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From Tennessee To The World: Literature flows in a constant stream from The Sunday School Board in Nashville to Southern Baptist churches.

Tennesseans Scheduled On Convention Program

Several Tennesseans were scheduled to be on the program at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Among those Volunteer State representatives scheduled to participate were Mrs. Robert L. Dorrill, Chattanooga, who presented special music; Louis O. Ball, Jr., chairman of Carson-Newman's music department, Jefferson City, conducted the Volunteer State Chorale concert for the WMU.

Nashvillians included Clifton J. Allen, retired editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, served as recording secretary for the convention; W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, was press representative; W. L. Howse, education director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, addressed the Religious Education Association Conference;

W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, served as registration secretary for the convention; Doris Monroe, consultant in the church training department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, spoke at the Religious Education Association meeting; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First church, Nashville, spoke to the Pastors' Conference;

William J. Reynolds, director of the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, composed the convention anthem; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern

Baptist Executive Committee, presented the Executive Committee report and recommendations and serves as treasurer of the convention; Loren Williams of the Broadman Press, was to present "The Nashville Sound" at the Church Music Conference, June 4, 5.

Russian Baptists Improve Religious Climate, Is View

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland—The religious climate in Russia is being improved by the Russian Baptists says Sven Svenson, editor of the Swedish Baptist Union's weekly newspaper.

Svenson noted that Russia's "dissident Baptists," those who resist government restrictions on religious activity, are standing up and battling for their religious beliefs, even though the conditions under which Christians live in Russia are not comprehensible to Baptists in the West. (RNS)

Devotional

What Is Heaven?

Rev. 21:1,4,23,27

By C. S. Little, Missionary, Tennessee Valley Association, Dayton

Heaven will be joy without ceasing, sanctification without sin, health without sickness, riches without poverty, purity without defilement maturity without hindrance, and peace without war.



Heaven will be youth without old age, rejoicing without sorrow, growth without erosion, work without weariness, achievement without dishonor, knowledge without ignorance, and Heaven without hell.

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Heaven will be love without jealousy, promotion without envy, fellowship without disharmony, day without darkness, music without discord, character without blemish, and Jesus without Judas.

Heaven will be fulfillment without longing, home without decay, success without failure, assurance without doubting, truth without falsehood, praise without prayer, and the Garden of Eden without the tempter.

The Bible teaches that Heaven will be the most beautiful place that the mind of God can conceive and the power of God can create. If Heaven is this, then we as Christians should busy ourselves winning men to Christ everywhere and at all times.

Summer Missionaries Drop Significantly

ATLANTA—Budget limitations have caused a 100-student reduction in the number of student summer workers appointed this year by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of special mission ministries.

A total of 840 students will serve compared to 938 last year. Of the 840, 640 are financially supported by the board and 200 are state Baptist Student Union appointees under the board's supervision.

This is the first time that the number of appointees has dropped significantly since the program began in 1944, said Emery Smith, associate secretary in the board's special mission ministries department. "The only regret we have is that we are not able to appoint as many as were requested," he added. The decrease in appointees has never exceeded five students.

Approximately 1300 students applied for appointment this year. Their application revealed a growing mission consciousness, Smith said. (BP)

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

It was reported recently that a minister stepped out of his pulpit and pranced up and down the aisle in an effort to liven up the choir's rendering of "I Wonder Where I'm Bound."

At the height of his spirited demonstration, the iron grid over the central heating duct gave way and the preacher wound up surprised but unhurt in the church basement.

Considering what happened, it would have been just as appropriate if the choir had sung that well-known chorus which warns: "All other ground is sinking sand."

But say what you will, here is one preacher who gets right to the bottom of things.

And he did carry his point, although his illustration was somewhat below his usual level.

In fact, with the preacher suddenly finding himself down in the basement, I can envision the frantic music director announcing: "Our next selection is a must—let us join in the singing of 'Rise Up, O Man of God.'"

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15,000 Are Expected To Attend SBC Related Meetings In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—More than 15,000 Baptists from throughout the nation were expected here June 1-3 for what the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Carl E. Bates, predicted would be "a quiet convention."

Most of the time was to be spent conducting the business of the nation's largest evangelical denomination. The Southern Baptist Convention has 11.6 million members in about 34,000 churches in all 50 states.

The convention was to act on recommendations from its Executive Committee calling for a \$24.6 million Cooperative Program unified budget for the first nine months of 1972 leading up to a new fiscal year, and a second-year recommendation to eliminate its hospital agency operation.

Bates, serving his first term as president of the convention, was expected to be re-elected for a traditional second term.

A total of about five hours was to be devoted to conducting the business of the St. Louis convention, according to the proposed program released by the committee on order of business.

Most of the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to business, including action on recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee, election of officers, introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions, and receiving and act-

British Membership Drops By 6000

Baptist churches in Great Britain have reported the loss of 6040 members during the last statistical year.

The new yearbook of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland reports 274,871 church members on January 1, 1969. This fell to 268,831 on January 1, 1970.

The yearbook counts figures from four independent Baptist unions and covers England, Wales, Scotland, both parts of Ireland, and coastal islands.

The Baptist Union of Ireland, continuing a 30-year trend, gained in membership from 6922 to 7186 during the reporting year. Gains were also noted in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man, rising from 330 to 358 members.

Most British Baptists live in England, where the principal strength of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland resides. English numbers dropped from 176,222 to 173,350.

Wales, second largest in Baptist population, went down from 74,681 to 72,097. Scotland's ranks suffered a loss from 16,716 to 16,074.

The three other independent unions operate in Wales, Scotland, and Ireland (where both sections are within one union). (EBPS)

ing upon reports from SBC agencies and organizations.

The SBC Executive Committee was to present the recommended budget of \$24.6 million for the first nine months of 1972. The operating budget section for the nine-month period is equal to the same operating budget for a similar nine-month period in 1971, with no increases recommended for the 19 agencies receiving budget funds.

Another major recommendation from the Executive Committee would dissolve the Hospital Agency of the SBC, on second reading.

Last year, the convention set up a procedure for getting out of the hospital business by immediately giving two hospitals in New Orleans and Jackson, Fla., to a corporation called Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and phasing out in 1971 the corporation called the Hospital Agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other recommendations from the Executive Committee to the SBC dealt with relationships and program assignments for several SBC agencies, program promotion plans for denominational emphases in 1973-74, and a proposal that the 1976 convention meet in Norfolk, Va.

The Executive Committee was also to report on a study of the basis of representation at the convention, recommending no change in the current system.

Only three major addresses were scheduled during the convention, including Bates' presidential address, the annual convention sermon by John R. Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist church, Louisville, and a message by the president of the Baptist World Alliance, V. Carney Hargroves, re-

Japanese-Born Chaplain Barred By South Africa

NARAMATA, B.C.—The South African government has refused further entry and declared a Japanese-born Canadian chaplain a prohibited immigrant.

Tadashi Mitsui, chaplain to Protestant students at three universities in Lesotho, was barred because of his incomplete expression and the United Church's abhorrence of apartheid (racial separation).

In taking the action that only Canadian citizens of European origin may enter South Africa, the government has chosen to ignore the "honorary white person" status traditionally given those of Japanese origin.

tired pastor from Philadelphia, Pa.

Following an hour-long presentation of foreign missions, the convention featured a joint commissioning service for newly-appointed home and foreign missionaries on Wednesday evening.

The convention was to close Thursday at noon following an hour-long presentation on "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World," depicting efforts by all SBC agencies. The presentation was to be coordinated by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Several related nationwide Baptist conventions met in connection with the SBC. The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, involving about 5000 persons, met Monday. In simultaneous sessions also was the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, an auxiliary to the SBC.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association met on Sunday and Monday, May 30-31, and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, June 4-5.

1972 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

To Be Recommended to the Southern Baptist Convention

	12-Month 1971 Budget		9-Month 1972 Budget
SBC—Operating Budget	\$ 225,000		\$ 168,750
Foreign Mission Board	14,863,351		11,147,513
Home Mission Board	5,305,067		3,978,800
Annuity Board	176,165		132,124
Golden Gate Seminary	555,800		416,850
Midwestern Seminary	504,000		378,000
New Orleans Seminary	1,086,400		814,800
Southeastern Seminary	876,400		657,300
Southern Seminary	1,327,200		995,400
Southwestern Seminary	1,638,700		1,229,025
Foundation	81,600		61,200
Hospital Agency	36,000		27,000
American Seminary	95,000		71,250
Brotherhood Commission	281,200		210,900
Christian Life Commission	200,000		150,000
Education Commission	135,000		101,250
Historical Commission	115,000		86,250
Radio-TV Commission	1,400,000		1,050,000
Stewardship Commission	125,000		93,750
Public Affairs Committee	120,000		90,000
	\$29,146,883		\$21,860,162
Capital Needs	1,050,000	Def. 1970	932,927
Total Approved 1971	\$30,196,883	Cap. 1971	1,050,000
1970 Capital Needs	932,927	Cap. 1972	787,500
Total Needed 1971	\$31,129,810	Total	\$24,630,589

(Editor's Note: A nine-month budget was to be recommended as the Convention moves to a new fiscal year in 1972 (Sept. 1-Aug. 31) rather than operating on a calendar-year basis.)

EDITORIALS

The Centennial Celebration

Plans are well under way for the observance of the 100th anniversary of the organization of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1974. These plans have been made with much prayer and are being formulated in detailed with much care and detail under the leadership of The Rev. Tom Madden, pastor of the First Baptist church, Tullahoma, and chairman of the Centennial Committee.

Tennessee Baptists now number nearly 900,000 members in churches in fellowship with the convention. We have nearly 2700 churches in the district associations. There is always room for growth in the Lord's work. And there is much good to be accomplished by the establishment of goals—both immediate and long range.

Beyond the goals which shall be established, however, is the vital fact that Tennessee Baptists have for nearly a century been in organized service to advance the Kingdom of God and to lead lost persons to Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and Lord. At this point, there is no need for waiting to act. We need to be working **now** in this state, diligently, to bring the witness of a personal Saviour to individuals. And, we need to do this recognizing that Our Lord has blessed the efforts of Tennessee Baptists over the years.

