private, are being forced to re-examine their entire program and to try to hold down soaring costs by a combination of increased efficiency and a careful watching of all expenditures. Many colleges have budgeted smaller-than-normal increases in spending for next year. Union's budget represents only a slight increase over last year and President Craig said, "This budget represents a good, stable, fiscal basis for Union university, and we should have a balanced budget next year."

Tuition increase for Union for the 1971-72 academic year is set at 4 per cent.

According to a tuition break-down in the January 11 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education," private and public colleges have a projected average tuition increase of 9 per cent.

Union totaled more than one million dollars in gift income during 1970, receiving \$1,056,220 from its several sources of support. University officials plan a major fund raising drive starting possibly in the spring of 1972. The firm of Ketchum, Inc. will direct the campaign for the development of a new campus Union plans for its properties northwest of the present downtown site.

World Council Grants Attacked By Archbishop of Canterbury

LONDON—The Archbishop of Canterbury launched a new and strong attack on the World Council of Churches' grants to anti-racism organizations when he addressed the Spring Session of the Church of England (Anglican) Synod.

Dr. William Ramsey was critical of WCC grants to African liberation movements, some of which have been charged with violence in their activities.

Ramsey recalled that the WCC itself attached importance to the grants as a "symbolic" gesture, but he added: "When symbolic acts of moral judgment are made in the name of a large section of worldwide Christendom, it is unfortunate if the symbolic acts give a one-sided impression." (RNS)

A Man Of Good Report

He's my executive secretary-treasurer, just as he is your executive treasurer, if you are a member of a church in fellowship with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I don't imagine he sleeps too well every night. If I were in his shoes, I wouldn't either. I imagine a few gray hairs are added to his head daily. Again, if I were in his shoes, the same would happen to me.

Let me tell you something about the office and the man which few Baptists know. The office of executive secretary-treasurer is one which becomes an almost impossible burden; yet one which must be borne by one man whom the Lord chooses, and the brethren elect. We have, as Baptists, grown to the extent that this top administrative leader is one upon whose shoulders far more burdens are borne than the average Baptist comprehends.

First of all, we look to this man to be a spiritual leader; one who has the larger interests of the Kingdom of God at heart, and one committed to the advancement of the Kingdom through our channels of organizational ministries. Neither pope nor bishop, none-the-less, he very much is a spiritual leader. And from him comes spiritual direction and spiritual emphasis which is the basis for sustained growth and continued strength. Thank God for the fact that W. Fred Kendall is a Christian gentleman, a spiritual man. This fact alone makes him stand tall!

Added to his position as a spiritual leader, is the fact that the burden of administration of a business—if you please—which handles in excess of seven millions of dollars each year rests upon his shoulders. For, in addition to being executive secretary, the man who occupies this position, must serve also as treasurer. And, structured as Baptists are, this is a necessity. One cannot, and we must not, conceive of a divided responsibility at this point. To the man responsible for administrative affairs must go responsibility for handling financial affairs allied to administration. So, we wind up with a man who serves as chief administrative as well as chief fiscal officer—and again, they must go together lest there be an impossible divided leadership.

Let us then look at a few added responsibilities which this entails. He has to be a conciliator—using as a “weapon” the powers of Christian persuasion and reason only, for among Christians, there is and can be no other “prize pole” than that of reason in a spirit of common destiny with a goal of united progress. Upon his shoulders rests responsibility for long-range planning for programs and activities calculated to advance the cause of Christ in Tennessee. This is a part of the function assigned to him by the convention and the convention's Executive Board.

Again, he must not only lead a staff in the direction which would produce progress, he must engender confidence and a spirit of cooperation without which such

progress would be impossible. A leader challenges, and then under the power of the Holy Spirit hopes and prays that the challenge will be accepted and executed by those in staff responsibilities. He must supervise directly, and through staff members, activities of some 150 persons within the state. And, be prepared at any time to explain, or on occasion defend, actions which he really didn't instigate in the first place.

All in all, it takes a Christian gentleman, able, dedicated, committed, and under the constant direction of the Holy Spirit to fill these very large shoes which must be worn by an executive secretary-treasurer in a state convention organization. He deserves and must have our constant prayers and support. To him we look for leadership. For him we must pray. From him we expect his best—which he gives. To him, we must offer our constant support. These are some things Tennessee Baptists need to remember.

— James A. Lester

The Layman Is Looking

The layman is looking today for a challenge which many, apparently, are not finding. He is looking for a challenge in terms of direct, active service to the cause of Christ. Laymen in Tennessee Baptist churches are expecting a challenge in their church, and through their church which will create opportunities for growth, for witness, and for active work. We must find a way to provide an increased challenge and an increased opportunity for service.

Our laymen are not of a mind nor of a disposition, we believe, to “take over and run the churches.” As a friend put it recently concerning attitudes of students on college campuses: “The kids are saying that this is a year of no issues.” We had discussed the matter of pollution. He said concern on pollution has peaked on many campuses. No other issues were of great concern. We wonder if this trend of thought could exist in Baptist churches also. Could it be that for many people, pastors and laymen, this is developing into a year of no issues; thus no challenge? If this be true then this is a sad day for us.

The challenges are as evident as ever before. The need for witnessing is evident. Our complacency, our creature comforts, our personal status all have contributed to create, perhaps, a vacuum in which there seemingly is no real challenge. Seemingly is an illusion; challenge is real. We must communicate more effectively to our laymen the challenge inherent in Christian service and demanded by Christian service. This must not be a year of vacuum. It must be a year of positive leadership and positive fellowship.

Baptist Seminar Struggles With Reordering Priorities

by Jim Newton

NEW YORK—More than 400 Southern Baptists struggled with reordering national priorities in the light of Christian ethics and values during a conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission here.

After three days of speeches and dialogue with government and national leaders, students and theologians, the seminar ended on the note with which it started—an emphasis on the need for a spiritual base and a Christian commitment.

Purpose of the seminar on "National Priorities and Christian Responsibilities," according to SBC Christian Life Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine, was to examine the priorities of the nation in the light of what Christians feel the priorities ought to be.

Pressing For Action

Although several of the speakers proposed possible solutions, no resolutions or specific actions were taken by the seminar participants.

"We hope now for action—some dramatic acts of concerned students, pastors and laymen," Valentine said in a closing evaluation. "But they may be small, undramatic acts growing out of simple courage, hope, conviction and love."

Throughout the seminar about 40 students among the 418 delegates had been vocal in discussion periods pressing for actions, not words.

Opening and closing on similar themes, Evangelist Leighton Ford of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association told the seminar that as Christians their first priority must be evangelism, "provided it is evangelism of the right kind."

Such evangelism must not be "narrow, parochial, shallow, unrelated to the great ethical, cultural and social realities of our day," but rather must tie "the Christian way of salvation together with the Christian way of life," Ford said.

Priorities Upside Down

In the keynote address, former White House Press Secretary, Bill Moyers said the nation's priorities were "up sidedown" when the country spends \$200 billion on military security—25 times what it spends on social-economic development.

Moyers charge that "the system in America gives preferential treatment to the rich and influential, and tends to oppress the poor and needy. America's priorities are dominated by special interest, private greed and political myopia, Moyers added.

"Through it all the church has been in bed with the culture," Moyers contended, and "has failed to comfort the

afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

Three government officials of the Republican Party gave differing, sometimes conflicting, views on the priorities of the nation's government.

New York Mayor John Lindsay said that "Washington has chosen profits over people," and has provided more money in Indo-China and defense spending than it has to help solve poverty, hunger, housing and the needs of distressed people in America.

Different Views Expressed

Housing and Urban Development Department Secretary George Romney and United Nations Ambassador George Bush gave differing views.

Bush said that for the first time in a long time, the nation is "spending more on human resources than on defense." He did not give specific figures.

Romney said that President Nixon's priorities were peace, curbing inflation, and returning power to the people. Both Bush and Romney went into detail about their particular government agency assignment in helping solve the nation's problems.

Discussion from the floor registered sharp disagreement at some points, especially following Romney's speech and following an address by the president-elect of the American Bar Association, Leon Jaworski of Houston.

Jaworski expressed strong opposition to non-violent civil disobedience saying it eroded confidence in "the rule of Law" and the courts. He said he saw no justification for breaking the law and added those who do so saying the laws are immoral and in effect, speaking to impose their own views on the rest of society.

