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WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED



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How shall they call on one in whom they have never believed? How can they believe in one of whom they have never heard?



And how can they hear unless someone proclaim him?



And who will go to tell them unless he be sent?

A VENOMOUS PLOT

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul."—Acts 23:12.

So deep-seated was Jewish hatred for Paul that more than forty Jews entered into this compact or conspiracy (v. 13). The phrase means "making a secret combination" or conspiracy. It was like binding together twisted cords into a strong rope. As individuals or members of a mob they had not succeeded. But in the strength of unity they hoped to accomplish their venomous purpose.

"Curse" renders a verb meaning to anathematize or to call upon God to curse them if they failed. This word is used in Mark 14:71 for Peter's "curse." He called down God's curse upon himself if he was not telling the truth. Furthermore, these men avowed neither to eat nor drink until "they should kill" Paul. In their twisted minds they thought that they would be doing God a service. There is no fanatic so dangerous as one whose fanaticism has a twisted religious basis.

Having entered into this conspiracy they plotted with the Sanhedrin to ask that Paul be brought before them for further examination. While he was being brought from the Tower of Antonia the group planned to carry out their purpose.



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They might have succeeded had not word of the conspiracy come to the ears of Paul's nephew (vv. 17-22). One has suggested that a Pharisee on the Sanhedrin who was friendly toward Paul may have told the young man about the plot. At any rate upon hearing of it the tribune refused to send Paul before the Sanhedrin. Instead, he gave orders that under heavy guard he should be removed to Caesarea (vv. 23ff.). He would be safer out of the volatile atmosphere of Jerusalem.

It is a pity that pagans had to preserve God's servant from those who claimed to be God's people. But God uses many strange instruments to accomplish His purposes. We may not always understand the events of the moment. But in the larger picture eyes of faith can see God in the shadows keeping watch over His own.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Weary and saddle-sore pew occupants, who endure a tiresome journey across a long and dry sermon, have been known to say that the longest hour of the week is from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Sunday.

Especially is this true of the ever-increasing segment of the world's congregations—the "Christianettes" who prefer "sermonettes" from "preacherettes."

In Owensboro, Ky., a new pastor got up to preach his first sermon and found this note on the pulpit: "Your mission is possible. But remember this pulpit self-destructs at 12 noon—taking preacher and all."

Of course, it is assumed that although this means of cutting off the preacher was presented in jest, someone is "deadly" serious about stopping on time.

In fact, if this system came into popular use, and the preacher preached too long, this might be an instance in which the preacher—as well as the congregation—"would go all to pieces."

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Devotional

Faith In Christ

1 John 2:18-25

By Richard D. Patton, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Portland

A living faith in Christ is vital for Christians in any age. Faith in Christ is especially needed for those men and women who would live for him in our present day.



Patton

During the early days of Christianity, the Christians in the new struggling churches were confronted by a false doctrine called gnosticism. This doctrine caused many to separate themselves from the church and to lose their faith in the living Christ.

John, writing in his first epistle (1 John 2:18-25), called the people to repentance and faith. This is one of the earliest examples of a preacher urging his people to re-affirm their faith in Christ.

John urged his readers to do four things based on faith:

1. First, he urged them to accept the whole gospel message. Words or phrases are not to be accepted or rejected because of our personal likes or dislikes. No man can truthfully acknowledge Christ unless he sees the whole gospel message in context.

2. Secondly, John urged those early Christians to adhere to the high moral claims of Christ. One cannot manifest faith in Christ when his life is littered with immoral acts. A living faith in Christ today demands high moral standards and the acceptance of Christ's standards for life.

3. Thirdly, John demanded that Christians acknowledge the Lordship of Christ. Far too many are willing to accept his forgiveness and salvation while at the same time rejecting his lordship. Faith in Christ must be founded in the complete surrender of self to the will and way of Christ. Anything else is less than faith.

4. Finally, John urged men to admit the reality of eternity and their need for Christ in life not only in the present but in the timelessness of eternity. Paul said, "if in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable." Faith in Christ, a living faith, will sustain us not only here and now but in all eternity.

If our faith today is to stand the test of this generation it must be a true, living faith in the true, living Christ.

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Baptist Pastor Slain In Store Holdup

BONHAM, Tex.—The pastor of a rural Texas Baptist church, David Caddell, was shot to death during a robbery at a Bonham grocery store while the minister was working a late night shift.

Speculation has surrounded the motive and circumstances of the killing, with one fellow pastor suggesting that Caddell might have been trying to share his faith with the robbers at the time.

Caddell was pastor of the Duplex Baptist Church near Bonham.

Police, who arrested three youthful suspects a short time after the shooting and robbery, were trying to piece together the tragic events.

Initially they surmised that the 46-year-old minister was shot because he was unable to open the store's safe.

North American Fellowship Plans Baptist Cooperation

WASHINGTON—Sixty leaders from nine Baptist bodies brainstormed areas of closer cooperation in the fields of missions, evangelism, stewardship and general administration during sessions of the North American Baptist Fellowship here.

Each of the nine Baptist bodies represented brought their specialists in the four fields to the discussions sponsored by the fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

"We found we had common interest and common program and that we profit greatly by sharing with one another," said Kenneth L. Chafin, evangelism secretary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Chafin added, however, that the group needs to move from a sharing fellowship to a working structure in an effort "to win our continent for Christ."

Chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship, G. K. Zimmerman, emphasized that the four sharing sessions were not programming meetings but a time of sharing mutual problems.

Zimmerman, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference with offices in Forest Park, Ill., was re-elected chairman of the organization.

The purpose of the fellowship, Zimmerman said, "is to draw together the Baptists of the North American continent on the basis of their common interests and to inspire them to walk together in keeping with the directives of Jesus Christ."

Member bodies of the fellowship are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist Federation of Canada, General Association of General Baptists, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention of Mexico, North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

Later, however, Aubrey McAlister, editor of the "Bonham Daily Favorite", told Baptist Press that Caddell apparently had followed his assailants outside after they took \$40 from the cash register and an undetermined amount from the pastor and a woman customer.

Police said the woman, who had been drinking, did not remember hearing the shots, but did recall that the bandits took her purse and watch. She said that after the robbery she found a telephone and alerted police.

A Bonham pastor friend of the slain minister described Caddell as a big man—physically and spiritually.

"Knowing Dave as I did, I don't doubt that he was trying to talk with his assailants," said Tommy Marshall, pastor of Seventh and Main Baptist Church, Bonham. "I wouldn't be surprised at all that he was trying to give a Christian witness in some way."

Caddell, the father of three children, two of them married, was studying for a teaching degree at East Texas State University, Commerce, Tex., and working nights to support himself and his wife and teenage daughter.

A few night before Caddell was murdered, his daughter, Donna, had expressed fear of her father's being robbed while working so late. Caddell merely replied, "You can't shut yourself away at home."

He had been pastor of the small Duplex Baptist Church since 1968, and had led the congregation in erecting a new church building.

The Sunday before his death, Caddell had realized two personal goals, said Harry Ball, former superintendent of missions in Fanin Baptist Association where the Duplex

Two Seminary Professors Voice Concern And Hope For World's Future

In recent speeches, two Southern Baptist seminary professors have voiced a concern for the environment and a hope in God's leadership for the future of the world.

