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WATCHTOWER IN ISRAEL—"For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth . . . I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime . . ." (Isaiah 21:6, 8). This watchtower, photographed during an SBC Radio-Television Commission production tour in the Holy Land, probably was built during the Crusades but is similar to those used in the Old Testament period.

A FALSE ACCUSATION

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews that are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after their customs"—Acts 21:21.

Upon Paul's arrival in Jerusalem he reported to the leaders of the church there the success of his mission to the Gentiles. And they rejoiced in it (vv. 18-20). But they noted that even the thousands of Christian Jews were "zealous [zealots] of the law."

Then they told Paul that certain ones (Judaizers) had been reporting in Jerusalem that Paul had been teaching among the Gentiles that Jews should no longer observe the Mosaic law or circumcise their children. If true, the apostle would be in deep trouble with his fellow-Christian Jews.

The fact is that this accusation was false. For instance, Paul himself still observed the Jewish feasts. He had observed the Passover in Philippi on his way to Jerusalem (Acts 20:6).

And he was anxious to arrive in Jerusalem in time for Pentecost (Acts 20:16). Never had he taught that Jews should not circumcise their children. Since Timothy was a half-Jew he had had him circumcised (Acts 16:13); but had refused to cir-

cumcise Titus since he was a Greek (Gal. 2:3). He had insisted that circumcision was unnecessary for Gentiles to be saved, but did not condemn Jewish circumcision (1 Cor. 7:18). No man was saved, Jew or Gentile, simply by being circumcised (v. 19; Gal. 5:6; 6:15). What God demanded was circumcision of the heart (Rom. 2:28-29; Phil. 3:3; Col. 2:11).

As for the "customs" Paul taught that mere outward keeping of rules was not enough. One must be changed inwardly. It was not an outward keeping of law but an inward experience of faith in Christ which made one righteous before God (Rom. 10:1-10). Paul saw the Christian faith as the fulfilment of the Mosaic law, as Jesus also taught (Matt. 5:17-48).

These false charges against Paul were brought by the Judaizers who hounded him on every hand. Those who should have been his Christian friends were his enemies. They spoke lies in hate rather than the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

Christians should be true to the faith. At times there may be differences of understanding. But even then they should speak the **truth in love**.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In Ybor City, the Latin quarter of Tampa, Fla., a Cuban store sells prayers in an aerosol spray can.

"Canned prayers" are something new. Up to now, I didn't know prayers could be preserved . . . I thought you had to use them every day.

This surprising innovation suggests certain advertising slogans such as "Spray your troubles away." Or "One squeeze puts your mind at ease."

The aerosol prayer cans probably come in three convenient sizes: The giant, with special panic button top to be pushed in time of stress; medium size for medium wants and desires, and the small size for those who don't want to ask for much of anything.

Naturally, it is hoped that the manufacturer will not have the audacity to label a can with the words: "The family that sprays together stays together."

And yet, it's true that life would be much sweeter if everyone sprayed and prayed without ceasing.

Devotional

Character, Road Building

By J. Victor Brown, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant

"Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people." Isaiah 57:14



Brown

In many parts of Europe today there are the old Roman roads over which the armies of Caesar marched in triumph in early days. Many people get their impression of a country from their highways, and with increased motor traveling, the building of good roads has become

a subject of importance in all countries. No longer can any people live in isolation.

There is a very definite parallel between building a character and building a road. If we would go anywhere, we must have a road. If we are to make something out of our lives, there must be a way, and sometimes God makes us make the highway of character through the hot desert and the cold wastelands.

All of us are roadbuilders. Consciously sometimes but more often unconsciously we are opening up a way for others. This is a truth realized by most ministers. Part of the work of each Christian is to open a way into the heart's undiscovered territory. All too often we are made to open up a highway through the rough and stony wasteland of indifference.

Obstacles are a common thing in road building. In many places great trees have to be rooted out of the way. Great boulders roll down the mountainside. These must be blasted out of the way.

So the builder of highways into lives must expect boulders and trees to be in the way. If we are to build highways for Christ we must never be content with surface appearances. John came preparing a highway in the wilderness. What kind of road are you building and will it be ready when the King shall come?

Church Adopts Budget Plan

First Church, Philadelphia, Dillard Hagan, Pastor has adopted the Every Family Plan for Baptist And Reflector.

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Clergy And Congressmen Unite To Fight 'Prayer Amendment'

WASHINGTON—Clergymen and congressmen united here in an unusual press conference to condemn the proposed constitutional prayer amendment as a "threat to religious freedom."

Declaring "alarm" over the effort to alter the first amendment, the group of seven national religious leaders and nine congressmen issued a statement urging all citizens to join with them in expressing concern over the proposal to amend the Bill of Rights for the first time in history.

Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was one of the seven national religious leaders signing the statement and participating in the press conference called by both Republican and Democratic congressmen.

Other Baptists present at the press conference were Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, president of the American Baptist Convention; Warren Magnuson, executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference and chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and G. K. Zimmerman, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference.

"Have Adequate Protection"

"We believe and aver that we . . . now have adequate protection of religion in the first amendment; that the Supreme Court decisions of 1962 and 1963 served to strengthen that freedom, and that, contrary to its supporters' contentions, House Joint Resolution 191 would restrict that freedom," the congressmen and clergymen declared in their 900-word statement released at the press conference in the Cannon House Office Building.

House Joint Resolution 191, sponsored by Cong. Chalmers P. Wylie (R., Ohio), reads: "Nothing contained in this constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

Both in the statement and in the 50-minute press conference, the panelists pointed

out that Americans "are already guaranteed the right to participate in prayer—nondenominational or denominational, and in buildings public or private."

Termed "Antithetical"

"None of this has been diminished by any opinions of the Supreme Court," the statement continued. "Thus the proposed amendment might actually serve to lessen our religious liberty rather than broaden it," the religious and legislative leaders declared.

The group attacked the proposed authorization for "nondenominational prayer" as "antithetical to religion."

Religion by its nature is "intensely personal and denominational," the declared.

"A nondenominational consensus prayer could only serve to reduce religion to its least common denominator, to neutralize it, and finally to create what might be called a nonsectarian public school religion," the ad hoc group further stated.

Through the efforts of a small lobbying group rallying grassroots pressure on their congressmen, 218 members of the House of Representatives recently signed a "discharge petition" to force the prayer amendment proposal out of committee to the House floor for a vote. The House is expected to vote on this bill on November 8.

False Issue Used—Bates

In the press conference, Cong. Celler turned to Carl Bates and asked him why, "despite all the glorious resolutions" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention and most other main-line denominations, constituent pressure caused so many congressmen to sign the discharge petition.

"A false issue is being used to stampede the Congress," Bates responded.

Cong. James Corman (R., Calif.), who presided at the press conference, predicted that the amendment would be defeated in the House. Celler interrupted him by observing sharply, as he turned and looked at Bates and other religious leaders, that it would not be defeated "unless religious groups do more to inform their people about the principle involved in this."

Other religious executives signing the statement and participating in the press conference were: David K. Hunter, deputy general secretary of the National Council of Churches; Bishop John Wesley Lord, the United Methodist Church, William P. Thompson, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA; and Robert E. van Deusen, director, Office of Public Affairs, Lutheran Council in the USA. Cong. Robert F. Drinan (D., Mass.), the only Catholic priest to be elected to Congress, was among those at the press conference vowing "to fight against passage" of the prayer amendment. (BP)

University Weighs Adding Courses In Religion

ATLANTA—Officials at Georgia State university are considering offering more courses in religion and possibly creating a degree-program in the field, according to Dr. Charles Vail, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

If the latter proposal is realized, Georgia State would become the first state-supported school in Georgia's history to offer a degree in religion.

Dean Vail said a study on the feasibility of "strengthening the treatment of religion in the curriculum" is now under way and will determine what will eventually happen to religion as a discipline at the second largest school in the state.

If either course is pursued, he said, the treatment of religion at the school would be strictly academic and would include more than just the study of the Christian religion.

The feasibility study is being conducted at the request of a group of faculty members.

The study, according to Dr. Vail, will consider two main factors: "(1) student interest and (2) what an urban university ought to do for its constituency."