This is indeed a great and historic state. It is also a state which needs the witness of the Gospel today, in 1971, just as much—and more—as it was needed in 1874, and in earlier years when there was a Baptist witness.

As we look with mounting enthusiasm to the observance in 1974, we call upon all Tennessee Baptists to rededicate themselves now to the ministry of an evangelistic witness. As we set goals from time-to-time for the year 1974, let us do so with full knowledge that the goals will be without value unless there is dedication, sacrifice, and commitment in a personal ministry upon the part of every Tennessee Baptist!

Keeping Our Youth Active

There is such a thing as a summer slump—for all ages. The summer of 1971 doesn't HAVE to be accompanied by a slump. Many churches are, we believe, taking a new look at evangelistic opportunities available in an active program for young people, particularly during the summer months.

There is an increased need to provide some means of relating our youth, oriented as we all are so much to the secular world, to their local congregation in Christian fellowship. Fellowship in Christian love has held God's children together, moving forward for many centuries.

Our young people are faced with the greatest array of temptations and distractions to which any generation has ever been exposed. A strong program of fellowship, activities and worship in the local churches, keeping teen

agers and pre-teens linked closely to the churches, is needed very much. Such a program need not be expensive, but it must have evident the underlying concern for Christians of all ages who need to play together, stay together, and most important, PRAY together.

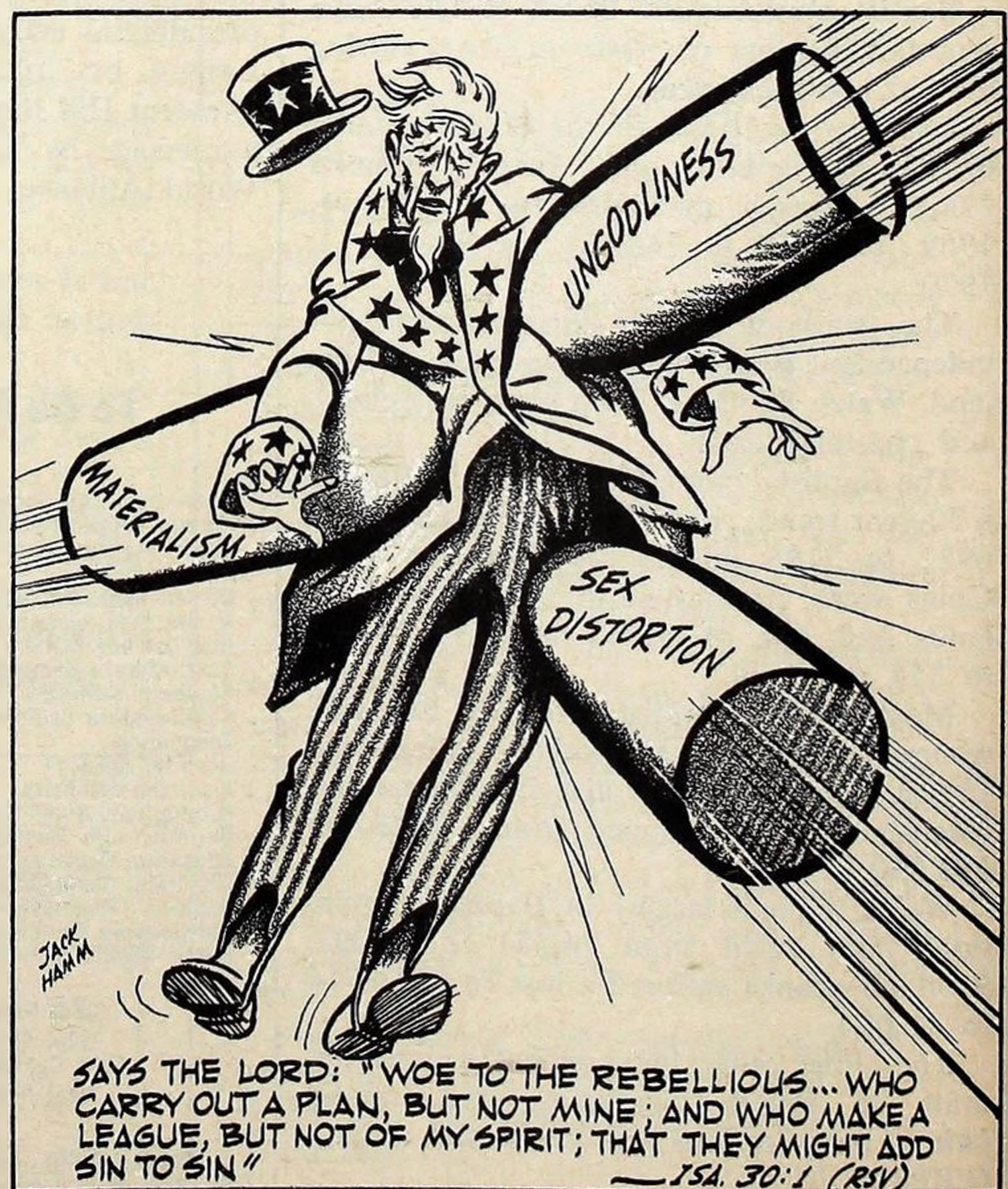
Memorandum To Churches Without Pastors

The six seminaries operated by the Southern Baptist Convention have again graduated many fine, well-trained, would-be pastors. Many of these are ours—Tennesseans, who would, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, like to return to their own home state for service.

Churches without pastors would do well to consider these graduates, as well as graduates from Bible Institutes who are Tennesseans.

We would not presume to impose an opinion concerning the work of the Holy Spirit. We would presume to request churches to make appropriate contacts with seminary officials for information from which they could form prayerful, studied conclusions. It just might well be that these contacts, if made under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, could be of eternal value to the Kingdom of God and all persons concerned.

Bombardment



Leawood Church, Memphis Has Witnessing Youth Group

The young people of Leawood church, Memphis, Jerry L. Glisson, pastor, have organized the Leawood Singing and Witnessing Youth. The group is composed of some 80 young people (youth) and young adults ranging in age from 12-22. The group, under the direction of Malcolm Sample, Leawood minister of education, has been involved in revivals and various youth gatherings in Tennessee as well as other states.

About two years ago a group of 30-35 young people from Leawood participated in a crusade in Loveland, Ohio. Then in August of 1970 evangelist Freddie Gage led in revival services at Leawood and gave impetus to the continued fervor of the youth. Glisson's son, Phil, is one of the group's active participants.

Glisson, in his 15th year at Leawood, reports that members of the group are bold in their witnessing in their schools, on their jobs and on the Leawood church field. Every Tuesday night they go visiting and witnessing from 7-8:30 p.m. Then they share their experiences from 8:30-9 p.m. the same evening. Several of the youth have been called to full-time Christian service.

Leawood has an average Sunday School attendance of 700 with 40 per cent of those in attendance under 20 years of age. The church operates on an annual budget of \$175,000-\$180,000.

Two Baptist Paper Editors Among Recent Broadman Authors

NASHVILLE—Two Baptist state paper editors are among seven recent Broadman Press authors whose books are related to teaching, preaching and living the Christian life.

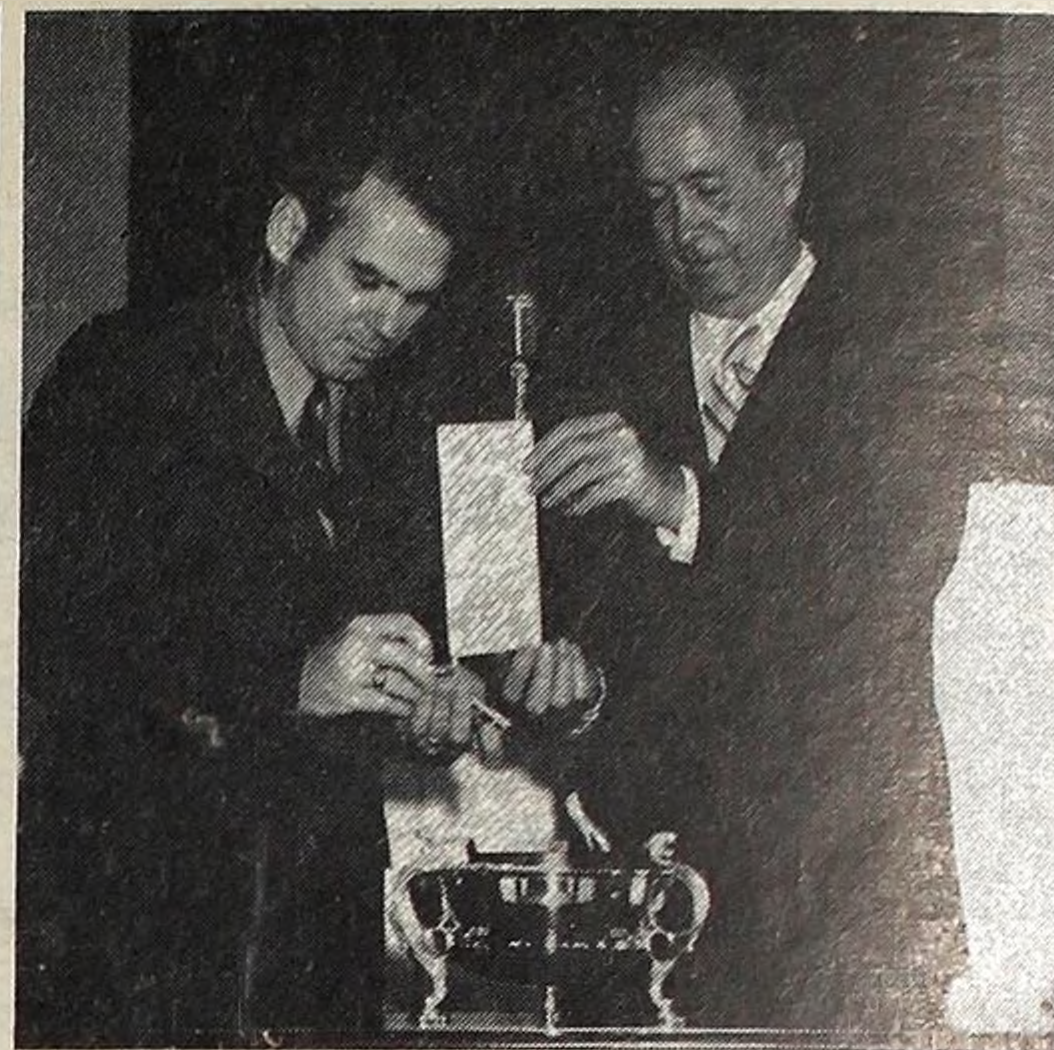
"Is Christ Coming Soon," by Joe T. Odle, editor of "The Baptist Record," presents the premillennial interpretation of the second coming. Odle draws on selected Bible verses and recent events to suggest that the time may be near.