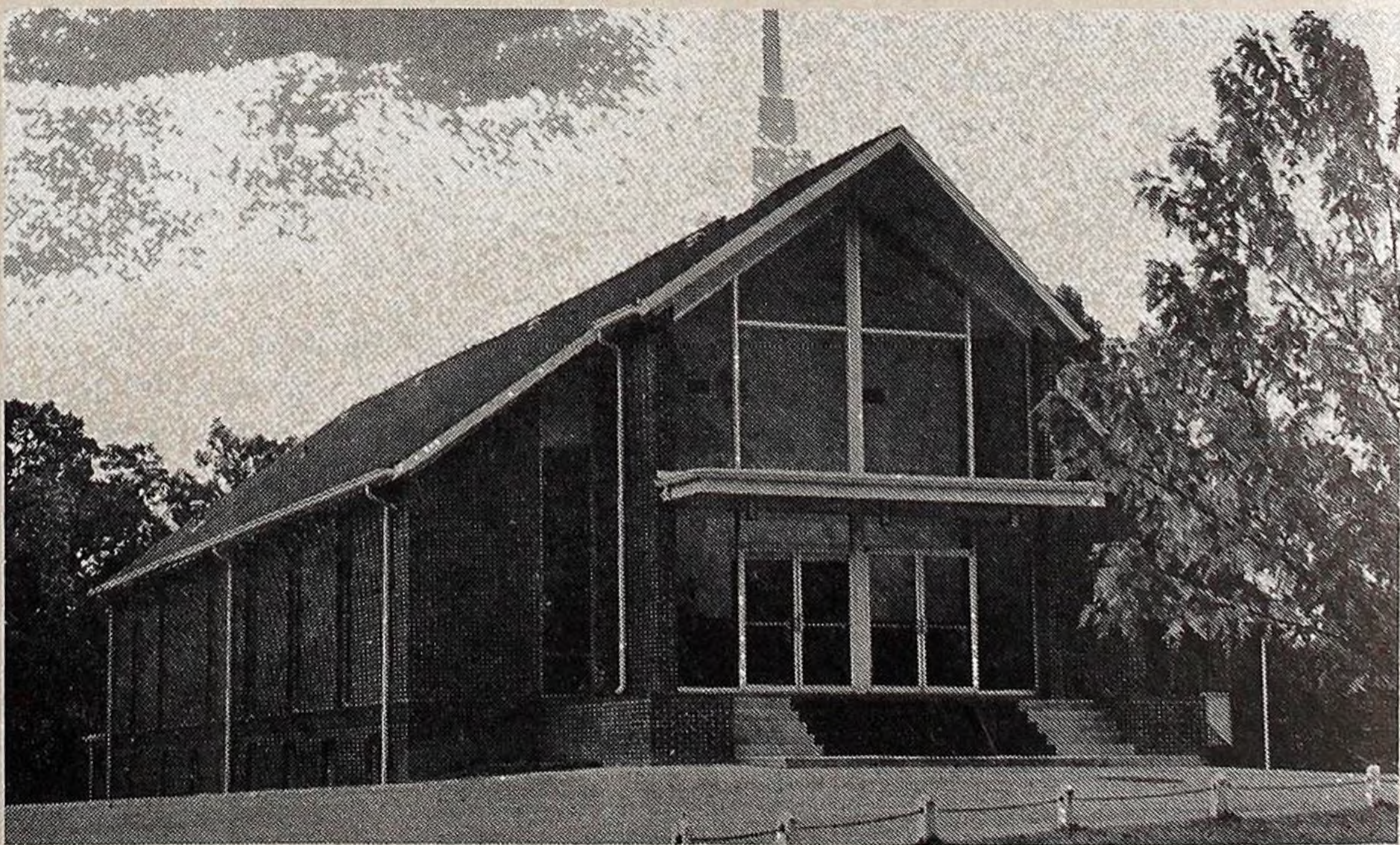
Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern seminary warned students and faculty that "if the modern prodigal, the waste maker, polluter and spoiler continues to take nature and force it to glorify himself instead of the Father in heaven, he may find himself managing an environmental pigsty." The professor said that what people do to, for, and with their environment depends largely upon what they think of God.

"God cares for and rejoices in his creation, and as stewards of God's creation," Barnette said, "man must learn to take care of nature." He linked nature as God's own creation to the biblical perspective of redemption.

In a lecture presented at Golden Gate seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., Wayne Ward, professor of Christian Theology at Southern seminary, outlined the theology of hope movement which he said "is taking hold in other religions and is rooted in the nature of biblical faith.

"The vision today is of God on the move, out ahead of us, leading the way into the future," Ward assured the audience. "The kingdom of God is taking shape now, and we are to become now, step by step, what God wants us to become."

Church is located. He had seen the church pay off its building debt and had baptized a young person for whose salvation he had prayed for some time, Ball explained. (BP)



Parkburg church, Pinson, dedicated new and remodeled facilities recently. The cost of the project was a little over \$105,000. The work included the addition of a three-story educational building (classrooms, office space, pastor's study and a baptistry), new vestibule, remodeled auditorium (new chancel, pews refinished, wall-to-wall carpeting), and brick veneering of the entire facility. David Q. Byrd, pastor, West Jackson church, Jackson, was dedicatory speaker. Joe T. Naylor is pastor.

EDITORIALS

Is There Still Concern?

This week across the state Woman's Missionary Union is leading in observance of a week of prayer and study for and about our Foreign Mission Program.

Southern Baptists have advanced commensurate with their interest in and support of missions and educational ministries, with benevolent ministries a later outgrowth of these first two concerns.

Tennessee Baptists have co-operated in programs of foreign missions for a long time; first under the sponsorship of the old Triennial Convention, and later under the Southern Baptist Convention after 1845. The need for a mission support program around the world is no less great now than when Luther Rice traveled across Tennessee between 1813 and 1830 enlisting support of the churches and individuals.

We have great confidence in the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the wisdom with which it plans and implements programs to support missionaries around the world.

We can do no less than to join with our sisters in Christ in supporting generously the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions; this year exceeding Tennessee's gifts of over \$1,000,000 recorded for the 1970 emphasis.

'Grif' Helped A Lot Of People Learn A Lot About Jesus

One of Southern Baptists' most beloved and respected servants and denominational statesmen, L. O. Griffith, retires at the end of this month. As Irving Childress said in the **Arizona Baptist Beacon**: "He has done as much as any man living or dead to mold the image and promote the cause of home missions."

As Director of the Division of Communications, and its predecessor, the Division of Promotion, "Grif" used all the modern tools available to the communications media to present the witness of Baptists for Christ in the Homeland. And, he did it with heart—believing completely in His God and in the Board which he serves so well.

It would not take many men like Grif, and others we could name, to lead us today into yet deeper commitment to all of our missions causes. A behind-the-scenes man, Grif may not be known to too many Tennessee Baptists personally, but his labours have had an impact upon Tennessee Baptists for many years.

For L. O. Griffith and his family, we bespeak God's richest blessings in the years ahead as he continues to serve his Lord and Southern Baptists. On behalf of Tennessee Baptists, we say: "Thank you, and Well Done!"

A Pointed Reminder

One of the most poignant statements we have seen in a long time is the following sentence: "I love you and God loves you, but it is my duty as Chief Executive to sign your death warrant." The words were spoken by Dr. William Tolbert, president of the Liberian Republic, and a world Baptist leader.

Dr. Tolbert, a Christian gentleman, addressed this sentence to Dr. Justin Obi, a Nigerian biology professor, hanged Nov. 19 at Monrovia, Liberia, for the murder of an Episcopal bishop and a diocesan business manager in 1969.

One can imagine the anguish with which these words were spoken. Jeremiah, giving God's message to Judah, said: "For the Lord God said to me: 'Take from my hand this wine cup filled to the brim with my fury, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink from it. They shall drink from it and reel, crazed by the death blows I rain upon them.' " (Jeremiah 25:15-16, **The Living Bible**)

From the words spoken by President Tolbert in a tragic situation comes the reminder, even as Jeremiah addressed his message dealing with disobedience, that the God of love is the same God of justice, and it is indeed a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God in disobedience.

Perhaps more pointed reminders of this part of God's word from the pulpit might make us aware anew that there is a Day of Judgment for each of us, and that which we do and say must be accounted for before God.

Pray For, With Executive Board

This Thursday and Friday, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention meets for organizational and working sessions. These Board members, some elected by the Convention in Gatlinburg last month, shall have met and adjourned by the time some read this editorial.

Before, during, or after these meetings this week, however, be aware of the tremendous need these servants of the Convention have for the prayers of Tennessee Baptists.

Under the leadership of O. Wyndell Jones, chairman, and W. Fred Kendall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Board, this Board in many respects holds the key to advance of the kingdom of God in Tennessee during this Convention year.

They are Christian ladies and gentlemen. They are leaders in their communities across this great state. That which they do with calm deliberation, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, will implement and direct Convention-authorized programs and activities. They meet in the Spirit of Christ. We can do no less than to uphold them in like manner.

South Carolina Baptists Observe 150th Anniversary

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The South Carolina Baptist Convention, emphasizing worship and drama in celebration of its 150th anniversary, quickly turned down four controversial motions as messengers held to a note of harmony.

During its sesquicentennial session here, the convention met for its closing session at the church where the convention was organized in 1821—First Baptist Church here. Other sessions were at the University of South Carolina Coliseum.

Emphasis throughout the convention was on the 150th anniversary, with a historical pageant, "Saints of Clay," depicting life among South Carolina Baptists through 150 years. It was written by Loulie Latimer Owens of Columbia, who wrote a book by the same title on South Carolina Baptist history.

In business actions, the convention turned down three controversial motions, and heard another such motion withdrawn after convention leaders lined up to oppose it.

One motion defeated called for appointment of a committee of 10 members to investigate attitudes at four South Carolina Baptist colleges on acceptance of federal grants.

Another motion defeated would have withheld financial support from Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

The motion charged that Furman professors do not teach that the Bible is the true word of God, that a nude rock music group performed on the campus, that a chapel speaker had urged students to get out of the church, and that the 1971 school yearbook contained a beer advertisement.

Furman President Gordon W. Blackwell heatedly denied each charge, receiving two sustained ovations. He urged the school's detractors to "do the Christian thing" by investigating rumors rather than making false charges.

Also defeated was a motion to change the constitution to require that messengers to

the convention must come from churches which are members of local Baptist associations. The motion was allegedly aimed at excluding from the convention First Baptist church of Greenwood, S.C., a congregation which accepts members from other denominations without baptism by immersion.

Earlier, a motion which would specifically have denied seats to the church's messengers was defeated.