Racist To The Core

Attorney Ross Shearer of Arlington, Va., and his wife, plus several students challenged Jaworski saying that slavery and segregation were once maintained by law until the process was broken through civil disobedience.

The pastor of the black Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, Gardner Taylor, traced the influence of slavery in America, saying that society was "racist to the core and wedded to the idolatry of color."

John Gaventa, 21-year-old Vanderbilt University student, Nashville, said in another speech that students today are solely against war, racism, unresponsiveness of institutions, poverty, etc., and many had given up in despair over the apparent low priority these issues have in the nation.

"If there is anything to be told us by

the malaise of the campus, the overuse of drugs, or to search for escape through drifting or inauthentic experimentation with life styles, it is that the challenge we face is how to find and enhance human meaning—that spark that makes existence worthwhile," Gaventa said.

"We Will All Perish"

Eric Rust, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, said that by the year 2000, "we will all perish if we don't do something about the pollution of our ecology."

To deal with the problem, Rust urged more Christians to enter politics, advocated churches and individual cleaning up local pollution problems, urged churches to bring pressure to bear on government forces, and individual Christians to join conservation groups.

William M. Dyal, a Peace Corps official, and former staff member of the Christian Life Commission, warned the seminar of the danger "of thinking because we have heard something or said something about an issue, we have also done something about it."

Walker Knight, editor of "Home Mission" Magazine, Atlanta, cautioned against a naive view of power and authority whereby Christians spend their lives seeking enough acceptance to gain authority and once obtaining authority, never using it for fear of losing acceptance.

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, called for community involvement and political action on moral issues.

In the closing address, Cothen, stated that reordering the nation's priorities is not the total answer for the country needs ethical and spiritual answers that grapple with the nature of man and his greed.

Cothen closed the seminar by urging Christians to accept personal priorities as individuals. "Other remedies may ease the pain and leave the scandal untouched." (BP)

Church Gift Notes

In the Convention Treasurer's report printed page 15, Feb. 25 issue of **Baptist And Reflector**, a printer's error caused designated gifts by Parks City church, to read \$84.35. The correct amount should be \$684.35.

ABOUT THE COVER. This aerial photograph shows the campus of the middle Tennessee branch of our Children's Home as it has stood, largely unchanged for years. Plans call for a complete rebuilding of the campus, with construction of two cottages already under way.

WHAT'S IN AN OVERDRAFT?

By Jesse C. Fletcher

What's in an overdraft? Whether incurred by an individual or by an institution, it usually represents lack of foresight, lack of budgetary discipline, or the advent of circumstances impossible to foresee.

In the case of the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, an \$11,000 overdraft for 1970 was definitely attributed to circumstances impossible to foresee, and therein lies a tale.

Who could have foreseen the course of the internal military strife between Jordanian soldiers and Palestinian guerrillas during 1970? When budgets were planned and fees projected, it was assumed that a certain minimum fee would be charged for medical services. But in the heat of battle, when soldiers from both sides of the issue are being brought in sick and wounded, it is very hard to secure even minimum fees.

On the other hand it would be impossible to buy that kind of opportunity to witness to the love of Jesus Christ. In the midst of building an operating deficit the hospital was also building an image of an institution representing the reconciling work of God in Jesus Christ.

For days, even weeks, the sick could not reach the hospital, reports Mrs. Alta Lee Lovegren, wife of physician L. August Lovegren. The normal patient load, which brought in some income, markedly decreased. Dismissed patients who ordinarily would leave the hospital had to be cared for at hospital expense because roads were not safe for travel.

Who could have foreseen that? Or that some people would get an exposure to the gospel of Jesus Christ that they might

Ratliff Named To Head New Mexico Foundation

ALBUQUERQUE—John D. Ratliff, 46, associate executive secretary of the New Mexico Baptist Foundation and the New Mexico Baptist Church Loan Corp., has been promoted to head the agency.

W. C. Ribble, executive secretary of the foundation and loan corporation for the past 11½ years, has retired, effective Feb. 11.

"Prof" Ribble, as he is known to friends, was dean of the school of business and chairman of the division of business and social studies at Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, Tex., for 29 years. He also has been chairman of the economics department at Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Total assets of the foundation were slightly over \$40,000 when Ribble took over in 1959. They now total about \$1.7 million. (BP)

not have got, had they returned home at the end of their normal convalescence?

Or how do you charge a 20-day-old starving baby whose mother has been shot in the fighting? Or a one-year-old child who has not received proper feeding since its mother died? How do you charge a young mother, delivered of her sixth baby, whose husband has just been killed in the battle? Or who pays for a whole family severely burned in an explosion?

What's in an overdraft? If it happens to have been incurred by the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, during 1970, there is a remarkable story of courage, compassion and unique witness to the love of Jesus Christ in it.

But then that's what Southern Baptists had in mind when they gave the gifts and offerings from which the overdraft was covered.

(Editor's Note: This story was written by Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher from a report filed by Mrs. Alta Lee Lovegren, missionary press representative in Ajloun, Jordan. Fletcher is director of the Mission Support Division of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.)

8000 Baptists Expected To Convene In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — More than 8000 American Baptists are expected to converge on Minneapolis for the 64th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention to be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Hall, May 12-16, 1971.

The theme of the convention, "Let Us Break Bread Together," reflects the feeling of the program committee that the American Baptist family is called to a "great celebration." The celebration calls for thanksgiving for the "rich diversity of our fellowship"; for "unity in diversity"; for "the fact of forgiveness," said program chairman Wayne Angell, dean of Ottawa university, Ottawa, Kansas.

The theme of celebration will be followed on the opening night when state and area caucuses from around the country march into Convention Auditorium with banners created and made by the area groups. The opening meeting will be a communion service with bread made from wheat grown, milled, and baked by the delegates and grape juice contributed by representatives from California. This opening will carry out the theme, "Let Us Break Bread Together." (ABNS)

Guard Reports 'Snipers' Nest' Found In Wilmington Church

WILMINGTON, N.C.—National Guard troops, called here after three days of racial violence, entered Gregory Congregational church in a troubled black area and found what they described as a "snipers' nest."

Relative peace has now been restored to this coastal city of 55,000 which is about one-third black.

Gregory Congregational, affiliated with the United Church of Christ, was being used as a sanctuary by armed black high school students during the conflict that left two men dead and several wounded. They abandoned the church before the troops arrived. (RNS)

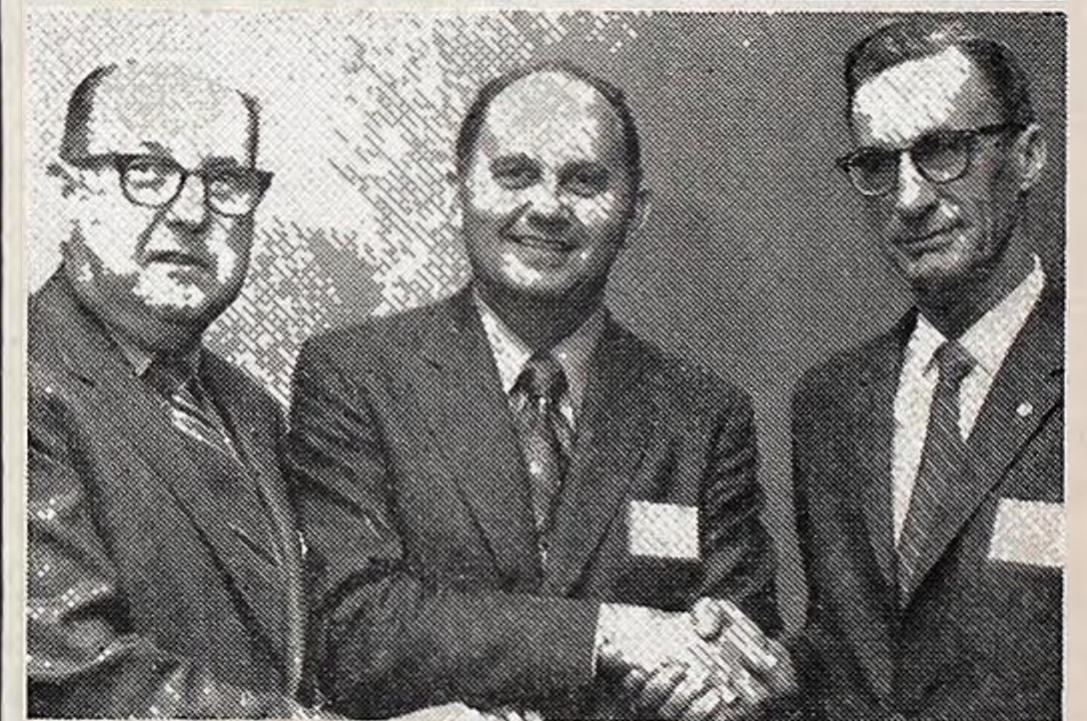
Murdock Elected President Of SBC Child Care Executives

JACKSON, Miss.—The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists elected John Murdock, assistant superintendent-treasurer of the Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, S.C., as the organization's new president.