Another Baptist newspaper editor, Robert J. Hastings of "The Illinois Baptist," is the author of a Broadman release. "Hastings' Illustrations" contains nearly 200 contemporary illustrations for use in teaching and preaching.

Tennesseans Participate In Lay Evangelism School

Four Tennesseans participated in a Lay Evangelism School May 10-16 in Houston, Texas. The school was a part of Phase II in the development of a strategy to evangelize this nation using the laity as witness-evangelists.

Harold D. Campbell, pastor, Cumberland Drive church, Clarksville, and Melvin G. Faulkner, pastor, First church, Erwin, received their training for a leadership role in Phase I, the Atlanta Lay Evangelism



Third church, Nashville, held a note burning ceremony recently for church property and parsonage, for a total of \$118,500. J. H. Maddox, Jr., Pastor, left, and David Foreit, treasurer, burn the note.

Schools. Wayne Turner of First church, Clarksville and Kenneth Dean, on the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, were involved in leadership training for Phase III of the national evangelistic strategy.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Tennessee Baptists:

Thank you very much for your wonderful contributions for those stricken by the tornado in Huntingdon and Carroll County. When we received the food, clothing, and monetary gifts sent by the many churches and individuals, we rejoiced even more in being numbered among Tennessee Baptists. Your contributions enabled many families to overcome financial difficulties.

I can't adequately express to the churches and individuals how much your help has meant. You have been generous and wonderful friends!

On behalf of all those who benefited from your generosity, may I say, "Thank God for friends like Tennessee Baptists."

Sincerely yours,
Willis W. Henson, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Huntingdon, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I must take exception to your editorial of May 20 titled "This is Progress?" I speak from a background of more than twenty years as a Sunday School teacher, fifteen years as a part-time minister of music, and twelve years as a senior high school teacher. From this vantage point, I have seen a steady growth in maturity of young people and their ability and willingness to assume adult responsibilities. (Certainly there are exceptions, as there have always been at age 21 or at any other age.) I feel strongly that the privilege of voting at age 18 requires the acceptance of the corollary responsibilities, including the responsibility of dealing with the liquor question. Let's face facts: youngsters of 18 and under can get liquor now when they want it. This new law will make its own policing easier and more effective than the former hypocritical 21-year-age limit.

I wholeheartedly endorse this piece of legislation and commend the legislators for passing it.

Sincerely,
Bob E. Knisley,
Route 4, Corryton, Tenn.

A Woman's View

Struggling To Begin . . .

By Virginia Zubl

I had wondered for so long how to approach _____. It looked as though the short twenty-four years of his life had almost completely been a one-way road leading inevitably to prison. After talking with him the first time, the desolating truth seemed to me that he would never be able to arrive at the choice to lick this thing. How could someone whose entire life had been bruised and neglected fight the only-too-natural tragic slump of striking back at others, not caring what he did to them, and not caring what he did with his own life?

I struggled for days trying to grasp mentally the feelings he had, why he had them, what circumstances and events had conditioned him to behave in this behavior directed so vehemently toward society in general and toward those around him in particular. One conscious pattern kept shouting within me—What use! You can do nothing. No one has been able to do anything. You don't know what to say, less do.

But that other part of my conscious being struggled to tune in to what was greater than self. As I prayed for help, the truth slowly emerged that the only way to help was to talk and to listen. Though I did not know what to say, this was the answer.

Another person had said, "I don't know what to do. If only we had a clear answer. If only we knew what to do." And I knew the helpless feeling. I thought, how strange that one person's life that I did not even know has existed a short time ago, now weighed inexorably upon my thoughts, drawing forth care and concern simply because he was a human being who for that very reason deserved dignity and concern. Nothing his fellow man did to degrade that would ever change this truth. Talking might at least uncover a warmth and concern that could evoke hope. All we can do is try, and having begun, never give up.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

"In The Spirit Of Christ— Consider Our Mission"

By Carl E. Bates

As long as I can remember, Southern Baptists have been concerned about their mission in the world. In my opinion, a good part of the tension that expresses itself in our annual meetings grows out of sincere concern about our mission.

It is in this fellowship that the teacher, the pastor, the laity, and convention personnel—each, according to his particular point of view, finds the freedom to express himself. I believe that the willingness to innovate (which increases the incidence of mistakes) is born of a sincere desire to carry out our mission in the world. At times we have found partial answers and, as a result, called for a reorganization of our forces. At other times we have tasted success under circumstances which we assumed existed universally and, as a consequence, expected every church to "be just like ours." Sometimes, we discovered methods which seemingly were fail-proof and, long after their productiveness had run its course, were contending earnestly "for and against." We have, on occasion, flowed toward poles like filings to a magnet. Sometimes we flowed far enough away from one another until hearing became a problem—speaking across that space was even more difficult.

But, always and ever, the one thing which has been a constant among us is concern.

It is so tonight. We have met in St. Louis again to bear witness to our concern for a lost world. It is my hope that, along with whatever else may be said about our meeting here, the news media will report that our being here and expressing ourselves in deliberative sessions, when best understood, is expressive of this concern.

We have come with an awareness that our nation (and our world) teeters on the brink of disaster. I can almost hear someone saying within himself: "The world has known crisis since Babel, so what's new?" And, he is right, but I believe the present crisis is different.

For instance, for the first time in the history of our nation there is no Christian consensus. Christian influence is at an all-time low. Law is no longer king—something called "sociological averages" has taken its place. During the span of my ministry my generation has largely turned its back on God and, in His place, enthroned things which the present generation couldn't care less about. And, oh yes, we moved from the country to the city and, in the process, lost our peace and when our children came along we had nothing really worthwhile to pass on to them. Some of us who had something worthwhile failed to transmit it under the cowardly fear of "alienating" our children and so we lost them anyway.

Another thing deepens the crisis for us: We reared a generation of Baptists who are almost totally ignorant of our doctrines. This, in my lifetime—so, I must share the blame.

And to that, this: The sense of decency in our land, which produced a corresponding sense of guilt, is gone.

And this: The pastor is no longer thought of first when a crisis arises in the home. The doctor, psychiatrist, marriage counsellor, or, even Dear Abby is called upon before the pastor.

And this: Many pastors and churches are sick of each other and this carnal nausea has turned many of our church-houses into nothing more than irrelevant grandeur.

What shall we say to all of this? How shall we bring this continuing concern to bear upon the crisis?

If we should ask John Bennett, editor of the book, "Christian Social Ethics in a Changing World," he would say: "The church is sent into the world to transform the institutions and structures of society. The status quo is not providentially ordained. If some political party proposes to do the most for mankind, the church ought to openly declare itself in support of that party." He is not clear about who is inside or outside the circle of salvation.

Ask another and he will say the Christian witness need not be verbalized in order to make its impact upon the "worlds" of labor, leisure, education, government, and even ecclesiastical institutions.

In direct contrast others insist that "one never evangelizes until he stands directly before the heart's door of a sinner and clearly confronts him with the Gospel of Christ."

Still others insist that we must produce a climate conducive to winning the world. If we do not lay down our lives in service to a needy world our declaration of the Gospel will fall on deaf ears.

And, if this were not enough, we have found ourselves spending precious time debating whether it is the task of the individual Christian or the organized church to be responsible for evangelizing the lost. Some say it is the responsibility of the individual; others

say it is the responsibility of the organized church. Some have compromised and said: "Personal evangelism is the responsibility of every follower of Christ, whereas mass evangelism is the primary responsibility of local churches and gifted evangelists. Both individuals and churches in all they do should endeavor to make such an impact upon the world that people will listen to the gospel when it is proclaimed."

My concern has been to find a way to consider our mission in the Spirit of Christ rather than in the spirit of the times. Is there some way to look through His eyes and view in His Spirit our mission. I think there is. True to the promise of our Lord that "when the comforter comes, He will cause you to remember every thing I have told you" (John 14:26). Matthew tells us: "And when He saw the milling mob, His heart was moved with pity for them, because they were tired and scattered like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to us, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the reapers are scarce. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out reapers to His harvest field'" (Matthew 9:36-38).

If, in addition to all we have done and are doing, we could take a look at the present world crisis through His eyes, I believe we would find a true channel for our concern and a new understanding of our mission.

I.

For one thing, He reminds us of the ownership of the harvest.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the Lord of the harvest has made it so."

It was my good fortune as a boy to live in the home of a farmer uncle who taught me the first lesson of the harvest. We had broken the land, prepared it for planting and, planted it. I wanted to see it come up, and ripen for the reaping the next day. I wanted to know what we could do to hasten the day. He said to me in his rustic, backwoods way, "Remember son, you can't make nothing grow! Only the good Lord can do that!"

I remember that farmer uncle tonight and when I am told that if the church does not lay down its life in service to a needy world our declaration of the gospel will fall on deaf ears.

It is true that at the heart of most of our problems is our unwillingness to serve in the Spirit of the cross but, hear me tonight, the harvest is the Lord's. It is ready for the reaping. Never has the ratio between readiness and reapers been so great. The harvest is everywhere, the whole world around, ready.