A proposed constitutional change was introduced for action next year, asking that convention messengers come only from churches which require "baptism by immersion of professed believers in Jesus Christ." Vote on the amendment will come up next year.

A motion that would have prevented convention nominating committees from receiving "outside advice" on their nominations for trustees of institutions was withdrawn after several former convention leaders rose to oppose the proposal.

In other action, the convention adopted a budget of \$5.7 million for 1972, allocating \$1.9 million for Southern Baptist world mission causes.

Elected president of the convention was Stewart B. Simms, pastor of First Baptist church, Greer, S.C., and vice chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. (BP)

Theo Sommerkamp, Veteran SBC Journalist, Joins Annuity Board

DALLAS—Theo E. Sommerkamp Jr., a veteran of more than 16 years in Southern Baptist journalism and public relations, has assumed a position as associate director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here.

Sommerkamp, 42, formerly was director of the European Baptist Press Service in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and previously was assistant director of Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

In his new responsibility here, Sommerkamp will serve as the press representative for the Annuity Board, working under John D. Boskas, an Annuity Board vice president and director of public relations.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Sommerkamp has served for the past six years as a missionary associate under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He directed the news service of the European Baptist Federation, with offices in Ruschlikon.

Before going to Switzerland, he was for 10½ years assistant director of Baptist Press, working in the public relations office of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Previously, he was a reporter for the **Tampa Times**, the **Tampa Tribune**, the **Tallahassee Democrat**, and radio station WTNT

WMU

Profile of New President

Mrs. Bob Peek of Athens, Tennessee was elected president of Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee, Auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, at its 83rd annual meeting in Pigeon Forge, November 8.



Peek

Mrs. Peek, the former Willodene Gentry, is a native of Cookeville, Tennessee and a graduate of Carson-Newman College. She is the wife of Rev. Bob Peek, pastor of East Athens Baptist Church in Athens, Tennessee, and the mother of two sons, ages seventeen and fifteen and one daughter, eleven years of age. Her hobbies are music, sewing and cooking.

Mrs. Peek's involvement in the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union began in childhood and has continued during the years. She has served as WMU Director in her church and association and while at Carson-Newman was YWA president.

She stated that accepting the position of the presidency of Tennessee WMU is the greatest challenge of her life. She also stated that she hopes to emphasize the tremendous need of women becoming personally involved in a total commitment of life to Christ and sharing this faith with others.

Union Trustees Approve New Campus Complex

The Board of Trustees of Union university, Jackson, has opened offices for its capital funds campaign, and approved a multimillion dollar new campus complex to be built on a 284-acre site on Highway 45 by-pass northwest of Jackson. Robert E. Craig, Union president, presented a new campus program, along with a case statement listing the necessary academic and housing facilities and site development.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, is chairman of the board and presided over the sessions.

Craig told the trustees that college officials anticipate receiving funds from the sale of old properties and private residential development at the new site, leaving a total of \$7,882,000.

Four men were named to the board for the first time to serve through November, 1974. They were: Bob Sellers; William B. Cockroft; M. F. Keathley (all three Memphis businessmen); and Jerry Smith, pastor, First church, Henderson.

in Tallahassee, Fla.

He holds the bachelor of science degree in religious journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and a master's degree in journalism from Florida State University, Tallahassee. (BP)

Annuity Board Offers Income Tax Booklets

DALLAS—The Southern Baptist Annuity Board once again is offering ordained ministers copies of the "Minister's Guide for 1971 Income Tax."

It is the eleventh consecutive year the Board has offered the guide, designed to help the minister whose income is primarily from salary and fees from ministerial activities.

Due to a limited supply, copies of the booklet are available on a first come, first served basis.

Address requests to: "Minister's Income Tax Guide," Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Room 315, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Be sure to include the Zip Code with your return address!

Jesus Movement Leader, Prosecutor Warn Against 'Children Of God' Cult

SEATTLE—A writer-teacher who is "en-trenched" in the Jesus movement among American young people said here that youth drawn into the controversial "Children of God" group were "greatly misled as to the purpose of the Christian life."

The opinion was offered by Hal Lindsey, sometimes considered controversial himself because of views expressed in his best selling book, "The Late Great Planet Earth."

Meanwhile, King County Prosecuting Attorney Christopher T. Bayley said that he has received information indicating possible criminal activities by the "Children of God". He said he is watching the group closely.

The "Children of God" recently set up a Pacific Northwest headquarters in Seattle and at a farm near the small town of Burlington, north of here. This has resulted in a split in the Jesus movement in the Northwest and has caused some parents to accuse the "Children" of coercion in getting

young people to give up all their possessions and join the cult.

Lindsey is a founder and the director of the Jesus Christ Light and Power Company, a Bible-training center at Westwood, Calif., for leaders in the Jesus movement.

He said the Jesus movement is "tremendous" and "the greatest awakening among youth in history." But, he continued, "I think groups like the 'Children of God' have given a black eye to the whole movement."

"My opinion is that a number of these kids (in the 'Children of God') come to a genuine faith," Mr. Lindsey said. But he described the cult's approach to Christian life as "largely negative."

"I think that they've tended to take statements (in the Bible) out of context," he added, referring to a passage which advises converts to leave their fathers and mothers. The "Children of God" have interpreted this and similar passages literally and required "new babes" to abandon families and parents.

"They've made that the most important rule of the organization," Lindsey said. Yet, he noted, the instruction in the Bible was intended for converts whose parents were an obstacle to Christian life. (RNS)

Six Texas Baptist Leaders Oppose Quarterly Withdrawal

HOUSTON—Six state Baptist convention presidents, who sponsored a mass interracial evangelistic rally in the Astrodome here, have expressed regret over the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's withdrawal of a quarterly for teenagers including a unit on race relations.

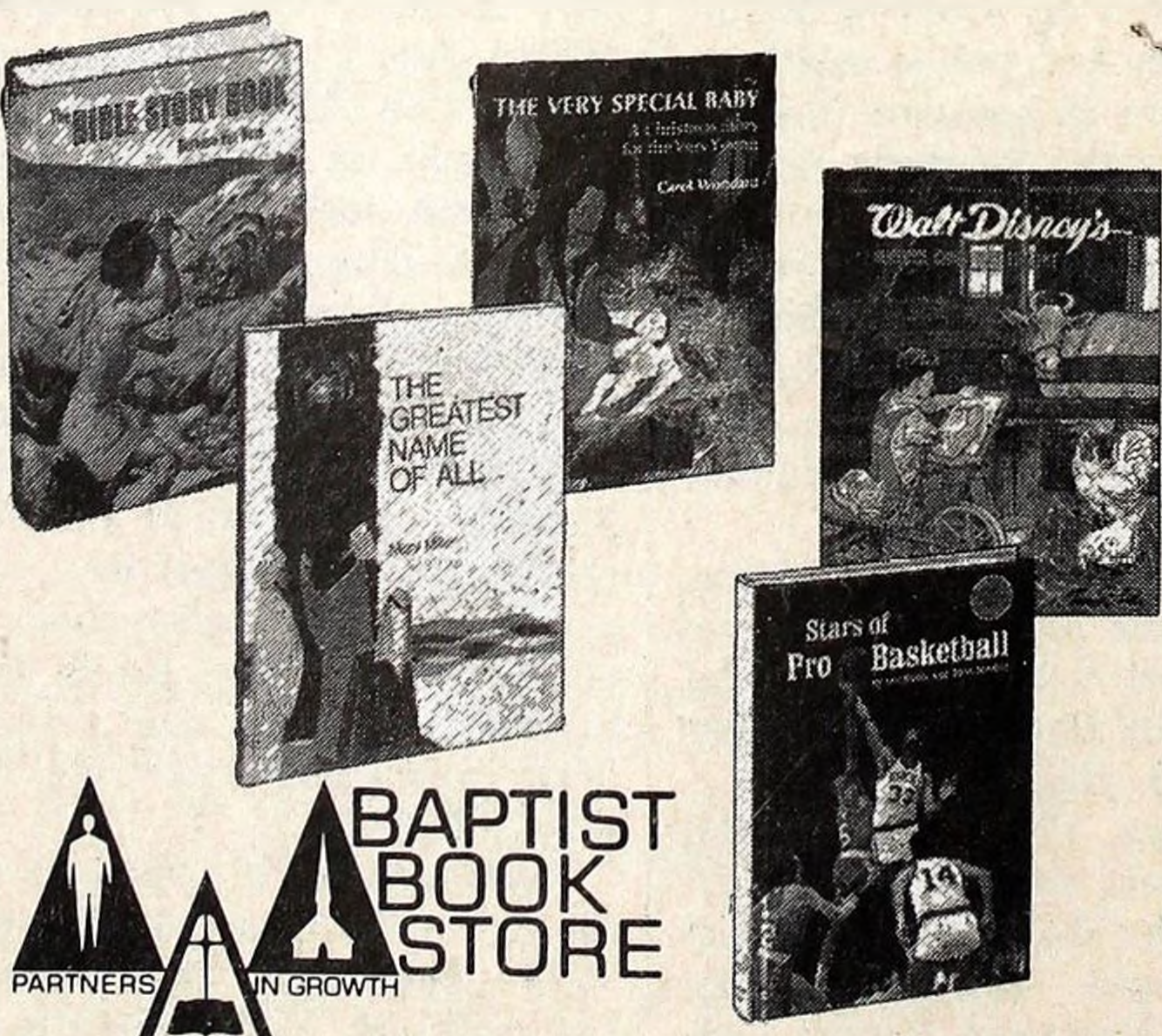
"The decision of the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board to withdraw from distribution a periodical with a picture of both black and white persons is not only regrettable, but fails to reflect new attitudes of love which have grown at the grass roots of Baptist life," the presidents said in a joint statement.

