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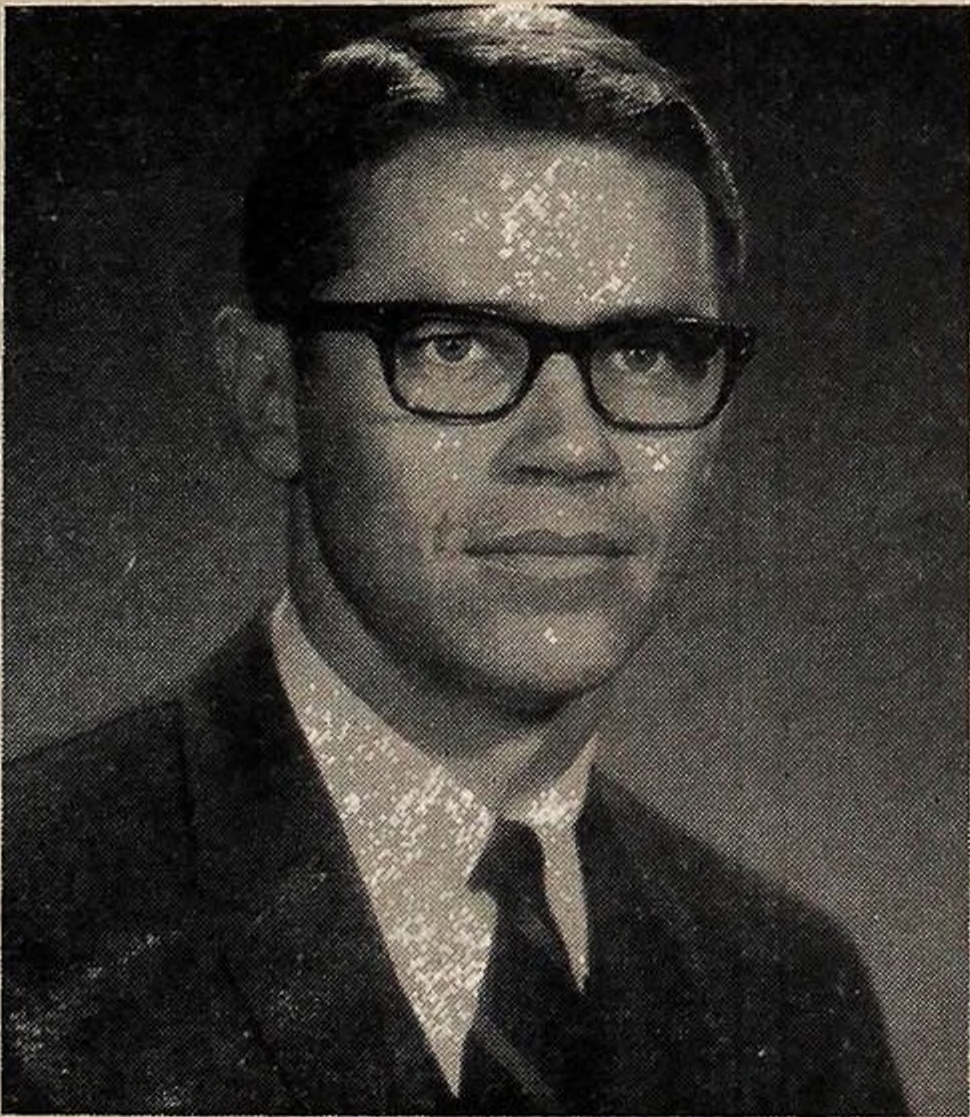
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H. Franklin Paschall

Convention, Related Meetings, Set In Gatlinburg Monday-Thursday

By Bobbie Durham

James B. Henry, pastor, Two Rivers church, Nashville; Hayward Highfill, pastor, First church, Clinton and president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First church, Nashville; Carl Bates, pastor, First church, Charlotte, N.C. and president of the Southern Baptist Convention; E. B. Bowen, pastor, First church, Bolivar; and Grady Cothen, president, New Orleans Baptist seminary, will deliver the key note addresses at the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Gatlinburg next week.

The convention will convene Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 2:00 in Civic Auditorium and extend through Thursday, Nov. 11.

WMU To Meet At Pigeon Forge

Both the Pastors' Conference and the Woman's Missionary Union Convention will meet Monday and Tuesday preceding the convention. First church, Pigeon Forge, will host the Woman's Missionary Union in its eighty-third annual session. The Pastors' Conference will meet in Gatlinburg's Civic Auditorium beginning Monday at 2:00 p.m.

Featured speakers at the Pastors' Conference include Glendon McCullough, executive secretary-treasurer of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis; Jesse

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A GOOD CONSCIENCE

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day"—Acts 23:1.

This was quite a claim to make by one who had the previous day been in the center of such disturbance. It is little wonder that the high priest ordered him slapped. In return Paul said that God would smite him, a "whited wall" (v. 3) or whited sepulchre (Matt. 23:27). Outwardly appearing clean but vile within. When rebuked for speaking thus to the high priest, Paul said that he did not know that he was such. He confessed his fault by quoting Exodus 22:18 from the Septuagint (Greek translation of the O. T.).

But what about Paul's good conscience? How does this agree with his confession as being the chief of sinners (1 Tim 1:13-16)? To answer this, one must understand what the conscience is. The conscience is that quality in one which says to do right in a given situation. But it does not tell him what is right. That is the function of one's moral judgment. So what Paul meant is that he had always done what he thought was right. Before his becoming a Christian, his conscience said, "Do right." And, in that state as a loyal Jew, his moral judgment told him to persecute the Christians. After he became the Christian apostle to the Gen-

tiles, again his conscience had told him to do right. His moral judgment told him to preach the gospel of grace to both Jews and Gentiles. So he had lived in a good conscience. Indeed, his present predicament was due to that fact.

The point is that Paul's moral judgment had come better to understand God's will, what was right. Implied is the fact that his moral judgment exceeded that of those who sat in judgment upon him. Since they thought that they were doing what was right for them, they should allow Paul to do so likewise.

The lesson for us is that "Let your conscience be your guide" is not enough. One must develop his moral judgment according to the mind of Christ. Only thus may one do the will of God.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Recently at a Baptist church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a man came forward on the hymn of invitation and presented himself for what he said was: "re-decoration."

The church clerk, not knowing what to do, whispered to the pastor: "We don't have a place on the decision slip for 're-decoration'. What shall we do?"

The pastor said: "If this good brother wants to come for 're-decoration', we will receive him for 're-decoration'. That's the trouble with the church now—there aren't enough people 'redecorating' themselves."

The pastor has a point there. So many need to clean up and fix up by pushing out all the old dilapidated parts of their lives and redecorating in the spirit of Christ.

In cases where the old paint of dedication has peeled and flaked off, redecoration could be the answer. And the solution would be found in redecorating with the beautiful new covering of Christian commitment.

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Devotional

'The Cult Of The Comfortable'

Obadiah 1:14

D. William Dodson, First Church, Martin

"For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever." (Obadiah 10) The enemies of God had captured Jerusalem.



Dodson

Obadiah sites in verse eleven that the people were taken captive, the city destroyed, and the possessions taken.

Edom joined Judah just beyond the Jordan River to the South. Esau conquered this land of the Horites around Mount Seir. As descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother, the Edomites were blood

kinsmen to the people of Judah. They never lost an opportunity to show their dislike for the descendants of Jacob. This hostility of the Edomites toward Judah was the result of a family feud.

When Judah's need was the greatest, her enemies sieging Jerusalem, Edom was satisfied to play the role of spectator. She even rejoiced in the sacking of Judah by the enemies of God. "In the day that thou stoodest on the other side" (Obadiah 11) speaks a volume concerning the nation Edom's role as an unconcerned spectator of Judah's misfortune. Obadiah's prophecy leaves no room for doubt that Edom was a member of the "Cult of the Comfortable."

Today there exists in our land a false and Christless religion whose basic desire and concern is its personal safety. Proponents of this religion never face broadside the question of Jesus, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

However, the failure of the Edomites to assist Judah against her enemies was far more than a family quarrel. It was only one episode of the unceasing battle between the forces of light and darkness.

The Edomites were not the only members of the "Cult of the Comfortable" mentioned in the Bible. Jesus shared with His disciples the story of the good Samaritan. In the story a certain Priest and a Levite refused to give aid to the man who fell among the thieves. These religious leaders were content to be members of the "Cult of the Comfortable."

Amos declared, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." (Amos 6:1) He spoke out against the contented, the secure, the "Cult of the Comfortable." No one doubts that our world is mentally disorganized, morally degenerate, and spiritually depleted. Certainly the "Cult of the Comfortable" has made no small contribution to these conditions.

Future Of Priesthood Debate Dominates Catholic Synod III

By C. B. Hastings

Written for the Baptist Press

ROME—The eyes and ears of the Catholic Church are turned toward Rome, awaiting with varying degrees of hope and confidence the decisions of the Third Synod of Bishops on the explosive issue of the future of the priesthood, and the grave issues of justice and world peace.

Two main questions are uppermost in the mind of a Baptist attending the Synod: How do the 212 bishops see the state of their Church six years after Vatican Council II? And what will they say that Pope Paul VI will accept and decree to their 500 million in the world?

Some watchers of the Catholic scene since Vatican II have thrown up their hands in dismay: some feel that the Church has lost its ancient moorings since Vatican II; others believe that Pope John's ideal of "updating" and renewal will never be implemented.

At least for a large number, the Church seems to be in agony. Whether these are death rattles or birth-pangs, or perhaps both, remains to be seen. Awaiting the Synod's recommendations to Pope Paul is much like anticipating the passing of the eye of the storm. If Vatican II seemed to signal a fresh wind of renewal, Synod III looks at present like the return blow of reaction.

No Change In Celibacy

Certainly not even the most optimistic are expecting any major change in the Church's law of clerical celibacy, the most hotly contested issue.

Although most of the bishops admit that such an internal problem should be dispensed with as quickly as possible in order to deal with the graver matters of justice and world peace, there is as yet no end in sight to the debate on the priesthood. Cardinal Marty of Paris confessed for all: "We are starting to get tired. Isn't there some better way of doing this?"

On the other hand another bishop pointed out that if, in such a world full of injustice, priests could remain aloof from agony, truly the Church is in danger. He thought the turmoil a sign that the Holy Spirit may be breaking through the crusty ecclesiastical structures.