Meeting at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village just west of Jackson, the national organization also elected two vice presidents—M. W. Freeman, superintendent of the Baptist Home for Children, Bethesda, Md., and Harold Hime, administrator of Buckner Baptist Children's Home, Dallas.

Named secretary-treasurer was Charles Wright, administrator of Texas Baptist Children's Home, Round Rock, Tex.

Next year, the organization will meet in Williamsburg, Va., Feb. 15-17, 1972. (BP)



Two Southern Baptist Annuity Board officers were honored when the Agency's board of trustees met in Dallas for their 53rd annual session. Baynard F. Fox (left) and Owen Henley (right) have each served the Annuity Board for 25 years.

They were recognized by Darold H. Morgan, retiring chairman of the board.

Fox is a vice president in the Board's Development Division, directing promotional work with churches.

Henley is vice president and director in Investments with responsibility in the mortgage loans and real estate area.

Morgan, pastor of Dallas' Cliff Temple Baptist Church, joins the Annuity Board staff March 1, as senior vice president and assistant to the president.

Dallas Church Rents Ocean Liner As Part Of Pilgrimage Journey

DALLAS—The First Baptist church of Dallas has rented an ocean liner for transportation during portions of a month-long tour to the Holy Land.

"We're taking 400 people and our pastor, Dr. W. A. Criswell is leading the tour," said the Rev. Melvin Carter, assistant pastor. The ship has been rented for \$150,000.

The tour group will board "The Mount Jupiter," a 471-passenger steamship of the Epirotiki Lines, at Athens, Greece, on June 20 for a five-day cruise, Carter said.

The ship is currently receiving its final outfittings for its maiden voyage May 1, and the assistant pastor said the tour dates were adjusted to fit the availability of the ship.

"For years Criswell has been wanting to take the church staff on a tour of the Holy Land," said Carter, so the tour was built around this wish and Criswell's appearance at the World Conference on Prophecy in Jerusalem (June 13-18).

Criswell, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is co-convener of the conference.

"As we talked about the tour, we wanted to follow the journeys of Paul to the seven churches of Asia, various places you couldn't get to by air, so the tour agent suggested we get a ship," said Carter.

The ocean-going "Baptist hotel" is being billed as the "Little Church," he said. The 16,000-member First Baptist church is the largest congregation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"For 10 years God let me be pastor of a little country church and the services in that little church moved my soul," said Dr. Criswell. "This is what we shall do on our

journey to the holy shrines of the Holy Land. We shall be together as a little country church, and we shall hold services of praise and thanksgiving at each place we visit."

The tour will originate in New York City on June 10. It will include Rome, Italy, Israel, Greece and Switzerland on its itinerary.

Twenty-three members of the First Baptist staff of 56 will take the trip. (RNS)

Ivory Coast Baptists Dedicate First French-Language Church

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast—The first French-language Baptist congregation in the Ivory Coast dedicated its building here, with the vice president of the Republic of Liberia, William R. Tolbert Jr., as the principal speaker.

About 250 members, guests and dignitaries attended the inaugural ceremony.

Representing the Ivory Coast were two of the country's three ministers of state and the vice president of the national assembly. The ambassadors of Liberia and the United States also attended.

The newly dedicated building, completed last spring, is located in the district of Marcory, a largely residential area near the downtown business section of the capital of Ivory Coast. It was built at a cost of \$45,000, supplied entirely by the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Missionary D. Edwin Pinkston of Crossett, Ark., is pastor. (BP)

Personally

By James A. Lester

From time to time, folks ask me why we don't use more letters to the editor in the columns of **Baptist And Reflector**. The answer I give them is the same one I'm passing along to our readers now. We DO want our readers to write to us and express their opinions upon subjects which are important to them and to us in the world of religion, and in the life of Tennessee Baptists.



Lester

We do get letters from time-to-time, but many of them intended for publication are too long. We have to request, because of space limitations, that letters be no longer than 150 words in length, addressed to the editor, and signed by the writer. Frequently we receive copies of letters addressed to someone else. We do not run these letters. We consider letters, originals, addressed to us. We believe, as indicated several times before, that it is not quite fair to print copies of correspondence between two parties.

As editor, I want to hear your opinions. I like to read your church bulletins—and we get many news briefs from them. But please, write to us and tell us what is on your mind—we want to know; but keep it short. Many letters we receive would require a full column or more, and I do not want to take the editorial liberty of trimming a letter lest I lose some intent of the writer in editing.

Graham Urges Consistency On Sex, Overpopulation Concern

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Evangelist Billy Graham, speaking to 3000 students at Gardner-Webb college (Baptist) here, said that youth who are so concerned about overpopulation should "first stop engaging in back-seat sex relations before you criticize overpopulation."

"You young people want to stop wars, and that is a good idea," Graham went on. "But what are you doing about the killing on our own highways? Half of the more than 50,000 highway deaths involve drinking drivers, and half of these are teenagers."

"It is easy to debate and argue," Graham added, "but it is hard to become committed to something worthwhile."

Graham labeled today's generation of young people "the uncommitted generation" and charged that they are quick to blame society and look for a scapegoat for their own failures. (BP)



Groundbreaking services were held at the corner of Franklin and Meadow Lake Roads, Brentwood on Sunday, Feb. 28 for the new \$500,000 building of Brentwood Baptist church, Brentwood. Members of the building committee are, left to right: Young V. Harper; James Redd; Clarence Edmonds; T. H. Darden; Joe Brantley, chairman (with shovel) Odell Crowe; and Sam A. Moore. William G. Wilson, pastor, is at far right. Terrill W. Hall and Associates is the contractor.

Tennessee News Briefs

Manley church, Morristown, has ordained **Barry Bean** as a deacon. **John R. Churchman** is pastor.

Ward's Grove church, Concord association, is in the process of rebuilding facilities destroyed by fire on Oct. 11, 1970, and plan a special fund-raising emphasis for Easter Sunday, April 11. Since the fire, services have been held in the Kittrell school. **J. H. Harvey** is pastor.

Scottsboro church, Nashville, has ordained **Charles Elliot, Kenneth Schubert, Denzil White, Jr., Harold Williams,** and **Roger Williams** as deacons. **Roger Hobbs** is pastor.

Randall Pulley, pastor of Holly Grove church, Concord association, is recuperating at home following surgery.

Nash Grove church, Baxter, is in the process of redecorating the auditorium.

H. Eugene Cotey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Murfreesboro, observed his 10th anniversary there on February 26. The **Coteys** were honored at a reception at the church. During his ministry at Murfreesboro, there have been a total of 1146 additions to the church membership, total gifts have increased from \$109,705 to \$207,290, and the church staff has been enlarged to include a minister of education and a minister of music. A new educational building was dedicated in 1968, and the church has supported two missions, Calvary and Southeast, the latter being now organized as a church. **Cotey** has served as moderator of Concord association, as a member of the Administrative and State Missions Committees of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as president of the convention's Executive Board, and as a member of the building committee for the Executive Board building, Brentwood.

Miss Diana Ruth Gabhart, a teacher at Percy Priest Elementary school, Nashville, has received the outstanding young educator award by the Franklin Road Jaycees. She received the award at the organization's annual awards banquet held at Richland Country Club on Feb. 26. **Miss Gabhart**, the daughter of **Herbert Gabhart**, president, Belmont college, Nashville, and **Mrs. Gabhart**, is a graduate of Belmont, and is enrolled at George Peabody college, Nashville, working toward the master's degree.