The signers included a white Southern Baptist, Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, immediate past president of the Baptist General Convention, a Mexican-American Southern Baptist, Epifanio Salazar of Corpus Christi, Tex., president of the Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention (an affiliate of the BGCT); and a black president, W. F. Dudley of Houston, Baptist Missionary and Education Convention of Texas.

Other signers were black convention presidents, M. L. Price of Houston, Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas; P. S. Wilkinson of San Antonio, American Baptist Convention of Texas; and J. W. Brent of Houston, Baptist Progressive State Convention of Texas. (BP)

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Operation Talk Back Gets 60,000 Responses

NASHVILLE—More than 60,000 questionnaires have been returned from Operation Talk Back, an effort to determine readership opinion toward periodicals and publications of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

This apparently is the heaviest response to any effort made by the board to determine the viewpoints and reactions of Southern Baptists, according to Martin Bradley, secretary of the research services department for the board.

Questionnaires were placed in the April-May-June 1971 issues of 78 periodicals produced by the Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union, agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The questionnaires dealt with the specific periodicals in which they appeared, plus general questions about various related programs and concepts.

Information from Operation Talk Back is now being tabulated and analyzed, Bradley said. Final results are tentatively scheduled to be released in January, 1972.

Information from the questionnaires will be used in decisions of the leadership of the agencies involved.

"When 60,000 persons give us the privilege of listening to their viewpoint, the least we can do is respond in every valid way possible," said Allen Comish, director of the Sunday School Board's Church Services and Materials Division. (BP)

RESOLUTION REGARDING PARI-MUTUEL GAMBLING

WHEREAS the Tennessee State Legislature, convening for its Second Session of the 87th General Assembly early in 1972 will likely reintroduce the Pari-Mutuel Betting Bill, which was rejected by so narrow a margin in the Senate on May 17th of this year, and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Baptists take seriously their responsibility in the face of this menace of gambling, and

WHEREAS, legalized gambling is not a revenue raiser creating a cure-all for the fiscal dilemma of our state and local governments, but a breeding-ground producing a plague of higher police costs, higher court costs, higher penitentiary costs and higher welfare costs. and

WHEREAS, gambling idolizes material gain, induces covetousness, clashes with the Biblical doctrine of work and the honest wage, enslaves human personality, destroys honesty and truthfulness, banishes moral sensibility, paralyzes creatively, bankrolls the underworld, and bankrupts the family,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tennessee Baptist Convention in its 97th annual session, meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on November 11, 1971, declare our opposition to efforts to legalize gambling in the state of Tennessee.

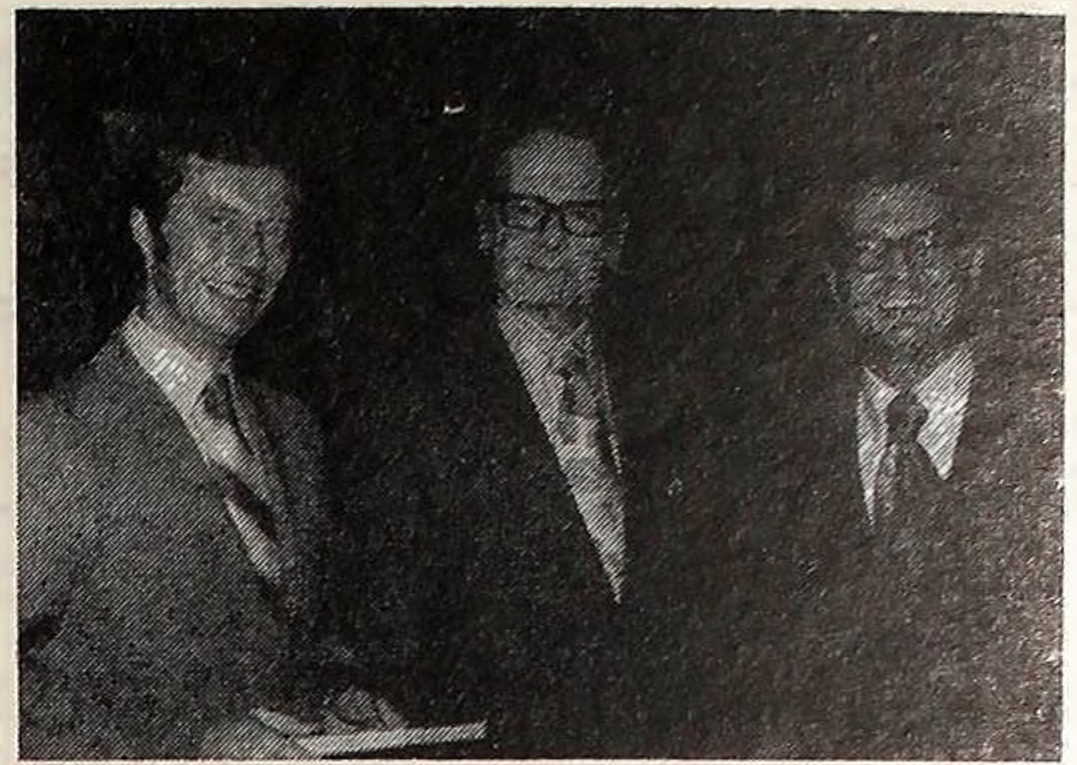
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we extend our highest commendation to the Governor of Tennessee, the Honorable Winfield Dunn, for his sincere and unflinching stance in opposition to the legalization of gambling, and that we prayerfully encourage his continuation of this position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches to educate their members in the evil personal and social effects of gambling, and encourage them in the Christian principles of honesty, industry, fairness, brotherhood and service.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the nearly one million Tennessee Baptists to forthright action against gambling legislation by contact with the legislator, or legislators, who represent their locality, and with the Governor of our State, prior to the convening of the General Assembly.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to every legislator of the State of Tennessee, the Honorable Governor, and the various news media.

(Resolution adopted by 1971 Session of Tennessee Baptist Convention)



(Left to right) Louis Ball, Carson-Newman college; Loren Williams, Broadman Press; and Carl Perry, minister of music, First church, Knoxville, confer during the recent Church Music Training Seminar held on the Carson-Newman college campus. The seminar, designed to aid the part-time music director and student music director, was sponsored by the Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity, and was planned also to aid churches with untrained music leaders unable to obtain training. Over 50 persons attended the conference.

Former Catholic Chaplain Marries, Asks To Remain In the Army

FT. HAMILTON, N.Y.—A former Army chaplain and former priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Del., who was dispensed from his priestly vows and then married, is facing removal from the Army on charges of "moral dereliction."

Lt. Col. James A. Peterman, 43, will face a military board of inquiry No. 22 here to show cause why he should not be removed from the Army. The former chaplain is seeking to remain in service in some capacity other than chaplain. (RNS)

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Friends are providing assistance for **Curtis** through the office of Wilson County Baptist Association Superintendent of Missions, P.O. Box 656, 227 East Main, Lebanon.

John B. McBride, former national staffman for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has accepted a position with the Commission on Religion in Appalachia in Knoxville. He will serve as assistant director for the regional ecumenical group.

First church, Harrogate, celebrated its 25th anniversary recently. Former pastor, **Arthur Burcham** preached in the special services. **Daniel Noude** is pastor of the church.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Ted Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hayes of Chattanooga, has been called as minister of youth at Central church in that city. **Ansell Baker** is the pastor.

Ahe Silliman Jr., former pastor at Mt. Elim church, Central Association, has resigned to become assistant pastor and music director at Shellsford. In the same association, **J. B. Barber** resigned the Hubbard's Cove church.

Three churches in the Holston Valley Missionary Association have new pastors. They are: **Lee Bellamy**, Bass Chapel; **Dale Cook**, Providence; and **William Harris**, Shady Grove.

Miller Prince is the new pastor at Enon church, Carroll-Benton Association. The new pastor at Liberty Hill church is **Charles Bailey**.

David Smith has accepted the duties of pastor at First church, Whitwell. He came to Tennessee from Melvindale, Michigan.

W. O. Allen, Troy, has been called as pastor of the Phillippy church.

Herschel Creasman, Athens native, and graduate of Carson-Newman college, has accepted the position of minister of Education at Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky. In his new position, he will serve also as instructor in the School of Religious Education at Southern seminary.