The School of Arts and Sciences currently offers several religion-oriented courses in other departments—the sociology of religion and philosophy of religion—and the School of Urban Life frequently sponsors seminars concerning the role of the church in an urbanized society.

However, no courses in religion as such are offered.

Evangelical Christian University Studied By 10 Small Colleges

SEATTLE—Ten small Christian colleges located from Pennsylvania to the State of Washington are examining the possibility of an evangelical Christian university with campuses across the U.S.

The Christian College Consortium has been incorporated in Indiana, and Dr. David L. McKenna, president of Seattle Pacific College is chairman of the colleges' cooperative efforts.

Members of the consortium include Seattle Pacific College; Bethel College, St. Paul; Taylor University, Upland, Ind.; Wheaton (Ill.) College; Messiah College, Grantham, Pa.; Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.; Gordon College, Wenham, Mass.; Greenville (Ill.) College; Malone College, Canton, Ohio; and Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif. (RNS)

Indian Creek Association Plans Seminary Extension Study

A Survey of the Old Testament will be the first course offered at Calvary Baptist church, Indian Creek association, through the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. Classes are scheduled to begin Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Professor for the course is H. H. Hurst.



"IT'S A CONTRIBUTION FOR OUR NEW CHURCH."

EDITORIALS

Convention Time Nears

The 97th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held in Gatlinburg next month. The Convention sessions come at a time when there are many evidences of revival among Tennessee Baptists, and evidences of renewed enthusiasm for and support of the ministries of Tennessee Baptists. Some 1500 messengers are expected to attend the sessions in Gatlinburg. This Convention session could be a very high spiritual time for Tennessee Baptists. On the other hand, it could be that Tennessee Baptists would return from the Convention weaker rather than stronger in their hopes for the future.

The time is **now** for us to determine that this will be a Convention filled with and led by the presence of the Holy Spirit. In this manner, and in this manner alone, will this be a Convention which will redound to the glory of God and bring about renewed enthusiasm for, interest in, and support of the work in the local church, the associations, the Tennessee Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

There is no issue faced by Tennessee Baptists which cannot and should not be faced in the spirit of Christ, manifest in the love of God for his children. The annual sessions of the state Convention are very important. They reflect not only the work of a great body of people over a year but serve as a sounding board for work planned for the future. It is a time not only for inspirational messages, but for business. When we neglect the business affairs of our Convention, then they go by default.

Prior to the Convention sessions, the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet in Gatlinburg and the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Convention, will hold its Convention in Pigeon Forge. These meetings also should be remembered **beforehand** with prayer, and should be attended in a prayerful attitude. The spirit of the living God must permeate the work of Baptists in Tennessee or else the work is not worthy of being promulgated "for Christ's sake."

Provision should be made now on the part of the churches for attendance at the sessions by pastors, other staff members, and leaders within the church family. This ought to be a Convention in which laymen in the church attend and participate actively. Conventions are not preacher Conventions. God's ministers are God's servants, and our leaders in the Pauline concept of bond-servants in Jesus Christ. But the affairs of Tennessee Baptists are those which should occupy the interest of pastor and layman alike.

This Convention session should be, must be, and will be under the leadership of God, a high hour to be recorded for this great body of people called Baptist in our state.

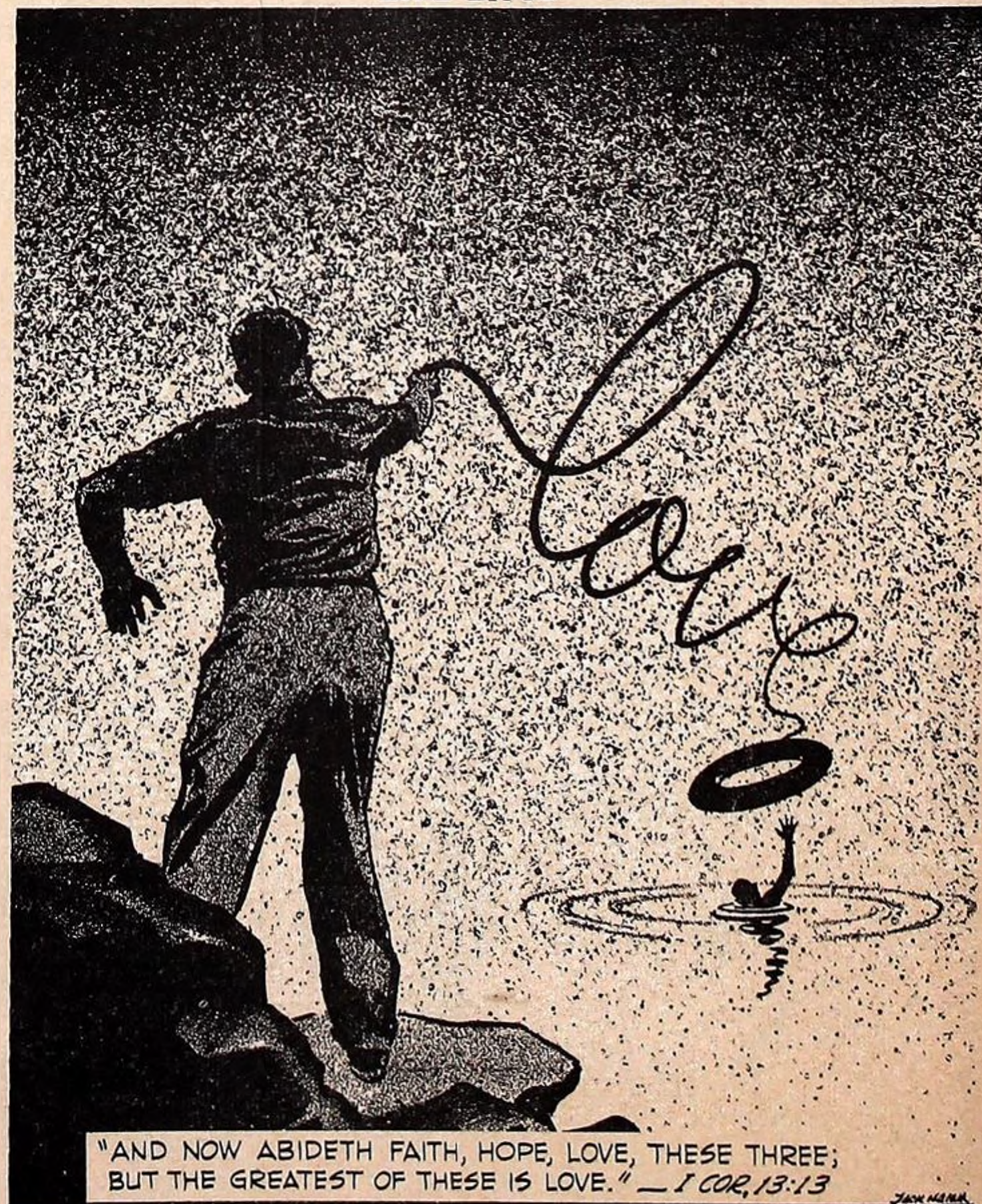
The Revival At Union

The revival at Union university held during the last of September and the first of October will be one remembered a long time by faculty, students, and people in and around Jackson, Tennessee. In an effort unusual for many colleges, the revival on the campus of the west Tennessee Baptist college resulted in professions of faith by 34 students, and it resulted in around 225 decisions of one type or another, including the professions of faith. Held in the gymnasium, one revival session lasted more than three hours, we are told.

This type of revival is encouraging not only because it is revival effort, but because it occurred on the campus of a Baptist college. In our judgment, when this type of religious enthusiasm sweeps across the campus of one of our Tennessee Baptist colleges, then we feel more than justified and recompensed for efforts expended in behalf of the institution.

We believe that the entire academic year at Union university will be enriched because of this revival. We believe that those pastors and Baptist church members in West Tennessee closest to Union university will be strengthened in their confidence of our Baptist higher educational program. We believe, moreover, that as long as our Baptist colleges give evidence of this kind of spiritual emphasis, that these colleges will be in business until Jesus comes!

LIFE LINE



Foreign Mission Board Representatives Confer With Presidential Assistant

WASHINGTON—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and five of his associates conferred October 7 in Washington, D. C., with a White House staff member regarding President Nixon's upcoming trip to China.