Murray Mathis, pastor, Powells Chapel church, Murfreesboro, is going to Guam for 10 weeks to fill the pulpit of Southern Baptist missionary **Louis McCall** in order that **McCall** can come back to the States to receive his doctorate.

John C. Williamson, a native of and former pastor in Tennessee, is dead at 71. **Williamson** died at his home in Cohutta, Ga. Services were held at the Cohutta Baptist church where **Williamson** had served as pastor for more than three years. Interment was in Dalton, Ga. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter. During his ministry, **Williamson** helped organize 51 churches in North Georgia and East Tennessee.

Kenneth W. Crocker, of Gibson County, a State legislator, is distributing copies of the February issue of "People," a Southern Baptist leisure-reading publication, to all Tennessee legislators to aid them in studying the many-faceted abortion issue being discussed this year. The periodical is being distributed to provide objective background information for possible abortion legislation.

Dodson Branch church, Stone association, has installed carpeting in the auditorium.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Trinity church, Lebanon, has called **N. Bob Carpenter** as pastor. **Carpenter** comes to Lebanon from the Naperville, Ill. Baptist church where he served as pastor for five years. A native of Memphis, **Carpenter** received his education at Union university, Jackson and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The **Carpenters** have two children, **Steven**, four and **Kellye**, nine.

James E. Harris has resigned as pastor of of Spring Creek church, Chattanooga, where he served for the past six years, to become superintendent of missions, Holston association. **Harris** succeeds **W. Paul Hall** who resigned to become associate in the Missions department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. **Harris** served formerly as pastor of Grandview church, Nashville, for 12 years. He has also served as pastor of Deaderick Avenue church, Knoxville, Boynton Baptist church, Ringgold, Ga. and Woodstock Park Baptist church, Jacksonville, Fla. He is presently serving on the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., and the East Tennessee Baptist hospital, Knoxville.



Harris

Happy Valley Church, Tallassee, has called **Charles R. Bowers** as pastor.

Zion Chapel church, Chilhowee association, has called **Lester E. Young** as pastor. **Young** served formerly as pastor of Oak Hill church, Crossville.

Churchs Include Baptist And Reflector

The following churches have included the **Baptist And Reflector** in their church program:

New Budget

Hulen Baptist Church
Erwin, Tennessee
Rev. O. C. Anderson, Interim Pastor

New Clubs

Grove Hill Baptist Church
Knoxville, Tennessee
Rev. Ward Ashley, Pastor
Walker Memorial Baptist Church
Franklin, Tennessee
Rev. Joe E. Franklin, Pastor

Trenton Street church, Harriman, has called **John L. Shepherd, Jr.**, as pastor. He succeeds **Branson C. Wiggins** who resigned in June 1970, to become pastor of First Baptist church, Reading, Ohio. **Shepherd** is a native of Westbourne and is a graduate of Tennessee Technological university, Cookeville and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary with the master of Theology degree. He has done graduate work in bio-chemistry at Tennessee Tech as well as study toward the Ph.D. degree in anatomy/physiology at Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Nashville. **Mrs. Shepherd** is the former **Elise Gentry**, of Cookeville. They have three children, **Tamie Elyse, John III**, and **Mark Gentry**.

Brunswick church, Shelby County association, has called **Gary Rice**, a student at Union university, Jackson, as youth director.

Verble church, Stone association, has called **Bobby Pharris** as pastor. He is serving presently as a deacon in First church, Baxter.

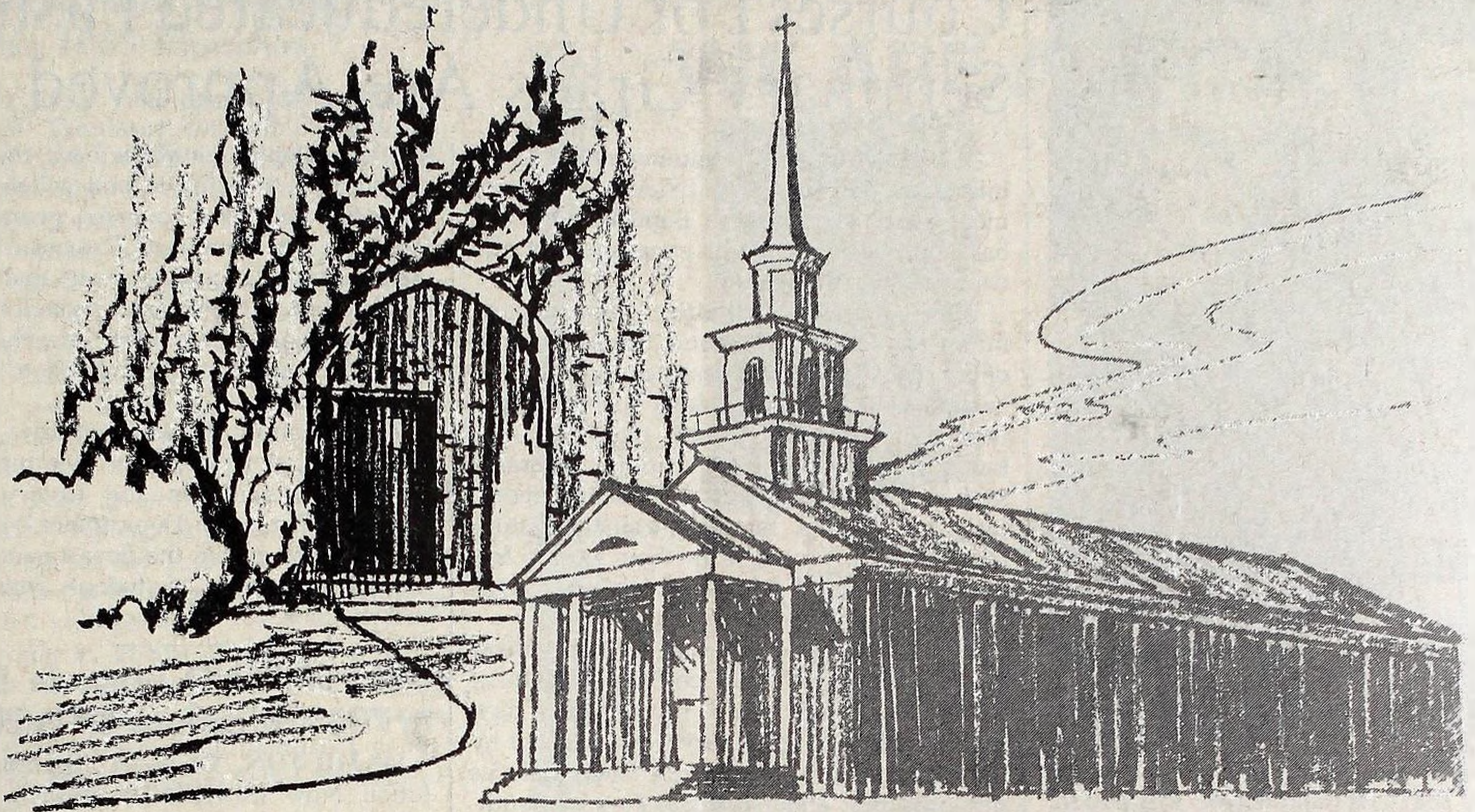
Everett Hills church, Maryville, has called **Earl Taylor**, full-time evangelist, as interim pastor.

Iliff Suggs has resigned as pastor of Deep Gap church, East Tennessee association, after more than eight years' service.

Giles Creek church, Smyrna, has called **James D. Keith** as pastor. **Keith** has been ordained into the gospel ministry by Haywood Hills church, Nashville, **Roger Shelton**, pastor, where he served formerly as a deacon. The **Keiths** have two children, **Mrs. James Brantley**, Clarksville, and **Bobby** 15.

Third church, Murfreesboro, has called **Charles P. McKnight** as interim pastor.

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Through the years, because of what the colleges have done for all of the areas of Baptist life, Baptist churches have become debtors to the colleges they own. The colleges by the returns they have given the churches have paid well for what they have received.

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A bracelet of twelve stones, like those named in the 21st chapter of Revelation, was presented to Mrs. Pierce (Mable H.) McCartney (right) at the annual Annuity Board trustees' meeting.