I like what Ernest Campbell said recently. In a sermon on the tower and the king going to war he said: "None of you would be so stupid as to plan a building unless he could finish it or start a war he could not win. Well, neither would God! He has the means to win and He means to win!"

In the midst of the plastic dance of circumstance, our God has prepared a harvest the proportion of which staggers the mind. No question about it, the harvest is ready.

There is more emptiness, loneliness, uncertainty, despair, and hopelessness in our world than perhaps even before. That's the harvest . . . crisis in innumerable lives all over the world.

II

Our Lord speaks also the Father's option in view of the harvest.

"Pray that He send."

This leaves no room for the "amateur providence" notion about who is to go. The choice is not ours concerning the person or the place.

I want to pause here and express my gratitude to God for having led us to provide six seminaries and mission leadership with vision enough to plan to reap the harvest both at home and abroad. It is my personal hope that we can scotch any talk, if such exists, of cutting back on any phase of our mission outreach.

We have laid our plans in faith, believing and expecting that the Lord of the harvest would exercise His option and send forth into the harvest His laborers. And, He is doing so! Wherever Christians gather, He is moving by His Spirit to thrust out those whom He chooses to send. Some of you come to this meeting tonight under the burden of a call to go. When you stand up to preach next Sunday, you will preach to some with whom He is dealing in a special way. They will be there, maybe standing in the pulpit, with no longer a reason to stay in the pastorate at home but a hundred reasons for going into the harvest fields afar waiting to be reaped.

And what is the key to all of this?

III

You wouldn't believe it. You will say, "It's all well and good, but it is too idealistic and impractical." And yet, the only order the Lord gave is this: "Pray."

The key to the whole missionary problem is in the hand of

New Books

A Dictionary of Illustrations by James C. Heffley, Zondervan, 313 pp. \$6.95. Over 900 illustrations for teachers, speakers and ministers.

Design for Discipleship by J. Dwight Pentecost, Zondervan, 130 pp., \$3.95.

Revelation by Donald Grey Barnhouse, Zondervan, 432 pp. An expository commentary.

Tongues edited by Luther B. Dyer, LeRoi Publishers, 151 pp., paper. The authors are Luther B. Dyer, G. Hugh Wamble, Wayne E. Ward, Clark Pinnock, John P. Newport, John L. Glover, and Jesse M. Ashcraft who were asked by the Missouri Baptist Convention to meet, discuss and prepare the book on the Tongues Movement.

Practical Help for Teaching the Bible by William J. Brown, Broadman, 55 pp.

New Drums Over Africa by Milton E. Cunningham, Jr., Convention, 115 pp. The adult study book in the 1971 Foreign Mission graded series.

The Baptist Faith and Message by Herschel H. Hobbs, Convention, 153 pp. Dr. Hobbs attempts to interpret a statement which Southern Baptist messengers in assembled session voted as comprising a treatment of those basic elements of faith generally agreed upon by Southern Baptists.

Out of the Whirlwind by L. D. Johnson, Broadman, 94 pp., paper. The major message of Job.

Seven Ways I Can Better Serve the Lord by James Robinson, Broadman, 128 pp., \$3.50. Both the new convert and the experienced Christian will find the book inspiring and helpful.

Worship Programs by A. Donald Bell, Zondervan, 63 pp. These devotional and worship services have been prepared for

Golden Gate Trustees Set Campaign, Adopt Budget

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary trustees, in annual session here, promoted two faculty members, adopted a record budget for 1971-72, and scheduled a three-year endowment and capital campaign to raise \$2 million.

The \$2 million capital and endowment campaign includes a \$1.7 million capital goal to build a multi-media Library/Learning Resources Center, and a \$300,000 endowment campaign for the seminary's chair of evangelism.

J. E. Connally, president of Connally Oil Co., Abilene, Tex., was elected chairman of the 15-man committee to raise the funds. Trustees hope to complete the campaign by May 1, 1974.

The \$802,330 budget adopted by the board represents an increase of \$12,439 over the current budget, an increase of 1.5 per cent. Funds for the increase will come from small fee increases and undesignated annual gifts, said seminary officials. (BP)

Mobile Liquor Stores For Resorts Is Scored

TORONTO—The United Church of Canada's board of evangelism and social service has condemned a plan by the Ontario government to send mobile liquor stores into summer cottage areas.

The board, in a resolution sent to chief commissioner of the Liquor Control Board, Maj.-Gen. George Kitching, said it feared these mobile stores would make liquor more accessible to young drinkers.

leaders of worship groups and for personal worship experiences.

Missions Alive by Zeb V. Moss, Convention, 70 pp. Youth study book in the 1971 Foreign Mission graded series.

Personally

By James A. Lester

The Executive Board, in a recent session, voted formal approval of a recommendation from the Tennessee Baptist Convention Centennial Committee requesting W. Fred Kendall to write a history of the convention. The history would be completed in time for and as a part of the convention's scheduled centennial observance in 1974.

I am delighted personally that the executive secretary-treasurer of the convention has been requested to prepare what is going to be a most difficult history. Fred Kendall is well qualified, both by training and extensive background, to write a history of three states in one; and almost by virtue of this fact, three conventions in one.

Laboring currently to complete a history being prepared for a sister state, I am aware of the necessity for primary historical source material being made available to Dr. Kendall.

Therefore, in addition to expressing my own pleasure at the fact that the executive secretary will write the history, I am requesting assistance for him. Tennessee Baptists who have any original minutes, records, papers, charts, or other materials relating to individual churches, the associations or Baptist work in the state are asked to make available to Dr. Kendall these records in order that this might be as accurate a history as it will be possible to produce.

Complete coverage of the Southern Baptist Convention session is scheduled to appear in the June 10 issue of the **Baptist And Reflector**.

God, not of man, and, according to our Lord, the key is prayer, not ingenious human schemes. Indeed, one could build a strong case against us, based on our hope that if we get busy enough we may somehow avoid and evade the necessity of spiritual concentration.

Our Lord gave his disciples this key. It was not a common-sense key. It was not a medical key. It was not a civilizing key. It was not an educational key; not even an evangelical key; the key is prayer.

One of the first things that impresses one about this is the difference between our view of prayer and our Lord's view.

Someone is likely to go away from this place thinking: "Well, I had hoped to hear something more practical but all I heard suggested for a world dying in sin was 'pray.' It is absurd to think that God is going to alter things in answer to prayer!" But, that is what Jesus said He would do and, if it is stupidity, it is stupidity based on His Redemption.

Can it be that we have said prayers so long until we inoculated ourselves against a consciousness of His continuing presence in our hearts? Or, have we said prayers in the vain hope of postponing an inevitable confrontation with a grieved Spirit by whose help we could really obey our Lord's order. The answer must come from your heart and mine. There it stands, "pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth 'laborers into His harvest.'"

Perhaps every person here has heard the story which I first heard twenty-five years ago. It was cast in the setting of our Lord's exaltation and reunion with the angelic host. He was questioned about His plan for continuing His mission on earth. As I recall the story,

He indicated that only a small band of disciples were left to continue His ministry. "But suppose they fail?" "Then," said He, "I have no other plan."

Of course, the story cannot be true. There was no margin for failure in Redemption's purpose—just the possibility that each generation through disobedience of His Orders would fail to fulfill its mission.

This is where we stand tonight. We can recognize the Lord's ownership of the harvest; His option in sending reapers, His orders for His disciples, or, we can spend our time and energy in endless discussion about "how to get the show on the road again."

It's up to you, Southern Baptists, it's up to you!

CARL E. BATES, president of the 11.4 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., for the past 12 years. Bates, 56, is a native of Mississippi, born Sept. 5, 1914. He has been president of both the Baptist General Convention of Texas and North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He was president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, 1961-62. He was elected president of the SBC at the Southern Baptist Convention in Denver, June 2, 1970. (Editor's Note: This address was scheduled for delivery Wednesday evening, June 2, 1971.)

Tennessee News Briefs

The first full-time pastor of Second church, Knoxville, **Thomas Gatton** was to begin his ministry June 6. **Gatton**, former pastor of First church, Mountain City, will replace **Gerald Brown**, interim pastor for the past 19 months. Second church was organized in February, 1969.

Glen Park church, Memphis, has voted to build a new sanctuary. **Carlton Vance** is pastor.

First church, Columbia, has dedicated a new church bus to be used in their ministry to the community. **Robert E. Lee** is pastor.

Nolan Barham, assistant professor of education at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, will serve as interim minister of music at First church, Clinton. **Hayward Highfill** is pastor.

Calvary church, Knoxville, has called **John Burton**, Physics professor at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, as interim minister of music. **J. R. Covington** is pastor.

After a 14-year absence **John R. Myers** has returned as minister of education at Parkview church, Jackson. **Myers**, former vice-president of the state Sunday school convention and recording secretary of the state Brotherhood convention, was minister of education at Parkview from 1954-57.

Mike McBride, Fort Worth, Texas, will become associate pastor-minister to youth, at McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville. **John J. Buell** is pastor.

Headquarters of the Holston association have been relocated to Kellum Building, 215 West Watauga, Johnson City.

The youth choir of Georgian Hills church, Memphis, sang in the Billy Graham crusade in Lexington, Ky. Director is **Jim Witherington**.

Bobby Green is serving as interim pastor at Lamar Heights church, Memphis.

Children's Homes

MOTHER'S DAY REPORT

By **James M. Gregg**, Executive Director

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and love gifts on Mother's Day. Through Friday, May 28, we had received a total of \$74,279.40. This is \$18,886.65 above the same period last year.

Many of our churches have designated another Sunday, such as Father's Day June 20, for the Children's Homes Offering, which will be added to this report. I urge the church treasurers to please forward to Dr. Kendall's office or to me your offering as soon as you can. Our books are kept open for this once-a-year offering through July in order to give ample time for the offering. A complete report will be given in August.

John O. Hood Day was observed by Armona church, Chilhowee association, recently. **Hood** was a former pastor of the church. **Fred A. Davis** is pastor.