Cauthen expressed the conviction that among Chinese people as a whole there remains a "large reservoir of goodwill." He urged that the President be conveyed his hope that negotiations would allow time for true Chinese goals to emerge.

Friends of the Foreign Mission Board had requested a conference with the President in order that Cauthen might express his views regarding the implications of Nixon's rapprochement with the People's Republic of China. The White House responded, inviting Cauthen to come to the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House to discuss his views.

"China has a history of sudden and dramatic change," Cauthen said, suggesting that such a change could alter China's situation after current leadership passes off the scene.

Cauthen said that much of the Chinese revolution has cut across traditional Chinese values, and it is possible that a new turn in Chinese direction could come within a few years.

"It is my hope that we will not do anything to strengthen the position of those who would hinder such change," he added.

"America's allies in Asia will be measuring America's resolution to maintain existing relationships with them," Cauthen continued.

Cauthen was accompanied by James D. Belote, FMB area secretary for East Asia; Winston Crawley, director of the overseas

division; Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the mission support division; Eugene L. Hill, secretary for missionary education and promotion; and R. Keith Parks, area secretary for Southeast Asia.

Belote pointed out that the number of young people fleeing the mainland of China to Hong Kong has increased recently. Parks, currently living in Singapore for a year, expressed hope that America's allies in Southeast Asia will be assured of continued American support.

Cauthen was a missionary in China from 1939 to 1945. Belote, Crawley and Hill are also former missionaries to China.

Nearly \$1.5 Million Raised In Arkansas College Drive

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Arkansas Baptists have raised cash and pledges totalling \$1,478,000 in a fund drive for two Baptist schools in the state, the leaders of the campaign announced in the first meeting following the beginning of the drive, July 1.

Alvin (Bo) Huffman Jr., director of the campaign, said that the gifts came from 14 of the 122 churches in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention with annual budgets of \$50,000 or more and comprising the "advance division" of the campaign.

The gifts will aid Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, and Southern Baptist college, Walnut Ridge, Ark. (BP)

Crimes In Tennessee Show Increase In Year

By Bobbie Durham

There were 74,101 crimes committed in Tennessee during 1970 compared to 66,371 crimes in 1969, according to the **Uniform Crime Report** issued recently by J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation. The crime counts set forth by the publication were actual offenses established by police investigation as crimes.

According to the information presented in the report, there were 10,787 violent crimes committed in Tennessee during the year, (these include murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault). Property crimes numbered 63,314 (burglary, larceny \$50 and over, and auto theft).

A further breakdown within the violent crimes section showed 346 persons were killed in Tennessee during the 12-month period by murder or non-negligent manslaughter. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are classified as: all willful felonious homicides as distinguished from deaths caused by negligence. This excludes attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, or justifiable homicide.

Six hundred and seven (607) persons were the victims of forcible rape in the state. There were 3218 robberies committed; 6616 aggravated assaults (assault with intent to kill or for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury). This excludes simple assault, assault and battery, and fighting.

Under the category of property crimes, there were 31,656 burglaries; 20,305 acts of larceny \$50 and over (a theft of property or article of value which is not taken by force, violence, or fraud); and 11,353 auto thefts.

Crimes committed during 1970 in the classification of East South Central States, (Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee) were up 13.6 per cent over the 1969 figures. Violent crimes (as previously defined) were up 18.1 per cent in these states, and property crimes rose 12.8 per

cent. The estimated United States population increase in 1970 was one per cent over 1969, according to census reports.

The Crime Index rate for the United States rose from 2477 offenses per 100,000 inhabitants in 1969 to 2740 in 1970. This is an 11 per cent increase in the victim rate. The victim rate in the East South Central states rose 16.2 per cent from 1969 to 1970. The national crime rate, or the risk of being a victim of one of these crimes, has increased 144 per cent since 1960.

In the East South Central states, the victim rate (offenses per 100,000) has risen 16.2 per cent since 1969 in the total crime index. The rate per 100,000 for violent crimes has risen 20.9 per cent, and for property crimes, 15.5 per cent.

Crime figures for the state were categorized into standard metropolitan statistical areas, other cities, and rural areas. These statistics revealed 57,326 crimes committed in the standard metro statistical area, 7780 crimes in other cities, and 8995 crimes in rural areas of the state.

In Nashville, the state's capital, 18,834 crimes were committed during 1970. Only 3151 were considered violent crimes with 15,683 classified as property crimes. Sixty-eight persons died in Nashville last year as a result of murder or non-negligent manslaughter. This is a rate of 12.6 killings per 100,000 inhabitants.

Murder offenses rose 13 per cent in the Northeast, 8 per cent in the Northcentral states, and 7 per cent in the South and West in 1970. The national increase was 8 per cent from 1969 to 1970.

From Jan. 1, 1970—Dec. 31, 1970, there were 100 law enforcement officers killed in the nation by felonious criminal action. This is a 16 per cent increase over the 1969 figures of 86 officers slain. According to the report, more officers were killed attempting arrests than in any other manner.

CHRISTIAN FOCUS WEEK SLATED AT BELMONT

"Christ in You the Hope" will be the theme for Christian Focus Week, sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Belmont College, Nashville, Oct. 11-15.

The theme is taken from an original dramatic interpretation co-authored by Ed Seabough, National Student Ministries Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and William F. Cates, Belmont student.

Ward's Grove Dedication Held

In less than one year, members of Ward's Grove church, Milton, watched their church building burn to the ground, voted to rebuild, provided \$45,000 as security for a loan, prayed and worked together, and finally dedicated their new building last Sunday. Dedication services were held at 2:30 p.m. followed by an open house at the church.

Brotherhood Officers' Conference Held; Officers Are Elected

The Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was host as 61 men from 38 associations throughout Tennessee met in Brentwood recently for the state officers' conference.

According to Roy Gilleland, Brotherhood secretary, the men hope to organize Royal Ambassador organizations and Christian Witnessing Fellowships in at least 60 per cent of the churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Dick Filler, Knoxville, instructed the men on establishing Bible study and prayer groups in churches and homes. Royal Ambassador program instruction was presented by Bill Highsmith, Royal Ambassador secretary.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the featured speaker for the conference.

James B. Nugent, Nashville, was elected life president. Serving as president for 1972 is G. Leon Brown, Union City. Paul R. Cates, Jefferson City, was elected vice president, and Wendell W. Crews, Athens, was elected recording secretary.

Baptist School Honors Cash For Humanitarian Activities

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C.—Country music superstar Johnny Cash received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Gardner-Webb College here, which cited him for his humanitarian activities.

"Today we have met to honor one of the princes of American country music for his humanitarian activities on behalf of the humble and the poor, those who are the victims of drugs and alcohol, and the thousands locked behind prison walls," said a citation presented to Cash by the Baptist school.

The citation was read by Lloyd C. Boist, a bakery company executive and chairman of the school's board of trustees. President of the school, Eugene Poston, conferred the degree.

In a brief response, Cash thanked the Baptist institution for remembering "one who had such a lowly beginning and still is closely associated with those who have so little."

Commenting on prison rehabilitation, Cash told the estimated 3500 persons attending the convocation that "no legislation or rehabilitation program is worth two cents if there is no one involved who really cares."

He gave a brief account of his first prison concerts, emphasizing the importance of help given him by members of his musical troupe, who, like Cash, made the performances without pay. (BP)

Regional vice presidents elected include: John Lewelling, Jackson; Luther Carlisle, Memphis; James Willoughby, Dyersburg; Gerald Arnold, Humboldt; James Robertson, Nashville; Howard Broadbent, Woodlawn; Harold Dillon, Columbia; Harold Stockton, Jamestown; and Morris Frank, Smyrna. Also elected as regional vice presidents were: Roy V. Hopkins, Morristown; Stanley Johnson, Kingsport; Ernest Neal, Cleveland; Jerry Massey, Chattanooga; St. George Jones Jr., Rockwood; and R. H. Filler, Knoxville.

Bible Conference 'First' Set By Student Group

"Encounter," a "first" in Bible conferences for students, will be held Dec. 27-30 at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Ga., it was recently announced.

Sponsored by the National Student Ministries of the Baptist Sunday School Board, "Encounter" is being offered to students because students are seeking opportunities to learn how to study the Bible and to be involved in meaningful study and application of the biblical revelation, stressed Charles M. Roselle, secretary of the department. "Encounter" is aimed to meet these specific needs of students," he continued.