What are the concerns about the priesthood? The most obvious one is numerical shortage. Estimates of the number who have left the priesthood range all the way from 10,000 in the U. S. alone to 30,000

world-wide. The Curia admits to about 3000. At worst, this may be 7.5 per cent of the 400,000 priests in the world.

Such a shortage is serious in light of the great drop in seminary enlistments. Many seminaries are closed; many are half-empty. There is a morale crisis among younger priests which goes beyond the simple desire to marry. It involves personal dignity and the freedom of the servant to realize his full talent in an ancient system that is too often rigid and self-serving.

Vatican II spoke of the priesthood of all believers' being derived directly from Christ. This priesthood includes all "the People of God" and not just the hierarchy. How then do "Orders" differ from this common priesthood? Is the "priesthood" purely a priestly ministry of service to others—full-time, unhindered by family ties? The question remains unanswered.

Evangelization Trend

One perceptive Catholic observer thinks that the "real sleeper" in the debate is the acknowledgement that the priest's first duty is to proclaim the Word prophetically. This concept could have far-reaching practical results should bishops return and find young priests taking such a pronouncement seriously.

One of the most significant trends at the Synod comes from the South American bishops: most of them call for a greater emphasis upon "evangelism" of unbelievers and teaching and training of believers. Under the present emphasis, when priests have up to 20,000 parishioners each, they cannot get time away from the altar and the confessional. The South American bishops call for readjustment of priorities to place the greater emphasis on training priests to be instruments of change toward justice and a truly Christian society.

In the debate over celibacy, there seems to be some sentiment toward the ordaining of mature married men in places where there are no other priests available. The Canadians, Dutch and Belgians are in the lead here.

Standing with the majority who speak against any change in celibacy laws is the official U.S. delegation—Cardinals Dearden, Detroit; Carberry, St. Louis; Krol, Philadelphia; and Archbishop Byrne, coadjutor of St. Paul-Minneapolis. (BP)

EDITOR'S NOTE: C. B. Hastings, assistant secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, is in Rome attending the Roman Catholic Synod of Bishops as a special correspondent for Baptist Press and an official observer. Following is his first news analysis on the significance, for Southern Baptists, of the issues confronting the Synod.

Southern Presbyterians Raise Missionaries' Pay Scale

NASHVILLE—The 385 foreign missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) will receive substantial raises in salary next year as a result of action taken here by the Board of World Missions.

The board voted to bring missionaries' salaries in line with the average salaries of ministers in the denomination.

Up-grading came after a two-year salary study by a special committee. The new policy terminates allowances for children, but is so arranged that no missionary will have his pay cut because of the elimination of dependent allotments.

Increments in salary for years of service were also approved, with a 5 per cent rise after five years, 10 per cent after 10 years and 15 per cent after 15 years.

About \$260,000 of the mission agency's \$4,933,000 budget for 1972 will go for the salary increase. (RNS)

New Booklet Released For Christian Servicemen

A new booklet, *Today's Christian Servicemen*, has been released by the Division of Chaplaincy of the Home Mission Board. The publication, written by Willis A. Brown, is designed for military personnel of all categories and their families.

The publication is divided into four sections: war and the Christian conscience, personal problem areas, strategic aids to involvement in problem-solving, and the strategic role of the Christian faith.

The booklet, like a previous production for the young enlistee, *Your Life and Military Service*, is available free of charge to associational leaders and pastors. It is available also to military chaplains through the Division of Chaplaincy of the Home Mission Board.



(Photo by W. Robert Hart)

Mr. and Mrs. R. Elton Johnson Sr., of Jefferson City, emeritus missionaries, receive scrolls of honor. The Johnsons, who served in Brazil, were among 11 emeritus missionaries honored by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

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EDITORIALS

A Mark Of Progress

Tennessee Baptists met their Cooperative Program goals for the fiscal year which ended last week. The budget for the year was \$5,675,000.00. Tennessee Baptists gave \$5,764,768.88, or \$89,768.88 over the budget. In doing this, they gave \$225,663.00 more than was given for the same period last year.

Under the able leadership of Executive Secretary W. Fred Kendall, and with the co-operation of many, and because of the loyalty of Tennessee Baptists in their churches, once again our cooperative ministries are strengthened. We are therefore in a position to launch a new year with renewed optimism that the Lord's work will not be slowed in our State and through Southern Baptist Convention efforts.

To paraphrase what someone said, we can "thank ourselves" for being a bit more diligent in our efforts this year. We are not proud. We are, grateful to God that He led us to do what we should.

A Time For Prayer

On the eve of the annual sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Gatlinburg, November 9-11, we call upon Tennessee Baptists to pray that this might be a most profitable session; one in which the name of Our Lord will be magnified.

This is a time for unity of purpose and a display of the radiance of a Christian spirit; a radiance genuine, not assumed.

There will be business, sermons, reports, and fellowship. Tennessee Baptists cannot afford, for Christ's sake, to be divided, or to appear to be divided. It is time to recapture the historic enthusiasm and joy our Baptist forebears had when it came time to assemble for the annual meeting of the State Convention.

We ought to approach this, as any other similar meeting, with concerned prayer that the will of God might be manifest in those things which we say and do.

About Those Quarterlies

The editorial process is difficult at best. An age of change and dissent conspires to make impossible too often the best intention one has in trying to please people—and at the same time lead them, with judicious wisdom and Spirit-directed judgmental decisions.

There developed last week considerable discussion concerning a press-run of an issue of Church Training quarterlies published by the Sunday School Board. Distribution of the quarterlies was halted. (See story, page 5). State

and national news media picked up the story, and with some inaccurate information thrown in (corrected in a Baptist Press story) left some unsustained implications.

There were quarterlies withheld from distribution. A unit on race relations in a Church Training quarterly for 14-15-year-olds will be revised. The material prepared with photograph, as Board officials observed, could have been subject to misinterpretation and misunderstanding.

Allen B. Comish, director of the Church Services and Materials Division as of October 1, studied the material and decided there was the possibility of creating a problem. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-treasurer, reviewed the material, and concurring in Comish's evaluation, ordered that the quarterlies not be distributed, in his capacity as editor-in-chief of all materials published by the Board.

This has no overtones of anti-"anything." The Sunday School Board serves a large and diverse constituency. To us, the action taken by Sullivan was one in the best interests of continued advancement of the cause of Christ among Southern Baptists. It was not an action made out of fear, or one of discrimination.

We think James L. Sullivan and Allen B. Comish were right in what they did. Our confidence in their concern and ability, along with that of other leadership of the Sunday School Board, for a positive Christian witness is undiminished.

Crucial Vote Ahead

On November 8, the United States House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the so-called Prayer Amendment; a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Republic.

We stated earlier in an editorial our fears concerning this amendment. We expressed the hope that it would not be called out of Committee for a vote. Much emotional concern has been expressed about this proposed amendment. It was voted out of Committee. It is scheduled for a vote in the House. We believe there are dangers inherent in this amendment which will have a lasting impact, possibly adversely, upon the freedom of religion in this nation.

We urge therefore that Tennessee Baptists write, wire or call their Congressmen NOW, and express their opposition to this amendment. Our representatives cannot know where we stand unless we tell them. Innocent enough on the surface, this amendment, should it ever become law, could proscribe freedom of worship to a degree not anticipated by those who have not analyzed carefully the implications.

Leave the First Amendment alone! Baptists, historically and theologically can live with it.

Sullivan Directs Revision Of Printed Quarterly

NASHVILLE—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, reported to the board trustees' executive committee in their regular October meeting that he directed the revision of a unit on race relations of a church training quarterly for 14- and 15-year-old youth and corresponding leadership quarterly after the pieces had been printed but not distributed.

"I took the action in my role as editor-in-chief of all Board materials," stated Sullivan. "The printed material was brought to my attention by Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division, with his recommendation that it not be released."

The material in question, the second session of a two-session unit in Becoming, on the subject of a New Testament attitude concerning acceptance of other races, was written by Twyla Wright of Casa Grande, Arizona.

"A review of materials in the publishing process dealing with sensitive issues led us to observe that misunderstandings could result from release of this issue in its original form," stated Comish, who assumed responsibility for the division on October 1 of this year. "One of the photographs which depicted a black boy and two white girls in conversation was subject to misinterpretation as was some of the textual material. It could have been construed as improper promotion on the part of the Sunday School Board of integration in churches, which is an individual church matter under Baptist polity." The photograph was selected by the Board's art department.

Sullivan agreed with Comish's evaluation of the material, adding, "We feel that we ought to be forthright in dealing with reconciliation among races and with biblical teachings concerning harmonious race relationships. We shall continue to deal with these topics, but in a manner that is in itself conciliatory rather than potentially inflammatory."

Substituted for the portion of Mrs. Wright's material which was replaced was copy on the same topic written by Mrs. Floyd Craig, Nashville, wife of an executive of the Christian Life Commission of the SBC. The replacement material is in current use in Alive, another church training study piece for youth.

The original study material had gone through routine review processes, but was felt to be especially subject to misinterpretation because of current problems in many localities involving racial misunderstandings, according to board officials.

David P. Turner, leader of the central support group, which has responsibility for both art work and church literature publishing, stated that 140,000 of the pupils' quarterlies have been reprinted in order to insert the substituted session, plus 18,000

of the leaders' quarterlies, with revision of leadership suggestions. No quarterlies were "shredded," as reported by Religious News Service, according to Turner, nor were they "removed from the docks and destroyed," which was erroneously stated in the same report. Cost to the Board of making the revisions was estimated by Turner to be about \$8,000. Turner said the quarterlies are still crated in the warehouse.

Two other publications have been withheld from distribution previously. Context, a quarterly for college age Sunday School students, and The Collegiate Teacher, the accompanying guide for teachers of the material, were not made available for the October-December, 1970 quarter.

This action came at the request of staff leaders of the board's Sunday School department and was approved by the trustees in their semi-annual meeting in August, 1970. The action stated that the October-December quarterly and accompanying teachers' manual "are not up to editorial standards of the board." The race relations topic was not involved in this action, according to board officials. (BP)

Two Men Rob Donelson Church During Sunday Worship Services

First church, Donelson, was robbed of over \$1000 by two men last Sunday during the morning worship services. Four of the church's members were also robbed of over \$500 in cash and traveler's checks.

According to W. L. Baker, pastor of the church, the cash was taken from a committee of men assigned to count the offering. "They had taken the morning offering back to the counting room near the church offices," Baker explained. "Two masked men entered the room, bound the four men, and ordered them to get to the floor."

