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SCENES FROM EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

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Paul Before Agrippa And Bernice

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him"—Acts 25:22.

What a variety of people heard Paul preach as the result of his imprisonment: Claudius Lysias and the Jerusalem mob; Felix and Drusilla; Festus, Herod Agrippa II, and Bernice; and Nero; to say nothing about the soldiers and sailors on the ship to Rome, and Paul's guards there! This passage deals with Agrippa and Bernice.

They came to Caesarea to pay a courtesy call on the new procurator (Acts 25:13). Festus told them about Paul. So Agrippa expressed the wish to hear him. Note the use of "Augustus" in Acts 25:21. Augustus' name was assumed as a title by his successors. The present Caesar was Nero who reigned A. D. 54-68. It is possible that Festus probably wanted the Jewish king to hear Paul in hopes that he might help prepare papers to be sent to Rome about the apostle's case (Acts 25:24-27). At any rate on the appointed date he appeared before Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice (Acts 25:23).

Herod Agrippa II and Bernice were quite a pair. Agrippa II was the son of Agrippa I (Acts 12:20-23). Claudius Caesar had made him king of Chalcis in A. D. 50. Though he was not king over Judea, he

did have authority over the Jerusalem temple and appointed the high priests. Though a lover of Rome he feigned Jewish religious loyalty for political purposes. But for various reasons he was on bad terms with the Jews.

Bernice was Agrippa's sister. She had been married to her uncle Herod, King of Chalcis whom Agrippa succeeded at his death. Later Bernice married Polemon, King of Cilicia. But she left him to live as man and wife with her brother Agrippa. Their relationship scandalized Jerusalem. She finally wound up as the mistress of the Roman Titus.

In his defense before this infamous pair Paul recounted his conversion and subsequent experiences as a Christian (Acts 26:1-23). Since he had committed no crime against Rome, he sought to answer the Jews' charges against him.

As will be seen next week his sermon made no impression on his audience. But while the world does not comprehend the Christian's experience, it is his only reason for being. Paul did what Peter advised. He suffered not as a criminal but as a Christian (1 Pet. 4:16). And he was always ready to sanctify the Lord in his heart, and to be able "to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (1 Pet. 3:15-16). Every Christian should do the same.

Devotional

The End Of A Perfect Day

By William E. Cropper, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Cleveland

Though beautiful, one cannot experience a sunset without a feeling of remorse. As the last fingers of light reluctantly release the hills, reflections of the day almost inevitably will come. "What have I done for good? Wherein have I failed?" To the Christian, these questions take on a deeper meaning than ever.



Cropper

Two men walked down a country road at twilight. Good men; devout men. Their minds were also in the painful throes of reflection, when they were joined by a third party. The conversation continued along the same lines . . . both had just witnessed a crucifixion at Jerusalem. The third man began to question the incident and, astonished at his seeming ignorance, the two immediately filled him in, assuming he was a stranger. Memories came hard that day.

The two must have discussed the values of loyalty to one's master while time remains. The importance of open discipleship; of positive Christianity. The stranger then asked for the circumstances of the death of this one who was so loved. Notice their reluctant but forthright admittance that the ones who were responsible were "our chief priests and rulers." The knowledge that the Messiah—the promised one had come and gone—this mission thwarted, was anguish enough. But the galling truth that his own people had been the instruments of his destruction all but turned the knife twice around.

Rev. Henry Lyte was closing a pastorate of 24 years in Brixham, England. A fatal illness had already taken its toll, and Rev. Lyte was retiring to the south of Europe to spend his remaining days. His trunks were packed, and all was in readiness. Toward evening he stepped out his back door, and walked down the path toward the garden. Here in the closing moments of the day he imagined the words to this wonderful hymn, "Abide With Me." He did go to the South of France, and soon after his arrival at Nice, lay on his deathbed. His dying words were:

"Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee,
In life, in death O Lord, Abide with me."

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

It is not easy to formulate a suitable definition for all church members. They come in various moods and models.

Some church members are like wheelbarrows. They won't move forward until they are pushed.

Others resemble kites—they are so "flighty" you have to keep a tight string on them or they will get away.

Some church members are like kittens—they are not contented unless they are petted.

Others bear a striking resemblance to footballs—there is no way to tell which way they will bounce next.

Some church members are like balloons, all puffed up and ready to explode.

Others are similar to water faucets—they run hot and cold.

Ah, but it is good to know that there are those few who are like a fine watch—real jewels, pure gold, and full of good works.

Missionary Nurse Killed, Others Wounded In Gaza

GAZA—Southern Baptist Missionary Nurse Mavis Orisca Pate was shot and killed, and another missionary and his daughter were wounded when Arab guerrillas ambushed them as they drove near a refugee camp late Sunday, Jan. 16.

Miss Pate, 46, of Ringgold, La., died of bullet wounds in the head. She and Missionary R. Edward Nicholas and his three daughters were attacked near the Jeballiyah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

Within minutes, Israeli soldiers arrived and took the victims to a nearby military hospital. Miss Pate was pronounced dead about an hour after the attack.

Following the attack, the soldiers combed the camp looking for the assailants.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore Jr., missionary physician at the Gaza Baptist Hospital, told an SBC Foreign Mission Board official that Miss Pate was probably unconscious from the time she was hit, around 6:20 p.m.

En Route To Tel Aviv

She was accompanying Nicholas and his three daughters to Tel Aviv, where she was to pick up a car and drive it back to Gaza. The girls were returning to the school for missionary children in Tel Aviv.

Moore said of the shooting: "This was not a special attack on the hospital. This was an isolated incident just like other similar isolated incidents. They (the guerrillas) probably did not know whom they were attacking. They just saw a car traveling toward Israel."

The victims were transferred from the Military hospital to another hospital in Beersheba where surgeons removed two bullets which struck Nicholas in the thigh and pelvic region. Carol Beth, the oldest daughter, was treated for a slight wound in the foot. The two other girls were not injured.

Nicholas was said to be in satisfactory condition and was to be released within a few days.

Served As Supervisor And Instructor

He is chaplain and business manager of the Gaza Baptist Hospital. Miss Pate was supervisor of the operating room and instructor of nursing.

She was to be buried in a plot behind the nurses' quarters on Tuesday, Jan. 18, following a funeral service in the hospital chapel.

A memorial service was to be held for Miss Pate in her home church, Social Springs church, Ringgold, La., Sunday, Jan. 23. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, were to attend.