Varied opportunities and methods for Bible study will be presented at the conference. Small group book and topical Bible studies, lectures, discussions, and extensive studies of biblical theology will be featured.

Program personalities are being enlisted among pastors, directors of student ministries, college faculty members, and other denominational leaders.

Birth Trend Indicate 'Zero Growth' In U.S. Population In This Century

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A report here said the U.S. faces the possibility of reaching "Zero population growth" within this century, the last five years having seen the largest decrease in births since such figures were first kept in 1850.

This development was announced by the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies, which noted that a decline in births has replaced the post-World War II baby boom. There were 15.5 per cent fewer children under five years of age in 1970 than in 1960.

More remarkable, the center said, is the fact that this decrease coincides with the greatest increase in the number of people most capable of having children—a 29 per cent increase between 1960 and 1970 in the 15 to 34 age category. (RNS)

Sammy Tippit Asks For Jury Trial For Disorderly Conduct

CHICAGO—It was an eventful day for 24-year-old Sammy Tippit, Chicago Jesus people leader and Baptist evangelist who was recently arrested on "disorderly conduct" charges after witnessing and passing out tracts in Chicago's "Old Town" nightclub district.

On Sept. 29, Tippit ended a 26-day prayer and fast vigil at the Chicago Civic Center Plaza; he appeared in court for an initial hearing on his "disorderly conduct" charges; and he became the father of a baby boy.

During the hearing in the 18th District Police Court, Tippit and fellow evangelist Lloyd Cole, both charged with "disorderly conduct," requested and were granted a jury trial.

"When I saw how fast the cases were disposed of in police court, I knew I should ask for a jury trial," Tippit said.

The jury trial was scheduled to go to the 46th District Court on Oct. 13, although the magistrate in the initial hearing told Tippit that because of a backlog of cases before the court, he really could expect only to have his case placed on the docket at that time.

"The hearing here marked the end of a 26-day fast and prayer vigil for Tippit, who directs a ministry called "God's Love in Action, Inc." While the wind whistled through the famed Picasso sculpture on the Civic Center Plaza, Tippit maintained an around-the-clock witnessing and prayer marathon. (BP)

Herman King Named To New Position

NASHVILLE—Herman L. King director of the Publishing Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for 10 years, has been named executive assistant in the board's executive office.

In his new position, King will assist executive secretary-treasurer James L. Sullivan in general administrative matters and special projects. His travel will be related to interpretation of the People-to-People project, in addition to interpretation of board policies and actions to pastors, churches, associations and other groups.

King directed the Publishing Division from its beginning in 1961 until it was phased out this year in major reorganization of the board. The largest portions of the work went into two new divisions, Church Services and Materials, and the Broadman Division.

Before King became director of the Publishing Division, he was executive assistant from 1958-1961, and held positions in the Sunday School department from 1939-1958. He practiced law in Nashville for seven years before coming to the board.

King is scheduled to retire at the end of September, 1972. (BP)

GOD RESPONDS TO PRAYER

By Charles R. Ausmus, Pastor
Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville

Heb. 11:6, Matt. 7:7-12, 2 Cor. 12:7-9, Rom. 8:26-27

From the time of Enos men have called upon the name of the Lord (Gen. 4:26). Men have prayed in public and in private, in the sky, on the sea, under the sea and even in outer space. Men pray in war and peace, in prosperity and poverty, in delight and distress, in life and in death. What is prayer? It is not a mere first-aid kit to use in time of sudden trouble, it is not a mere panic button to push in time of utter distress; but "prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed; the motion of a hidden fire that burns within the breast; prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear; the upward glancing of an eye when none but God is near" (Montgomery).

Prayer is inviting God into the midst of our lives and our needs. Prayer is a Christian worker reporting for work—a Christian soldier reporting for duty. Prayer is talking to God and listening to God—a communion. Prayer is laying hold of God's presence and power by faith. The whole history of the Christian church is a witness that God does respond to the prayers of his people.

Seeking Man Heb. 11:6

Here is man seeking for God—calling out—reaching out for God and help. The approach of seeking man must be by faith. Man cannot even please God apart from faith. The seeking, praying man must believe that God is—that he will hear, respond, and answer the prayer of faith. The prayer must be one of persistence and diligence.

Jesus taught us that "men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). "What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). So let us always pray in faith, in the name of Jesus, and according to his will.

Supplying God Matt. 7:7-12

God responds to prayer because he is supplying God. He has promised to respond, answer, and supply our needs. Ask—and it shall be **given** you; seek and you shall **find**; knock and it shall be **opened** unto you. The one that asks, seeks, and knocks

shall have a response from the gracious Father.

As an earthly father would give bread when the child is hungry, so the Heavenly Father gives good gifts to them that ask him. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Sufficient Grace 2 Cor. 12:7-9

By the grace of God we are saved, sustained, kept, sealed and delivered. Paul prayed three times for the thorn in the flesh to depart. God responded by a promise of sufficient grace. He promised strength for our weakness. God's grace is saving grace, seasonal grace, serving grace, successful grace, and sufficient. His grace is sufficient in the hour of defeat, decision, and death. In every experience and circumstance of life, let us pray and God's grace will be sufficient.

Searching Spirit Rom. 8:26-27

Prayer, like everything else with Paul, was of God. C. H. Dodd said, "Prayer is the divine in us appealing to the Divine above us."

Here we have the promise that the Holy Spirit will help us, offer aright our prayers, the real sincere desire of our hearts.

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The only perfect prayer is "into thy hand I commend my spirit," and "nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done". So God help us to "pray without ceasing"—trusting the Holy Spirit as our helper.

We have this challenge from Jeremiah in the long ago, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and marvelous things that thou knowest not" Jer. 33:3.

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Mississippi Board Votes To Rebuild State Assembly

JACKSON, Miss.—The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted here to recommend re-establishing Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, which two years ago was wrecked by Hurricane Camille.

The board also recommended a record budget of \$4.6 million for 1972, including, for the first time, a \$300,000 "advance" section which would benefit specific causes.

Both recommendations will come up for consideration during the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Nov. 16-18, in Jackson.

In adopting the report of its assemblies committee, the board voted to construct facilities for 400 persons at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million.

The committee reported that they already have about \$500,000 in hand, mostly from insurance payments following Camille's devastation.

Construction, according to the convention's constitution, could not begin until "sufficient" funds for the project are in hand for completion. Convention approval is also required.

The proposed 1972 budget of \$4. million would be an increase of \$265,000 over the 1971 budget. The recommended 1972 budget includes \$4.3 million in operating and capital needs, plus \$300,000 in an "advance section" to be distributed to specific causes after the \$4.3 million has been raised.

Included in the \$4.3 million for operating and capital needs is an allocation of almost \$2.8 million for state Baptist causes, and about \$1.3 million for Southern Baptist convention causes. (BP)

SBC Board Sends \$10,000 For Pakistan Relief

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here has contributed \$10,000 for a UNICEF cholera treatment project in East Pakistan.

On recommendation of Southern Baptist missionaries in Pakistan, the board sent the \$10,000 to the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) office in New York to purchase medical supplies in the cholera relief project in Pakistan.

McKinley also told Hughey that the missionaries in East Pakistan are seeking other projects in which they might become involved personally.

"The situation in Pakistan and among the Pakistan refugees in India is growing more tragic daily," Hughey said. "The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries in East Pakistan are eagerly watching for new opportunities to help. Personal participation of outsiders is so far held to a minimum by the governments of Pakistan and India." (BP)

Tennessee News Briefs

Mrs. Edgar Lambert of Lewisburg, Tenn., mother of **Miss Rebekah Lambert**, missionary to Korea, died Sept. 23. Services were held in Lewisburg. **Miss Lambert**, a native of Lewisburg, may be addressed at P.O. Box 323, Pusan, Korea.

The new director of Education and Promotion for the Hamilton County Association is **Matt Nevels**, former minister of education at Red Bank church. **Nevels** has also served as Sunday School director for the association. He is a native of Kentucky.

First church, Chattanooga, has officially become the sponsoring church for the first Goodwill Center in Chattanooga. The center was established largely through the efforts of **Mrs. Sam O. Bankson**. Former sponsor was Avondale church.