The robbery occurred after the committee had opened the offering envelopes and were in the process of counting the money. The bandits took the cash from the offering, leaving the checks, the committee reported. The four men's wallets containing cash, credit cards, and traveler's checks were also taken.

"The men were threatened by the robbers and told to stay on the floor after the theft," the pastor noted. They carried both a pistol and a knife. Following the robbery, one of the victims worked loose from the binding. None of the men were hurt.

Baker did not learn of the robbery until after the invitation had been given at the close of the sermon. He said that he was handed a note which read, "While you were preaching, the church's offering was taken." Baker said that he immediately explained to the congregation what had happened.

At Baptist And Reflector press time, local police were questioning a suspect, but no arrests had been made.

Erwin McDonald, Arkansas Editor, Plans Retirement

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine" for the past 15 years, has announced his retirement effective March 1, 1972.

McDonald, who will be 65 on Oct. 31, 1972, said he was taking early retirement "not to quit, but to shift gears." He said he was considering several part-time assignments giving more time for travel, creative writing, preaching, and "a little fishing."

A native of Arkansas, McDonald is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., in 1958.

Before becoming editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine," McDonald was coordinator of Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges. Previously, he was public relations director for Southern Seminary in Louisville and Furman University.

He also has been city editor of the "Daily Courier-Democrat" in Russellville, Ark., his hometown, and editor of the "Southern Standard," Arkadelphia.

Active in denominational life, he was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and the Greater Little Rock ministerial Association. He has also been a trustee for Southern Seminary, a board member of the Economic Opportunity Agency of Pulaski County, a member of the advisory committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and a director of the Associated Church Press.

McDonald acknowledges he is "creator and sustainer" of Clabe Hankins, "an Arkansas backwoods philosopher" who writes a column for the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine," but he has never acknowledged publicly that he "is" Clabe Hankins. (BP)

Tennessee Baptists Go Over The Top For 1970-71 Budget

Baptists in Tennessee gave \$5,764,768.88 through the Cooperative Program last year, exceeding the state's goal of \$5,675,000.00 by \$89,768.88.

The fiscal year for the Convention, which ended October 31, showed a net gain in receipts over last year of \$225,663.00.

According to Convention policy, the budget excess will be distributed at the December Board meeting. The 4.07 per cent increase will be given to Southern Baptist Convention and Tennessee Baptist Convention causes.

The 1971-72 goal of \$6 million will be presented for approval at the State Convention in Gatlinburg next week. The budget, which was approved by the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Committee in September, will be retroactive to November 1 if it is adopted by convention messengers.

Allison Plans To Inaugurate Conservative Seminary In 1972

A former New Orleans Baptist seminary professor, preacher, evangelist, and Home Mission Board leader has announced that he will begin a conservative theological Baptist seminary in Ruston, La., next year.

B. Gray Allison disclosed his intentions to begin the school after experiencing what he termed "a deep-seated feeling that there is a need for another seminary which is through and through conservative in its theological stance, and a seminary where every professor believes in the verbal inspiration of the Bible." The evangelist stressed that "Our primary task is evangelism at home and abroad." He felt that young preachers should be required to take more hours in the field of evangelism and missions than are required in most schools.

In announcing the August 1972 opening date for The School of the Prophets (for Evangelism and Missions), Allison pledged the following: "That every professor will be a soul winner; that every professor in the theological field will hold an earned doctorate; that every professor will be conservative in his theology, believing the Bible is the verbally-inspired Word of God and so teaching; that every professor will be an active pastor and or member of a co-operating Southern Baptist church; that every professor will be available for counseling with students; that the highest academic standards will be maintained; that

students will be taught to practice evangelism; and that financial support will be sought from churches and individual church members.

Allison intends to serve as president and professor of Church History and Evangelism. He received the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from the New Orleans seminary. He taught Church History, Evangelism, Missions, and directed the Practical Activities Program at the seminary before entering full time evangelism in 1960. He also served as associate director of the Division of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

Presently, Allison and his family are members of Temple church, Ruston, La.

The former professor stressed his desire "to have friendly relations with all and to try to meet what we believe is a genuine need in our Convention life." He added that he had visited with the president of each of the six SBC seminaries and had counseled with college and university students concerning the new seminary.



Photo by W. Robert Hart

Baker J. Cauthen (center), executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, speaks during a session of the board's October meeting in Richmond, Va. With him are officers of the board (from left): Mrs. John I. Alford of Atlanta, recording secretary; Drew J. Gun-nells Jr. of Montgomery, Ala., president; Austin W. Farley of Richmond, second vice president; and Joseph B. Flowers of Hampton, Va., first vice president. Not pictured is Miss Elizabeth Minshew of the board's home office staff, assistant recording secretary.

Governor Dunn Declares RA Week In Tennessee, November 7-13

Governor Winfield Dunn has proclaimed November 7-13 as Royal Ambassador Week in the State of Tennessee, and, across the Southern Baptist Convention, more than 10,000 Southern Baptist churches are expected to honor approximately 300,000 Royal Ambassadors.

Emphasizing the importance of the mission organization in local churches, RAs will celebrate the week by helping in worship services, singing in RA choirs, and participating in special mission action projects and recognition services.

Mayors of several large cities in Tennessee and other states have also acknowledged the special week with a proclamation.

In addition to state-wide recognition, this year's RA Week will emphasize a continued growth in mission interest among Baptist boys.

New Books

Walt Disney's *Surprise Christmas Present* by David R. Collins, Broadman Press, \$3.50. Illustrated.



ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK—Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will celebrate Royal Ambassador Week November 7-13 by helping in worship services and participating in special mission action projects, campouts, father-son outings, and Royal Ambassador recognition services.

Anonymous Donor Offers \$500,000 To SBC Radio-TV Commission

FORT WORTH—A \$500,000 gift has been promised to the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission by an anonymous donor, provided the agency can raise a matching \$500,000 within two years.

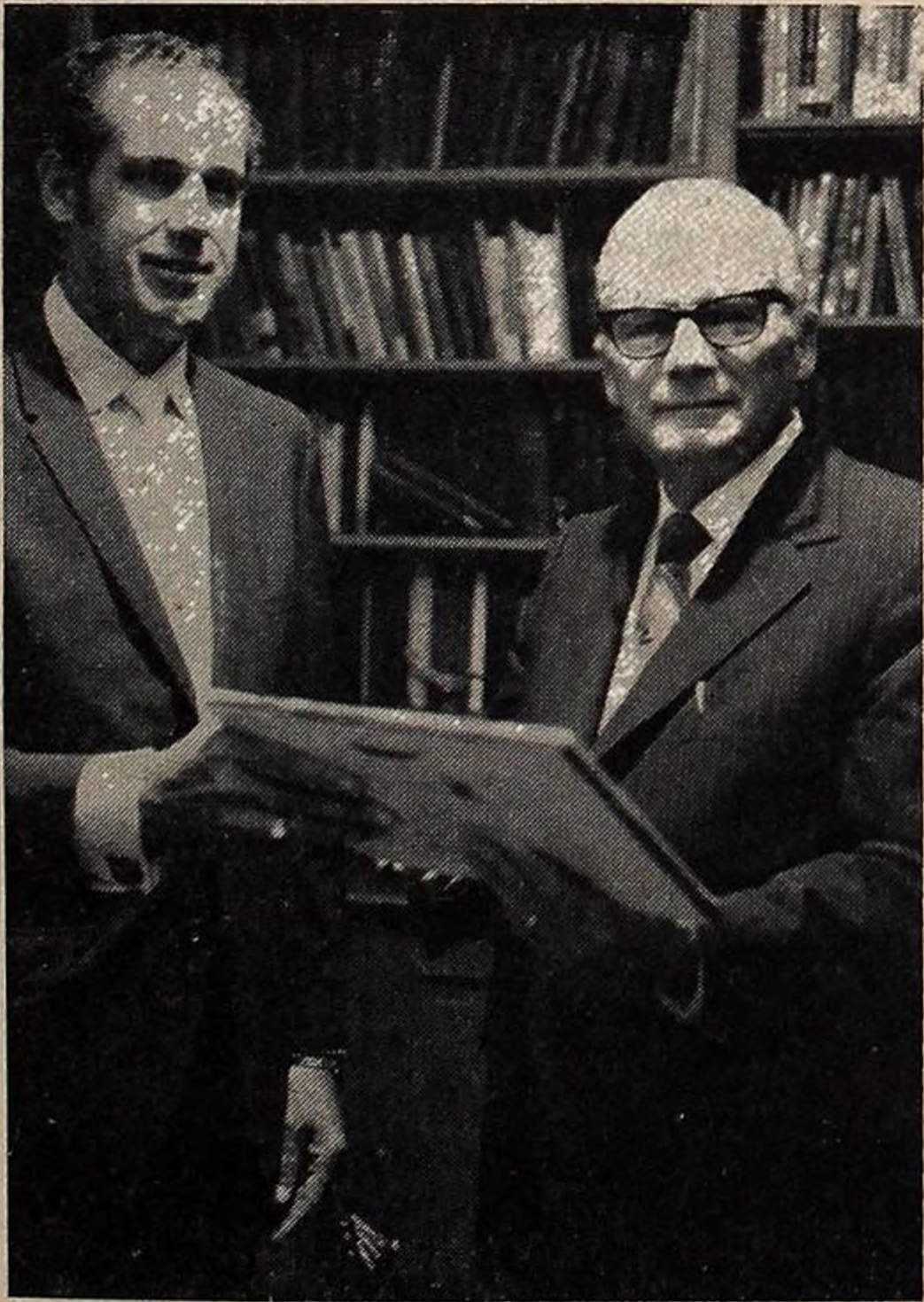
The gift was announced to the 36 members of the Radio-TV Commission during their annual meeting here by Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the commission.

The donor asked to remain anonymous, Stevens said.

Committees already are being formed to conduct the fund-raising campaign to raise the matching half-million dollars, Stevens told the commission members.

Permission to conduct the fund campaign, however, must be given to the commission by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, which meets next in February, 1972. Current procedures limit the commission to soliciting funds only from persons who write in response to programs produced by the Commission.

Stevens told the commission the \$500,000 goal is to be part of a larger two-year campaign, but that target amount and other particulars would not be announced until after the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee. (BP)



Hubert Smothers, left, president of Harrison-Chilhowee academy, presents a plaque to Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue church, Memphis, for presentation to R. G. Lee. The plaque was a decoupage of the picture of Lee carried on the July 15 cover of **Baptist And Reflector**. The photograph showed Lee in front in the home where he was born.