Staff members of the board held a memorial service in Richmond, Va., Monday, Jan. 17.

Miss Pate's survivors include her mother

and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Oden of Ringgold. Her father, J. B. Pate, died in 1945.

The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to the Gaza Baptist Hospital either through the Ringgold church or the Foreign Mission Board. The church's address is Route 3, Box 683, Ringgold, La., 71068.

Earlier Incident Attributed Guerrillas

Nicholas was involved in an earlier incident attributed to the guerrillas. In March 1969 he and his daughter Joy, then nine, were returning from Tel Aviv to Gaza when an explosive charge detonated beside the road as they passed. The car was damaged, but they were only shaken.

Miss Pate went to the Gaza Hospital in mid-1970 following a furlough in the United States. Earlier she had been stationed in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and Thailand.

Appointed a missionary in 1964, she had been operating room supervisor at Medical Center Hospital in Tyler, Tex., for six years. She took a leave of absence from that job to supervise the operating room of the hospital ship Hope during its first voyage.

She was graduated from North Louisiana School of Nursing, Shreveport, and Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Natchitoches.

Nicholas has been hospital chaplain since 1958. He and his wife were evacuated from Gaza and then from Lebanon during the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

He is a native of Centreville, Mich., and a graduate of Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of churches in Louisiana prior to missionary appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas have a son, their oldest child, in addition to three daughters.

Miss Pate was the third Southern Baptist missionary to have been killed violently while on the field in less than six months. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter were beaten and stabbed to death in their home in the Dominican Republic in July. (BP)

Decision Is Scheduled On Divorce Referendum

ROME—Italy's Constitutional Court met here to decide whether to ban a referendum that could abolish the country's year-old law permitting divorce. If a decision is given to ban the referendum, many feel that a major obstacle to the strengthening of the present Center-Left government coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans would be removed.

Others fear that if the referendum should take place, it would erupt into a religious dispute and divide the country.

Church Leader Gets Order To Refund \$17,000 To Woman

A district court in Minneapolis has ordered Richard Johnson, head of the Church of the Father in Minneapolis to repay more than \$17,000 which he received in gifts from a woman under "undue influence."

District Judge Dana Nicholson made the ruling in a suit brought by the guardian of Miss Minnie Dulsky, 62, now living in an area nursing home. Miss Dulsky had given Johnson \$10,000 within a month after she came in contact with the church. Her last gift of \$2000 was made in 1965.

Johnson testified that the Church of the Father, which he heads, "has possession of all the property of its members." Johnson was convicted of falsely advertising himself as a marriage counselor in 1960.

Medical Missions Conference Is Set For Dallas Feb. 4-5

A Medical Missions Conference, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, will be held in Dallas, Feb. 4-5. The conference will present information on the medical sciences as practiced by Christian missionaries around the world.

Discussions will be conducted on short-term assignments including the Missionary Journeyman Program, medical receptorships and special project physicians and nurses. The group will discuss also the life and work of the medical missionary.

Invited to attend are Baptist physicians, dentists, nurses, practitioners in the paramedical occupations, hospital administrators, pre-nursing and premedical students, and campus ministers working with students in these fields.

Alabama College Dean Named Bluefield College President

BLUEFIELD, Va.—The academic dean at Judson college in Marion, Ala., Charles L. Tyler, has been named the new president of Bluefield college, a Baptist junior college here.

Tyler will become the sixth president of the Virginia school on July 1, 1972, according to an announcement by William Winfrey, vice chairman of the school's board of directors, on behalf of the board chairman, George Z. Cruise.

He will succeed Chas. L. Harman, president of Bluefield college since 1946, who announced plans last May to retire. Harman will serve as president until Tyler takes over in July.

For the past five years, Tyler has been academic dean of Judson college, a Baptist four-year women's college in Marion, Ala. (BP)

EDITORIALS

One Of The Best

The Annual Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelism Conference has been described by many as "the best ever." Surely it will rank as one of the best because of prayer, a well-planned program, and a sense by many of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sessions. Perhaps to an unusual degree, many felt a spiritual impact from this series of meetings which they have not felt in other years.

To Evangelism Secretary F. M. Dowell must go credit for planning of the program. To pastor-host Bob Norman, of Belmont Heights Baptist church, and his staff, must go the appreciation of Tennessee Baptists for their hospitality and graciousness.

Someone asked just what the purpose of this Evangelism Conference was, and then answered by saying, "I guess it is like a revival for preachers." This is exactly what it should be, and hopefully was. It is the prayerful hope of many that the Spiritual warmth evident in the sessions may in some manner be transmitted to the churches across this great state. If the members of the churches can, through their pastors, receive some of the impact of the spiritual nature of this conference, we could well be on our way to genuine revival in Tennessee. This is our prayer.

Make Your Will Month

January is being observed on our Denominational Calendar as "Make Your Will Month." Especial emphasis is being placed upon the necessity of persons who own property to make a will, and emphasis is being placed also upon the value of the preparation of a "Christian" will.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Inc., and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Jonas L. Stewart have provided strong leadership in developing a concept of continuing stewardship in life and death through provision for Christian causes in one's will.

Endowment of agencies, institutions and programs may well be the key to future solvency and advancement of these causes. Our own Foundation provides funds annually which strengthen every interest of Tennessee Baptists.

If members of the churches have not made wills which include a remembrance of God's blessings, they should do so now.