West Side Chapel, Halls, has an additional unit to their building under construction. **Guy Merryman** is pastor.

Nolan Criner, pastor of the Elon church, Dyer association, was married to **Mrs. Evelyn Becton** May 9.

A. J. Lambert, pastor of Mt. Tirzah church, Dyer association, has accepted the call of First church, Bardwell, Ky.

Mrs. Willie Monger Cates is the new housemother at Atchley Dormitory for Girls on the Harrison-Chilhowee academy campus.

First church, Concord, held a Parent-Teen conference on youth problems. At the conclusion of the conference, six additions to the church and 30 rededications and commitments of homes and families were made. **Joe R. Stacker** is pastor.

Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, was designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations on July 17. The exams are available to college seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which require or encourage it.

H. C. Zachry, pastor of Central church, Winchester, Ky., for the past 15 years, will become associate pastor of First church, Jackson, on June 6. **Zachry** is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, Okla., and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. (**Rev.** and **Mrs. Zachry** have two sons, **Cam** and **Lee**. He has served as associate pastor of First church, Shelbyville, Ky., Calvary church, Lexington, Ky., and as pastor of First church, Morganfield, Ky. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor of First church, Jackson.

Doc Adams, **Buddy Hurt**, and **Barry Smith** were recently ordained as deacons at Green Hills church, Nashville.

Victor Taylor has been ordained as a deacon at Central church, Johnson City. **James Canaday** is pastor.

Deacons ordained at Fairview church Nashville, are **Tom Burlin** and **Don Cunningham**.

Jessie Pedigo, Jr., is the new pastor at Westview church, Kingston Springs. **Pedigo** was pastor at Linville.

Harrison-Chilhowee's representative to Boys State is **Buster Woody**, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Paul Woody**, Hartford. Boy's State will be held June 6-12 at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Truman Graves has resigned as pastor at Rutledge Falls church, Duck River association, to become pastor of First church, Baxter.

Clint Morgan has been called as associate pastor and interim educational director at Hermitage Hills church, Hermitage.

Immanuel church, Knoxville, has called **Stan Rushing** as pastor. **Rushing** is a graduate of Mississippi college, Clinton, Miss., and New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, New Orleans. The **Rushings** have two daughters, **Beth**, 11, and **Sandra Kay**, 9.

Ted Huckaby, of Oakwood church, Knoxville, has been called by Everett Hills church, Chilhowee association, as pastor.

Cletus E. Tipton has resigned as pastor of Village church, Chilhowee association.

Rockford church, Chilhowee association, has called **James McCulla** as pastor. **McCulla** was pastor of Fairview church, Corryton.

Ernest W. Arms, for seven years pastor of Shiloh church, Ocoee, Polk Co. association, is the new pastor at Mine City church, Ducktown.

Fairlawn church, Memphis, has called **John W. Baker** as pastor. **Baker**, graduate of East Texas Baptist college and Southwestern Theological seminary Fort Worth, served formerly as pastor of First church, Dickinson, Texas. He and his wife, **Pat** have two daughters, **Charlotte**, 8, and **Connie**, 6.

Tommy L. Bridges is serving as Church Program administrator at Second church, Memphis. He was formerly serving as Minister of Education-Administration at First church, Graham, Texas.

Billy Bush, pastor of Pigeon Valley Church, East Tennessee association, has resigned to accept a new church.

Johnny Myers is the new Minister of education at Parkview church, Jackson.

Ted O. Padgett, a student at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, is the new pastor of Lyons Creek church, Strawberry Plains.

Lutheran Church Clears \$4 Million In Lot Sale

NEW YORK—St. Peter's Lutheran church is going to derive a \$4 million profit from a business venture that includes selling the church's mid-town property then buying back the same lot from the developer of a multi-million dollar office complex.

With the \$4 million profit the church plans to build a new structure at a new location.

The intense student in the church-related college is by no means free from the youthful impatience and rebellion of today's youth. Students in church-related colleges do not escape the pitfalls of present-day society.

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All inquiries will receive personal replies from the President.

Employment Agency For Former Clergy Reports Boom In Applications

PHILADELPHIA—A newly opened employment agency here says it is doing a brisk business in getting clergymen into other fields of work.

"We're bringing in another man next month to handle the clients," said Jess Taylor, a former Episcopal priest who is manager of Mainstream, a division of Marcy and Associates.

The nationwide job counselling firm, usually assists executives who want a change in jobs, said Taylor, "But we found we were getting so many clergymen, we set up a special division for them."

"In the last month, I've talked to about 40 clergymen," he added. "Usually the story is that they're frustrated, and that the religious institutions inhibit their personal freedom."

Both Protestant and Catholic clergymen come to the offices, Taylor said. "The Catholics tend to smoke a lot during the interview, and are very nervous. The Philadelphia archdiocese takes a very negative view of men leaving the priesthood, compared with other dioceses around the country."

The desire to marry is not a primary reason for the Catholic priest's seeking other employment, Taylor said. "They come to us with the same professional frustration as the others. Most of them remain bachelors after they get into other work."

"The Catholics often get into finance," he continued. "Some come from big parishes where they had to oversee considerable property, funds and investments."

"In general, clergymen don't want to get into what you might call 'related fields'—counselling, teaching, social work. Anything but. They go into all kinds of sales, stocks and bonds, fund raising, public relations, management."

Taylor said he discovered the demands

of the church were quite different from his own concept of the ministry. "I wanted to spend time with individuals, working on the quality of life in the parish. But that's not what the congregations wanted . . .

"They wanted new programs, new members, bigger and better projects. Well, I was good enough at that sort of thing. My first two congregations in Southern California doubled in size during my tenure, but my heart wasn't in it." (RNS)

California Baptist Board Opposes State Legislation

FRESNO, Calif.—The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California adopted resolutions opposing legislation authorizing licensed prostitution in the state, a state lottery or other forms of gambling, and aid to parochial schools through a "voucher system" or any other method.

The board, meeting here, also accepted the resignation of the editor of the "California Southern Baptist" and adopted a record mission offering goal for 1972.

J. Terry Young resigned as editor of the paper after eight years, effective June 30. Young will join the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

The board approved a Cooperative Program goal for 1972 of \$1,460,000, an increase of \$70,000 over the 1971 budget goal. Of the total, 26 per cent will go to world mission causes of the Southern Baptist Convention. Final approval must come from the full convention next fall.

In the resolutions, the board expressed opposition to a bill proposed by Assemblyman LeRoy Greene providing for state licenses for houses of prostitution. (BP)

Church Construction Hits 12-Year Low During 1970

WASHINGTON—The lowest expenditures in 12 years were recorded in 1970 for erection of worship, educational, and fellowship facilities by churches and synagogues, the U.S. Department of Commerce has indicated.

A total of \$921 million was spent in 1970, the lowest since \$863 million was spent in 1958.

Use Movie Code To Grade Sermons, American Baptist Pastor Suggests

POCATELLO, Idaho—An American Baptist Pastor here has suggested that a code be worked out for grading sermons, similar to that used to classify motion pictures.

"This would be a great help when one is deciding whether or not he should get out of bed on Sunday morning," noted the Rev. Wilbur Rees, pastor of First Baptist church. His proposed code follows:

"**G**—Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive, puerile platitudes such as 'Go ye into all the world and smile' and 'What the world needs is peace and motherhood.' This sermon is usually described as 'wonderful' or 'marvelous.'

"**M**—For more mature congregations. At times this sermon even makes the Gospel relevant to today's issues, in subtle ways of course. It may even contain mild suggestions for change. This sermon is often described as 'challenging' or 'thought provoking' even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitudes.

"**R**—Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by truth. This sermon 'tells it like it is.' It is very threatening to the comfortable. It is most often described as 'disturbing' or 'controversial' and usually indicates that the preacher has an outside source of income.

"**X**—Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This sermon really 'socks it to 'em!' It is the kind of sermon that landed Jeremiah in the well, got Amos run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as 'shocking' or 'in poor taste.' The minister who preaches this sermon had better have his suitcase packed and his life insurance paid up." (RNS)

Calvary Church, Knoxville, Robbed Of Collection

Four umbrellas had just been placed at the church door for rainy day usage by members of Calvary church in Knoxville but as it turned out, the church might need the services of the Knoxville police department to cope with a recent "rainy day" the church experienced.

Whether the church offering was a savings for a rainy day or not, the entire Sunday morning receipts (\$1372.12) were stolen from the pastor's study. This prompted a new policy by Calvary's pastor, J. R. Covington, that NO money will be left on the church premises at any time.

Colleges, Agencies Vote \$30,000 Help In North Carolina

The heads of North Carolina Baptist colleges and social services agencies have voted to donate to the Baptist State Convention \$30,000 for promoting increased Cooperative Program giving. Each institution has also agreed to make personal contacts with at least 50 churches. The minimum goal is \$1,000,000 a year increase for the next three years.

The idea was first suggested at the annual trustee orientation conference by Dr. Perry Crouch, executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. As a result of that meeting a subcommittee was formed and chaired by Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president of Chowan college. Other members of the committee include Dr. Norman Wiggins, president of Campbell college and Dr. W. R. Wagner, general superintendent of Baptist Children's Home.

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Religion Around The World

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, will be a special guest on Sunday, June 13, at 10-10:30 a.m. (EST) on the CBS Television Network's weekly religious program "Lamp Unto My Feet." Stevens will be interviewed on his philosophy on religious broadcasting.

The Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging will hold their annual meeting June 24-25 at the Holiday Inn (Central), Washington, D. C. The meeting will be part of Southern Baptists' preparation for the White House Conference on Aging scheduled late this year in Washington.

Wayne R. Maddox and Mrs. Maddox, Southern Baptist missionaries to Okinawa, may now be addressed at 256-J Mercy Housing, Oyama, Ginowan City, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands. Mrs. Maddox is the former Dorothy Rogers, born in Etowah and reared in Nashville. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969.

Miss Ruth Ford, Southern Baptist missionary on furlough from Indonesia, may be addressed at 2080 Jackson, Memphis 38112. A native of Patterson, Ill., she was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935.