Leland Patrick Newsom, Tullahoma, was licensed to preach by the College Street church, Duck River Association.

The Southgate Mission has purchased 10 acres of undeveloped land on Murfreesboro road in Nashville for its future church site. The land, located four miles south of Bell Road, sold for \$55,000. Church services are being held temporarily in Capitol Builders Supply Building. **George Euting**, Baptist Sunday School Board, is serving as interim pastor.

Brunswick church, Shelby Association, ordained **Billy Ferguson**, **C. W. Hardy**, **B. R. Langston**, **Frank Maccarino Jr.**, and **Robert Percer** as deacons recently. **Gene Hobgood** is pastor.

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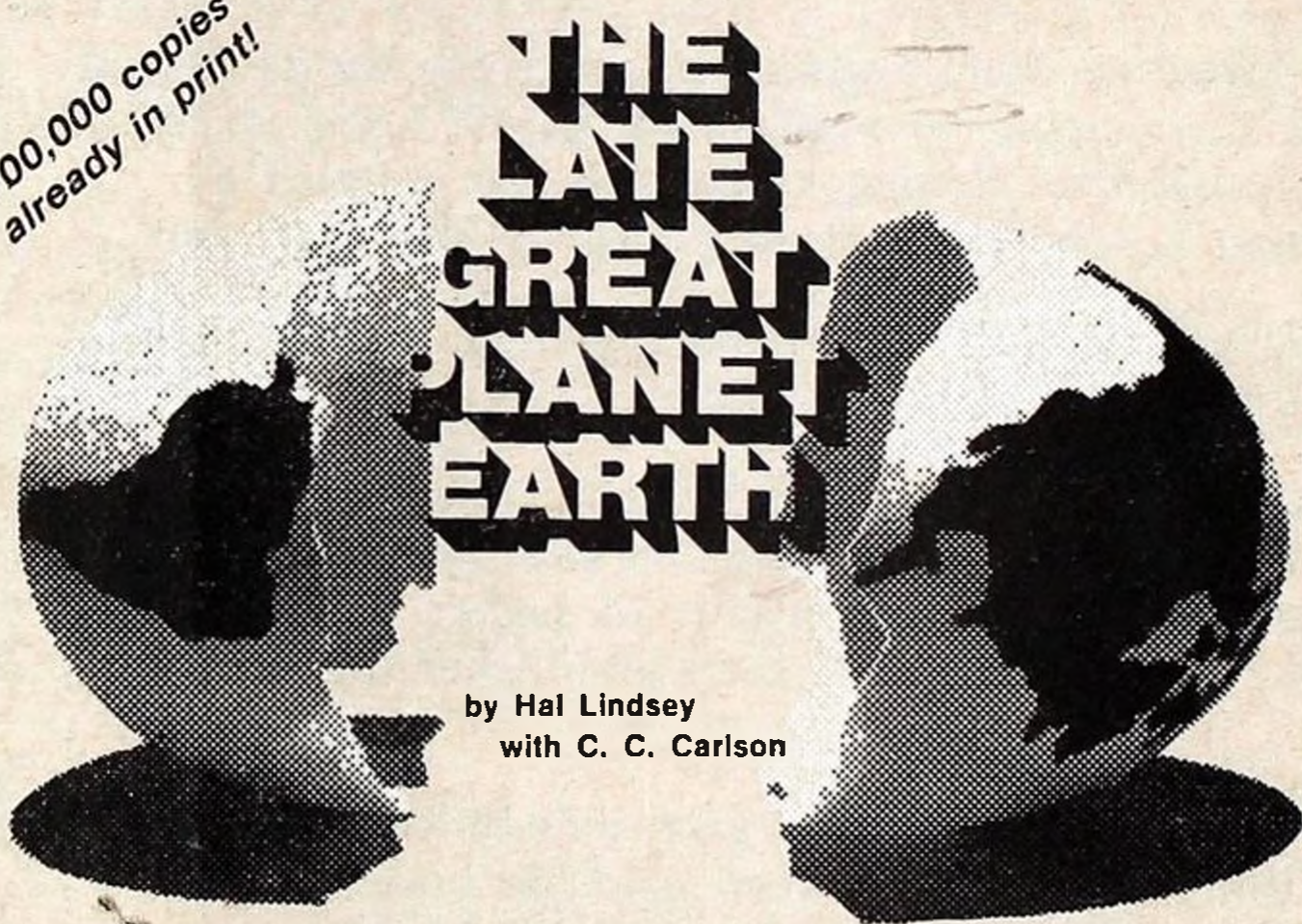
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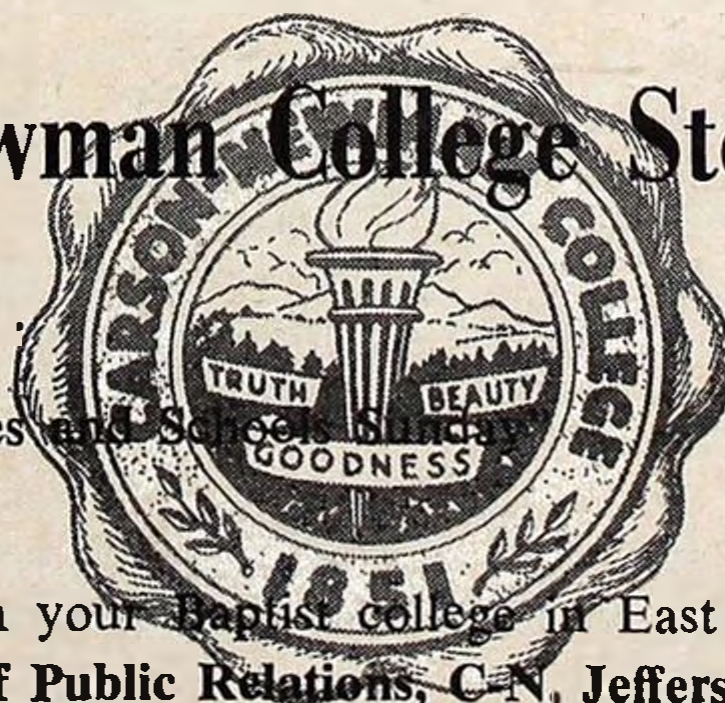
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Other State Conventions

Maryland Convention Adopts Resolution On Race Issue

CUMBERLAND, Md.—Adopting a strongly worded resolution, the Maryland Baptist Convention expressed "displeasure" over the withdrawal of a Baptist training quarterly because of its content on race relations, pointing out that "we are in the business of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not selling literature."

The resolution went on to urge Maryland Baptists to "examine their own attitudes in regard to race so that our preachments will be practices," and urged churches to open both membership and fellowship to all people regardless of race.

In other actions, the convention voted to authorize creation of a camping, retreat and conference center for about \$250,000, and adopted a \$1.13 million budget, with 40 per cent of the state goal of \$825,000 Cooperative Program funds going to support Southern Baptist world missions.

Re-elected president was Franklin A. Perry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel, Md. Next year the convention will meet at Broadview Baptist church, in suburban Washington, D.C.

Louisiana Baptists Oppose Proposed New Race Tracks

PINEVILLE, La.—The Louisiana Baptist Convention adopted resolutions opposing establishment of any new horse race tracks without a local option vote of Louisiana citizens, and charged that President Richard Nixon is "circumventing" the Constitution by advocating aid to parochial schools.

In major business actions, the convention adopted a record \$4.2 million budget which allocates 35.5 per cent, an increase of .1 per cent, to Southern Baptist Convention causes; elected Charles E. Harvey, pastor of Sunset Acres Baptist church, Shreveport, as president; and dedicated a new historical and archives library in nearby Alexandria to the memory of the late wife of the convention's executive secretary.

For the first time in history, a black minister, S. M. Lockridge of Calvary Baptist church in San Diego, Calif., addressed the Louisiana convention.

The resolution on race track gambling urged the Louisiana legislature to adopt local option laws to permit citizens to vote on location of race tracks in the state, and opposed the current system whereby the Louisiana State Racing Commission, responsible only to the governor, may grant licenses to such race tracks.

Another resolution asked President Nixon to "abandon all efforts to circumvent the First Amendment to the Constitution" by encouraging those seeking tax funds in support of non-public schools.

California Baptists Score Quarterly, Elect Black Officer

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Southern Baptists in California expressed displeasure with the banning of a church literature quarterly because of racial content, elected a black Baptist pastor as vice president, and refused to seat messengers from four churches which practice either "alien immersion" or "open communion."