Committee Of Fifteen

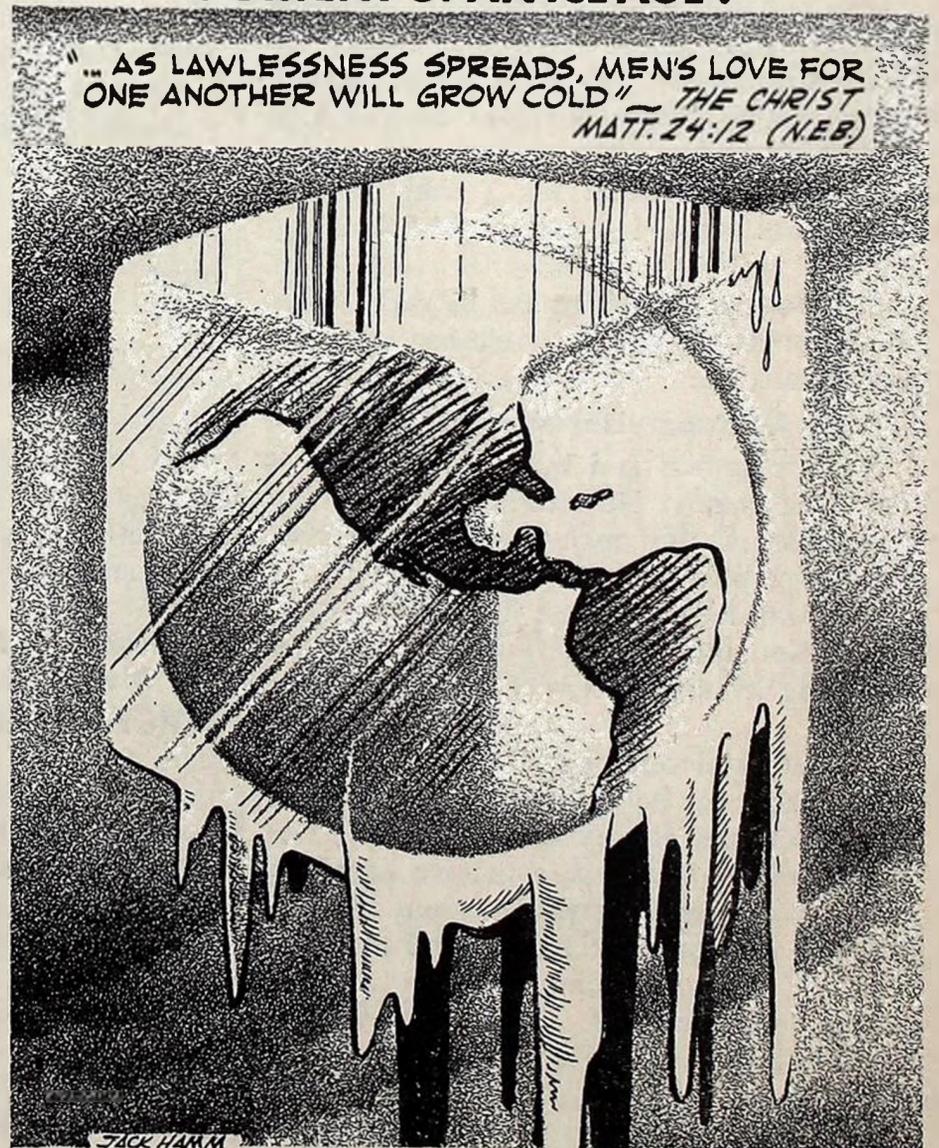
The February sessions of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will hear proposals for some reorganization of Southern Convention programs and agencies. Other proposals are scheduled to follow.

A Committee of Fifteen was approved in February, 1970, to study Total Programs, review assignments made a decade earlier, and suggest any changes or modifications which the committee deemed wise.

Specific recommendations are due in February dealing with the Stewardship Commission, Brotherhood Commission, and Radio and Television Commission. Information on the proposals has been carried earlier in **Baptist And Reflector**. Those recommendations have far-reaching implications, and the Executive Committee will study carefully and prayerfully the proposals.

Change for the sake of change is, in our judgment, never valid per se. If the proposed changes will advance the work of Southern Baptists, then the Executive Committee will, in its judgment, make appropriate recommendations. As the proposals are studied, we should remember prayerfully those who act in behalf of our Southern Baptist Convention.

PORTENT OF AN ICE AGE ?



Church Leaders Urged To Preach Christ At Evangelism Conference

Emphasis On Strong Preaching Of Gospel Recurrent Theme

By Bobbie Durham

Preachers, professors, and professionals told attendants at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelist Conference last week to preach Christ crucified, resurrected, and coming again. The state conference, meeting at Belmont Heights church in Nashville, focused on presenting Christ as the hope for humanity.

More than 2600 registered for the five meetings which drew representatives from nearly every association in the convention. The majority of those attending were pastors and church staff members.

Each of the eight main speakers emphasized the importance of presenting the gospel of Christ in a straightforward manner. "There is too much superficial Christianity in the world today," Vance Havner, author and evangelist, said. "We've gotten a notion today that we have to make the gospel attractive to the wiseness of the world. I don't know where we got that idea. It's ridiculous! Jesus said that the message of the cross and salvation would be foolishness to the world." An "amen" resounded from the crowd when Havner said, "If the cross is termed foolishness, I guess preachers must be called fools!"

"Natural man will never understand the gospel until God speaks," Havner explained. "But some of us are still trying to be relevant and contemporary and appeal to the intellectual." Havner said that he could see no prophet on the American horizon. He assured that there were many fine teachers and preachers, although no strong leadership appeared to be emerging in his opinion.

Led Bible Study Sessions

Havner led Bible study sessions at the first four meetings of the conference. He preached also at the Layman's Night session Tuesday. The author taught on the general topic of "Discernment."

In concluding the study, Havner called for maturity on the part of Christians and pastors. He pointed out that the secret of discernment comes from asking God for wisdom and then believing that He will give it to you. "The best way to become successful in discernment is to get to know Jesus so well that you won't know any other voice."

Musical features at the conference included the Volunteer State Chorale; a choir comprised of various church choirs throughout the area, and Miss Joe Ann Shelton, soloist from Fort Worth, Tex. Miss Shelton, accompanied by Miss Loeen Bushman, Fort Worth, testified through "sermons in song" at each session of the conference. Before

presenting her concert on Monday night, the singer gave her personal testimony.

Eugene N. Patterson, professor of Evangelism at New Orleans seminary, summarized the answer to the world's present condition when he told the pastors, "If Christ isn't the answer to our problems, then there isn't any answer." Re-emphasizing the need to preach a straightforward gospel, Patterson warned, "When you water down the gospel and try to make it rational to the worldly man, it ceases to be the gospel."

Patterson then proclaimed to the crowd that "the church has not failed, neither has our God failed." He observed what he termed a new and unusual interest in the work of the Holy Spirit among major denominations which have resulted in changes in forms of worship and church structure. Changes in the Catholic Church which the professor pointed out included: an open Bible in the language of the people; a reading of the Bible in church services; and a trend toward training priests how to preach. He recalled that in September 1971 a group of United States Catholic laymen asked Pope Paul VI to lift the ban on Martin Luther. Other changes were a renewal in churches and a lay witnessing interest throughout the nation.