"Ichthus," a cantata written by William J. Reynolds, secretary, Church Music department, Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and "Hello World," a musical by Buryl Reed of Generic Music, will be presented at Glorieta (New Mexico) Baptist assembly during the Church Music Leadership Conference on July 15-21.

The Commission, the monthly magazine published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., has won two awards for photography in competition sponsored by the Evangelical Press Association during the group's convention in Chicago. The magazine won a first-place award in the "single photo" category, and a second place award in the "photo feature" category.

Trotter Named Manager Of Sunday School Department

NASHVILLE—Donald F. Trotter, present supervisor of the church training department's general administration section, has been named manager for the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Trotter, an Oklahoma native, will succeed Charles Livingstone, director of the board's church program organizations group.

Constitutional Convention Bill Gets First Approval

WASHINGTON—The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Separation of Powers has reported favorably a bill to establish procedures for and to prevent "runaway" Constitutional Conventions called under Article V of the Constitution.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D., N.C.) is chairman of the subcommittee and author of the bill. He has requested Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to schedule action by the full committee as soon as possible.

Before becoming law the bill will have to pass the Senate and House of Representatives and be signed by the President of the United States.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its March meeting expressed concern that proposals in the various states calling for a Constitutional Convention would result in a "runaway" convention that might jeopardize some of the freedoms in the Bill of Rights.

Although the Baptist agency did not approve specifically any particular bill before the Congress, they did express approval of the "spirit" an intent of the Ervin Bill.

The reason for apprehension about Constitutional Conventions is that a number of states have approved a resolution calling for such a convention. During the 91st Congress, 32 of the required 34 states had passed resolutions calling for a Constitutional Convention for a variety of reasons. (BP)

Chicago Churches Test SBC Witnessing Materials

CHICAGO, Ill.—In a move to test new Southern Baptist Evangelistic materials outside the Atlanta area, 27 Chicago churches held simultaneous lay evangelism schools here, recently.

Use of the materials in a Thursday night visitation in the Chicago area resulted in 43 professions of faith, and 27 similar decisions on other days of the week.

Witness Involvement Now (WIN), produced by the Division of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board had been previously used only in Atlanta churches with division staff members teaching. The Chicago schools were proving ground to determine whether the materials are as effective in a local church situation, board officials said. (BP)

Ridgecrest Assembly Sets Youth Bible Conference

NASHVILLE—A Youth Bible Conference will be held June 24-30 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C.

Larry Haslam, consultant, church recreation department of Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will preside.

Program personalities include Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist church, Charlotte, North Carolina, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will preach during the evening sessions.

Other speakers include Peter Rhea Jones, assistant professor, New Testament interpretation, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Miss Ann Alexander, youth worker, Jackson, Miss.

Music leaders will be Joe Helms, associate pastor and minister of music, Sheridan Hills Baptist church, Hollywood, Fla., and Van Ramsey, minister of music, First Baptist church, Shelby, N. C.

The conference is simultaneous with the Bible Conference for adults. Youth must be accompanied in a ratio of one adult for each five boys and one adult for each five girls. The church must specify Youth Bible Conference when making reservations.

Interested persons should write Reservations, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C. 28770.

A similar Youth Bible Conference will be held July 29-Aug. 4 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M.

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26 Agencies, Groups Give Reports At St. Louis Convention

ST. LOUIS—Twenty-six different agencies, organizations and committees related to the Southern Baptist Convention presented detailed reports on their work during the past year at the denomination's 114th annual session here.

Only one of the 26 organizations, the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, included recommendations for adoption by the convention during its report. Each of the other reports were "received" (but not officially adopted).

The Stewardship Commission presented three recommendations giving eight goals for increased stewardship by the 34,000 Southern Baptist churches in the denomination, and offering suggestions on increased Cooperative Program (SBC unified budget) allocation procedures.

Outline of the work during 1970 of the four convention boards, the SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards, the Sunday School Board, and the Annuity Board, included:

The Foreign Mission Board, based in Richmond, reported a total foreign missionary force of 2501 missionaries serving in 76 countries at the end of the year. During 1970, a total of 182 new missionaries were appointed. The board reported that missionary appointments were down from the record 261 missionaries appointed last year and that 171 missionaries during the year retired, died, rotated off on short-term appointment basis, or resigned.

SBC missionaries entered five new countries during 1970—Laos, Upper Volta, Mozambique, and Barbados.

The board also operated 29 publishing houses that printed a total of nearly 7.5 million periodicals, 124 hospitals and clinics that cared for 51,769 inpatients and 929,612 outpatients; 21 orphan homes that cared for 1066 boys and girls, and 41 goodwill and community centers that served nearly 350,000 persons.

Missionary Number Down

The SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, reported on the work of its 2222 home missionaries. Two-thirds of the missionaries are supported jointly by the state conventions affiliated with the SBC.

Last year, the board approved 468 missionary candidates for appointment. Despite the large number of appointments, the total number of home missionaries serving (2222) was 13 below the total one year earlier.

A major national staff reorganization at the board's offices in Atlanta was reflected in the report, along with action last year approved by the board and the SBC Executive Committee authorizing purchase of the board's office building at 1350 Spring St., N.W., in Atlanta, on a lease-purchase option.

The SBC Sunday School Board gave a

detailed accounting of its 17 program assignments, stressing its move last year to a new grouping-grading system and the shift to numerous new church literature periodicals and publications offered beginning in October, 1970.

About 125 new periodical titles and many special study and supplementary items were released for uses in the fall quarter of 1970, the board reported.

Sales and other income for the year totalled \$38,383,000, the board reported, an increase of \$2,131,000 over last year's total income. Increased cost of products and increased operating expenses, however, resulted in a new loss of \$292,000, the report said.

The largest losses were \$250,000 in the assemblies operations, and \$407,000 in "other income." Costs were unusually high in the church literature operation due to increased costs of new materials for four quarters, but increased selling prices for only one quarter, the report said.

Decrease In S.S. Attendance

In the old series (nine months basis), 73 periodicals were published for a total of 93.5 million copies, a decrease of 752,438 copies compared to the previous year. The report gave the following reasons for declining circulations: "(1) decreasing enrolments in church program organizations; (2) more conservative purchasing of materials that are being phased out, (3) dissatisfaction with a few items which often affects attitude toward all items, (4) the economic situation, and (5) increasing and intensive competition from independent publishers."

Under a statistical report published as part of the Executive Committee report to the SBC, enrolments in church organizations (most of them related to programs of the Sunday School Board) were listed.

Sunday School enrolment was 7,290,447, down 127,620; Training Union enrolment was 2,494,251, dropping by 154,137; music ministry enrolments increased by 13,993 to a total of 1,076,487; Woman's Missionary Union enrolment was 1,199,813; and total Brotherhood enrolment was 422,527.

In its report to the convention, the Annuity Board introduced Darold Morgan, elected by the board in January to begin a year's work with the board in preparation to succeed A. Alton Reed, president of the board, as the chief executive when he retires March 1, 1972.

The board reported there were 139 ministers and 293 widows on its relief rolls, who received \$162,507 in relief funds during 1970. Relief, however, is a minor part of the board's work, the report indicated.

The Annuity Board indicated that 20,669 churches now participate in the "pooled" plan, an increase of 450 churches. In addition, 192 agencies (including 67 colleges, 26 children's homes, 14 homes for the aged,

34 hospitals, 15 other agencies, and 30 state conventions) have Annuity Board programs.

Six seminaries owned and operated by the SBC reported a total enrolment of 5303 students during 1970-71. The total was a decrease of 221.

In another separate report, the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological seminary, Nashville, reported an on-campus enrolment of 83 students, and about 800 students registered in the seminary's extension department's 40 centers over the country.

Three new executive secretaries for two agencies, the SBC Historical Commission, the SBC Stewardship Commission and the SBC Education Commission brought their first reports to the convention since their election.

Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the Education Commission, succeeding Rabun L. Brantley who retired Sept. 30, reported an enrolment, support and church vocation volunteer students at the seminaries, colleges and universities, academies and Bible schools affiliated with Southern Baptists.

Total enrolment at the schools was 108,606, with total gifts from state conventions and the SBC was \$14,047,553. Volunteers for church-related vocations totalled 14,219 for the year.

During his first report as executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission, Lynn E. May of Nashville paid tribute to Davis C. Woolley, who died in January, and presented to Convention President Carl E. Bates a copy of the just-released Volume III of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists.

Hospital Agency Eliminated

James V. Lackey, new executive secretary of the SBC Stewardship Commission succeeding Merrill D. Moore who retired in January, presented the commission's recommendations for stewardship goals for the period, 1972-1975.

While Lackey, Fisher and May presented their first reports, Harry M. Harrell, executive secretary of the Hospital Agency of the SBC, presented his last report. By action of the convention earlier on Tuesday, the Hospital Agency was eliminated as an official convention-related organization.

The Southern Baptist Foundation, another institution of the convention, reported the trust corpus administered on behalf of Southern Baptists at the end of the year and totalled \$10,898,632.

The foundation received cash and securities totalling \$858,979 during the year, though withdrawals and depreciated markets caused a net reduction in the corpus of \$122,076. Earnings on the funds totalled \$691,339, increasing \$96,610, with a 6.02 average rate of return on the general fund.

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REVIVAL RESULTS

North Cleveland church, Cleveland, reports ninety-two professions of faith during their revival. The evangelistic team of **Homer Martinez**, Dallas, Texas, evangelist, **Bill Michael**, Joplin, Mo., singer, and organist **Bob Anderson**, Springfield, Mo., led the revival, in which other decisions for rededication and church membership were made. **Bernard Campbell** is pastor.

Ernest C. Pippin, Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina, was evangelist during revival services at First church, Old Hickory. Twenty-one decisions were reported. **Norris G. Hite** is pastor.

A revival led by **Darrel McCallister**, pastor of Delano church, Delano, resulted in two persons saved, eight additions by baptism, one addition by letter, and eight rededications at Zion church, Benton, Polk Co. association. **Haold Firestone** is pastor.