Mrs. McCartney retires March 1, after serving Southern Baptists more than three decades.

Showing photographers the bracelet is Mrs. Bernelle Harrison, director of the Annuity Board Actuarial Service and Research. She has served the Board 32 years.

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Courses For Undereducated Pastors, Seminary Grads Are Approved

NASHVILLE—The administrative committee of the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries has approved two major expansions of the department's curriculum.

The committee authorized the department, headed by Raymond M. Rigdon, to offer special courses designed for Baptist pastors with less than a high school education, and approved general plans for new kinds of continuing education materials, such as reading programs and cassette tapes, designed to help seminary-trained pastors face practical problems in their work. Approvals are based on the securing of necessary financial resources.

Rigdon recommended that the department begin a special series of courses for Baptist pastors with less than a complete high school education after surveys conducted by the department of research and statistics disclosed that about 6000 pastors of Southern Baptist churches have only a high school education or less.

The surveys revealed that less than half of the pastors of Southern Baptist churches have seminary training. Approximately 2000 pastors have less than a ninth grade education, and 4000 pastors have from nine to 12 years of formal schooling.

In addition, 5000 pastors have had some college work, but do not have a degree. Approximately 5000 pastors have completed college, but have had no seminary training, and about 4000 have had some training beyond college, but do not have a seminary degree. Approximately 10,000 pastors of

Southern Baptist churches have three years or more of training beyond college.

Rigdon said that courses presently offered by the Seminary Extension Department are on a college level, and yet the background of the students included persons from secularly employed preachers with only a few years of formal school to seminary graduates.

The action by the administrative committee, said Rigdon, is one of "the most exciting developments in the history of the Seminary Extension Department." He added it will better enable the department to meet the different needs of students with varying backgrounds. (BP)

Ohio SPIRENO Crusade Results In 700 Professions Of Faith

HAMILTON, Ohio—A "Spiritual Revolution Now (SPIRENO) crusade here resulted in more than 700 professions of faith despite some of the "worst weather of the worst winter in years," according to the crusade's chairman.

A total of 873 various types of Christian decisions were recorded in the crusade, sponsored by seven Southern Baptist churches, three American Baptist, one National Baptist, one Nazarene and one Church of Christ congregation.

Richard Hogue, 24-year-old evangelist from Houston and Oklahoma City, led the campaign, which was held just a few weeks after Hogue had preached in a SPIRENO effort sponsored by the First Baptist church, Houston, which reportedly resulted in a total of 4011 professions of faith during a three-month period.

Like the Houston campaign, the great majority of those making decisions in the Hamilton SPIRENO were teenagers. (BP)

Southeastern Seminary Names Pruden Visiting Lecturer

WAKE FOREST, N.C.—Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist church in Washington, D.C., has been appointed visiting lecturer for the spring semester at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary here.

Pruden currently is also serving as pastor-in-residence at Meredith college, Raleigh, N.C.

A native of Virginia, he is a graduate of the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, Ky. He received the doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. (BP)

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Protection Plans Program Includes 1055 Churches

During 1970, 549 people drew annuity checks in Tennessee for approximate income of \$350,130.88, according to Paul Phelps, director, Protection Plans, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Other figures released by Phelps' office indicate 60 new churches in the Protection Plans program in 1970 for a total of 1055 participating churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In January of this year, churches paid dues totaling \$37,280, representing an approximate \$447,360 for the year, with the Convention (state) paying dues for these pastors in the amount of \$18,640.55, representing an approximate \$223,686.60 for the year. These figures do not include the members of the Executive Board staff at Brentwood.

According to Phelps, Tennessee is sending out some 57 checks per month which are considered Relief Grants. These checks go to pastors' widows who were not in the Protection Plans program when retirement age came.

He also indicated that, as of Dec., 1970, there were 550 members in the Group Life Insurance program representing a protection of \$13,823,000. Seven claims due to death during the year totaled \$138,000.

Phelps said the main objective for 1971 is "To enrol as many non-participating churches as possible and to upgrade, increase the amount the church is paying, which will purchase more income to meet the inflated cost of retiring."

Methodist Pastors May Bless Union Of Unmarried Couples

RIO DE JANEIRO—Methodist clergymen in the future will be permitted to bless the union of certain couples who are not legally married under Brazilian law.

Authorization of such a practice was given at a special session of the General Conference of the 58,000-member Methodist Church of Brazil, an autonomous denomination.

Ministers may extend a "pastoral blessing" in the home of church-participating couples having long-established relationships not recognized by the state. Many couples in Brazil cannot afford civil marriage and live in common law relationships.

The conference also decided that converts from Roman Catholicism to Methodism may affirm previous baptism rather than undergo the sacrament again. (RNS)

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FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

by Howard S. Kolb, Pastor
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Bible Study Passage: Matthew 18:21-35

The lesson for this week is found only in Matthew's Gospel. The background for the lesson is found in the discussion Jesus had with His disciples concerning forgiveness and discipline (Matt. 18:15-17). Jesus had been talking about the relationship among the disciples, that if one had sinned against another, the brother who had been wronged should go and talk with the one who wronged him and tell him of his fault.



Kolb

Roland Q. Leavell said: "To forgive is the most difficult of all social adjustments." Smiley Blanton, a famous psychiatrist, said: "One of the primary laws of mental health is love or perish." To be forgiven and to be forgiving is certainly two of the greatest needs of our day and time.

Forgiveness in the New Testament is remission or cancellation. It rests upon Christ's atoning death (Matt. 20:28). He who came to make forgiveness possible was Himself the great forgiver (Luke 23:34).

I. A Forgiven Person Forgives (Matt. 18:21-23).

There was not any question with Peter concerning the Christian duty of forgiveness. The question Peter asked had to do with the limit of forgiveness. The Jewish leaders taught that a person should forgive three times (Amos 1:6). Peter thought he was being very gracious when he suggested the high number of seven. He surely thought he was making liberal strides when he suggested seven times. Just how often should one forgive—three times, seven times, seventy-seven times (an alternate translation), or four hundred ninety times? When Jesus suggested "seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:22), He didn't have an exact number in mind. He was not speaking literally. He did mean that one should not set a limit upon his willingness to forgive. There is to be unlimited forgiveness on the part of God's child.

The question that Peter asked showed an error on Peter's part in thinking there was a limit beyond which forgiveness should not extend. The Bible does not teach we should keep a record of the times we forgive. Forgiveness is not a problem of counting but a problem of Christian conduct.

II. A Forgiven Person Shows Compassion On Debtors (Matt. 18:24-34).

In the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant we have the story of a king who called in his servants, his slaves, to settle accounts. He found that one servant owed him ten thousand talents. The Revised Standard Version points out that a talent amounted to one thousand dollars. The servant owed the king the mammoth enormous sum of ten million dollars. The amount owed was probably more than the whole annual revenue of Palestine at that time. Unable to pay this vast sum the king commanded that the man, his wife, his children, and all that he had be sold in order that payment might be made. This action was according to the law (Ex. 22:3; Lev. 25:39, 47; II Kings 4:1). The penalty was severe but permissible. The servant fell down and begged for mercy and the king released him and forgave him the debt.

It was then that the forgiven servant went out and found another servant who owed him a small debt of twenty dollars. He laid hold of the debtor and began to choke him demanding payment of the small debt. The servant who owed the twenty dollars begged for forgiveness and time to pay the debt. The servant would not show any compassion and he had the man cast in prison until he should pay the debt. His fellow servants saw what the forgiven servant had done and went and told the king all that was done. The king summoned the heartless servant in and told him he should have shown compassion, mercy, and forgiven the debtor. The king used severe words (Matt. 18:35) in dealing with this servant who had been forgiven but was unforgiving. He was taken by the king and delivered to the inquisitors, the tormentors. He was imprisoned, and from time to time tortured. It is doubtful that he could pay back the debt owed.

The point of the parable is not punishment in purgatory. This is not a reference to purgatory. The point of the parable is that a forgiven man who has experienced the mercy of the king ought to be merciful to others. A person who knows he has been forgiven of his sins feels he has been forgiven more than he will ever be called upon to forgive. Jesus wants His followers to show compassion and be forgiving.