Tennessee Pastors And Laymen Speak

Four Tennessee pastors and three laymen spoke during the sessions also. The pastors summarized the various roles of the preacher in his daily life. Speaking on "The Minister's Devotional Life," Damon Patterson, pastor, Corryton church, said that the main concern of a pastor is to bring men and women into the right relationship with Jesus Christ. "But we cannot do that unless we, ourselves, are in a right relationship," he maintained. He stressed that a pastor must have a cultivated prayer life if he expects to bring men and women to God. "A lot of nervous energy is no substitute for spiritual power," he said. "And spiritual power comes from God."

George Capps, pastor, First church, Cookeville, spoke on "The Minister as an Example to His Community." "A love is shown between a pastor and his people by a pastor's actions," he said. "It is by our actions that we are an example and demonstrate a sincere faith in Christ." Of primary importance, Capps pointed out, is a genuine concern. "We must get ourselves out of the way, and put Christ in the front."

Urge The Young People To Lead

Speaking in support of the youth movement across the nation, Jerry Glisson, pas-

tor, Leawood church, Memphis, said, "Youth across the nation are ready for the gospel of the Son of God but it has to be straight and to the point." When they become saved, they want to tell someone else. They take the Bible literally."

The pastor related how young people all over the state of Tennessee are sharing their testimonies. He warned that unless we let our youth become involved with the Lord, they will become turned off to the church and to God.

John L. Shepherd Jr., pastor of the Trenton Street church, Harriman, spoke to the Tuesday morning messengers on the Lay Witnessing Institutes being conducted throughout the state.

John Poland, a layman from the Trenton Street church, Tom Brown, layman from First church, Murfreesboro, and Eugene Galloway, layman from Immanuel church, Elizabethton, gave personal testimonies.

Evangelism Is Mission

On the first day of the conference, Eual F. Lawson, associate, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, reminded the delegates that the mission of the church is evangelism. "The church is not a product of this world," he said. "It has a holy mission and a sacred message." Like Havner, Lawson related various world conditions which indicate the second coming of Christ, and said that pastors should do all within their power to help redeem man from his sins before Jesus returns. He elaborated on the minister's mission to the world and the minister's mission to other pastors.

Don Mabry, associate, Department of Survey and Special Studies, Home Mission Board, related more effective methods for reaching the unchurched in the community. He emphasized cultivation of individual families and follow-up to reach the unchurched.

At the opening session of the conference on Monday afternoon, Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the state convention, said we cannot deny that there is a lack of hope in the world today. "We feel hopeless because of a Godless philosophy on the part of non-Christians and an unbelief that God is at work on the part of Christians." He stressed that, as Christians, we should remember that Christ is our only hope.

The conference was under the sponsorship of the state Evangelism Department with the cooperation of the Brotherhood Department. Frank G. Charton, secretary, state Church Music Department, led the singing at all sessions.

ABOUT THE COVER

These scenes from the Evangelistic Conference held in Nashville last week portray what many term one of the best Evangelistic Conferences in Tennessee.

Miami Church To Get Tax Bill After Supreme Court Decision

MIAMI—The Central Baptist Church here will get a tax bill from the consolidated city-county tax assessor's office this year in the wake of a decision by the U. S. Supreme Court refusing to hear a case involving the church.

Appearing on the tax rolls this year will be a 290-space parking lot the church operates adjacent to the downtown church at 500 N.E. First Avenue.

Last Of Missionary Line Sails For Final Trip

The last in the line of "John Williams" missionary ships of the London Missionary Society has been paid off and sailed for the last time, according to a report in a recent issue of the **Baptist Times**, weekly newspaper published in London.

Bernard Thorogood, general secretary of the organization, said in giving news of the paying off, that the use of a ship to convey missionaries and supplies over the vast areas of the South Pacific has become too costly. Governments of the islands in the area now have their own transportation fleets.

The first ship in the line was commissioned in 1844 in memory of John Williams, a missionary who was martyred in the South Sea Islands in 1839. He had built the "Messenger of Peace" from old wrecks while marooned on the Cook Islands.

The London Missionary Society (now termed the Congregational Council for World Mission) has depended on ships since the landing of its first missionaries on Tahiti in 1797.

Francis Bottoms, captain of the "John Williams VI" for six years said that John Williams was obsessed with one idea: taking the gospel "to as many people as possible." He expressed a desire that the work would continue with the alternative transportation.

Church members park free on weekdays and Sundays, but others are charged a rental fee of about \$9 per month, church officials said.

In 1965, county tax officials decided to tax the parking lot as a business. The church contested the decision, arguing the profits were used for religious activities. The Florida Supreme Court ruled in favor of the church, but the Civil Liberties Union took the case to the federal courts, charging that the exemption violated the First Amendment by aiding one religion and inhibiting others.

The U.S. Supreme Court first agreed to hear the case, but before it could do so, the Florida legislature changed Florida's 19th-century religious tax exemptions.

As a result, in January the Supreme Court decided the question is moot, since the old law no longer exists as a result of the legislature's action. This means the court will not make a ruling.

Under the new law adopted by the legislature, church properties must be "predominantly" commercial to be taxed. The old law said they must be totally commercial. "Predominantly" has not yet been clearly defined, however.

The supervisor of Miami's tax exemption division said after the Supreme Court decision, however, that "as far as we're concerned, Central Baptist does not rate an exemption. We're going to send them a bill." (BP)

Bible Nuggets For Daily Walk

THE NON-FRETFUL HEART

By T. B. Maston

"Fret not thyself because of evil doers" (Ps. 37:1, KJV)

This admonition by the Psalmist is followed by a reason why we should not be fretful concerning evil doers. They may seem to prosper but "they shall soon be cut down ('fade,') RSV) like the grass and wither as the green herb."

Then there are suggested some positive cures for or preventatives of the fretful heart of life. These positive cures are expressed in the verbs that stand at the beginning of verses 3, 4, 5, and 7. Notice what they are: "Trust in the Lord," "Delight thyself also in the Lord," "Commit thy way unto the Lord," "Rest in the Lord ('Be still before the Lord,' RSV) and wait patiently for him."

One who trusts the Lord, delights in or "depends upon" (NEB) him, commits his way or life (NEB) to the Lord, and rests in or is still before him will be free from the frets and worries that disturb many people.

Really, all of these statements are closely related. If we trust in the Lord we will delight in him, will be willing to commit our way to him, and can and will rest in or wait for the Lord.

How much do you and I have these qualities in our lives? If we have them they will not only give us an inner peace or quiet; they will also make us more effective in our life and work for the Lord and for our fellow man.

Cooperative Program

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

By James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

As a church member, I am committed to the support of the Cooperative Program through my church. As executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, I am committed to the support of the Cooperative Program through the financial resources of the Board.