The New Orleans seminary alumni meeting has been changed from Nov. 9 to Nov. 10 in Gatlinburg. It will meet at the Downtowner Motel in the Top of the Town Restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

George Capps, pastor, First church, Cookeville, is celebrating his tenth anniversary as pastor of that church. Members of First have presented **Mr. and Mrs. Capps** a financial gift for a trip to the Holy Land in appreciation for his service as their pastor.

Bill Horton, Morristown, has begun his eighth year with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Films Ministry.

Central Church, Oak Ridge, ordained **Joe Mackley** as a deacon recently.

David Greene was ordained as a deacon by Calvary church, Knoxville. **J. R. Covington** is pastor.

M. B. McKinney, **Amos McCarter** and **Rex Delozier** were ordained as deacons of First church, Sevierville recently. **Grant Jones** is pastor. It was incorrectly stated in the Sept. 30 issue that these men were ordained at Pleasant Heights church.

The Memphis Hospital Council has elected **Charles R. Baker** as its president. **Baker** is presently serving as assistant to the administrator at Baptist Memorial Hospital. The Memphis Hospital Council is an organization of local hospitals and related health institutions and agencies.

West Jackson church recently celebrated its 65th birthday in Jackson. The church was organized on Sept. 23, 1906, and **Terry Martin** was called as the first pastor. **David Q. Byrd** is presently serving as pastor.

Midway church, Holston Association, has ordained **Gerald Gillette**, **George Nave**, and **Jerry Lambert** as deacons. **Clyde Rhinehart** is pastor.

Gene Barnard and **Vance Fry** were ordained as deacons recently at Ridgedale church, Chattanooga.

Jerry Hall assumed the pastorate of Oak Glen church, Holston Association, recently. It is his first pastorate. He was ordained in that church.

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities has included 15 Union university students in this year's listing of outstanding university and college students. The listing is compiled from more than 1000 U.S. institutions of higher learning. Elected at Union were **Judy Barefoot**, **Teresa Clark**, **Mike Singleton**, **Phillip Turner**, **Karen Morgan**, **Kay Daniel**, **John Emison**, **Jackie Hutchison**, **Paul Moore**, **Wanda Nelson**, and **Movelle Sartain**. Also selected were **Michae Smith**, **Janet Stallings**, **Martha Wofford**, and **Debbie Thomson**.

Wards Grove church, Concord Association, dedicated its new building recently. **Jonas Stewart**, secretary of Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Brentwood, was the guest speaker. **J. H. Harvey** is pastor.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

A. Marvin Sanders has resigned as pastor of Alpine church, Hamilton County Association. The church has called **Bill Palmiter**, graduate of Southern seminary, as their new pastor. Also in Hamilton Association, **W. C. Tuten** has resigned the pastorate at Apsion. He accepted a new position at Southside church, Martin. **M. Dale Larew** is the new pastor at Mt. Zion church in Hudson, N.C. He was formerly pastor at Concord church, Hamilton Association.

Jerry Tod Zeiger has begun his work as pastor of Oak Grove church in Chattanooga. He comes from the pastorate of East Centre church, Centre, Ala.

E. Donald Bowick has resigned as pastor of Woodbury church, Woodbury, to accept a position as pastor of First church, Nashville, Ga. He will begin his new work Oct. 18.

Big Emory Association Elects Allison Moderator

David Allison, pastor, Piney Grove church, Harriman, was elected moderator of the Big Emory Association at their meeting Oct. 7-8 at First church, Wartburg and First church, Kingston.

Other officers elected were: vice-moderator, **Charles Works**, pastor, South Harriman church, Harriman; clerk, **Ira Johnson**, pastor, Piney church, Oakdale; and treasurer, **R. H. Chevallier**, pastor, Central church, Kingston.

E. H. Howard is superintendent of the association.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Revival at Middle Valley church, Hixson, ended recently with two professions of faith, five additions to the church, and over 50 rededications. **Ronald Baptiste** was evangelist. **Glenn Blevins** is pastor.

John Walker, pastor, Little West Fork church, Cumberland Association, led revival services at Blooming Grove church in that association. The services resulted in eight professions of faith, three baptisms, and 25 rededications. **Harold Hostettler** led the singing. **Omer Crowder Jr.** is pastor.

Austin Bearden, pastor, Slayden church, Cumberland Association, reported that there were seven saved by faith, eight baptized, nine additions by letter, and 10 rededications during their recent revival. **Omer Crowder Jr.**, pastor, Blooming Grove church, was the evangelist. **Jimmy Miller**, Slayden church, led the singing. There was also one surrender to full-time ministry.

Zion church, Claxton, recorded 39 decisions during their recent revival with **Jimmy McCarter**. The Chordsmen Trio was the evangelistic singing team. **McCarter** is pastor of Riverdale church, Knoxville. **D. E. West** is pastor of Zion.

Mothers, Sons Are Enroled At Golden Gate Seminary

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—**John McRae** of Riverside, Calif., and **Michael England** of Tullahoma, Tenn., have unusual classmates at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary: their mothers!

"The relationship with Mike as a peer is stimulating," says **Mrs. Eugene England**, who is the wife of the seminary business manager.

Both **McRae** says of her son **John**, "It helps to have him tell me where I can improve, because I know he is being honest."

The mothers are specializing in the religious education of children. The sons are both engaged in youth and choir work. (BP)

Groner Observes 25th Year At Memphis Baptist Hospital

Frank S. Groner, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, observed his 25th anniversary as administrator of the hospital on Oct. 7.

Since the beginning of his service, **Groner** has led the hospital in a program of planned expansion resulting in a growth of 500 beds to over 1600 beds and a recognition as the largest voluntary non-profit hospital in the nation. The governing authority of the hospital is vested within a 27-member Board of Trustees jointly appointed by the Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas.

Dr. and Mrs. Groner were honored with a dinner and reception in Memphis.

Cooperative Program Gifts Pass \$45 Million For 1971

NASHVILLE—A 12 per cent increase in missions giving through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget during the month of September helped boost missions contributions to more than \$45.3 million for the first three quarters of 1971.

The \$45.3 million in total mission contributions for the year is an increase of \$2.8 million, or 6.58 per cent, for the same period in 1970, according to the financial report issued by the denomination's Executive Committee here.

The total amount includes \$22.3 million through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget which benefits 19 agencies of the convention, plus \$23 million in designated contributions to specific Southern Baptist mission causes.

Maryland Streamlines Committee Structure

LUTHERVILLE, Md.—The Baptist Convention of Maryland will be called on to approve a recommendation of its board that only 29 of its 95 members serve on standing committees.

In a long session here, the board adopted bylaw changes which restrict standing committees to three: a committee on The Maryland Baptist, official journal for the convention; a financial appropriations committee to deal with a camp and retreat center under consideration.

In other actions, the board approved a proposed 1972 budget of \$1,130,000, a seven percent increase over expected receipts in 1971.

Anticipated receipts from the Cooperative Program (unified budget) for the coming year are \$867,000.

60 per cent of all Cooperative funds received will be used in Maryland, and 40 per cent will be sent on to Southern Baptist Convention causes, the same distribution pattern followed in 1971.

The proposed retreat center for the state convention will receive 60 per cent of any Cooperative Program (undesignated) funds received above the goal for 1972. The remaining 40 per cent of the surplus would go as a matter of convention policy to Southern Baptist Convention causes, a board spokesman said.

The state convention will act on these matters when it meets in annual session Nov. 15-17 at Cumberland, Md.

For the first three quarters of the year, Cooperative Program gifts increased \$1.2 million, or 6.12 per cent. Designated contributions increased \$1.5 million, or 7.04 per cent.

Southern Baptist officials here credited a 12.4 per cent increase in Cooperative Program giving and a 12.2 per cent increase in designations for the month of September with helping to boost the financial report for the first three quarters of the year.

During September, Cooperative Program gifts reached \$2.2 million, an increase of more than \$250,000 over September, 1970, gifts. Designated contributions for September totalled \$352,969, an increase of more than \$38,000.

Of the \$45.3 million total, more than \$28.8 million has been distributed to aid SBC foreign mission efforts, and more than \$9.6 million has gone to nation-wide home mission efforts. Seventeen other SBC agencies, including six seminaries, receive funds through the denomination's Cooperative Program budget.