Three Tennessee Seminaries To Enter Joint Program

The American Baptist Theological seminary, a college-level black institution in Nashville, will enter into a three-year joint program with two other Tennessee seminaries to strengthen the inter-relatedness between the schools.

A \$75,000 grant from the Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation of New York will support the initial co-operative efforts of Vanderbilt University Divinity School, the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, and the American Baptist seminary.

According to Walter Harrelson, dean at Vanderbilt, the emphasis will be on joint programs in ethics and in black studies. Charles Boddie, president of the black seminary, said that the new program would enrich the teaching program at American Baptist.

Seelig Resigns Seminary Post; Named Aide For Local Corporation

FORT WORTH—John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here since 1960, has resigned to become administrative assistant to the president of the First Worth Corp. of Fort Worth.

The corporation is the parent organization of a group of diversified operating divisions and wholly-owned subsidiaries which manufacture and market a varied product line from Justin boots to brick.

Seelig, an accredited member of Public Relations Society of America, will be responsible for the corporation's public relations and administrative activities.

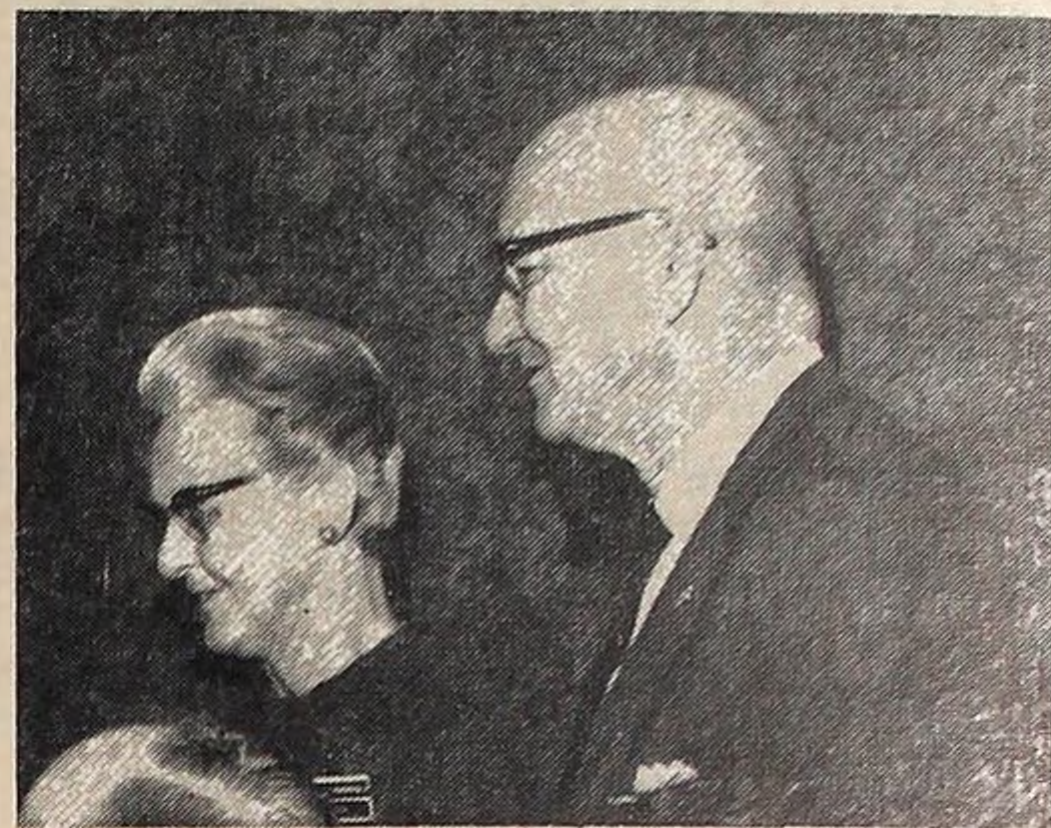
A native of Fredericksburg, Tex., he holds the bachelor of science and doctor of humanities degrees from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and a master's degree from Southwestern Seminary. (BP)

Methodist Women's Unit Opposes Prayer Bill, Backs Liberal Abortion

MINNEAPOLIS—The Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions went on record here as opposing the proposed prayer amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Representatives of some 1.6 million women said passage of the amendment would "seriously jeopardize the traditional separation of church and state, erode the (religion) guarantees of the First Amendment, and cause substantial and unnecessary divisiveness in the religious community."

A bill to assure the right of "nondenominational prayer" in any public building is before the House of Representatives. A vote is set for Nov. 8. The measure is seen as an attempt to restore prayers to public schools. (RNS)



(Photo by W. Robert Hart)

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lingerfelt of Seymour, emeritus missionaries, receive scrolls of honor from the Foreign Mission Board. The Lingerfelts, who served in Brazil, were among 11 emeritus missionaries honored by the board.

NASA Endorses Measure Calling For Space Center Chapel

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has endorsed a bill calling for the erection of a Chapel of the Astronauts at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The bill, which has been introduced into the house by Florida Republican Lou Frey, involves the sale of five and one half acres of center land for \$6000 to a non-profit group of Florida businessmen. The House Science and Astronautics Subcommittee was told that the chapel would be a non-sectarian place of worship or meditation and a memorial to the astronauts. It is scheduled to be constructed near the visitor information center.

Edwin Trevor, chapel executive secretary, said his group plans to conduct a nationwide campaign to raise \$2 million for the building and furnishing of the chapel. The money would also provide a trust fund for its maintenance and operation.

Three Division Heads Named For Illinois Baptist Work

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Three division managers have been named to supervise departments of the Illinois Baptist State Association, with offices here.

Appointment of the new division heads was announced by James H. Smith, executive secretary of the state Baptist organization. Under a new constitution approved in 1969, the division heads were selected by the executive secretary after screening by committees of the Board of Directors.

The three division heads are Arthur E. Farmer, manager of the Division of Special Ministries; Ronald S. Lewis, manager of the Church Development Division; and Charles L. Chaney, manager of the Church Extension Division. (BP)

Tennessee News Briefs

John R. Killinger, a Southern Baptist professor at Vanderbilt university, Nashville, has been named to an 11-man study team by the World Council of Churches to study the meaning of salvation. **Killinger** was the only Southern Baptist named to the study team. A complete report on "The Meaning of Salvation Today" will be presented to the National Council meeting in 1972 and the World Council meeting in 1973.

Highland Heights church has honored **Mrs. W. H. Roberts** who retired from the Beginner Department after 40 years of service. The church named her "Miss Beginner." **Bruce Coyle** is pastor.

Joe Hall, **Gordan McCall**, and **Dean Stone** were ordained Sunday at First church, Maryville. **J. William Harbin** is pastor.

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

The European Baptist Convention meeting in Rhein Valley Baptist church, Wall-dorf, Germany, accepted a new church into its membership and adopted a budget of US \$44,650 for 1972. Calvary Baptist Church, Middleton Stoney, England, was received into the convention, bringing the total to 38 in six countries of Europe.

Newly elected officers are **Kenneth Emerson**, Walldorf, this year's host pastor, president; **Richard Lisk**, Suffoik, England, vice-president; **Richard Higley**, Darmstadt, Germany, secretary; and **Luther Morphis Berlin**, treasurer.

Portuguese Baptists met in their 37th annual convention in Porto last month. One hundred and five messengers represented 33 of the 36 Baptist churches in Portugal. Preacher for the evening services was **Marcelino Huidobro**, pastor of the Baptist church, Javita, Spain. **Jose Goncalves**, pastor of the Cedofeita church, Porto, was elected president.

The Spanish Baptist Union, meeting in its 19th session, admitted two newly organized churches into the union. The two churches, located in Cadiz and Zaragoza, bring the total number of churches in the union to 56.

Miss Jenell Greer, missionary to Thailand, is back in Tennessee on furlough. Her address is 114 Oman Drive, Brentwood 37027. She is a native of Antioch.

Mrs. Harold (Ida Paterson) Storm, former Southern Baptist missionary to China, died Oct. 17 in Port Charlotte, Fla. She was 79. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1921, she taught at the Baptist university in Shanghai, resigning as a missionary in 1928. She grew up in Newport News, Va.

Oakland church, Springfield, has completed a new wing to the educational building. They have installed central heating, air-conditioning, and carpeting. **Lesley McClure** is pastor.

Eddie Harris, new associate pastor at Brook Hollow church, Nashville, was ordained by that church. **John B. Daley** is pastor.

Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, will hold its annual High School Day on Saturday, Nov. 13. Students from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Georgia are expected to attend.

Ronald Brewer, former research analyst at the Sunday School Board in Nashville, has been appointed to the Electronics Technology Department at Roane State Community college in Rockwood, Tenn. **Brewer** will also conduct institutional research.

Hickman Baptist church, New Salem Association, has made the last payment on its brick pastorium, constructed in 1970. The house has three bedrooms and a full basement. Pastor is **William H. Sullivan Jr.**

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Shelton L. Smith has resigned as pastor of Maplewood church, Paris, to accept the pastorate of the Shelbyville Mills church, Shelbyville. He served the Paris church for two-and-a-half years.

James E. Lee is the new pastor at Highland park church, Lawrenceburg. He was formerly pastor of Hillhurst church, Nashville. He served that church 10 years.

Bert Coble has accepted the call of First church, Bluff City, to become their minister of music. He has been serving as interim minister of music at the church. **Charles Douglas Earl** is pastor.

Harry Joynton New Supervisor Of Social Work At Memphis Home

Harry D. Joynton Jr. has been appointed supervisor of social work at the Memphis Children's Home.

He was born in Macon, Ga., and was educated at Louisiana State university, New Orleans seminary, and Tulane university. From 1943 until 1966 he served in the United States Navy and was commanding officer of a destroyer in Virginia before his retirement.

Mrs. Joynton has served as a high school teacher and librarian. The couple has three sons, Olin, 21, Stanley, 20, and Daniel, 11.

Joynton succeeds Miss Hazel Bullard who retires Dec. 31. She has served in the position for the past 10 years.

Children's Homes

A CLOAK AROUND ME

By James M. Gregg
Executive Director

Recently I visited one of our retired housemothers, Miss Nettie Henderson. For many years she was housemother for Junior girls at Franklin, whom she loved, prayed for and won to Christ.