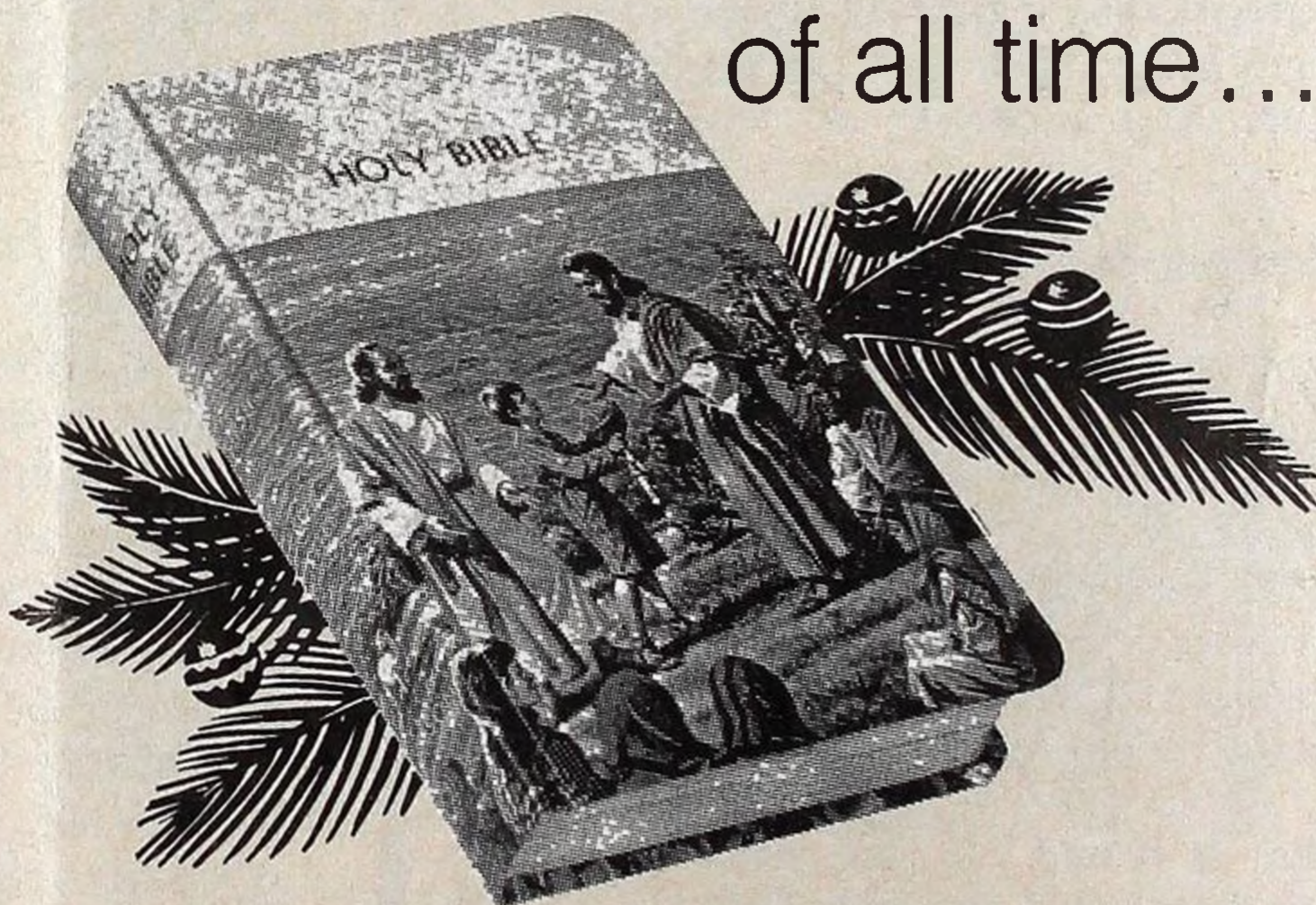
An effort to amend the convention's constitution to revise a section which prohibits seating of messengers from churches which practice "alien immersion" and "open communion" was also defeated.

The resolution on the church literature quarterly called for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, which produced the quarterly and revised it after printing because it contained "potentially inflammatory" material on race relations, to make a public explanation of the action.

It also asked the Board to "publicize its position on race relations, and its belief in integration."

Elected president was J. Thurmond George, pastor of Foxworthy Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif. Named second vice president was Jesse Davis, black pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Oakland, Calif. (BP)

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**A Beautiful, Baffling Beginning
Luke 2:10-14**

The wise men saw His star. The shepherds heard His angels. The announcement to both was bright and dazzling.

On the other hand, His first personal appearance in the flesh on the earth was as an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, nestling in a manger. Then came a proclamation of peace and good will in the earth.

We know that it would be first peace in the breast of those who accepted Him, then peace among those who would please Him and finally universal peace through His presence in power and glory.

Glory to God in the highest would pervade all things. He established His reign in hearts and among nations.

**His Real Incarnation Revealed
Luke 9:18-20**

Certification of His incarnation was sufficient to convince some from the first but full assurance came by divine revelation as disclosed in Peter's confession. External evidences were confirmed by internal experiences.

Objective evidence and subjective evi-

dence fit like hand in glove. The two should not be separated or pitted against each other. They are supplementary and complementary. Our objective evidence of Christ and His nature is found in the Bible and transformed lives. The subjective experience is found in new birth and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as we appropriate by faith the objective evidence.

**Confirmation By Redemptive Acts
Luke 9:20-22**

Jesus did not come to be a super star but a saving, suffering servant. This was a stunning blow for those who were ex-

pecting a mixture of spiritual and political conqueror. A hero and deliverer like Moses, David and the Maccabees constituted the substance of their dreams.

He suffered that He might forgive and cleanse so that as a conqueror He could deliver from death, hell and the grave. All other enemies would be vanquished by that risen reigning power.

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The call of Christ comes again to a blasted, blighted world with so much of even Christendom with spent momentum and empty forms.

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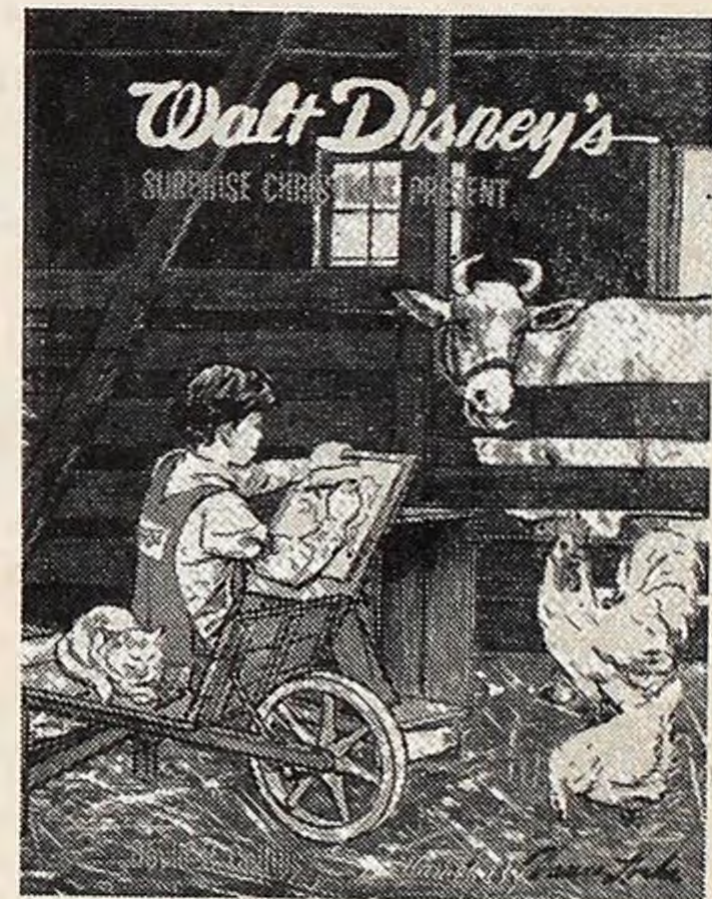
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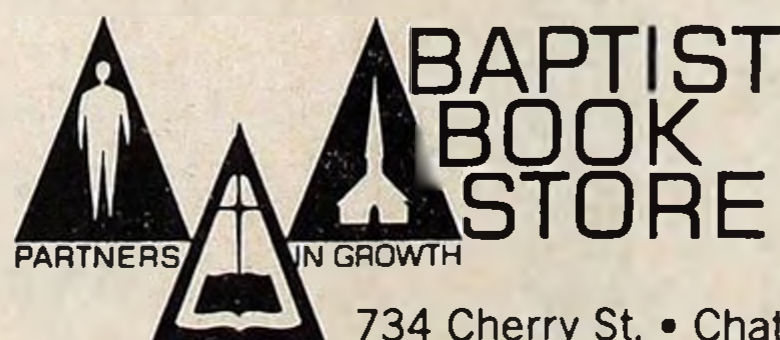
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AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.— Thirty-one war protesters, including seven nuns, six clergymen and 18 lay people, were detained by Air Police and county sheriff's officers here during an anti-air war protest during Air Force Academy chapel services on Sunday.

Among those held briefly and then released were the Harvard theologian Dr. Harvey Cox, and Dr. David Hunter, National Council of Churches executives. Those detained by the Air Police and sheriff's department were handing out pamphlets denouncing continued U.S. bombings in Indo-China.