Sixteen professions of faith and five rededications were reported during the recent revival at Tarpine Valley Chapel, Holston Valley association. **Glen Ketron**, pastor of Vernon Heights church, Kingsport, served as evangelist. **Edward Merritt** is pastor.

In a revival at Calvary church, Knoxville, led by pastor **J. R. Covington**, there were four additions by letter and 50 rededications.

Three rededications were reported during revival services at Second church, Dyersburg. **Wayne Perkins** was evangelist. **John H. Adams** is pastor.

An April stewardship month and a stewardship revival by **Paul Williams** resulted in 14 professions of faith and several personal commitments to tithe at the Calvary Hill church, Dyer association, **Bill Smith** is pastor.

A Union university, Jackson, revival team with **Tommy Baugh**, preacher, resulted in one profession of faith and five rededications at Finley church, Dyer association. **J. O. Smothers** is pastor.

Two professions of faith, one addition by letter, and several rededications were made during revival services at the Hillcrest church, Dyer association. **Clint Oakley** was evangelist and **R. H. Dills** is interim pastor.

Three professions of faith, one addition by letter, and several rededications were reported from the revival at West Side Chapel, Halls, Dyer association. Evangelist was **Harold Cathey**. **Guy Merryman** is pastor.

During recent revival services at Pilgrim church, Chilhowee association, there were five professions of faith, five for baptism and four rededications. **Glenn Grubb** was evangelist. **Fred Self** is pastor.

A recent revival at Hayley's Grove church, Cumberland Plateau association, resulted in 19 professions of faith, and 30 rededications.

Little West Fork church, Clarksville, reports 18 professions of faith, 15 joining by letter, and four rededications during their revival. **John David Laida**, pastor of First church, Clarksville, served as evangelist. **Tow Lawler** was music director. **John R. Walker** is pastor.

Eureka church, Rockwood, reported nine professions of faith, 11 rededications, and five membership transfers during their revival. **Don Long**, pastor of First church, Petros, was evangelist. **Howard Butler** led the singing. **Herbert Lee** is pastor.

In a revival led by **James Patton**, Monroe County, at Laurel Bank church, Chilhowee association, four were saved, four joined by letter and seven came for baptism. **Frank Easter** is pastor.

In a recent revival at Cherokee church, Memphis, **Cliff Palmer**, pastor of First church, Springdale, Ark., preached and **Hoyt Mulkey**, music minister at Berclair church, Memphis, led the music.

First church, Crossville, reported four professions of faith, two additions by letter and several rededications during their revival led by **Andrew McCulley**, pastor of First church, Sweetwater. **Joe Nickell** is pastor.

Mountainview church, Cumberland Plateau association reported two professions of faith, one rededication and one surrendering to the ministry during their revival. **Floyd T. Buckner**, Emmanuel pastor, was evangelist. **Charles Rector** is pastor.

Vaughn Albright, pastor of Holston church, Strawberry Plains, was evangelist during revival services at Fredonia church, Cumberland Plateau association. There were two professions of faith and five additions by letter. **Russell Honeycutt** is pastor.

Westel church, Cumberland Plateau association, reports two rededications during their revival. **Paul Wilson**, Lake City, was evangelist. **Curtis Monday** is pastor.

Press For Religious Freedom In Spain, Americans United Urges Administration

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State has called on the Administration to use its contacts with Spain and the Vatican to gain greater religious freedom for Spanish Protestants.

"Despite talk of liberalizing religious restrictions, Protestants still suffer official discrimination and even harassment in their worship," Glenn L. Archer said here in a statement announcing a letter sent to Secretary of State William P. Rogers. (RNS)

26 Agencies, Groups Give Reports At St. Louis Convention

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In its report, the SBC Brotherhood Commission indicated that Brotherhood (Baptist Men) enrolment for the year dropped 7812 making a total of 422,527; but that Royal Ambassador enrolment of boys increased 7064 making a total enrolment of 194,708.

The SBC Christian Life Commission reported on its work in morality development during 1970, citing the year as "one of unprecedented challenges and opportunities." The conferences were sponsored by the commission during the year, one in Atlanta on the subject, "Toward Authentic Morality for Modern Man," another on "The Drug Crisis and the Church" at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, and a third on "Christianity and Sexuality" at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission, in its report, said it produced 182,884 separate broadcasts last year, a 20 per cent increase. These broadcasts were carried by an average of 2395 radio and television stations across the world. A total of 2808 broadcasts were aired each week.

C. Emmanuel Carlson retired this year as executive director of the Public Affairs Committee, and a committee composed of the chief administrative officers of most co-operating conventions began discussing the future agenda and executive leadership for the committee.

The Committee on Baptist State Papers reported a total circulation of 1,612,658 for 33 Baptist state papers during 1970, a decrease of 28,596 compared to the 1,583,662 circulation for 29 Baptist state papers in 1969.

Two associated organizations presented reports, the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC, and the Baptist World Alliance.

The Woman's Missionary Union reported total enrolments of 1,199,813, a decrease of 91,408, including all age group organizations. Increases in circulation were reported for seven major publications of the WMU, offered during the fall quarter of 1970. The new periodicals were Royal Service (with a changed target audience but the same name), Dimension, Contempo, Accent, Discovery, Aware and Start.

The Baptist World Alliance registered 8558 delegates to the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, July 12-18, 1970, its first congress in Asia.



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Adjusting To Trying Situations

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Basic Passages: Jeremiah 20:27-28; 37-39

Focal Passages: Jeremiah 27:12-17; 37:6-10; 38:2-6

All of us will face trying situations sooner or later. They are part of our lot in this kind of world. They come more frequently and more intensely to some than to others. This within itself may be a severe problem. We are apt to wonder—why?

The better question is not **why** but **how**? How can we victoriously adjust to whatever comes. How can we live a full, meaningful, abundant life in spite of what happens? How can we turn adversities into blessings?

God's chosen people were proud and independent. To be a well-behaved, subjugated people was not easy for them. To accept a most unpleasant situation until God has achieved His purpose and our highest good is a big order.

There are times for acquiescence and times to throw off the yoke. It takes grace and divine power to await the hour of liberation. When God is dealing with men and nations His will and time must be sought and heeded. Otherwise, our action may be disastrously premature.

BEWARE OF EXPONENTS OF FALSE HOPES Jeremiah 27:14-17

There are false prophets willing to paint rosy pictures in order to please us. It is not what we want to hear but the truth that we should prefer to know. False hopes are a cheat and a fraud. If we embrace them readily, we make our situation worse and more dangerous.

Those who tell us the plain truth are our best friends. They do not wish to deceive us. Others wish to feather their own nests. The great prophets say that those prophets who portray a false optimism are liars.

JEHOVAH WARNS ZEDEKIAH Jeremiah 37:6-10

The Pharaoh of Egypt made false promises. However, the Chaldeans were suspicious of Egypt and were very cautious. In fact they withdrew for a distance temporarily. This made Jeremiah's predictions seem absurd. False hopes were arising.

Nevertheless Jeremiah affirmed the certainty of his message from God and informed Zedekiah of the inevitable outcome.

He assured him that Pharaoh would return to Egypt. The Chaldeans would sack, pillage and burn the city. In fact even the Chaldeans would suffer a terrible defeat having only an army of cripples

left. They could capture and destroy Jerusalem with a fearfully depleted force. There was no ground for the false hopes presented to the king or suggested by an apparent turn of events.

Nations can so dissipate their moral strength as to be very vulnerable to even a weak foe. Moral decay growing out of religious apostasy begets violence, anarchy and impotence.

STRANGE BUT SOUND ADMONITION Jeremiah 38:17-23

Jeremiah had been saved from destruction by the intercession of an Ethiopian, yet he remains adamant regardless of danger. He advised the king to go forth to the princes of Babylon. To negotiate now would avert a worse disaster later. To yield to the enemy seemed unpatriotic but it was a wise policy in the long run. The logistics were overwhelmingly against them. This was particularly true since they had so definitely forfeited the help of Jehovah. They were so ripe for a complete purging. Appeasement is usually unavailing but here it was the course of discretion.

A COWARDLY ACQUIESCENCE Jeremiah 38:2-6

The time-serving politicians finally had their way. Jeremiah's loyalty to God and reality made him continue to prophesy the doom of a godless order of things. It appeared that he was disloyal to his country and to be weakening resistance. They made much of appearances to Zedekiah.

The king washed his hands of all responsibility and let them have their way. The great prophet and true statesman was cast into a dungeon. Imprisoning the prophet did not change the truth which he had proclaimed nor the facts which he had predicted.

Further efforts to use Jeremiah on the part of the king did not succeed. The man of God refused to even pray for Zedekiah. There was no use to ask God to ignore facts any longer. Besides the duplicity of Zedekiah deserved no favorable reconsideration.

The harvest was ripe for the reaping. It did begin with sweeping swiftness. The consequences were frightful.

Jeremiah though silenced in one way, still speaks to the ages.

Foundation

A Name To Remember

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A boy delivering groceries was asked his name. When he replied that his name was Abraham Lincoln, the inquirer replied, "That is a well known name in these parts."

The lad responded by saying, "It should be. I have been delivering groceries around here for two years."

One of the most visited spots in the world is the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This statue is there to make sure that the nation shall never forget the contribution made by the one who inspired the construction of it.

No less important to God's Kingdom are great Christian stewards, who may be little known on earth, but who are great in the Lord's service. It is a tragedy that their testimony is so soon forgotten after death.

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TV Evangelist Proposes \$4 Million Tower-Restaurant Topped By Cross

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio—TV evangelist Rex Humbard has revealed plans for a 750-foot tower—the highest structure in Ohio—featuring a revolving restaurant that would be built next to his Cathedral of Tomorrow.

The \$4 million concrete and steel tower would be topped with a huge cross. The proposal will go before the zoning board of Northampton Township where the Cathedral of Tomorrow is located.

The tower would be higher than Cleveland's Terminal Tower, now the tallest building in Ohio at 708 feet.