III. A Forgiven Person Who Is Forgiving Is Assured of God's Forgiveness (Matt. 18:35).

God's children do not forgive in order to be forgiven but forgive because they have been forgiven. One who has an unforgiving spirit indicates he has not been born of the Spirit of God, has never had his sins forgiven. A true follower of Christ

Glorieta To Pay Taxes On Three Property Areas

SANTA FE, N. M.—Glorieta Baptist Assembly will pay taxes on three areas of property as the result of a compromise finalized between the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and Santa Fe County, N.M.

The settlement came as the result of a complaint filed by the board in 1969 against the tax assessor, the Board of Commissions and the treasurer of Santa Fe County, N.M., in the district court of Santa Fe County after the assembly was placed on the county assessment list at a value of \$10 million. The complaint called for a judgment acknowledging that the assembly property and all its buildings are Southern Baptist church property used for religious, charitable and educational purposes and thus exempt from taxation under the New Mexico Constitution.

The three areas of property involved in the compromise are the gift and camera shop, the washateria and the service station. New Mexico officials have not yet notified the assembly of the amount of taxes to be assessed on these properties.

Witnesses in behalf of the Sunday School Board at a hearing last August were Harry Stagg, former executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico and James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the board. (BP)

390 Attend National Bus Clinic At Georgia Church

DECATUR, Ga.—A national bus clinic, sponsored by Woodlawn Baptist church here, drew a total of 390 participants from churches in 23 states for a "how-to-do-it" session on theories and practical aspects of using church buses in evangelism.

Speakers dealt with subjects ranging from job descriptions of people involved in such programs to acquisition of equipment, with emphasis on the use of buses and what they can mean to the local church.

Numerous participants told of the value of buses in their church situations.

"The bus ministry has been a real shot in the arm in revitalizing a large inner-city church," one Tennessee pastor said.

Woodlawn Pastor Fred Wolfe demonstrated his enthusiasm for the clinic by announcing that his church would sponsor a similar conference in 1972. (BP)

will take the warning Christ gave and be forgiving. A Christian with an unforgiving spirit will be chastened by the Lord.

There is to be no sham or lip service about the matter of forgiveness. Forgiven we are to forgive. If God forgives us, we are to forgive the brother who sins against us (Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32; Luke 6:37; Matt. 5:7).

Let us be like Christ (Luke 23:34) and be forgiving!

Homes For Homeless Children Crusade

**By James M. Gregg
Executive Director-Treasurer**

The caption of this article is our fancy name for the campaign for capital funds for the Franklin Home to build ten family type cottages to replace the old dormitories, which will care for 100 children and their houseparents. These smaller cottages for 10 children each will provide a closer, more homelike environment for love and Christian family life for orphaned and homeless boys and girls so precious to the Lord.

I am happy to give you a good report. Through Friday, March 5, we have received from Board Members, staff, individuals, and Middle Tennessee Churches \$357,249.99 in cash and in pledges. Praise the Lord, this is about 53% of our goal of \$675,000.00.

I believe that there are enough Middle Tennessee Baptist Churches, yet uncommitted, with suggested goals for a three-year period, sufficient to help us go far beyond the goal, which we must do to provide for the shrinkage. Will you please pray for this campaign and do what you can to give us this last minute, much needed, extra help to make this campaign a total success. The campaign closes March 31 as far as solicitation of churches is concerned but it will continue three years in follow up and paying of pledges.

Thank you every one who have had a part, small or large, thus far. Thank you who plan to present this to your church this month or next month or this fall. I'm counting on you. I need you. These, your children, need you. May God bless you in a very special way.

Houston First Reports Record Revival Conversions; Baptisms

Some 4011 persons—about 95 per cent teenagers—have made professions of faith in Christ in a crusade conducted by First Baptist church here, and at least 639 of that number have been baptized.

Harvey Kneisel, director of ministries at the church where John Bisagno is pastor, said 1061 of the 4011 conversions and 35 baptisms were recorded during a two-month preparation phase of the campaign conducted by Evangelist Richard Hogue, 24.

The remaining 2950 conversions and 604 baptisms came during a 2½ week series of nightly services.

No other church in the Southern Baptist Convention is believed to have ever recorded 2950 professions of faith during a church revival.

Dubbed "Spireno"—an acronym for "spiritual revolution now"—the campaign involved four phases.

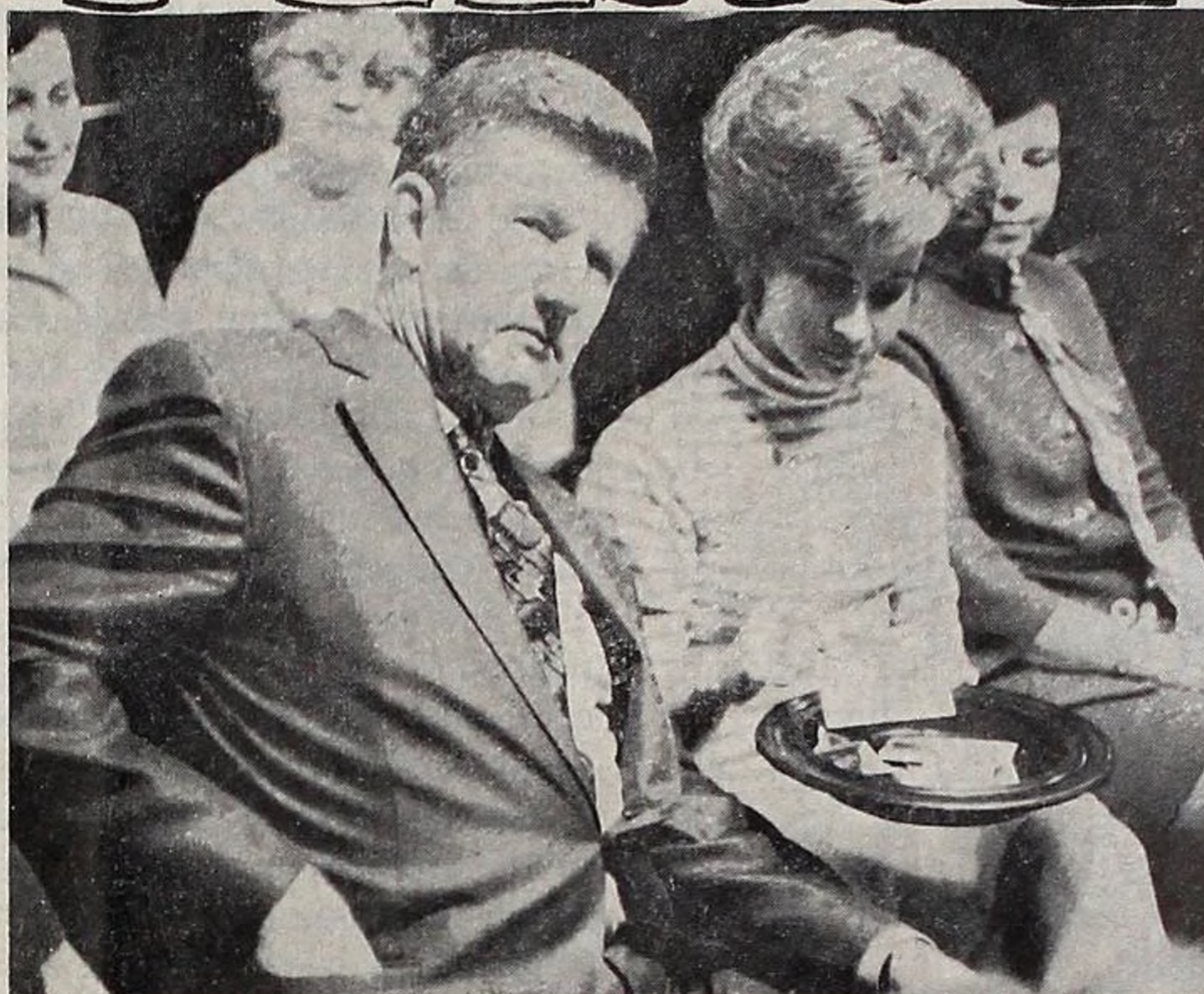
During the first phase, Hogue spoke during assembly programs at more than 45 junior high and high school assemblies. The assemblies were followed up with rallies during the second phase at which young people heard Hogue's Christian folk group and sermons.