Some 60 members of Clergy and Laymen Concerned (CLC) joined in a non-violent silent witness during Catholic and Protestant services at the chapel. One protester left the service every five minutes to dramatize a claim that U.S. bombs are killing 300 civilians—or about one every five minutes—every day in Laos and Cambodia. (RNS)



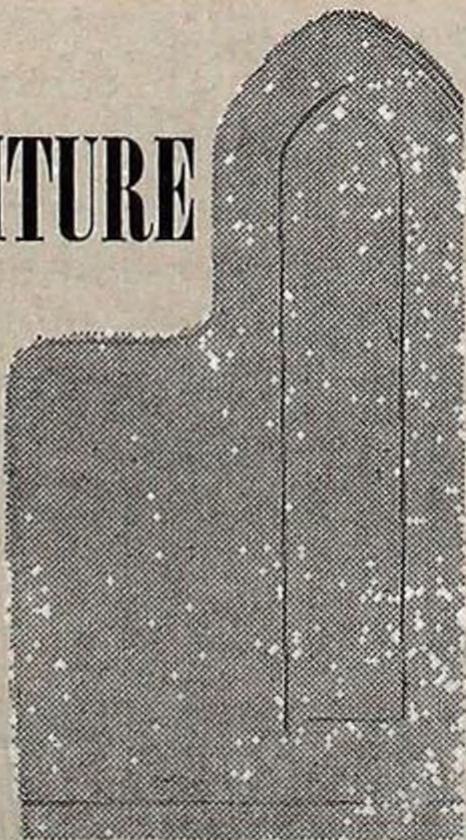
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Alabama Convention Refuses Immersion Membership Limit

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—In three different votes here, the Alabama Baptist State Convention refused to alter its membership requirements so that only messengers from churches which practice baptism by immersion would be accepted at the state convention.

In other actions, the convention adopted a record budget with increased support to Southern Baptist mission causes, elected a new president, approved of student observers on the convention's Executive Board, and authorized a loan to Samford university, Birmingham.

What was expected to be a divisive issue may have brought unity to the "business as usual convention," said one observer.

Last year, the messengers voted 317 to 313 to defeat a motion calling for a constitutional change making baptism by immersion a membership requirement.

The committee, however, was divided on the issue and recommended by a 5-1 vote that no change be made in the constitution.

Elected president was Walter Nunn, pastor of First Baptist church, Jasper, Ala. Nunn defeated Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In other actions, the convention approved a \$5 million loan for Samford university, Birmingham, for construction of a fine arts center; and approved the appointment of five student observers to meet with the convention's Executive Board.

Resolutions approved by the convention opposed legislation permitting dog racing in two Alabama counties, and called for the study of possible legislation on the matter of privileged information for clergymen.

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Kentucky Baptists Elect Harold Wainscott President

Harold Wainscott, pastor of Third Baptist church, Owensboro, Ky., was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention when the convention met in Lexington recently. Messengers adopted a record budget of \$4,300,000, with 31.4 per cent designated to world missions through the Co-operative Program.

For the first time, Kentucky Baptists elected a Negro as an officer. Charles N. King, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, Frankfort, was elected second vice president. The church is dually-aligned with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

The messengers also adopted a resolution expressing "extreme disappointment" with the recent revision of a church training quarterly ("Becoming", for 14-15-year-olds) by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention because of "potentially inflammatory" material on race relations. The resolution called on the Sunday School Board to "forthrightly address itself to the problem of racial reconciliation," and denounced racial segregation as "inherently un-Christian."

The convention called on fellow Christians to support legislation which would upgrade physical conditions in all detention centers and called on Kentucky and national leadership to oppose appropriation of public funds for nonpublic schools.

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Oklahoma Baptists Elect Executive, Approve Budget

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The budget, recommended by the convention's Board of Directors, includes a \$3.4 million basic budget, and two "advance sections." Following a plan first approved in 1967, the 1972 budget would divide all money received over the basic budget up to \$3.9 million between Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, and Baptist student

work. Seventy-five per cent of the "advance section" funds would go to the school and 25 per cent to student work.

In a new "advance section" recommended by the board, all funds received in excess of \$3.9 million would be divided 75 per cent to Falls Creek Baptist Assembly, and 25 per cent to Camp Hudgens.

A motion to amend the budget, made by

a Baptist Student Union director, to eliminate the second "advance section" was defeated. In effect, the motion would have kept all advance funds for Oklahoma Baptist university and for student work.

A second motion from the floor to amend the budget by increasing the allocation to the convention's evangelism department by \$10,000 was also defeated.

Colorado Convention Opposes Sweepstakes Lottery In State

BOULDER, Colo.—The Colorado Baptist General Convention meeting here adopted a resolution expressing strong opposition to a proposal to initiate a sweepstakes lottery in Colorado next year.

The convention also adopted a record budget, noted a record year in the number of baptisms, and elected a new president.

Earlier this year, the Colorado legislature passed a proposed sweepstakes lottery bill, with a referendum on the proposal in 1972.

The Colorado convention went on record as "unalterably opposed to gambling in any form and the Colorado sweepstakes bill in particular." It urged Christians in Colorado to vote against the measure next year.

The record budget of \$594,150 was adopted without opposition. The budget increases the allocation to Southern Baptist world missions by .5 per cent, providing 19.5 per cent of the contributions from Colorado churches to world missions.

Elected president was Jack Carroll, pastor of Truett Memorial Baptist church, Denver. (BP)

World Alliance Adopts Enlarged Budget To Meet Urgent Programs

WASHINGTON—Baptist World Alliance leaders, meeting here November 16-17, adopted an enlarged operating budget of \$206,500 for 1972 despite the prospect of having to dip into its reserves.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Alliance, said that members of the administrative committee were so impressed with the urgency of expanding programs in evangelism, international study sessions, and communications that they voted to stretch available moneys as far as possible.

The 1971 budget of the Alliance is \$194,000.

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There is no doubt in my mind that Luke, the close friend and fellow worker of Paul, is the author of the Gospel and the Acts. The medical terms, the "we" passages in Acts, along with much internal and external evidence, proves that Luke is the writer of both books.

THE PLAN. Luke's plan was to write a treatise of the life of Christ to relate all the things Jesus began to do and teach. His plan was to accurately relate the facts, as he had learned them from eye witnesses and ministers of the word. His plan was "Tell it like it is"—which made accurate research necessary. He had "perfect understanding" having fully investigated and arrived at a through understanding. His plan was to set down in order all that should be written about Christ.

To give credibility to his writing he gives no less than six contemporary dates. This accuracy of research does not take away from the inspiration of the writer. There is no conflict between accurate research, selection of facts, and divine inspiration; but rather they complement each other. His plan was to set down in order the whole story of Jesus and share the good news with Theophilus and all others.

THE PERSON. The person of the good news is Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God. Someone has suggested that Luke saw in Christ the fulfillment of the Grecian quest for perfection of personality. One thing for sure, Luke saw Jesus as the one who "came to seek and save that which was lost." He saw Christ as the universal Saviour, so here is good news to all men of all nations.

Twenty-six times the key phrase "son of man" is found in Luke. He emphasizes the humanity of Christ. It means more than humanity; Luke thinks of Christ as the ideal man, the true representative of God's purpose for the race. As such he is rightfully "anointed with the oil of gladness above his fellows" (Psalm 45:7). Luke tells more about the birth of Christ than any gospel writer, and he alone writes about the boyhood of Jesus.

Luke was anxious that Jesus be presented as everybody's Saviour. He is the great physician ministering to the afflictions and needs of all men. Jesus is the gracious benefactor of women, helper of the poor, friend to the foreigner and the outcast. Luke wrote about Christ to show the impartial

love of God shining through his incarnate son. For Doctor Luke, Christ is the answer to every human need.

THE PASSION. As Luke began Acts he refers back to "all that Jesus began to do and teach," then goes on to mention that Christ is alive "after his passion." Here is the sufferings and death of Christ for man's sin. Here is the Lamb of God taking away our sins by his sacrifice on the cross. Here, as always the cross is central in the Christian faith and message.

As a companion and fellow worker with Paul we are sure of Luke's grasp of and a clear understanding, that the good news is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the gospel Luke deals with the passion of Christ in chapters 22, 23, 24. There Jesus ate the Passover; the plot of Judas and the chief priests was recorded, he instituted the memorial supper in remembrance of his death, then he was arrested, condemned, crucified and buried. Luke only tells of Herod mocking Jesus. Luke alone tells of the penitent thief. "And when they were come to a place called Calvary, there they crucified him" "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I command my spirit; and having said this, he gave up the ghost" (Luke 23:33, 46).

"I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world from sin set free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me."

THE PROOF. The proof of the good news is the Resurrection of Jesus. "He showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3). He was seen of them over a period of forty days. The eye witnesses referred to are here most valuable. The ministers of the word had made the resurrection the theme of their preaching. The resurrection of Jesus, and the proof thereof, is the focal point of certainty, and the arch stone of Christianity. He was raised and taken up into heaven.