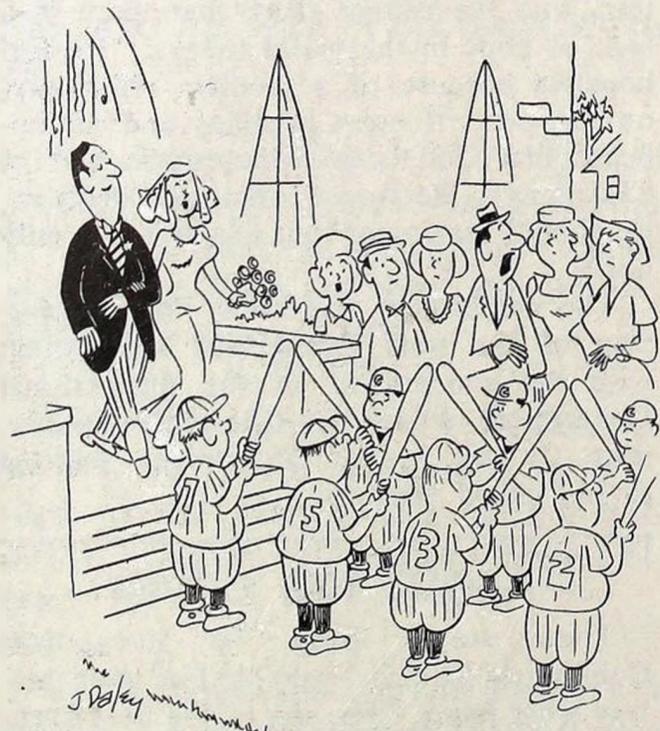
From the time of its foundation in 1891, the Sunday School Board has made financial contributions to denominational causes. It has never requested nor required financial subsidy from the missions gifts of the denomination.

Today, the operating budget of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is largely funded by allocations from earnings of the Sunday School Board.

Today, about a million dollars annually is allocated to state conventions from Sunday School Board earnings to assist the states in carrying on their Bible teaching and membership training responsibilities.

Today, regular opportunities are given in Sunday School Board publications for interpretation of the Cooperative Program and encouragement in Christian stewardship.

The Sunday School Board is unlike other Southern Baptist agencies in that it receives no funds from the Cooperative Program. It is like the other agencies in high regard for the Cooperative Program. This regard is shown through the spoken and written word, and through the hundreds of thousands of Cooperative Program dollars that are freed for mission work because of the allocations by the Sunday School Board to state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.



"He coaches their little league team."

Faithful With Possessions

By Charles Ausmus, Pastor

Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville

Luke 16:10-15, 20:45-21:4

Christian Stewardship. Luke 16:10-13

Stewardship is often defined as a trusteeship or a partnership. It is recognizing that all of life's gifts come from the generous hand of God, all are to be used for the glory of God, and all are to be accounted for at the Judgment of God. We must remember that "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." God is owner of all. Whatever we may possess, we hold in trust as a steward of the Almighty.



Ausmus

It may seem frightening to many, but we must all give an account to God for the way we acquire, use, spend our possessions. God gives us the power to get wealth. Paul warned, "So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

Stewardship suggests accountability, and one is a steward because he is accountable and responsible. We are stewards of all of life, not just our money. We cannot separate our lives into compartments and be a good steward in one and not in another facet of life. We are stewards of all of life or stewards not at all. In our lesson we are dealing with faithful stewardship of our possessions because how one gains his wealth, uses it, and even disposes of it in his will, is an acid test of character.

Jesus said you could draw certain conclusions about a man's spiritual qualities from his attitude toward and his use of money. Look at some of the principles our Lord emphasizes here.

If one is faithful in little he will be faithful in much. If he is faithful and honest with small amounts he can be trusted with large amounts. Unfaithfulness and dishonesty with money will disqualify one from being entrusted with true riches. (v. 11). Here Jesus is telling us that our use of money is a test of our commitment to him and our love for the true riches. If we are not good stewards of our money it's pretty sure we will not be good stewards of the manifold grace of God. One who can't be trusted with money, can't be trusted with opportunities to serve and witness.

The lesson here is that a man's way of fulfilling a small task is the best proof of his fitness or unfitness to be entrusted with a larger task. Our inattention to smaller matters is a symptom of deeper problems. Fidelity to a divine trust reaches into every phase of one's life.

Jesus laid down the principle that "no servant can serve two masters—ye cannot serve God and mammon" (v. 13). No Christian can divide his loyalty. He must not get himself into a compromising situation if the two masters are not in agreement; God and mammon are enemies and the Christian's choice is clear.

Serving God can never be a spare-time or part-time job, every moment of his time, every atom of energy, and every penny of his money belongs to God. I believe that a Christian steward will bring the tithe into his church, and then wisely use the nine-tenths according to God's will. The tithe is the minimum expression of stewardship.

Condemnation of Selfishness. Luke 16:14-15, 20:45-47

Luke assigns the trait of covetousness to the Pharisees. They put priority on riches and position rather than knowing God and doing his will. The Pharisees derided Jesus; derision is a common response of the guilty. They were condemned for their covetousness, which is a cancerous growth in a selfish soul. Paul teaches that covetousness is idolatry (Col. 3:5).

Jesus told the Pharisees (v. 15) that their name meant hypocrisy and self-righteousness. They glorified self and sought to satisfy self by any selfish means. They were an abomination in the sight of God, because God saw and knew their hearts. What we hold to be invaluable, our money, affluence, etc. is counted as nothing with God.

Our motive, our desires, and our plans are all open before God's searching eyes. Jesus condemned their pride, their self-seeking, and their efforts to gain the seats of honor and positions of prestige. They seek the greetings of honor and make a great show of piety in the market. Their long prayers are for mere show and display. Jesus condemned them for devouring widows houses. Here the poor and poverty ridden are robbed to satisfy the greed of the powerful. Here we note again Luke's record of our Lord's concern for the poor. Religious garbs and social apparel is no substitute for stewardship.

Commendation of Generosity. Luke 21:1-4

We wonder if the poverty of this poor widow was in some way the result of exploitation by those who had just cast in of their abundance? As we consider this incident and our Lord's teaching concerning giving, think of these questions. Are we generous or greedy? Are we honest or dishonest with God? Are we free from care or do we spend a great deal of our time worrying? Are we grateful or discontented? Jowitt said, "The real measure of your

All ALC Members Are Evangelists, Knutson Says

MINNEAPOLIS—The president of the American Lutheran church has recorded a special message for use by ALC congregations during January in preparation for "Key '73," the interdenominational evangelism thrust next year.