Miss Nettie recalled the night when a burglar broke into her dormitory. She said, "I was awakened by a noise and I was terribly afraid. As I stood in the hall, immediately I began to pray that God would protect my girls and me. Suddenly I felt like someone had put a cloak around me and all my fears were gone. I called out, 'Who is down there?' I heard the front door open and close. I then went downstairs and locked and barred the door the intruder had broken open."

Our boys and girls often have their minds and hearts filled with fear. They come to us afraid. It is our joy to tell them that Jesus is the answer for our fears. In Revelations 1:17 He said "Fear not; I am the first and the last."

Thank you for your prayers and support, fellow Tennessee Baptists, which makes this possible.

600 Attend Student Sessions At Clarksville

More than 600 students from 30 campuses in Tennessee attended the 43rd annual convention of the Baptist Student Union held at Clarksville last week-end.

Glen Yarbrough, secretary of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, stated that the business session included adoption of the Summer Mission Program for 1972. The program will involve about 125 students in short term mission projects and 23 students in summer projects. The students committed themselves to raise \$16,300 to support the mission program.

William M. Pinson Jr., professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, and Sam Choy, Southern Baptist missionary to Korea, were the principal speakers for the convention. In the key note message, Pinson emphasized to the students the presence of Christ in their daily actions. In a second message, "Study is Celebration," he indicated his conviction that students have a prime opportunity and a primary responsibility to excel in academic efforts. Choy brought the closing message of the convention: "Celebration is Commitment."

Musical groups participating in the "Celebration" theme included the BSU choirs from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Carson-Newman college, Memphis State university, and Austin Peay State university. The Majority, youth choir of First church, Clarksville, and The Eleven Reasons, youth choir of Belmont college.

New York Baptists Urge Prison Reform After Attica

MADISON, N.J.—Adopting a brief resolution referring to the prison riots at Attica, N.Y., the Baptist Convention of New York urged Baptists to work for prison reforms and provide innovative programs to make prisons “more honestly correctional.”

“Attica made us all aware that there is a lack of concern in our prisons for individuals in rehabilitating them to cope with today’s society and have respect for their fellow man,” stated the resolution, which was adopted unanimously by the convention.

“Be it resolved,” continued the resolution, that we follow the teaching of Christ by seeking reforms that are Christian-motivated; and provide ministries and other innovative programs to make prisons more honestly correctional.”

Chattanooga Faces Crucial Issue On Liquor By The Drink Vote

The City of Chattanooga will vote on a liquor-by-the-drink referendum December 14. J. V. James, Hamilton County Baptist Association superintendent, said that this will be an extremely crucial issue for the city. “It is the first time we have had to vote on an issue of this kind,” James stated. “It looks like an uphill battle.”

The Association adopted a resolution at its meeting last week opposing the referendum. The resolution pointed out that 45,000 Americans have been killed in Vietnam during the past 10 years and 250,000 Americans have been killed by drunken driving. It said, “The Hamilton County Baptist Association goes on record as being opposed to liquor by the drink.”

Christian Church Elects Three Teenagers To Serve General Board

LOUISVILLE—The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have elected three young people to serve as members of the 222-member policy unit. This is the first time that teenagers have been elected.

The youth members are Miss Pat Vilars, 17, Minden, Neb.; Jamie Frazier, 16, Shawnee Mission, Kan.; and Keith Wilson, 17, Albuquerque, N.M. They were among 56 new members chosen by the denomination’s biennial General Assembly.

Charles Wheeler New Moderator For Loudon County Association

Charles Wheeler, Lenoir City, was elected moderator of the Loudon County Association at their meeting Oct. 21-22. Other officers elected were: vice-moderator **Dillard Hagan**, pastor, First church, Philadelphia; clerk **Glen Melton**, superintendent of Missions for the association; and treasurer **Charles B. White**.

The Attica resolution was one of four statements adopted by the convention during its second annual meeting.

Another resolution expressed opposition to House Joint Resolution (H.J.R.) 191, which would provide for a “prayer amendment” to the U.S. Constitution advocating “non-denominational prayer” in “public buildings.” The prayer amendment is scheduled for a vote in the U. S. House of Representatives in early November.

Other resolutions opposed the use of public funds for non-public education, dealt with developing Christian day school ministries, and charged the convention’s public affairs committee with the responsibility of identifying key critical issues within the community, state and nation for appropriate action by the churches.

Elected president of the convention was Homer (“Spot”) Schumacher, an International Business Machines (IBM) customer engineering manager from Matawan, N.J. (BP)

Convention Meetings Set

(Continued from Page 1)

Fletcher, director, Mission Support Division, Foreign Mission Board; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Southern Baptist Convention WMU president; and Miss Ruth Ford, former missionary to Indonesia.

Leo Eddleman, doctrinal reader for the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead a study of the book of Job at the three Pastors’ Conference sessions. “The Preacher and Pressures” will be the theme for the first conference. Jonas Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, TBC, will deliver the opening address, “The Pressures of False Success.” A message on the “Pressure of Discouragement” will be brought by Wayne Ward, Southern Baptist seminary professor.

E. B. Bowen, Wayne Ward, and T. T. Crabtree, pastor, First church, Springfield, Mo., will explore the area of “The Preacher and Priorities” at the 6:45 p.m. Monday session.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, and Crabtree will speak at the final session, Tuesday morning. Final session theme is “The Preacher and Perils.”

Seven employees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be honored during the sessions in Gatlinburg. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Convention; Roy Gilleland, secretary, Brotherhood Department; F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism Department; Fred Witty, student director; and Mrs. Robert G. Byram, secretary to the executive secretary-treasurer, have served the Convention for the past 15 years. Wallace Anderson, manager, Program Services; and David Keel, circulation manager, **Baptist And Reflector**, will be honored for 10 years of services with the

Convention. A reception will be held Wednesday evening at Riverside Motor Lodge in Gatlinburg in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Kendall and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phelps. Phelps is retiring Dec. 31 as director of Protection Plans. He has been in this position approximately six years.

\$6 Million Budget To Be Presented

The proposed Cooperative Program budget of \$6 million will be presented by Kendall at the Tuesday evening session. Messengers will vote on approval of the budget Wednesday morning.



Grady Cothen

Reports will be given by the Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee, the Woman’s Missionary Union, the Stewardship Department, the library, the Evangelism Department, **Baptist And Reflector**, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Executive Board, Committee on Boards, Committee on Committees, and Committee on Arrangements. Others include Children’s Home report, Hospital report, Music Department report, Protection Plans, Sunday School report, Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, Student Department report, Brotherhood report, and Missions report.

Charles Maples, pastor of First church, Gatlinburg, will offer welcoming statements to the convention. Recognition of SBC and Fraternal messengers will be Tuesday evening. New pastors, educational and music directors, and other new church staff members will be honored at the Wednesday morning session by Kendall.

Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Seymour; Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City; Union university, Jackson; and Belmont college, Nashville, will present a coordinated program on Christian education in Tennessee Wednesday evening at 7:00. The program will feature students and leaders from the various institutions.

Hayward Highfill is president of the Convention. D. William Dodson, pastor, First church, Martin, is serving as chairman of Committee on Arrangements. Convention music coordinator is Frank G. Charton, secretary, Church Music Department, TBC.

God Sustains His Creation

By Charles R. Ausmus, Pastor

Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville

Psalm 104:1-9, 27-30

"This Psalm differs from 103 in that it neither treats God's mercies bestowed on his own, nor lifts to the hope of a heavenly life, but he paints for us the frame of the world and the order of nature. He portrays the image of God's wisdom, power, and goodness and exhorts us to praise him as Creator and Father" (Calvin). In the former Psalm, God is praised for his grace and mercy, here as the God of nature, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.



Ausmus

This Psalm resembles and draws on the creation record in Genesis. In Genesis it was a past creation; in Psalm 104 it is a present creation and sustaining power. One portrays the beginning of an eternal order, the other its perpetual, living spectacle. "In Psalm 104 we have a picture which for truth and depth of coloring, for animation, tenderness, and beauty, has never been surpassed" (Perowne).

Person Of The Sustaining God

In the glorious imaginery of these verses we see the majesty of God's person. Note his glorious vesture "Thou coverest thyself with light as with garment." "God is light." Here is an emblem of his very person and nature. Light unites in itself purity, clearness, beauty, and glory as nothing else can. Light here is revealing, setting forth God's glory.

He dwells in a palace of splendor. "Thou spreadest out the heavens like a curtain." Here in the great expanse he lays the beams

of his chambers, the floor of his throne, in the most exalted and brilliant place of the whole universe.

"He maketh the clouds his chariot, who walketh upon the wings of the wind." Jehovah came in a thick cloud at Sinai, in a bright cloud on Mount Hermon, and at the last day he will come in clouds of glory.

Power Of The Sustaining God

"O Lord My God, Thou art very great." The power of the great God is seen in creation. He stretched out the heavens. He created the universe. He made the world and all that is on this earth. He controls the winds and the waters. He made the angels and they are his ministers. He laid the foundation of all things, and he has power to sustain and keep them, "That it should not be removed forever."

He has the power to create the mountains, the oceans and the rivers; and his word controls their direction and station. His power and will determines life and death for all living creatures (v. 29). How unsearchable is his wisdom and how unlimited his power, who thus wonderfully sustains our world.

Provisions Of The Sustaining God

The Lord provides for all the needs of man, beast, and every living creature which he has made. "These wait all upon Thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season." (v. 27). All creatures are dependent on his bounty. He supplies the needs of all.

The divine provision is regular, "In due season." We are reminded of the promise "As thy days so shall thy strength be". Jesus taught us to pray "Give us this day our daily bread." The divine provision is with ease. "Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good." The sustaining God provides a plenty, "They are filled." The Lord is absolute sovereign in joy and trouble, in life and death. He sends forth his spirit to renew the face of the earth.

What shall be our response to the God who sustains our world and our life? Certainly we should exhibit a spirit of humility. We are dependent creatures. We have no power or resource but such as be in God.

Former Tennessee Musician Dies In New Orleans

Clifford Tucker, former professor of music at New Orleans seminary and organist and pianist for Bellevue church, Memphis, died in New Orleans Oct. 11.

The 44-year-old musician was the winner of the Memphis and Mid-South Piano Scholarship Association Award. He served the Bellevue church from 1946 to 1949. In 1957 he joined the New Orleans seminary staff. Recently he had appeared as a concert pianist and organist.

We should live obedient lives. We live in a great and orderly universe. We must not waste, misuse, or violate the order and resources God has given. We must obey God and mutually serve one another. Then we should be grateful.

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WALK

By T. B. Maston

Retired Professor of Christian Ethics
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him" (Deut. 8:6, KJV).