We have the proofs in our own day. Every church is a proof that Jesus is alive. If he had not been resurrected, there would be no churches. The Lord's Day, Sunday, the first day of the week is a proof. The New Testament is a proof. If Christ be not risen the New Testament would never have been written. Each believer has the proof of the living Christ in his own heart.

THE POWER. During the forty days Christ through the Holy Spirit gave instructions and commandments to his disciples concerning the Kingdom of God. Then he commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. That promise was a promise of the power and presence of

Write Your Will Month

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Recognizing that one's will is an integral part of his total stewardship the Southern Baptist Convention calendar has listed January as "Write Your Will Month". This should be a major emphasis for the month in all organizations. Pastors will be proclaiming the importance of a Christian will. Workers in Sunday School, Church Training, W.M.U. and men's organizations will promote the spiritual implications of proper estate planning.

Special Sunday School lessons and/or Church Training program material is provided by this office. The 15-minute color film, "A Train Goes by our Town" is now being scheduled. The film is appropriate for the assembly when the teaching material is used. Request the number of lesson booklets needed for class members and list a date and alternative date for the film—both without cost.

The services of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation are becoming more popular among our people because pastors are using our materials. Many people are happy in the thought that the preparation of a Christian will resulted from contact with this office. For material or information write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee, 37027.

the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1:5).

The human Christ is our prophet. The crucified Christ is our propitiation. The ascended Christ is our peace. The coming Christ is our prospect; but the living Christ is our power.

THE PURPOSE: Luke's purpose was to write an accurate gospel, to declare the truth of the good news about Jesus, to give certainty and assurance to all those who had been instructed and had become believers. The word "certainty" has been rendered "full truth," "solid truth." Robertson defines it as "to make no slip, not to fall or totter." The firm ground of the Christian faith is the truth about Christ. The good news is based firmly on well-attested events—the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord. Luke's purpose was, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to write a beautiful, effective, and permanent witness to Jesus the Christ.



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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

We are beginning the last month of what has been a truly fine year for Tennessee Baptists. Everywhere there is the



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evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit in many minds and hearts. There is a new emphasis on the Holy Spirit and His presence in the life of the individual Christian and also His power and presence in the life and work of the churches. This is as it should be. There are evidences of the movement of the Holy Spirit on many places in our land in revivals which have broken out with real power and which have attracted large crowds with thousands of decisions resulting.

Last month we had a splendid state Convention at Gatlinburg. There was a spiritual depth and a sense of commitment and dedication to the real tasks of our churches which promises good days ahead. The fine fellowship which was manifest among the messengers is another mark of the love of Christ which draws us together in the bonds of Christian love for one another in the family of the redeemed.

In just a few weeks we shall enter into a new year. We face the days of celebrating Christmas this month. There is evidence that this will be a more spiritual Christmas for many. World missions and the call of the multiplied millions who do not know Christ will challenge us anew to go the second mile in our giving. The Lottie Moon Offering was never meant to take away from the Co-operative Program nor to be a substitute for it for some who may want to object to something included in the Cooperative Program or the way it is administered. The Christmas offering for world missions is meant to be what Lottie Moon's life reflected—an outpouring of devoted love to Christ and to the lost multitudes who need His salvation. It is an over and above offering. It is giving unto sacrifice. It is to go beyond that which is our regular tithe. It is a true "OFFERING" with the full meaning of that word. When it is giving with any other spirit or motive the giver misses the meaning and the full blessing.

Today our Executive Board is holding its annual meeting. At this meeting the new members are appointed to committees. There will be many committee meetings today and tomorrow. Our work has grown very large as the years have gone by and the work of the Executive Board is very great as it serves as the Convention ad interim and is the corporation board of the

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

F. J. Harrell, former pastor at Ripley, began his work as pastor of Dyersburg church.

The new church at Orlinda was opened formally. Visiting speaker was P. E. Burroughs of Nashville.

20 YEARS AGO

H. M. Slagle Jr. was ordained as a deacon at First church, Elizabethton.

C. O. Young Jr., Henderson County native, was the new pastor at Poplar Corner, Madison Chester Association.

10 YEARS AGO

Shady Grove church, Sweetwater Association, ordained Billy R. Webb to the ministry.

Culbertson Dies At 65; Headed Moody Institute

CHICAGO—Dr. William Culbertson, chancellor of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, died here Nov. 16, two days before his 66th birthday. He had undergone operations for cancer twice in the last seven years.

Culbertson, a Reformed Episcopal Church clergyman, was president of Moody Bible Institute for 23 years, from 1948 until last July when he became chancellor.

He also headed the Moody Press, the Moody Institute of Science which produces science films, a network of four radio stations and a Bible correspondence school which enrolls some 65,000 people annually.

In 1937, Dr. Culbertson became Bishop of the New York and Philadelphia Area of the Reformed Episcopal Church, resigning in 1942 to become dean of education at the Bible Institute. He was also a member of the board of scholars that prepared the New Scofield Reference Bible, published in 1967 by Oxford University Press. (RNS)

Tennessee Baptist Convention. It was incorporated with a charter in 1923.

It is made up of seventy-five men and women from the state. Each grand division has equal representation. The President of the Convention and the President of the state W.M.U. serve on the Executive Board by virtue of their offices. We appreciate this fine group of deeply dedicated men and women who give so much time to the heavy responsibilities which they have assumed and which they seek to carry out for the Convention. Pray for them as they meet from time to time through the year. Pray with us that 1972 will be the greatest year we have ever had.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Harvard Pediatrician Says Educational Toys Harmful

A Harvard University pediatrician says many educational toys may have harmful effects on children. He suggests they would be better off playing with pots and pans.

The pediatrician, Dr. Richard I. Feinbloom, says he has found no evidence to support claims by manufacturers that toys programmed to stimulate learning will do so.

"Toys that teach" may, in fact, have harmful effects, Feinbloom reported in a presentation to the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In discussing educational toys and so-called crib environments "alleged to offer unique benefits" which accelerate the development of learning ability in infants and young children, Feinbloom warned of a growing trend called "programmed cognitive stimulation."

He showed slides of hexagonal-shaped cribs equipped with a variety of objects reputed to stimulate infants and noted that "pressured parents" may not have time to play with their offspring and welcome these substitutes. "Turning children over to the television set has paved the way," he said.

Referring to the harm that might result, Feinbloom said the new crib systems are almost an invitation to parents to turn infants over "to a machine wired for sound and light" and free themselves for "more important things than interacting with children."

Foundation Gifts To Churches Up 6 Times In A Decade

NEW YORK—A report by The Foundation Center here shows that American philanthropic foundations have increased their giving to religion almost six-fold in the past 10 years—from \$9 million in 1961 to \$51 million in 1970.

Religion received 3 per cent of all grants given in 1961, or \$9 million of a total \$351 million. In 1970, foundations gave religion 6 per cent of the total, \$51 million of a total \$793 million.

However, of the six categories listed in the new Foundation Directory as beneficiaries of grants, religion falls at the bottom. Education, which received \$281 million in 1970, continued to be the leading beneficiary of foundation support. (RNS)

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Arkansas Baptists Seat Ousted Church Messengers

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The Arkansas Baptist State Convention moved a step closer to solving a fellowship problem with four churches ousted two years ago because of doctrinal practices during the convention's annual sessions here.

The convention seated messengers from three of the four churches during the opening session without protest, and voted to accept a committee report interpreting the convention's constitutional provisions on membership.

Messengers from three of the churches—First Baptist church of Russellville, First Baptist church of Malvern, and Lake Village Baptist church of Lake Village, Ark.—were seated without protest during the opening session. The fourth church, University Baptist church of Little Rock, has since been reorganized into Lakeshore Drive Baptist church, a congregation considered in full fellowship with the convention and the local association.

In other actions, the convention adopted a \$2.9 million budget, an increase of \$222,012 over the 1971 budget. The proposed budget would allocate \$1 million to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes.

In a report to the convention, the messengers learned that nearly one half of a \$4 million fund campaign has already been pledged to assist two Baptist colleges in the state—Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, and Southern Baptist college, Walnut Ridge.

Elected president of the convention was Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist church, North Little Rock. (BP)

Liberia Hangs Professor Who Killed Bishop

MONROVIA, Liberia—Dr. Justin Obi, a Nigerian biology professor, was hanged here on the morning of Nov. 19 for the murder of Episcopal Bishop Dillard Brown and a diocesan business manager.

The execution was carried out on the authorization of Liberian President William Tolbert despite an 11th hour appeal from Episcopal Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan of New York that the sentence be commuted.

On Nov. 18, President Tolbert visited Dr. Obi in prison to inform him that the death warrant was signed. He said that the hanging must take place "in the interest of Liberian citizens and humanity."

President Tolbert told Dr. Obi, 65, "I love you and God loves you, but it is my duty as Chief Executive to sign your death warrant." (RNS)

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