"I appoint you evangelists, all of you, each one," to fulfill the international, national and local mission of evangelism, Dr. Kent S. Knutson said in his keynote message, taped for use by the 4822 congregations.

He noted that "when the Gospel is preached and believed and done, all kinds of good things happen, creating a strong inner confidence in a man so he can live in this difficult and changing world."

"Mission is what the church does" in education, social welfare, the establishment and nurture of congregations and other fields, Dr. Knutson said. "Evangelism binds together the faith and mission of the church."

He said evangelism is not only an effort to bring people into the church but is a means of going "into the community, the place where we work, the whole world."

People of the Church must avoid the temptation of "just perpetuating ourselves," the ALC president said. "If we can see ourselves as 'sent' people, then we can really do evangelism." (RNS)

\$1.6 Million Building Given Chicago Ecumenical Institute

The Kemper Insurance Group of Chicago has given a \$1.6 million building to the Ecumenical Institute, a division of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

The Institute was founded in 1957 to work for the renewal of congregations. It offers programs in local church renewal, religious studies, research, and training. Programs are offered in 58 cities around the world. The building will be used for the coordination of all institute programs, according to officials.

wealth is how much you would be worth if you lost all your money."

The gift of the poor widow impressed Jesus, not because of the amount but because of the spirit in which it was offered. She gave all because she was generous of soul and heart. Christ measures our gift, not by how much we give, but by what we have left. Paul gives the secret of Christian stewardship in 2 Cor. 8:5, "But first they gave themselves to the Lord." We should be faithful with possessions and give cheerfully and generously simply because we love Jesus.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were an offering far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine

Demands my life, my soul, my all."

Tennessee News Briefs

The Erin Baptist church has published a directory which includes a history of the 80-year-old church. **John B. McCommon** is pastor.

Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Seymour, received a contribution of \$15,000 to the Endowment Fund Campaign. The donor was anonymous. The campaign for endowment funds which is in progress at the school at the present time, has a goal of \$500,000. It is the first endowment campaign effort in the 92-year history of the school. **Hubert Smothers** is president.

Bennie Darryl Eubanks was licensed to preach by the North Jackson church. **James Glisson** is pastor of the church.

Hillcrest, Nashville, has begun a youth ministry with **Johnny Taylor** as youth director. The youth ministry has been instrumental in beginning a new church library, according to **Joe Bush**, pastor.

Robert Frank Smith and **Preston Johnson** were ordained as deacons at First church, Selmer. **W. Matt Tomlin** is pastor.

West Cleveland church, Bradley County Association, ordained **Eulas Scoggins** to the ministry. **Scoggins** has been called to a church in Meigs County. In the same association, Candies Creek church ordained **Gale Miller** as deacon, **Reed Wright** pastor. The Union church ordained **Ronnie Hooker** as minister. **Marvin West** is pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

The Joelton church, Nashville Association, reports 20 profession of faith during its recent revival. **Henry Linginfelter**, full-time evangelist from Alcoa, was the preacher. **Buel Smith**, Nashville, led the singing. **W. D. Thomason** is pastor.

A revival at Toone church, Hardeman Association, resulted in nine professions of faith, three additions by letter, and numerous rededications. **Bobby Colvert**, Dowelltown, was the evangelist. **Jerry Foust** is pastor.

Clyde Glass, associate pastor of Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, led revival services at the Galilee church, Knox County Association. There were eight additions on profession of faith and two by letter. The music was under the leadership of **Bruce Lane**, minister of music at First church, Philadelphia. **John M. Smith** is pastor of the Galilee church.

First church, Jefferson City, has ordained five new deacons. They were **W. H. Catlett**, **W. L. Carr**, **Ron Case**, **Bobby Wilson**, and **James Hinchey**. Pastor **Wade E. Darby**, brought the ordination message.

Michigan Avenue church, Bradley County Association, has licensed **J. H. Gibson Jr.**, to the gospel ministry. **C. H. Dixon** is interim pastor.

John Moore and **Dennis Wells** were ordained as deacons recently by the Grandview Church, Nashville Association. **Ted J. Ingram** is pastor.

George W. Stuart, 60, Sunday School consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, died in Nashville last week after a heart attack. He served at the Sunday School Board for over 10 years. A member of Belmont Heights church, he was chairman of deacons and Sunday School Outreach director at one time. Services were held at Belmont Heights with burial in Paragould, Ark.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Miss Laura F. Thompson has resigned minister of education at First church, Goodlettsville effective Jan. 31. **John R. Christian** is pastor.

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

The Illinois Baptist Convention sponsored a Youth Evangelism Conference in Springfield recently which attracted about 3,000 young people. In an earlier issue of **Baptist And Reflector**, Tennessee and Texas were identified as the only states in the Southern Baptist Convention which had separate Youth Evangelism Conferences.

Members of the Baptist church in Rijeka, Yugoslavia have begun building a chapel in a new housing area of the city. The building is being erected where the church began as a mission 20 years ago with the witness of five young Baptists who were working in the shipyard in the Rijeka harbor. The city is on the Adriatic seashore.

A new law which will go into effect this spring will allow clergymen in California to perform marriages for common law couples without a license. Under the act, a man and a woman who have been living in a common law relationship do not need to get a health certificate in order to be married. Neither can be a minor.

W. C. Woody Named TimeRite Manager; Chanslor Resigns

FORT WORTH—W. C. Woody, former sales manager of WFAA Radio in Dallas, has been named vice president and manager of the Dallas office of TimeRite, Inc., a subsidiary corporation of the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission with offices here.

TimeRite is an advertising division of the commission, with other offices in Fresno, Calif., and Wilmington, N. C.

Woody, who joined TimeRite in 1970 as an account executive, will manage the Dallas office and succeed in that capacity Don Chanslor, who resigned as president of TimeRite to set up his own company. Charles Roden of the Radio-TV Commission staff, will be the interim president of TimeRite. Roden is the commission's administrative assistant.

Woody's appointment as vice president of TimeRite was announced by Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Radio-TV Commission.

Woody had worked with WFAA radio for 17 years and previously was vice president in charge of radio and television for Grant Advertising's Dallas office. (BP)

Baptist Deacon Inaugurated As Mississippi Governor

JACKSON, Miss.—The inauguration of William Lowe Waller as the 56th governor of the state of Mississippi started with a prayer meeting at the First Baptist church here.