Maston

It would be a very rewarding experience to study the use of the word "walk" in the Scriptures. It is used frequently in both Testaments. It is a figurative expression which is sometimes translated "live."

In the Old Testament there is a frequent admonition for the children of Israel to walk in the way of the Lord (cf. Deut. 10:12; 28:9; 2 Kings 21:22). To walk in the way of the Lord was to walk in obedience to his commandments. The Revised Standard Version translates Deuteronomy 8:6 as follows: "So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways."

A word in the New Testament translated "walk" or "live" is *peripateo* which literally means "walk around" or "walk about." It is found throughout the New Testament but particularly in the Pauline epistles and to a lesser degree in the Johannine writings. For example, Paul says that "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). To the Romans he said, "We . . . should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). He suggested that the Galatians should "walk in ('by,' RSV) the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16, 25; cf. Rom. 8:4) and that the Thessalonians "walk worthy of God" (1 Thess. 2:12) and walk or live so as to please God (1 Thess. 4:1). Do we so walk?

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World Jewish Community Now Totals 13,951,000

NEW YORK—The 1971 American Jewish Year Book, just published, sets the latest estimate for the world Jewish population at 13,951,000.

The United States has the largest Jewish community—5,870,000.

Countries having the largest Jewish populations, after the U.S., are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel 2,560,000; France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000 and Canada 280,000.

Leon Shapiro, a lecturer at Rutgers University who compiled the demographic data, said the Soviet Union may have intentionally underestimated its Jewish population in the recent 1970 census.

Shapiro said the Soviet Jewish population based on 1969 official USSR estimates was 2,620,000—the figure used in the 1971 Jewish Year Book. However, the 1970 census report noted a drop in the number of Soviet Jews from 2,267,814 in 1959 to 2,151,300 in 1970—a drop of 116,514. (RNS)

Methodist Church Reports High Giving Record, Drop In Membership

Contributions to the United Methodist Church reached an all-time high in fiscal 1970, but membership declined according to recent figures.

Approximately \$820,000,000 was given for denomination support. Membership dropped 162,576 to 10,509,198. The United Methodist Church is the nation's second largest Protestant denomination.

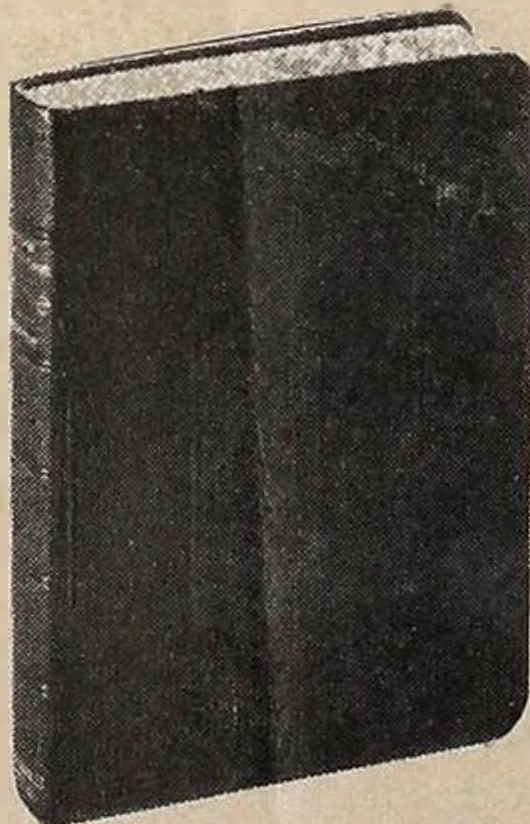
The report by the Council on World Service and Finance showed 40,054 local churches, a decrease of 599. More than 1.7 million preparatory members were listed. The number of United Methodist clergy increased by 261, reaching 34,822.



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Future Church Taxation 'Inevitable,' Sunday School Leader Declares

MILL VALLEY, Calif.—Calling taxation of churches "inevitable," the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board told students and faculty members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here that the churches might as well get ready to pay taxes.

"Brace yourselves," said James L. Sullivan of Nashville. The time is coming "in the foreseeable future" when churches will have to pay taxes.

Sullivan added that along with taxation, churches will face in the near future the trauma of urbanization and a stripping away of traditional worship and methods, unless they plan "for the foreseeable future."

He predicted that churches will be compacted among business and will have to be built several stories tall, instead of the traditional building of a church plant at ground level.

Taxation and urbanization will be just two manifestations of a rapidly changing, heavily populated and complex U.S.A., Sullivan said.

The day will come when there will be one long city from Seattle, Wash., to San Diego, Calif., he continued. This pattern of urbanization will be repeated throughout major portions of the United States, Sullivan added.

Population increases, changes in industry and segmentation among age groups will contribute greatly to the need for churches to change or be left behind the rest of society. The changes must come about in terms of methods of presenting the gospel, scheduling times of worship to meet the needs and working schedules of the community, he said.

The one concept of Southern Baptist life that must remain the same is that

"while the churches are geared to the times, they will have to stay anchored to the 'Rock, Jesus Christ,'" Sullivan said. (BP)

Graham Bars 'Strings' On Any Rome Crusade

ROME—Billy Graham has promised "to think about" a proposed crusade in Rome, the city of the Popes, but he will not permit any "strings" or conditions on any evangelism campaign he conducts in Italy.

At a press conference, the American evangelist recalled that the invitation extended to him by Italian Protestants laid down the condition that during or after a crusade he would not meet with Vatican officials, including the Pope.

"If I come," he said, "I will come with no strings on me. I will consult with the committee about appointments, but if they try to influence me in any way, I will make my own decisions."

Asked by newsmen if he would like to visit Pope Paul, the evangelist said this was an "important question." He declined to answer at the moment because, he said, "it might seem that I am trying to seek something . . . I shall await an invitation . . . and knowing of the delicacy of this particular area (it is) better not to comment . . . We shall have to find out through ambassadors . . ."

Graham told the press that he is studying the possibility of preaching a crusade in Rome and whether such a program in the heart of the Catholic world would cause trouble for non-Catholics in Italy.

"If my coming would cause great problems, difficulties and controversies for the churches, that would be a different matter," he said.

In his discussion with reporters, the American evangelist praised both Pope Paul and his predecessor, Pope John XXIII, for their appeals for peace in the world.

He did not exclude the possibility of a meeting with the Pope during his current visit—if the invitation was extended.

Graham recalled the success of his crusade in Catholic Brazil although he admitted that an evangelical program in Rome would be "something slightly different."

He said he felt closer to the Catholic Church than to "some Protestant theologians who declared that God is dead."

Recalling that Italian Protestants have asked for a crusade for some years, the evangelist said: "I have promised to think about it, pray about it and give them a reply within two or three months." (RNS)

Missionary Kids Try Learning Manners; Baboon Shows The Way

RICHMOND—Southern Baptist missionary families in Peru and Ethiopia recently sought to teach their children good manners, but despite a misunderstanding in Peru, a baboon in Ethiopia showed the kids the way it should be done.

Mr. and Mrs. James Redding, missionaries to Peru, instituted a weekly meal stressing manners and etiquette to their five children. Their nine-year-old daughter announced at breakfast one morning, "We are going to have good manners today."

The three-year-old daughter, who according to the Reddings "had waked with a good appetite," promptly sang out: "Pass the manners, please."

Meanwhile, in Ethiopia, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lewis Jr., and their four children had good luck in teaching manners to the family pet, who set a good example for all.

Their young baboon sits at the table with the family on a high chair which all the children have used. The baboon eats from a dish used by Mrs. Lewis as a baby.

And the baboon astonished them all one day by picking up a linen napkin and wiping her mouth with it. (BP)

Rhodesian Methodists Denounce Shift Of Blacks From Property

SALISBURY, Rhodesia—Officials of the United Methodist Church of Rhodesia announced here they will go directly to Premier Ian Smith in an attempt to halt the evacuation of Africans from church property in areas designated for whites only.

Under the Land Tenure Act, with which United Methodists have vowed total non-cooperation, Rhodesia is divided into two parts, one for the black majority and another for the white minority.

The government plans to move the Africans living at Epworth Methodist Mission outside of Salisbury. The land is in a white zone.

Although it has only 50,000 constituents, the United Methodist denomination in Rhodesia owns a considerable amount of property. It has declared it will not recognize any provision of the Land Tenure Act. (RNS)

Norway Government Names Church-State Commission

An official commission has been named by the Norwegian government to study church and state questions and to suggest alternative relationship models. The state church in Norway is Lutheran.

Members of the commission represent a variety of positions, observers noted. However, some critics have pointed out the lack of young people on the group.

Among churchmen named to the commission are Einar Molland, professor at the University of Oslo, known for his support of the established system, and Bishop Per Juvkam, of the Diocese of Bjorgvin (Bergen area), who recently has strongly urged change.

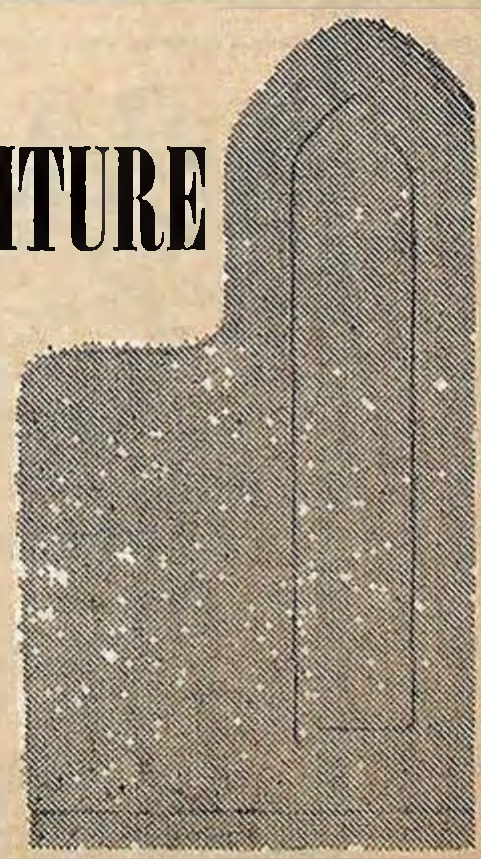
A seat also was granted to a free church representative, Jens Oen, Baptist theologian and educator. (EBPS)