The financial report includes only funds contributed to nation-wide SBC mission efforts, and does not reflect financial support of state and local Baptist mission programs. (BP)

Union University Revival Results In 229 Decisions

"It was the greatest working of the Holy Spirit I have seen on this campus in years," was the testimony of David Irby, dean of Religious Affairs, Union university, Jackson.

Irby was referring to the recent campus revival held at Union in which 229 decisions were registered. "I could not over-estimate the power we saw at work," he stated. There were 34 professions of faith, 182 rededications, four commitments to full-time ministry, and nine other decisions.

Services were held Monday through Friday, Sept. 27-Oct. 1 in the campus field-house. There were five morning services, for which classes were dismissed, and three evening services. According to Irby, administrative leader for the revival, 127 of the 229 decisions were made during the Friday morning service.

Bobby Moore, former Memphis pastor now at First church, Forrest City, Ark., was the evangelist. Tommy Lane, minister of music, Bellevue church, Memphis, led the singing at each service. The revival was sponsored by the College Religious Life Committee and the Student Religion Council at Union.

West Tennessee Is Union Drive Area

The editorial concerning the Union university fund drive in the issue of October 7 indicated that Union would conduct its campaign in Middle Tennessee. The area involved is in West Tennessee.



"Now Hear It Again" was heard again and again as the youth choir of Calvary church, Jackson, presented a folk musical recently at the West Tennessee State Fair in Jackson. The young people performed two to four times each evening and shared their personal testimonies with the hundreds who came to rest and listen to the good news during the six-day fair.

More than 5000 cards were handed to the "Fair" attendants coming in the main gate inviting them to come to the performances. Over 1000 tracts, "God's Plan For A Victorious Life," by Roy Gilleland, Tennessee Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department, were also given out.

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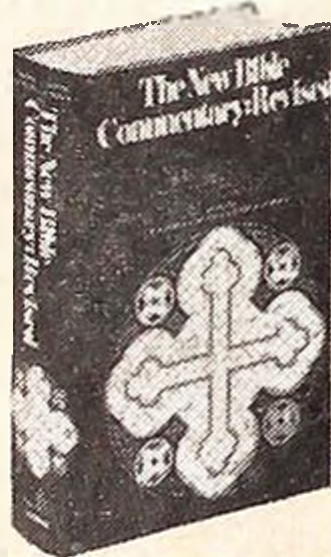
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

The following proposed additions and
changes to the Constitution and By-Laws
of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will
be submitted to the Convention in annual
session in Gatlinburg November 9-11.

These proposals are submitted in accord-
ance with action of the Tennessee Baptist
Convention in 1970, authorizing a com-
mittee to prepare such suggestions for
presentation in 1971.

The action in 1970 called for these
proposals to be printed in the **Baptist And
Reflector** at least two weeks prior to the
session of the Convention.

Proposed Constitution Revisions

Article II

Composition

(Proposed new words are in bold face.)

"The Convention shall be composed of
one messenger from each cooperating
church; and each church shall be entitled
to one additional messenger for every one
hundred members above one hundred, sub-
ject to a maximum of ten messengers from
any one church. **A messenger shall be a
member of the church by which he is ap-
pointed.** The term "cooperating church"
shall be applied to such churches as **con-
tribute financially to the Convention or its
agencies and subscribe to and support the
principles, programs, and policies of the
Convention.**

Article VI

The Executive Board

(Proposed deletion of paragraph 6 as
printed below as it no longer is needed)

"Rotation"

"6. The Directors elected to increase the
total number from fifty-four to seventy-five,
as provided in the revision of Section 2
above, shall be elected: Seven for one year,
seven for two years, and seven for three
years. Thereafter twenty-five Directors
shall be elected annually for a term of
three years. These who are added, to in-
crease the number from fifty-four to seven-
ty-five shall be eligible for re-election for
another three-year term before rotation."

6. This was paragraph 7.

Proposed By-Laws Revisions

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3. (Proposed)

"No individual may serve as a
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tion of the Tennessee Baptist Con-
vention or the Tennessee Baptist
Convention itself."

4. This was paragraph 3. (Proposed addition end of first sentence. New words are in bold face.) "The terms of office of each member of such bodies shall be three years, **the terms beginning immediately upon election.**"

5. This was paragraph 4.

6. This was paragraph 5.

7. This was paragraph 6.

8. (Proposed)

"Trustees shall have powers granted
to them by the laws of the State
of Tennessee but subject always to
the limitations imposed by the
Constitution of the Tennessee Bap-
tist Convention or these By-Laws
and by action of the Convention
or its Executive Board."

9. (Proposed)

"Trustees shall make detailed re-
ports of operations, programs, and
finances for inclusion in the Book
of Reports at the annual session of
the Convention and at other
times if requested by the Tennessee
Baptist Convention Executive
Board."

10. (Proposed)

"Trustees shall be members of
churches affiliated with the Tennes-
see Baptist Convention."

11. (Proposed)

"Trustees shall have the responsibil-
ity of periodically reviewing the
charters of the institutions and agen-
cies and bring them into conformi-
ty with Tennessee Baptist Conven-
tion policies if necessary."

12. This was paragraph 7.

13. This was paragraph 8. Propose de- letion of the words "and route" in the last sentence. Paragraph 13 would then read:

"The committee on Boards in
nominating directors of the Exec-
utive Board to be currently elected
shall give consideration to areas
from which no directors are then
serving and so far as practical in
compliance with the constitutional
mandate shall nominate directors
throughout the area."

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin B. Bradley, Director

Social And Political Issues And The Role Of The Church

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers have overwhelmingly indicated in a recent poll that churches should express their views on day-to-day social and political questions.

The poll, taken by the Baptist VIEWpoll, reveals that 76.3 per cent of the pastors and 70.8 per cent of the teachers on a representative national panel feel that churches should express their views on day-to-day social and political questions.

One fifth of the pastors and one fourth of the teachers polled feel that the churches should "keep out" of political and social matters.

Very few of the pastors (3.7 per cent) and Sunday School teachers (3.9 per cent) had "no opinion" on this issue.

Hardee Named Associate Of SBC Seminary Extension

NASHVILLE—J. Ralph Hardee of Louisville has been named associate director for home study education by the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries.

Hardee, 36, is a candidate for the doctor of education degree at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, and is teaching at the seminary this fall while Professor Findley Edge is on sabbatical.

According to Raymond Rigdon, director, Hardee will be responsible for promoting enrolment in correspondence courses and other kinds of home study sponsored by the department, and for helping plan, edit, revise and evaluate curriculum materials used by the department.

Rigdon said also that Hardee, a native of Conway, S.C., will assume the position effective Jan. 1. He was elected to the position by the department's administrative committee, composed of the presidents of each of the six SBC seminaries.

Before entering Southern seminary in 1968, Hardee had been minister of education at West Lynchburg Baptist church, Lynchburg, Va., and at Temple Baptist church, Newport News, Va. Earlier, he was associate pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Colonial Heights, Va. (BP)

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Opposition to involvement of the churches in social and political issues appears to be related to religious conservatism, the poll disclosed. Religiously "conservative" panel members were more likely to oppose the churches' involvement in social and political issues than were the less conservative panel members.