Waller, who has been acclaimed by some observers as ushering in a new day in state government here, is a deacon at First Baptist church where his wife is also a Sunday School teacher.

Larry Rohrman, pastor of the church, told the inaugural day prayer service crowd that the new governor's religious beliefs "are not feigned or artificial. They are genuine." He said it was the wish of the governor and his wife to begin the day with prayer.

The prayer of dedication for the new governor was led by W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and former pastor of the church where Waller is a deacon and member. (BP)

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McCullough Installed As SBC Brotherhood Secretary

By David Keel

MEMPHIS—Glendon McCullough was installed officially as the fourth executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention on Jan. 20 at a banquet held at Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis. John J. Smarge, Commission chairman, presided over the ceremonies.

McCullough served formerly as the first secretary of the department of Missionary Personnel of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

Representatives of practically every aspect of the Southern Baptist life were on hand for the occasion. Miss Sue Nishikawa represented Hawaii and presented McCullough's with a lei.

James L. Netters, administrative assistant to the mayor of Memphis, welcomed guests to Memphis.

In projecting plans for the Commission, McCullough listed the following: To keep the good ideas and programs; to improve the Brotherhood image; to work as a team with other Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state Brotherhood leadership; to accelerate the promotion of the Royal Ambassadors as a mission organization; to harness the potential of the senior men and young men; to be involved in training men to witness; to be involved in mission action in creative and imaginative ways. He also said that "We will continue to undergird the stewardship program of Southern Baptists," and "We are going to develop a sound theological basis for our Brotherhood work."

McCullough, who succeeded the late George Schroeder, is a native of Griffin, Ga.

On Friday morning, Jan. 21, the Commission held its business meeting.

McCullough presented two basic recommendations which were adopted by the group. His first recommendation stated, "Let it be known to the Committee on Boards that they would welcome, when vacancies occurred, young men between ages 18-30, as members. The second recommendation allows the chairman of the Commission and the executive secretary to invite five younger men (18-30) to attend the next meeting of the Commission as their guests.

The executive committee recommended that all future meetings of the Commission be open to state Brotherhood directors and executive heads of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Associational Officers Meetings Scheduled

Associational officers will be meeting this week and next week for banquets training sessions, according to Charles Norton, secretary of the state Church Training Department.

The banquets are scheduled by state regions. The South Central region will be meeting at First church, Fayetteville tonight. The state Baptist building in Brentwood will be the site for Friday's meet and will include Central region. Jan. 31, officers in the North Central region will meet at First church, Cookeville. Meetings for the remainder of the week include: Southeastern region meeting at Athens First church, Feb. 1; Northeastern region officers meeting at First church, Greeneville, Feb. 3; and Eastern region meeting at Central church of Fountain City, Knoxville. All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A special feature of the clinics will be a session sponsored by the Church Music Department. The session, for church pianists and organists, will be under the leadership of Sam Shanko, Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Following the banquet, training seminars will be held according to age group leaders. Norton will conduct a session for general officers. The adult session will be under the

Pan American Congress Registration Is Gaining

Registration is growing for the Second Congress of Pan American men, scheduled for Cali, Colombia, July 17-22, 1972 according to PAUBM officials. The Pan American Union of Baptist Men was organized in Rio de Janeiro in 1968 as a part of the Crusade of the Americas. Its objective is to enlist, inform, train, and motivate laymen for a total Christian commitment. It is one of several international Baptist laymen's organizations affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

Registration from the United States has been set at 200. Thus far, laymen, pastors, and some wives from 17 states have signed up. They represent five national Baptist bodies. A total attendance of 750 men from 25 countries in North, South, and the Middle Americas is expected.

Good News Bookmobile Used In Mission Work

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board are sponsoring jointly a bookmobile to communicate the gospel of Christ and the work of Southern Baptists to persons in West Virginia.

In the Upper Ohio Valley Association, where the Good News Bookmobile is used, more than 300,000 people live. The area surrounds Chester, W. Va., a town of 5000 population where there is no Baptist church. Buddy Beam and his wife serve as coordinators of the bookmobile ministry.

direction of Johnnie Hall, director of adult work, Church Training Department. Miss Mary Allen, director of youth work in the department will conduct the session for youth workers, and Mrs. Edward Kennedy, director of children's work will lead for children's workers. Pre-school work will be under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Alexander, state approved pre-school worker, Rutherford.

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Executive Board Committees Named

New members of committees of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention were elected in a called meeting of the Executive Board Monday, Jan. 17.

Election of the committees followed presentation of nominations by a special nominating committee. Committee members had been approved by the Board on Dec. 3, 1971. On Dec. 4, the Board, in an executive session, vacated selections of the previous day, and appointed a new nominating committee, which committee reported on Monday, Jan. 17. Following extended discussion, centering primarily upon parliamentary procedure, the Board on Jan. 17 approved the new slate. Committee for the 1971-1972 convention year are as follows:

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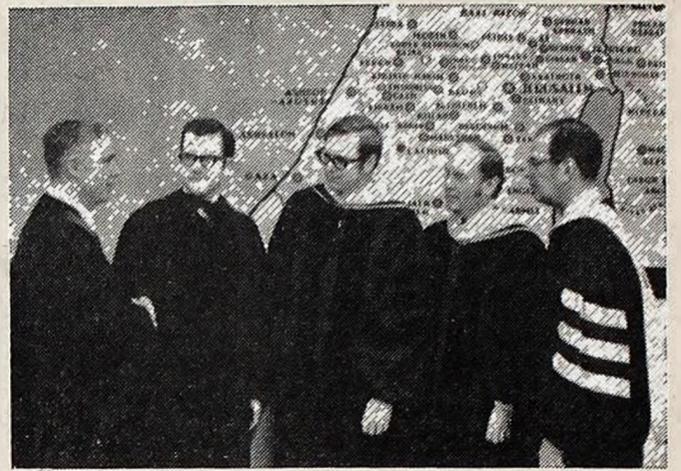
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Naymond Haskins Keathley, Glenn Stephen Coppock, and William Preston Clemmons, all Tennessee natives, received doctoral degrees during December graduating exercises at Southern seminary, Louisville, Ky. Keathley received the Doctor of Theology, Coppock was awarded the Doctor of Religious Education, and Clemmons received the Doctor of Education. Morgan Patterson is first on left and Ernest J. Loesner at extreme right.