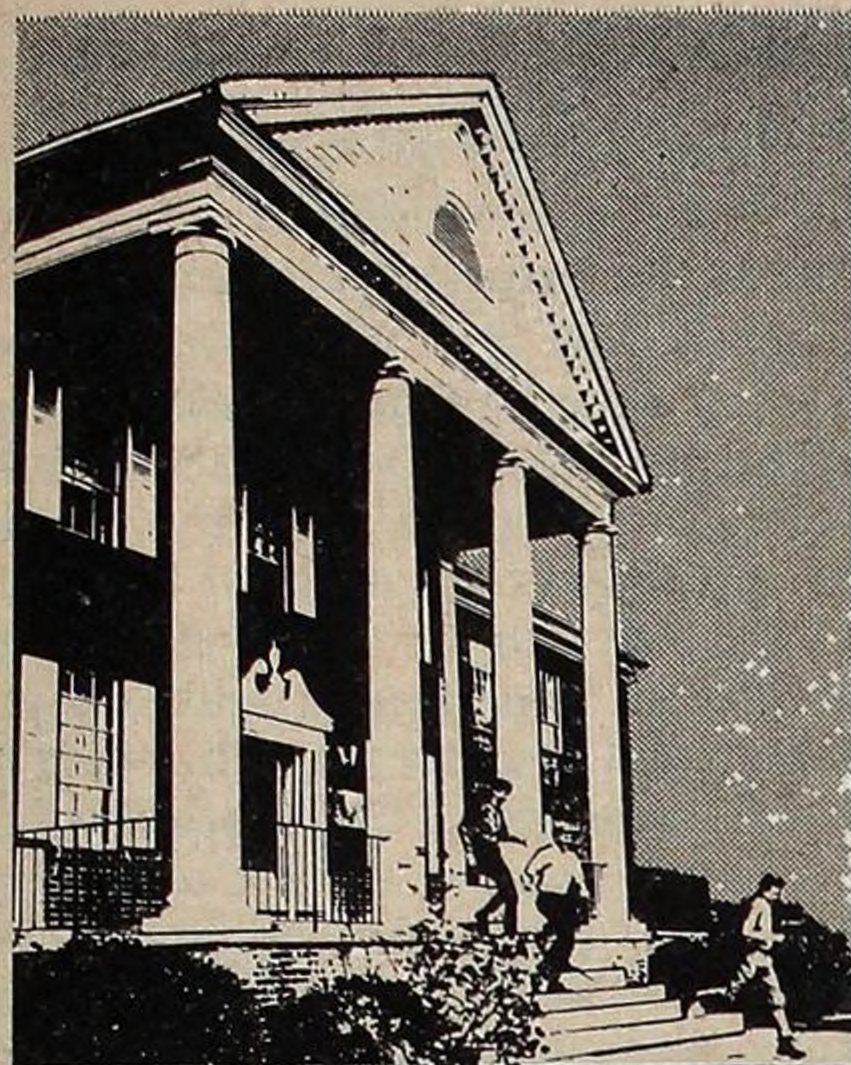
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The Chilhowee Academy Record...

Let's set it straight!

Going Strong

- Of the ten top enrolments of resident students at Chilhowee in the past 25 years, eight of the largest were achieved in the last 10 years; five of the record highs occurred in the past six years.

New Leadership

- Hubert B. Smothers, former Chairman of the H.C.B.A. Board of Trustees, was inaugurated as the Academy's new President last October.

New Interest

- Summer School enrolment this year rose almost 50% over 1970, was greater than any single-year increase ever. Three of every four students attended Chilhowee for the first time — a 90% increase in their number over the year before.

Innovative Programs

- Tennessee Baptists, through Chilhowee, originated this year the only known college preparatory program for the deaf offered by a school for hearing students.

Enrolment Up

- More *new* students were enroled this fall than were enroled in the entire school last May. *Seven of every ten students now at the Academy entered this year.*

Near-Record Year

- Over 300 students will likely be reached by Chilhowee's regular term and summer school programs during 1971-72. Some 90% of these will be non-duplicating, be *different* students — a net enrolment higher than 9 of the past 10 years.

Promotion Paying

- The resulting increase in income from student fees is more than offsetting all promotional costs.

Christian Commitment

- Over the past four years, 76% of Chilhowee graduates have entered colleges and *one of every four is in full-time Christian service or is preparing for it* — the highest ratio of any TBC school.

Financial Facts

- Share of total operating costs, 1970-71, received from TBC: 28%. Increase in operating costs, 1961-1971: 107%. Increase for operations from State Convention: 54%. Average operating support from contributing churches: 81 cents per church per week.

More Improvements

- The faculty is younger, counsellors for both boys and girls have been specially trained, and the physical plant and campus are in the best shape in recent years.

Bills Paid

- For the past 20 years Chilhowee has lived within its means — and has its present obligations on a current basis.

Purpose Served

- The Academy was founded to be a superior, college preparatory secondary school with a distinctive Christian emphasis. This is firmly established by the official history of the school.

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MAN'S DEEPEST NEED

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

Basic Passage: Luke 5:1-39

Focal Passage: Luke 5:18-32

Man's deepest need is to be ascertained by understanding his real plight and condition in the sight of God.



White

By nature and practice he is dead in sin and trespasses. At the center of his being something is radically out of line. He is self-centered, therefore off center. He is missing the highest purpose of his existence. His life is divided and fragmentary. Whether he knows it or not, he is desperately ill.

To put it in one word, he needs "salvation" or "redemption". This involves forgiveness, new life, change of center, healing and wholeness.

He must be delivered from his lostness, delivered from his bondage and lifted to a life of love. Instead of being dead in sin, he needs to be dead to sin. He needs to be alive to righteousness. God's love must be poured into his heart by the Holy Spirit.

**He Needs Forgiveness Profoundly
Luke 5:18-20**

A man with palsy was brought to Jesus for physical healing. His deeper need was spiritual. Jesus sensed that and spoke forgiveness to him.

In order to demonstrate to the gain-saying critics that He had power on earth to forgive sins, He commanded him to take up his bed and walk. Christ took care of both his physical and spiritual need. In other words, He made him whole.

Full salvation must reach man in depth and change him in his entire personality. Real salvation is not only a glorious fact, it is a transforming force and transmitting influence.

**Many Are Not Conscious Of Guilt
Luke 5:21-26; 30-32**

The Hebrew leaders were very sensitive of insignificant infractions of the superficial traditions, particularly when observed in the disciples of Jesus. However, they were not conscious of their own guilt in offending in the sphere of the weightier matters of law.

Jesus made them look ridiculous by saying, "They that are whole do not need a physician". In other words, you feel yourself so righteous that you have no sense of

your need of forgiveness. No one can help you as long as you are deceived by your self-righteousness and not aware that you are wholly missing the mark. This is the most dangerous state of being possible.

**Discipleship Followed Liberation
Immediately Luke 5:27-29**

The tax contractors and collectors were most unpopular among the Jews. In fact they were classified with sinners. No doubt that often they felt the sting and humiliation of their status.

To be recognized as human beings, precious as such in the sight of God, must have touched Levi deeply. He responded immediately to the call of Jesus. He became not only a disciple but an enthusiastic follower. He gave a great feast, entertaining his friends with Jesus as the guest of honor. No doubt he was seriously interested in his friends, and colleagues, meeting the Lord.

The forgiveness of sins may seem easy to many but it costs God and our Savior very dearly. The Father spared not His only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us.

The Cross is the ground of forgiveness and the resurrection, the basis of justification. These great events were no incidental occurrences. They were no surface performances. They involved the deepest and dearest things of God the Father and Son.

How God, who knows everything from the beginning to the end, can blot our transgressions out of His memory and treat us as if we were innocent, is a supreme mystery. But we see mysterious phenomena in nature that are an enigma to scientists. Some of the most glorious realities are veiled to our understanding.

**Michigan Names Oakley
To Training, Music Post**

DETROIT—William P. Oakley of Detroit has been named state director of church training and church music by the Baptist State Convention of Michigan here.

Oakley comes to the state convention position from the pastorate of Grosse Pointe Baptist church, Detroit.

He has served churches in Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, California and Michigan.

Born in Dyersburg, Tenn., Oakley studied at Union university, Jackson Tenn.; Detroit Bible college and William Carey college, Hattiesburg, Miss. He also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

Oakley will begin his duties with the Michigan Convention Nov. 1. (BP)

Foundation

Mother's Testimony Lives

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The information for this article comes from another state. It is too good to keep.

A dedicated layman walked into the office of the executive secretary of the Foundation to report the death of his mother. Said he, "My mother was a devotee of foreign missions. She saved pennies, skipped dessert and sold eggs for an entire year to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Now that she is gone it doesn't seem right that they will forget her testimony for Christ and Missions. I want to give you \$1000 now to begin a memorial trust fund in mother's name. I will add to it from time to time. Please write up an agreement whereby you will send the income from this trust each December to the church as a gift from my mother for missions. I want her love for Christ to be known for all time to come."

This trust fund will be a living monument to a son's love for his mother and to a mother's love for Christ long after her name has ceased to be legible on her granite tombstone.

Don't let the testimony of your loved ones be forgotten. Keep it alive. Such a trust fund can make a contribution to a Tennessee Baptist college, Children's home, Cooperative program or any other object of Christian concern. For more information, without cost or obligation, write or call Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood Tennessee 37027 —Phone 833-4220.

'Dinner Theatre' Program Replaces Evening Services

DALLAS—First Presbyterian church here has traded its Sunday evening worship service for a "dinner theatre."

The theatre's first production is an adaptation of "My Fair Lady." Dr. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., pastor, contends that writers and dramatists, not preachers, have been the real prophets of society.

George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," the source of "My Fair Lady," asks not only "can you change slum people into respectable people, but can you make the change stick," the minister said. (RNS)

Sterilization Program Set For Anderson County

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—Funds amounting to approximately \$241,000 have been allocated by the Office of Economic Opportunity for a pilot project of voluntary sterilization in Anderson County, Tenn.

The funds, provided for the poor Appalachian people in the county, will allow for research, clinics, counseling, and vasectomies for 150 men and tubal ligations for 150 women. The plan is expected to begin in January.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

This week starts a new month. Our months have the wrong names for our calendar. November means "ninth" month and December is the



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tenth. I have not had time to research the reason for the naming of the months as they are in our present calendar. But what we all know is that this is the eleventh month of this year which has passed so rapidly. We are already hearing that there are just so many more shopping days until Christmas.

This is a significant month for Tennessee Baptists. Next week the Convention will meet in its annual session at Gatlinburg. This has been a very fine year in our churches and associations. The Convention should be one of the best we have had in a number of years. Reports will indicate a growth in many areas of the work of the churches. A spirit of optimistic outlook and faith in the future progress of the work of Christ will also be evident.