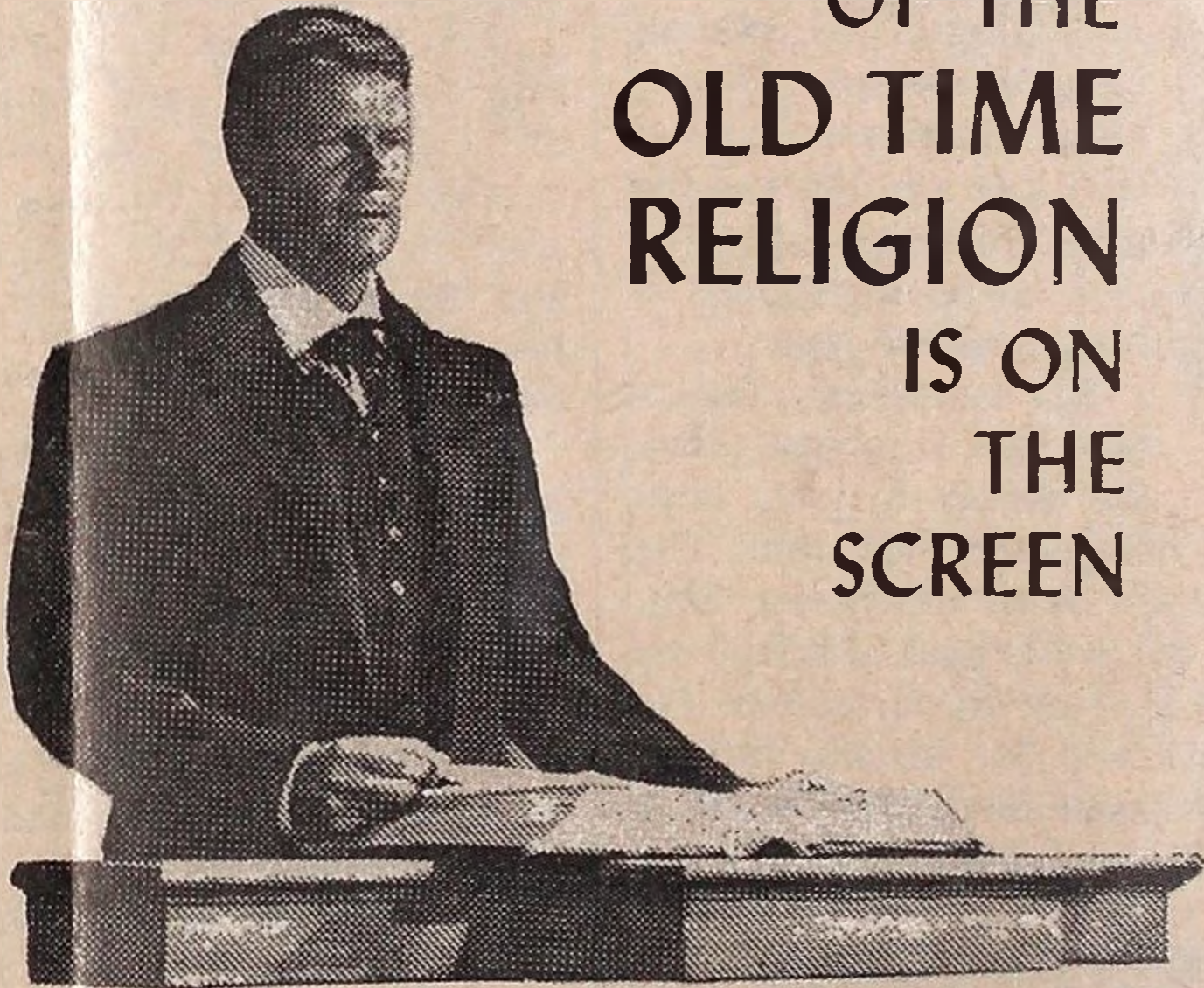
The Gallup Poll organization reports from a survey of Protestant ministers that 74 per cent of their sample felt that churches should express their views on

social and political questions, while 21 per cent opposed such involvement.

Both polls (Gallup and Baptist VIEWpoll) were conducted in February-March of this year.

The findings for the current Baptist VIEWpoll were based on 90 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)

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Basic Passage: Luke 3:1-38

Focal Passages: Luke 3:3-6, 10-16, 21-22

John the Baptist was a most unique man who filled a most unique niche in the plan of God. Jesus described him as being in a class to himself.



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He was rugged and shockingly frank. He did not mince words whether talking to top officials in religion or government. He created a great stir in Israel. He was the most exciting prophet that had appeared in four hundred years.

His simplicity, directness and frankness drew the masses in great multitudes into the wilderness to hear him. The so-called "top brass" could not ignore him.

He went into the wilderness although he could have been a priest in Jerusalem. He was seeking God's will for his life instead of following the traditional routine of a son of a priest. He had a most meaningful encounter with God.

He appeared on the public scene a bright and shining flame of fire. This will attract attention every time. It may cost one his head. That is what happened to John but my what a glorious opportunity and ministry he had!

John Came Preaching
Luke 3:3-6

John came to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah. He had to blast mountains, elevate valleys, straighten out crooked paths and crush boulders into smoothness. He was building a highway for the King. This took ruggedness, skill and dynamic power. It was not the cleverness of a diplomat but the skill of a pioneering engineer.

He preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. It meant a radical, courageous reversal. They had to change their minds, attitudes and way of life. It was no easy-going discipleship that John preached.

All flesh would see the salvation of God in a person clothed with flesh—Jesus Christ.

The People Came Inquiring

Luke 3:10-16

The people, publicans and soldiers were probed with his preaching. There was a deep sense of incompleteness and sinfulness. They wanted to know what to do. Evidently all of them were living a self-centered life. They must renounce the old self and find a new center. Because of their

circumstances and practices, each group had to remove the barriers between them and God. Those who had extra material blessings were to share them with the destitute. The publicans were extortioners, the soldiers were evidently bullies, false accusers and covetous.

The multitude was deeply impressed and wondered in their hearts whether or not he might be the Messiah.

John was quick to disclaim the Messiahship for himself and focus all minds on the Coming One. He explained that he baptized in water but that the One coming after him would be uniquely superior to him, baptizing in the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus Came Submitting

Luke 3:21-22

Jesus came and submitted to baptism by John. John wanted to reverse the situation and receive baptism at the hands of Jesus. The Lord insisted on receiving baptism of John as a requirement of the Father's way for Him.

John baptized Him. The heavens were opened, the Spirit descended upon Him and the Father in heaven acclaimed Him.

John was set apart to his great mission as the harbinger of the coming Messiah. The Holy Spirit filled and fired him for his glorious ministry.

Jesus was set apart publicly in His baptism. Here we find active, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit due to the fact that Christ was manifest in the flesh. He was filled with the Holy Spirit for His mission.

In fundamental character John was much like his Lord but in type and external spirit there was a strong contrast. God can use all types of personality to reflect His glory. There was a vast difference in Peter, John and Paul but each shared many of the virtues of their Lord.

We may have our personal preferences as to His disciples and preachers. The church at Corinth had members that preferred Peter, some were biased toward Apollos while others favored Paul. Foolishly, they were carnal and therefore, divided over their likes and dislikes. Paul showed them how ridiculous they were for all things belonged to them if they belonged to Christ. Anything good in their leaders belonged to all Christians.

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Graham's Crusade Draws 456,000 In Dallas

DALLAS—Evangelist Billy Graham's 10-day Dallas crusade drew crowds totalling 456,000, with 13,000 persons coming forward to make "decisions for Christ."

The turnout was the largest reported for a crusade since May 1970 when 552,000 heard Graham conduct rallies at Knoxville, Tennessee. Following the trend of recent years, the crusade here drew large groups of young people.

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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This week and next I will be attending associations every day and on some of the days I will attend two. I attended two earlier in September. This means a lot of driving and sometimes with crowded schedules but I truly enjoy these annual meetings. I enjoy the fellowship and I get to see so many pastors and laymen with whom I have worked through the years and whom I have come to appreciate so much in the work of our Lord.



Kendall

Associations form the basic unit of denominational organization and are closest to the local churches. Today they bear a maximum load of the work of enlistment and of providing the leadership for the promotion of the programs of work in the State Convention and in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is here that cooperation begins in uniting our strength to assume the larger programs of work which must be done beyond the local community.

Baptist churches are autonomous congregations. Each runs its own program with no outside controls nor authority. Christ is the only head they recognize. But He taught us that a church must not become provincial minded and become involved with its own programs alone and ignore His Great Commission to carry the gospel to the whole world. When a church ceases to be concerned about its surrounding communities and their spiritual needs and when it ignores the other churches and their work it needs to examine its own spirit and life.

Associations were born out of the outreach for evangelizing and ministering to the needs of the surrounding area. They were born out of the sense of fellowship in Christ with the other churches of like faith. They sought to share in the responsibility which they felt all had under the command of Christ. They were united behind some common objectives and definite purposes to fulfill the will of Christ. Under the lead-

On Matters of

Family Living

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Mother's Prime Job Is As Character-Developer

Mothers who don't demand respect from their children raise sons who don't respect women, and daughters who don't expect respect, an Old Dominion Univ. psychologist told a parent group. "Ironically, young men are not happy with this situation," commented Prof. Robert J. Wunderlin.