The third phase was the two and one half week period, with services at the First Baptist church, and on the last four nights, at the Sam Houston Coliseum here.

The fourth phase, under way now, is the follow-up, which according to Kneisel, has been interwoven with the other phases. (BP)

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FAITH AND FUMBLING

By W. R. White
Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passages: John 6:66-69; 13:3-10

Focal Passages: John 6:66-69; 13:3-10

Saving faith must be sound in quality but it needs to grow, expand and mature. It must have continuous nurture, directed developments, much exercise.



White

Peter exemplified very sound and acceptable faith when he confessed Jesus as the Christ the Son of the Living God. However, where he faced a severe crisis his faith faltered embarrassingly.

Under the teaching, fellowship, direction of Christ and through vigorous activities as a disciple of the Lord he came into possession of a robust faith. It was equal to the most difficult tests that faced him repeatedly.

Several things are needed if we are to avoid fumbling in our Christian life. Our faith needs much exposure to holy scripture regularly and reverently. We will need to acquire definite reoccurring experiences in prayer. Faithfully witnessing is imperative. Edifying activities are indispensable.

This will grow, develop, expand, and mature our faith encouragingly. This must be our objective which we should pursue persistently.

THE DESIRABILITY OF A STAUNCH FAITH John 6:66-69

Jesus never made discipleship easy. Some of his followers became his disciples because of his miracles which provided food and physical healing. When they realized that Christian discipleship required much higher motives and more rigorous committal many became "drop-outs."

Jesus turned with poignant concern to his little band and said, "Will ye also go away."

Peter wanted to know to whom they would turn. His question in answer to this inquiry of Jesus is most revealing and timely. His faith is even more revealing, "Thou hast the words of eternal life."

Peter is saying that Jesus is unique. He has no rival. There is none other to whom we can afford to turn in the light of what He is. The prerogative of speaking eternal life to men is His alone. He is the one who mediates eternal life or well-being.

WE MUST NOT ALTER JESUS TO FIT OUR IDEAS John 12:3-8

Many people seek to make Jesus fit into a preconceived pattern to which they cling.

Most people who write books on the life of Jesus do not follow an objective approach. It is too often their life of Christ instead of the real life of Christ as the records reveal Him.

He came from God and returned to Him. He was one to whom God had committed all things. In other words, He was a member of the Holy Trinity—the Son of God.

Jesus astounded His disciples when He condescended to wash their feet. It was such a menial act of service. It did not fit their concept of such an exalted person. Yet He was giving them an example to follow. It was a revelation of the nature of God manifest in the flesh and of the dignity of service.

George Washington dismounted from his horse and performed a service which one of his subordinates had spurned to do. He objected to his superior's act saying, "You are too great for such a lowly task." To which the General replied, "I am just great enough to do it."

Peter vigorously objected to his Master washing his feet. Jesus made it clear to him that otherwise he would miss participation in His real mission.

LET JESUS FASHION US HIS WAY John 13:3-10

Peter went to the other extreme. He got the idea that the washing meant spiritual cleansing also. Then he wanted Jesus to wash his whole body. The Master made it clear that Peter's soul had been cleansed already.

In fact He declared that all were clean but one. This was a reference to Judas.

It was so difficult for Peter to be teachable. He wanted to interject his own ideas so often. Too many people want to add to or take from what our Lord teaches and enjoins.

We must be humble enough to be learners and followers, if we are to become the best which God intends for us to become.

Five Missionaries Named By SBC Home Mission Board

ATLANTA—Five missionaries, four of whom will be involved in Christian social ministries and another in cooperative efforts with National Baptists, were recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The five and their respective places of service are: Floyd and Ida Emmerling, Detroit, Mich.; Ernest MeHaffey, South Carolina; and Marshall and Mary Moore, Indianapolis, Ind. (BP).

Foundation

I'm Encouraged

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

I'm encouraged by the new spirit of enthusiasm that our people seem to exhibit just now. It seems that attendance is up, baptisms are up and offerings are up in most of our churches. Pastors are saying, 'Things look better.'

I'm encouraged by the number of pastors and churches who are inviting us to tell the Tennessee Baptist Foundation story in their services. These appearances usually bring a response from people interested in planning their estate to benefit the Lord's work.

I'm encouraged because the number of people responding to articles like this in the **Baptist And Reflector** is growing. We stay behind in making personal contacts requested but keep them coming. We will get to them as time permits.

I'm encouraged because so many of our people are including a testamentary trust fund in their wills or establishing living trust funds using your Foundation as trustee. The possibilities for laying a financial foundation under our school, children's homes, agencies and mission causes is beyond imagination when our people realize what can be done for the Lord with their estate.

For information on preparing a Christian will or establishing a living trust fund write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee—Phone 615-833-4220.



EDITORS ELECT ODLE: Editors of the Baptist state papers, during annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at the Sheraton Sandcastle Motor Inn at Sarasota, Fla., elected Joe T. Odle, (center), editor of the "Baptist Record" in Jackson, Miss., as president. Named president-elect was James O. Duncan, (right) editor of the "Capital Baptist", Washington, D.C. Alvin C. Shackelford (left), editor of the "Indiana Baptist", was re-elected secretary-treasurer. (BP) Photo.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

From the time I was a very small boy I attended the church training program in my church. It was in Training Union that I



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first felt the call to preach and it was in an associational Training Union mass meeting on a Sunday afternoon, that I dedicated my life to the ministry. Very early I committed to memory a scripture verse which was kept before us as a worthy spiritual goal in our Christian growth. It was II Timothy 2:15.

It has been a real challenge to me through the years.

The idea Paul was seeking to impress upon Timothy was that he should so thoroughly master the knowledge of the Bible and its true meaning that he could correctly teach it to others. Communication of the true revelation of God was most essential to winning the lost to Christ and grow strong and mature Christians who would have a sound doctrinal basis for their faith.

The picture is that of an apprentice passing the examination of the master craftsman. His work is tested, examined and approved. God is the Examiner. The word "approved" means the result of testing as in a laboratory. The word translated "rightly dividing" in the King James means to cut straight. It is used of cutting a road or street straight but more often it is used of a stone mason who cuts the stone straight to make a straight wall. The worker is to so train himself that he can produce work of which he will not be ashamed but which will stand up with the best of the craftsmen and will win the approval of the master craftsman.

This is a real challenge to the Christian to be a real Bible student. He is to do his best or to make every effort to know the Bible. He is to learn what God is really saying through His Word. He is not to get sidetracked with fanciful theories and miss the great central truths of the Bible. He is not to be satisfied with a shallow and fragmented study of the Bible.

The workman is to be just that—an unashamed workman—a teacher of the Word. It is to be the "word of truth" and it is to be "cut straight." Some time ago I heard one of our Southern Baptist leaders lamenting the fact that we no longer seemed to have the great Bible teachers we once had. He referred to some of the great laymen in some of our great churches many years ago who were known far and wide as truly great Bible teachers.

Every church is suffering today from the lack of truly dedicated and thoroughly

Historically: From the files

50 YEARS AGO

In seven states of the Union, Bible reading in the schools was illegal. In Tennessee 10 verses of Scripture were required reading every day at chapel. A judge of one Western state ruled that sacred songs could not be sung in the schools.

20 YEARS AGO

The 28-acre Ward-Belmont college campus in Nashville was acquired by the Tennessee Baptist Convention for approximately \$600,000. The facilities included: Five faculty residences; buildings used for a Conservatory of Music, School of Arts and Infirmary; two chemistry laboratories; two biology laboratories; a 15,000-volume library; a gymnasium and swimming pool; field facilities for outdoor athletics; and dormitories for 579 students, with a possible over-all accommodation of 1179 day-time students. In all, the college contained a total of 36 buildings. Nominated as replacement trustees were: Henry J. Huey; F. M. Dowell, Jr.; Homer A. Cate; J. R. Kyzar; Andrew Tanner, attorney; and G. Frank Cole, Jr. The offices of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were transferred to Ward-Belmont from their downtown location.