This will also be a time for thinking in terms of the crowning of the first century of the continued work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The centennial will be celebrated in 1974. A Centennial Committee has been appointed. It has already met and started some very significant plans. This state has had a remarkable history. Some of it has been very trying and has tested the faith and purposes of Baptists in the determination to follow Christ and to fulfill His command to evangelize and Christianize the state.

Despite the diversity of views and the controversies which have disrupted the work on some occasions, the churches have shown a great faith and a determined purpose to remain loyal to the teachings of the Bible. Evangelism, missions, Christian education, ministering to needs, have all been vital in the programs of work which the Convention has sought to carry out through the years.

November is the beginning of the new Convention year. Actually the budget adopted by the Convention is made retroactive to the first of the month. The recommended budget will be \$6,000,000. It is interesting to note that the total income received by the entire Southern Baptist Convention back in 1925, which was the first year of the Cooperative program, was only a little more than \$4,000,000.00. This shows how much Southern Baptists have grown in forty-six years.

Pray that we may have a great Conven-

On Matters of

Family Living

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'Label' Words Destroy Child's Ability To Change

"Slob! . . . Little liar! . . . Inconsiderate monster . . . Stupid!" We're talking to our children and they're actually supposed to change the behavior that annoys us because we say these things.

When epithets explode from us, peppering youngsters with words that wound, we inflict injuries on children's self-esteem which make positive changes in behavior almost impossible, warns former school psychologist and family counselor Dorothy Corkille Briggs.

"When your words equate a child's acts with his person, he cannot develop a solid sense of personal worth," reminds the author of **Your Child's Self-Esteem**. Accept the fact that a child's ability to handle each period of growth successfully is closely linked to the self-esteem we are methodically destroying when we use "labeling" words such as sloppy, inconsiderate, ungrateful, dumb, bad, etc.

Many parents are not familiar with the psychological homework that a child must do each day in order to grow, says the family living counselor. "Each period of growth has specific tasks which, like stair-steps, must be negotiated successfully if the child is to master identity."

Churchman Cites Indonesia In Upholding Mission Work

ROSEVILLE, Minn.—A veteran missionary speaking at a missionary convention of the World Gospel Mission here denounced pessimists in churches and seminaries who say the day of missions is past.

Quoting Scripture, the Rev. John Trachsel said "there is an open door and no man can shut it."

The door to Christian missions, he said, is particularly open in the predominantly Muslim nation of Indonesia.

"It is also one of the countries where the Communist timetable has failed," he noted. (RNS)

tion at Gatlinburg and one which will send us away with renewed purposes to make 1972 one of the greatest years which we have ever experienced for our Lord.

Historically:

From the files

> 50 YEARS AGO <

J. W. Chambers of Oneida, Tennessee, and his singer, Ernest Crawford of Clinton, conducted a 20-day revival at Davidson. They reported 185 professions of faith and many baptisms.

Franklin Children's Home was making plans for the construction of a new Administration Building to house general offices, dining room, kitchen, school rooms, auditorium, and storage.

> 20 YEARS AGO <

Tennessee Baptists ranked third among Southern Baptists in Training Union membership in 1950 with nearly 17,000 new members bringing the state membership to a total of 116,152. Most rapid growth was reported in the country churches.

First church, Lexington, ordained seven deacons. They were the first to be ordained in over 13 years at the church. These were O. H. Austin, Horace Baker, E. R. Burruss, John Frizzell, Ollie Holmes, Eldridge Rhodes, and Alfred Wallace Jr.

> 10 YEARS AGO <

Mountain View church, Knoxville, dedicated its new building at Cecil Avenue and North Park Blvd. J. M. Whitt was pastor. Vester Blanton, pastor in the Concord Association, preached the dedication sermon.

C. C. Sledd, pastor of Prospect church, Hollow Rock, for 24 years retired from the active pastorate. Sledd led the church from a part-time ministry with 39 in Sunday School and no Training Union to a full-time work with two building programs.

National Bible Week Observance Set For November 21-28

Kenneth N. Taylor will receive the annual award of the Laymen's National Bible Committee this month for his efforts in paraphrasing the Bible. The presentation will launch National Bible Week, November 21-28.

"One World—One Book" is the 1971 theme for National Bible Week. Sunday, November 21, churches throughout the nation will observe Bible Sunday.

Serving as this year's national chairman is former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg.

Only A Few Of Anti-Nazi Church Leaders Still Living, Says 'Century' Report

CHICAGO—Death has claimed all but a few of the German churchmen who made heroic stands against Hitler and survived Nazism, according to a report in "Christian Century," the ecumenical weekly.

Ewart E. Turner, a frequent contributor to the "Century" and the Religious News Service, made a survey of the remaining anti-Nazi stalwarts during a recent trip to Germany. Four of the men he discussed were 80 or over this year; a fifth will reach 80 in January. Most of the others are retired.

Snedden Elected Leader Of West Virginia Baptists

WILLIAMSON, W. Va.—John I. Snedden, director of missions and evangelism for the Western Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists was elected executive secretary of the state Baptist body during its annual convention here.

Snedden, who pioneered in establishing Southern Baptist mission work in West Virginia, was elected the convention's executive leader by the Executive Board of the convention, and the election was later ratified by the full convention.

It was the highlight of the two-day meeting of the convention at East Williamson Baptist Church here.

In other actions, the convention adopted a budget of \$205,200, an increase of about \$35,000. The budget allocates 20 per cent to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

The convention organized a state Woman's Missionary Union Convention, electing Mrs. Robert Gillespie of Bluefield, W. Va., as president. Mrs. Ola Cox of St. Albans, W. Va., is executive secretary of the W.M.U.

Elected president of the state convention was Herbert Slaughter, pastor of Highland Avenue Baptist Church, South Charleston, W. Va.

Snedden, the new executive secretary, helped start Southern Baptist work in West Virginia, serving for 13 years as area missionary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Charleston, W. Va.

He came to the state from Ohio, where he was pastor of what is now First Baptist Church, Athens, Ohio. Previously he was pastor in Lancaster, Ohio. He is a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C.

For the past two years, Snedden has been director of missions and evangelism for the convention, which has not had an executive secretary until now.

Serving with Snedden is Francis R. Tallant, director of religious education for the convention. Snedden and Tallant have been "co-directors" of the convention. Tallant will continue to serve as director of religious education. (BP)

The four who turned 80 in 1971 are: —Heinrich Grueber, imprisoned by Hitler for helping Jewish people. He was called to testify at the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel.

—Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff, a layman who led the church forces against Hitler in Pomerania and was forbidden by the Fuhrer to speak in Germany. He was military governor of Louvain, Belgium, during World War II and there aided both Jews and Christians. Mr. von Thadden-Trieglaff founded the annual Protestant Kirchentag (Church Day) in Germany.

—Adolf Kurtz, pastor of Berlin's Twelve Apostles Church for 27 years before the war. Because of the shelter it provided for Jews, the church was called "the synagogue on Nollendorf Platz" by the Gestapo.

—Moritz Mitzenheim, now retired as bishop of the Church of Thuringia in East Germany. Turner noted that the bishop remained controversial after the Communist takeover, seeking to "maintain a friendly footing with Communist officials in order to safeguard the pastors and congregations."

Pastor Martin Niemoeller will mark his 80th birthday in January. He spent eight years in Nazi concentration camps and emerged as one of the era's most famous prisoners. He was pastor of a Berlin church before World War II.

Turner noted that Bishop Hans Lilje of Hanover retired earlier this year at the age of 72. Bishop Kurt Scharf of Berlin will retire next year at age 70. Also remaining is Prof. Rudolf Bultmann, 87, who, Mr. Turner said, "lent his considerable influence to the church's resistance to Nazism." (RNS)

'Army' Center Built At Founder's Home

NOTTINGHAM, Eng.—The birthplace of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army in 1865, is at the center of a new \$616,000 Army social service center for homeless and needy people opened here.

The General was born at 12 Notintone Place in 1829 and the new center has been built around it. His house will become a Salvation Army museum.

The center was opened by Sir Keith Joseph, the government's Secretary of State for Social Services. As part of the ceremony, the general's 80-year-old granddaughter, Commissioner Catharine Bramwell-Booth, unveiled a larger than life statue of the founder in the forecourt of his humble home.

The new center provides a home for 50 aged men and women and a 15 bed unit that can house homeless families on a temporary basis. There is also a community service center for 150 people. (RNS)

Japan Baptists Plan Self-Support, Control

OSAKA, JAPAN—Messengers to the annual sessions of the Japan Baptist Convention voted to restructure their organization, beginning on a gradual scale in 1973.

According to actions taken at the Amagi Baptist Assembly, the place and importance of the convention as an organization will be de-emphasized and its activities will be centered in local churches and associations.

Plans were set to replace foreign aid with a local cooperative offering within the next seven years. Exceptions from the self-supporting program are convention institutions such as the Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto and the theological seminary in Fukuoka.

Studies are underway as to how these can be supported in the future, reported Southern Baptist Missionary A. L. (Pete) Gillespie.

The restructuring will reduce the convention's Tokyo headquarters staff to seven or eight persons, Gillespie said.

President-elect Shuichi Matsumura, who will take office Jan. 1, 1972, said he approves the shift in emphasis from central influence to local churches and associations, but he warned that the churches must develop their laymen to participate in the new emphasis.

Matsumura, pastor of Tokiwadai Baptist Church and a past vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, criticized young, inexperienced pastors who are "out of touch with reality." He said the mere absence of foreign aid will not bring self-support and independence unless the churches become stronger and engage in "perennial evangelism."

One pastor said he approves of self-support and cooperation but doubts that the rank and file of his colleagues understand all the implications of these practices. He, as well as with workers in the women's department, expressed hope that the "broad vision of a lost world will not be lost in a narrow effort to become independent," Gillespie said. (BP)

Biblical Concept of Promised Land Studied

A possible theology of Jewish-Christian relations and the present-day relevance of the biblical concept of the Promised Land were two of the topics discussed at length by the Committee on the Church and Jewish People, a committee of the World Council of Churches, when it met at the Paulus Akademie in Zürich, Switzerland, September 13-18.

Attending the biennial meeting were committee members from 11 countries and an observer from the Vatican Office for Catholic-Jewish relations. Papers were read by Robert L. Lindsey, of Jerusalem, and Roy Eckardt, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (USA).