It was only when modern conveniences freed women of many of the homemaking function which had made them feel indispensable to the family that mothers began "to get wrapped up in the lives of others," he reminded. They began to neglect developing their children's characters and concentrated more on youngsters' status, social position and outward achievements.

The propensity to shove instead of guide brought forth the charge of "momism," in the 40s, reminded the psychologist. Society began to degrade motherhood to the point where a whole generation of women has felt too guilty and too unsure of their own instincts and common sense to deal warmly and intelligently with their young.

Today mothers need to resume their responsibilities as guides and character-developers, Wunderlin indicated, and not function as social directors.

ership of the Holy Spirit they felt compelled to undertake the work which they felt they could best do in cooperation and with united effort.

Through the years one can study the records of the churches and see that some have withdrawn and shown little interest in full cooperation and in sharing in the work. But one also notes that such self-centered churches seldom prosper and are often most in need of the strength and help which they could receive from the association.

As we face the last three years of this first century on the history of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, we hope that every church will feel the need for the fellowship of the association and for uniting in full cooperation in its work. Each has so much to offer and each can receive so much from the others. We believe this was the New Testament pattern for churches working together in Christ and under His Lordship.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The Department of Organization Class Work of the Baptist Sunday School Board reported that for September 1921 in Tennessee there were seven standard adult classes enrolled and one standard intermediate class.

A. F. Mahan left Central church, Fountain City, after six years of service to go to First church, Etowah.

20 YEARS AGO

The last of the charter members of First church, Dyer, Mrs. Ellen Halliburton McCaslin died age 89 years of age. She was the widow of John Asa McCaslin. A special day had been observed in her honor at First church in April. She had three sons, 12 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Sam Morris, executive director of the National Temperance League, came to Tennessee for a series of temperance rallies. It was hoped that these rallies would "greatly further the cause of temperance in the state and aid in securing the county local option on beer."

10 YEARS AGO

West Hills church, Knoxville, held first services in its new building on Winston Road. The church, which had grown from a charter membership of 47 to 236, was organized in 1959. Mount W. Egerton Jr. was chairman of the building committee for the church.

Berclair church, Memphis, began construction on a \$425,000 sanctuary which will seat 1500 persons. E. B. Bowen, pastor, had just begun his 17th year with the church.

National Parks Ministry Ends Ties To The NCC

NEW YORK—A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, a unique 20-year-old ecumenical program, has become independent of the National Council of Churches.

The decision was made by the directors of the unit which provides student ministers for 55 national parks and six ski areas. It was accepted by the General Board of the NCC.

A chief reason, he said, was a reduction in funds. In 1969, the parks ministry received \$30,000—one-third of its budget—from the National Council of Churches. In 1970, the grant was cut to \$15,000. No allocation was made for 1972. (RNS)



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How May We Restore Association Meetings?

By James E. Southerland

I wrote on this for our November-December, 1969 ECHOES. Favorable comment and several requests for more on it have encouraged me to consider some of the same ideas again.

Over the years several of us in our state Baptist work have visited many annual sessions of the associations. In this time we have seen hundreds of faithful but weary messengers, most of whom were there as an obligation. Many of the pastors have come in late, made or listened to a certain report, and left early.

BBI alumni have been reminded over and over that if you want to be influential, if you want to be respected in the local Baptist work, you have to be active in the association. If our Christian witness as Baptists is to be effective, both churches and pastors must take all necessary steps to make our associations into the live, working, fellowshiping, and encouraging organizations that they can and should be.

1. Pastors must bring to the members' attention what the association means to them. **ELECT STRONG LAY LEADERS AS MESSENGERS.** Inform and convince them that this is a place of service worth their time and attention. Many of our people are unaware of their Baptist history, or the part our associations have had and should have in forming and maintaining our Baptist heritage. We need to build up a spirit of eager expectation about the annual meetings through announcements, sermons, and our personal attitudes.

2. **MAKE SURE THAT RELEVANT ISSUES CONCERNING THE CHURCHES GET ON THE PROGRAM.** We have new ways to do the job better all the time. Every association ought to present the new Southern Baptist WIN (Witness Involvement Now) program of personal witnessing, the bus ministry that is so widely effective, denominational loyalties, and the newer methods and literature available for our organizations. All these have rich potentialities this year. We should explore them.

3. **MAINTAIN CONSTANT TRANSFUSION OF NEW BLOOD INTO THE ASSOCIATION'S LEADERSHIP** by letting the democratic process work. New officers, new committee chairmen, and new ideas should be welcome at any time.

4. **MAKE STRONG, POSITIVE REPORTS.** Associational superintendents of missions, state workers, and pastors should work together to see that committees do their jobs well. Help them to present their causes in the best light possible. Make sure that committees don't wait until the last minute to meet. Have them take time to consider their assignments, talk them over, and prepare for any questions that

might come from the floor.

5. **FIND AND CHOOSE THE BEST DAYS TO MEET.** This isn't always possible. Sometimes the better dates locally cannot fit into the over-all statewide plan so as to have state leaders present to represent their causes as they should. Some associations, though, are undergoing a slow but sure strangulation as we cut here and cut there until there is no time left for discussing the "relevant" issues noted above.

6. **PREPUBLISH PROGRAMS.** Have these ready for all messengers and visitors to have in hand. I am glad to see that this has become a rather widespread and common practice.

7. **PASTORS: PLEASE SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.** You have a whole year to set up your personal calendar so that you can take your place in the association meetings, barring providential emergencies. If you are not there, in many cases you planned to be away. Our people are looking, and they have a pretty good idea as to whether this is an accident or a coincidence. They aren't

Harris Renamed Moderator At Tennessee Valley

Representatives at the Tennessee Valley Association re-elected Harold Harris as moderator at the Oct. 7-8 meeting in Dayton and Evensville. Harris is pastor of the Smyrna church, Evensville.

Harlan Williams, pastor, Wolf Creek church, Spring City, was elected vice-moderator. Re-elected as clerk was clerk Paul Watson, New Union church, Dayton. Marion Denton, layman, was also re-elected as treasurer.

Ben Walker is superintendent of Tennessee Valley Association.

interested if you don't seem to be. They are loyal if you are. There are not many disaffected Southern Baptists apart from disaffected pastors who pass along criticisms (mostly from strangers) about our work.

There are so few of these maverick pastors that they stick out. Most of our pastors are faithful. They work against great odds and often succeed. But most of our laymen are only as interested as we encourage them to be. They will support an energetic and enthusiastic pastoral leadership in this matter. Urge your best men and women leaders, some of your fine young people, along with those who need the inspiration to be messengers this year.

Our churches still speak nearest to home through their associations. I certainly urge our alumni to be found faithful in their leadership at this point.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Southerland is president of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. This appeared in BBI Echoes, Sept.-Oct., 1971.)

89-Year-Old Woman Given Distinguished Workman Seal

ATLANTA—Mrs. Reuben P. Beckwith, 89-year-old member of the Beecher Hills Baptist church, here, has earned her gold seal on a distinguished workman diploma after 66 years.

Mrs. Beckwith began taking study courses in 1905. She has one diploma dated 1910.

The Christian training diploma with red, blue and gold seals; the approved workman diploma with red, blue and gold seals; the master workman diploma with red, blue and gold seals and now the distinguished workman diploma with red, blue and gold seals have been earned by Mrs. Beckwith.

Her courses of study involved reading 75 books in various areas of Christian education, including Bible study, doctrinal study, mission study and age-group education courses.

Planning for the old courses, which Mrs. Beckwith took, was done by the old Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The board's present title for the department is the church training department. This department has established a new church study course program. The new church study course program offers diplomas of different designation from the old program.

After Mrs. Beckwith had completed her last book, a fellow church member wrote to the board requesting that she be presented the gold seal even though the church training department had changed the study course program in January 1970.

A charter member of the Beecher Hills Baptist church, she has served as "a supply teacher in the adult and teen-age Sunday School and church training groups, and some other things."

"Going on age 90," Mrs. Beckwith said, "I don't get out much any more, but I can still walk. I might even finish up that new study course program before I give up."

Her diplomas are being displayed on her bedroom walls. "When you start anything, you shouldn't flop on it. I just kept trying until I had finished all the books," she related.

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