10 YEARS AGO

Following a year of discussion, it was decided that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention would keep its offices in Nashville. A committee was authorized to "investigate the matter for a site for a building in Nashville for the Executive Committee and other agencies and commissions of the convention."

trained Bible teachers. By this I do not mean that we do not have many thousands, but I mean that we need so many more than we have. Perhaps we have the greatest resources and best libraries, the greatest number of fine commentaries, the best helps for Bible study in depth which we have ever had. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up many "Unashamed Workmen" who will be willing to pay the price to become real master teachers approved unto God of His revealed Word. The translation of II Timothy 2:15 in Today's English Version challenges young Christians and all Christians to pursue such a course to be-

On Matters of

Family Living

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More Problems For Working Mom's Child

Mothers who work outside the home should be aware that certain problems seem to develop more often in children of working mothers than in youngsters whose mothers stay home, a child guidance specialist told the Kentucky Nurses Association.

A study comparing 466 children of working mothers with 466 youngsters of stay-home mothers showed that the youngsters of working mothers were more aggressive and demanding, more emotionally immature, more emotionally insecure, less identified with the parent of the same sex, and less academically motivated, reported Dr. A. P. Tadajewski, director of the Catholic School Guidance Clinic which conducted the study.

Many of these problems can be prevented, he stressed. His advice to working mothers:

—Don't tell a child you are going to work "for him." He may feel guilty and see himself as a burden to his parents.

—Don't tell the child you are working because his father can't provide for the family. This may make the father seem inadequate in the child's eyes and interfere with the youngster's healthy identification with his father.

—Don't keep telling the child how hard and tiring your job is. But don't make it sound as if you have more fun at work than at home, either!

—Don't start substituting material gifts for your own time and interest.

The psychologist believes that mother's work outside the home need not harm the child in any way where there is real economic necessity or where the work is essential to the mother's mental well-being. He cautions, however, that the use of outside work as an escape from the roles of wife and mother can create additional problems rather than solve the basic difficulty. Working from "pseudo-economic necessity"—to supply luxuries, for instance—may also weaken family life, he points out, because of the emphasis placed on material values.

come master workmen.

"Do your best to win full approval in God's sight, as a worker who is not ashamed of his work, one who correctly teaches the message of God's truth."

Park Avenue Leads in Baptisms With 286

Park Avenue church, Nashville, Bob Mowrey, pastor, leads the list of the top 25 churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention in the number of baptisms for 1970, according to figures released by the Evangelism department, F. M. Dowell, secretary. The complete list of the 25 churches is as follows:

Church	Association	Number of Baptisms	Pastor
1. Park Avenue, Nashville	Nashville	286	Robert A. Mowrey
2. Westwood, Memphis	Shelby	185	James H. Moore
3. Bellevue, Memphis	Shelby	176	Ramsey Pollard
4. Temple, Kingsport	Holston	123	W. W. Pennell
5. Trinity, Memphis	Shelby	117	William A. Smith
6. Nashville, First	Nashville	116	H. Franklin Paschall
7. Leawood, Memphis	Shelby	111	Jerry L. Glisson
8. Highland Heights, Memphis	Shelby	108	Slater A. Murphy
9. Hendersonville, First	Nashville	99	E. Courtney Wilson
10. Two Rivers, Nashville	Nashville	97	Jim Henry
Elliston Avenue, Memphis	Shelby	97	Floyd Simmons
11. Woodbine	Nashville	96	Buford Cockrum
12. Alta Loma	Nashville	91	Lloyd Bardowell
13. LaBelle Haven	Shelby	89	D. M. Renick
14. Belmont Heights	Nashville	86	Robert J. Norman
15. Crieviewood	Nashville	85	Herman E. Jacobs
16. Clarksville, First	Cumberland	84	John D. Laida
17. Tennessee Avenue	Holston	83	Willard Tallman
Frayser	Shelby	83	P. O. Davidson
18. Lincoln Park	Knox	82	Charles R. Ausmus
19. Hermitage Hills	Nashville	81	George Becvar
20. Dickson, First	Nashville	80	B. Carter Elmore
21. Westmont	Shelby	77	Curtis K. McClain
Whitehaven	Shelby	77	Lewis D. Ferrell
22. Tiftonia	Hamilton	75	S. William Freaney
Fairlawn, Memphis	Shelby	75	
East Jackson	Madison-Chester	75	David Clark
23. Brookmeade, Memphis	Shelby	74	James Nance
24. Pleasant Beach	Watauga	73	Bobby Stout
Haywood Hills	Nashville	73	Roger Shelton
Hillhurst	Nashville	73	James E. Lee
25. Hickory Hills, Memphis	Shelby	71	A. Sidney Waits
Kensington, Memphis	Shelby	71	David V. Hampton

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

Nelson Glueck, famed Biblical archeologist and president of Hebrew Union college in Cincinnati, Ohio, is dead at 70. Glueck is credited with discovering such ancient sites as King Solomon's mines and the possible location of Solomon's seaport and fortress on the Red Sea. A native of Cincinnati, he was ordained a rabbi in 1923 and pursued archeological studies at the University of Cincinnati and universities abroad. He also served as director of the American Society of Oriental Research in Jerusalem alternating as teacher at Hebrew Union. (RNS)

By February 1, Southern Baptist missionaries had sunk 204 tube wells to provide water for victims of the cyclone and tidal wave that hit the Ganges Delta area last November. They had also distributed 2300 blankets to people in one district and tin roofing sheets to 200 families in another district.

Norman Pell has resigned from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to become the General Superintendent of the Baptist Union of Victoria, Australia. He had served as director of the Leighton Ford Crusades with the Graham organization.

Preparations are under way for the third nationwide Baptist evangelistic campaign in Portugal, to be held May 16-30. Rallies, preparation clinics, and special prayer services are already being held.

A Youth Bible Conference for young people 15-17 will be conducted at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly July 29-Aug. 4, according to Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 13 for John Magnusson, 77, retired leader of the Oerebro mission, a Baptist movement in Sweden with nearly 20,000 members. A native of South Amboy, N.J., Magnusson went with his parents, of Swedish origin, to Sweden in very early childhood. He was baptized following his conversion in 1907 and a short time later surrendered to preach. (EBPS)

Jack Hamm has been selected by the Distinguished National and School Awards Jury to receive the George Washington Honor Medal Award for the 1970 cartoon "Inalienable Right—Sacred Responsibility." Hamm is editorial cartoonist for the **Baptist And Reflector**, and other Baptist state papers.

First Baptist church, Dallas, Texas, is offering a seminar in Church Dynamics, to be held following the Nationwide Bible Conference scheduled in Dallas on March 15-18. The courses, offered under the heading, "School of the Prophets," will be conducted March 19-21 and will deal with the church and its total ministries. The 20 class hours of teaching will begin at 8 a.m. on March 19.

Atlanta Baptist College Trims On Budget, Faculty

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Baptist College has trimmed its budget, faculty and administrative staff in a determined effort to overcome financial burdens with which it has been struggling for months.

College trustees last week approved a 1971-72 budget of \$660,119 which is about a 20 per cent reduction from the 1970-71 budget of \$815,287. The new budget goes into effect Sept. 1.

President Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., said college trustees also voted to reduce the faculty from 35 full or part-time instructors to about 20 professors, and to reduce the number of degree majors offered from 13 to seven.

Swilley also said no summer school will be held in 1971. He said three administrative staff members have already volunteered to resign to help the struggling three-year-old school meet its budget. The school has a current enrolment of 238 students.

In another action, college trustees voted to offer 25 acres of its property to the Georgia Baptist Convention, for \$2000 per acre, as the possible location for an administrative center for the state convention.

That offer will be considered by the state convention's executive committee when it meets in quarterly session March 23.

The Georgia Baptist Convention in annual session last November, has authorized its executive committee to work with Atlanta Baptist College trustees toward possible deeding all college property to the state convention as the locale for a complex housing several Baptist enterprises.

But when the Atlanta Baptist Association's executive committee met in January to hear a request from college trustees to call the association into special session to approve that transfer to the state convention, the associational executive committee refused and told trustees to continue operating the beleaguered school.

C. Douglas Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church, East Point, Ga., was named chairman of a special committee to work with college trustees in trying to get more financial support from churches of the Atlanta area.

Jackson said the association executive committee will be asked to set April 25 as Atlanta Baptist College Day when all churches will be asked to take special offerings for the college.

The executive committee of college trustees will determine within 60 days whether churches are underwriting enough additional support to guarantee operation of the school beyond June 1. (BP)

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