Humbard plans to house the cathedral's new commercial television station in the tower. The restaurant and TV studios would be in the main tower, 560 feet high.

A 190-foot steel television signal tower and cross would rise above the observation deck. (RNS)

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Today the Southern Baptist Convention will be coming to the closing session for this year. This year it is anticipated that



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there will be reflected the growing spirit of concern and revival which has been in evidence in many places. Many have been praying for a more spiritual Convention which will give evidence of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the messengers and in the program leaders. Much has been written about the spirit manifested at the Convention last year and the desire for less tension and rebellion.

The atmosphere of the times has changed and there is evidence of a real hunger for deep spiritual answers to many of the problems of the times. For the last few years there has been much criticism of the churches. Extremists have denounced the churches as being irrelevant and out of date with the times. Some have even asserted that the churches are past recovery and have crusaded for working outside of the churches. This has not been true to any extent in Baptist ranks but there has been some extreme criticism here also.

During the last year many churches have reflected programs of work which are accomplishing much and which are reaching many deeply rooted human needs. Christ loved the church and died for it and He is not about to cast it aside. Radical men have always assaulted the church and misunderstood its nature and mission. There is evidence that the churches have taken criticism constructively and have made many changes to meet modern needs.

The Southern Baptist Convention has made changes as fast as it could take eleven million people along with these changes. It has not made as radical changes as some wanted. Others have not wanted to change. Contrary to the thinking of some, changes have not been made by a small group of leaders at the top and handed down.

Hundreds of people across the whole Convention have been involved in many studies and evaluations of the work as well as the demands of the times. Changes have been brought about as a result of these many conferences and studies. They have been gradual and as a result have been received well for the most part. Progress is evident in so much of the work. There are still many problems. Decreases in numbers have not always indicated a real decline but more efficient records.

The Southern Baptist Convention has a

On Matters of

Family Living

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Alerts Parents On Confusing Criticism With Guidance

"Rewrite the script you have inherited from your parents for dealing with situations of stress," New York University psychology professor-author Haim Ginott urged parents.

When a child's behavior has caused a problem, try dealing with the situation instead of attacking the child, he advised. "Give a statement of the problem at hand and then a statement of the solution and nothing said about the child himself."

Parents too often confuse criticism with guidance, Dr. Ginott pointed out. Parents know that their criticism is out of love, but the child doesn't . . . and "unfortunately, for the most part parent talk is critical talk."

Flemming Will Chair Conference On Agency

WASHINGTON—Former secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming has been named by President Nixon as chairman of the 1971 White House Conference on Aging.

Flemming, past president of the National Council of Churches and organizer of the first Aging conference in 1961, will bring together policy proposals concerning the many factors which have a special influence on the lives of the aging.

great opportunity to witness to the nation and the world. The press and news media always have a large number of representatives present to cover every action. They sometimes give biased and incomplete pictures of what happened. But for the most part they do a very fine job and the Baptist Press seeks to render every service and to supply such background information as is necessary to understand the actions. Sometimes news stories have to be reduced because of space and lose some of the needed background. Controversy is always played up to the fullest and reported more fully than more routine matters.

At a later date we shall give our own appraisal of the Convention as we have tried to do each year. We see it from the platform and stay right in the midst of where the action is and should be able to give you an accurate analysis.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

George W. Truett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, brought the commencement sermon at George Peabody college, Nashville.

J. W. Storer resigned as pastor of First church, Paris, to become pastor of First Baptist church, Greenwood, Miss.

John W. Inzer, pastor, First church, Chattanooga, received the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Simmons college, Abilene, Texas.

20 YEARS AGO

Robert G. Lee, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and announced his refusal to accept a nomination to serve the fourth term as convention president.

Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Harley Fite, president celebrated its centennial.

Evangelist Billy Graham held a crusade in Memphis at the city's fairgrounds.

10 YEARS AGO

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for 14 years, succeeded Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fred C. Shatz, a native of Birmingham, Ala., was named academic dean at Belmont college, Nashville. Shatz came to Nashville from Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, where he served as director of placement and associate professor of education and psychology.

Kansas Convention Names Staff Leader

WICHITA, Kan.—R. Rex Lindsay, first new staff member to be appointed by the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in three years, has been named director of the missions, evangelism, and student work for the Kansas convention.

Lindsay, presently superintendent of missions for the Eastern and Western Nebraska Baptist Association, was jointly appointed by the Kansas convention and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. (BP)

GOD'S CALL TO FAITH

By Howard S. Kolb, Pastor
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Bible Study Passages: Isaiah 30:15, 18; 31:1-3, 6; 32:16-17; 37:5-7

The lesson this week takes place during the reign of King Hezekiah, 724 B.C. to 695 B.C. The events in the lesson center around Jerusalem and the blasphemous threats of Sennacherib of Assyria. Sennacherib was encamped at Lachish, thirty miles southwest of Jerusalem. The worldly leadership of Judah felt an alliance with Egypt would bring security, would be their chief hope, would make the nation safe. God's plea to Judah is that she should not turn to Egypt for help but should turn to God.

The central point in the lesson is that we should heed God's call to faith. He will be our help, our security, our hope. In every hour of life we are to turn to Him. In the crises hours of life He will help us. Ever and anon He calls us to faith in Him.

I. God's Call To Faith Is A Call To Turn To Him (Isa. 30:15, 18).

The Lord God, the Holy One of Israel pleaded with Judah to return to Him. The "returning" spoken of is an abandonment of the course hitherto pursued, which was reckless provocation of Assyria and trust in Egypt. In quietness of mind and confident trust in God, Judah would find salvation, strength, graciousness, mercy and blessedness. Distrust of God had caused a feverish restlessness. When we trust God we find His resources adequate for all crises of life.

God wants to be gracious to Judah. It is His intent to be gracious. If men turn to God will find blessings waiting for them (Isa. 30:18).

II. God's Call To Faith Is A Call To Trust God Rather Than The Flesh (Isa. 31:1-3, 6).

Judah was frightened at the news of the capture of city after city by Sennacherib. Instead of turning to God for help she turned to Egypt for help. Israel's temptation was to trust in chariots and horsemen (Isa. 31:1). The Lord was left out of the picture.

Egypt was known for her chariots. The Pharaoh of the Exodus had six hundred chariots (Ex. 14:7). Shishak had twelve hundred chariots (II Chron. 12:3). In fact, Egypt exported chariots to neighboring countries (I Kings 10:29). Judah was deficient in chariots and horsemen. The Assyrians were well equipped. Judah looked to Egypt for the solution to their problem rather than "the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 31:1).

The worldly leaders felt they were wise in turning Judah toward an alliance with

Egypt. A wiser course would have been a turning to the all wise God. Their self-sufficiency, their political alliance would bring disaster (Isa. 31:2). The Egyptians are mere men. No help would be found in them (Ps. 146:3). The helpers and the helped would fail (Isa. 31:3). The flesh of Egypt all put together would not equal nor even approach the strength of God. God is all powerful. He can help when the flesh cannot.

III. God's Call To Faith Is A Call To Righteousness And Peace (Isa. 32:16-17).

God promises an outpouring of His Spirit. Justice and righteousness will be established among men. War, quarrels, enmity, and hostile feelings are all the fruit of unrighteousness. Peace is the result of righteousness. The effect, the service, the wages of righteousness are quietness and confidence (James 3:18). When men turn to God in faith they find righteousness, peace, security.

IV. God's Call To Faith Is A Call To See God At Work (Isa. 37:5-7).

Hezekiah sent to Isaiah, the prophet, the threats of Sennacherib demanding the surrender of Jerusalem. Isaiah sent back the message, "Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land" (Isa. 37:6-7). Sennacherib would hear a rumor, a hearsay, a report, tidings from home. What rumor he heard we do not know—the movements of Tirhakah, the destruction of his hosts, an insurrection in some part of the Assyrian empire. Sennacherib will beat a hasty retreat; and then, in his own land, he will be assassinated. That which God promises He is able to perform. The great monarch was assassinated as God had said (Isa. 37:36-38; II Kings 19:37).

When a man puts his faith in God he can expect God to work!

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Baptist VIEWpoll
Martin B. Bradley, Director

'Credibility Gap' In Local Churches?

NASHVILLE—The majority of a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers feel that, to some degree, a "credibility gap" does exist in local churches, according to a recent survey conducted by the Baptist VIEWpoll.

Panel members were presented with the following: "Much is heard today about 'credibility gap,' that is, the contradictions between what leaders say they plan to do and what they actually do. In the Southern Baptist Convention today, what would you say regarding a 'credibility gap' in the local churches (between members and leaders)?" Three alternatives were given to the panel—"quite prevalent," "exists, but to no great extent" and "hardly exists."

More than one-half of the pastors (51.3 per cent) and slightly less than one-half of the teachers (46.4 per cent) feel that a "credibility gap" in local churches "exists, but to no great extent."

About one-fourth (24.8 per cent) of the pastors and one-fifth (20.6 per cent) of the Sunday School teachers feel that the existence of a "credibility gap" in local churches is "quite prevalent."

A "credibility gap" in local churches "hardly exists" according to 20.4 per cent of the pastors and 26.2 per cent of the teachers.

Some pastors (3.5 per cent) and teachers (6.8 per cent) did not respond to the question.

Pastors with a "liberal" orientation toward religion and politics seemed to indicate a greater awareness of a "credibility gap" in the local churches than did others on the panel.

The findings are based on 91 per cent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel, composed of approximately 300 pastors and 300 Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Resolutions Honor Retiring Missionaries

Clarence S. Little, superintendent of missions, Tennessee Valley association, and Boyd LeCroy, superintendent of missions, William Carey association, were honored by fellow superintendents of missions in separate resolutions on May 7 during the group's annual meeting in Brentwood. The resolutions, prompted by the retirement of the two men, spoke of the years of service of both and for their "tireless efforts" in the ministry.

Little served formerly as superintendent of missions in Big Emory, Holston and Cumberland County Associations. LeCroy's former service included Maury, Western District, and Indian Creek associations.