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Stewardship, Laity, Radio-TV Structure Changes Recommended

NASHVILLE—A committee assigned to study the organizational structure of the Southern Baptist Convention will recommend reorganization of the SBC Brotherhood and Radio-Television Commissions, and reassignment of stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion to the SBC Executive Committee.

If approved, the recommendations would mean dissolving the SBC Stewardship Commission as an agency of the convention and returning to a pattern of organization in the SBC prior to 1960 when the Stewardship Commission was organized.

Prior to 1960, the SBC Executive Committee was responsible for stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion.

The recommendations from the restructure committee, called the Committee of Fifteen, must be approved by the SBC Executive Committee which meets here Feb. 21-23, and by the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Philadelphia, June 5-8.

Only recommendations concerning three agencies, the Brotherhood Commission, Radio-TV Commission, and Stewardship Commission, will be presented at this time, said E. W. Price, Jr., chairman of the restructure committee and pastor of Green Street church, High Point, N.C.

"The committee has reviewed various alternatives dealing with the Christian Life Commission, the Education Commission, the Historical Commission, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Commission on the American Baptist Theological seminary, but is not prepared until all agencies are studied to make any proposal," said the committee in an 11-page typed report to the SBC Executive Committee.

The report added that the committee is now starting a study of the six SBC seminaries, and will conclude with a study of the Southern Baptist Foundation and four boards.

Price said in a telephone interview that when the study is completed the committee will make some recommendations regarding each of the agencies and boards, and that there is a possibility that in some cases the committee will recommend no major changes in structure. Two more years may be necessary to complete the study.

Appointed in February, 1970, by the SBC Executive Committee to review implementation of a 1960 restructure study, the committee's membership and responsibility was enlarged later in 1970 to "study the entire SBC structure with the privilege of making recommendations to change or modify these assignments."

First Major Restructure Recommendation

Although a few minor recommendations

have been presented previously by the committee regarding compatibility of retirement programs and administration of the "Baptist Program" magazine, the proposals approved by the committee in January mark the first major restructure recommendations.

Six basic principles were listed by the committee in making the proposals. Consolidation of overlapping SBC programs into fewer agencies was cited in two of the six basic principles.

Other guiding principles stated that any changes should increase and not decrease effectiveness, that magnitude of concern for a program does not necessarily imply the need for a separate agency or the size of the agency; that the convention exists to assist the churches in bringing men to God through Jesus Christ, and that the convention does its work through programs assigned to agencies responsible to the convention.

Currently, there are 19 agencies of the convention—four boards, seven commissions, one standing committee, six seminaries, and a foundation. In addition, there is a Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary and an Executive Committee.

The committee will recommend that effective Oct. 1, 1973, the programs of the SBC Stewardship Commission be assigned to the SBC Executive Committee and that the Executive Committee be reorganized to give a proper elected representative base for personnel in this area.

Transfers Would Occur In 1973

The date of the transfer of responsibilities could not occur before 1973 since approval by two successive sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention is necessary to dissolve an agency, according to the denomination's bylaw requirements.

The committee recommended "that assurance be given to the Stewardship Commission staff that every consideration be given to the continued utilization of each one in the transfer with as little change in relationships and benefits as possible."

The committee recommended creation of an advisory committee to the SBC Brotherhood Commission, plus reorganization of the commission membership to include a 10-member local board. The entire commission membership should then be proportioned to consist of one-half laymen, one-fourth pastors, and one-fourth state Brotherhood department directors.

With regard to its program, the committee recommended that the commission "develop, project and implement plans and programs involving men and boys in the total mission scope of SBC activities (such emphases as mission learning experiences, mission involvement, personal involvement, personal witnessing, evangelism and financial support) and make plans and programs

available to the local churches." The agency's program statement should be rewritten accordingly, the committee said.

Expansion Of Membership

Concerning the Radio-Television Commission, the committee recommended expanding the commission's membership to include not only one representative from each qualified state, but also two staff members of the SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards and Sunday School Board, plus one staff member each from the Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and each of the six seminaries.

The agency staff representative members, however, would have no voting privileges but "shall act in an advisory capacity only," the committee proposed.

Three responsibilities of the commission were summarized: (1) to provide programming materials to the radio and television industry, (2) to provide personnel, skills, equipment and technology for television and radio production and distribution to all organized entities of Southern Baptist life as they may request, and (3) to leave to each agency the content of such programming as it makes use of the commission's staff and skills.

The committee further proposed that the commission's charter and program statement be revised to incorporate the proposed changes.

"The agencies which could use in their programs mass media should, where possible, utilize the skills which have been abundantly evident in the Radio-Television Commission . . .," said the committee.

Price, commenting on the proposals, said that it does not mean that all agencies of the SBC "must" use the commission to produce their broadcasting programs, but the committee hopes the commission will become the primary source of producing radio and television programs for all agencies.

Price acknowledged that the committee was not recommending a consistent organizational pattern for the Brotherhood and Radio-TV Commissions. "We don't feel we have to be consistent with every commission," he said. "We're trying to make every commission flexible enough to meet a particular need. We started off at one time with the idea of trying to make a consistent pattern, but found that was simply impossible."

Price added that there also might be inconsistencies with current program statements for the agencies, and that changes in the program statements would be assigned to the program subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee. (BP)

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Life Here And Hereafter

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: Luke 16:1-17:10

Focal Passage: Luke 16:19-31

It is always well to remember that there is a big difference between eternal existence and external life. The Bible teaches that for the lost, there is eternal ill-being, and eternal well-being for the saved. The duration is the same but the quality and kind of existence is vastly different.



White

The natural existence here includes physical life and spiritual life. We may have each, to a meager degree or to an abundant degree. We have seen people who were barely alive physically—over a considerable time. Then, we have seen people bubbling over with physical life. We have observed this same phenomenon

in spiritual life.

The choices we make here will determine our destinies in the hereafter. The choices we make and the life we live will determine the richness of eternal life in the hereafter or the intensity of our sense of loss in the ill-being in the great beyond.

That there is a future in which all of us will experience self-consciousness is almost universally believed by mankind. If there is no future, then there are many facts and factors in this life on earth which do not make sense. If life is rational, makes sense, and has meaning, there must be a future life.

The Contrast Here—Luke 16:19-21

The rich man in our lesson lived off the fat of the land. He was affluent and enjoyed great luxury. He lived diligently for this world only. He was determined to succeed materially with no thought for his soul. Lazarus was poverty stricken. He was severally afflicted with miserable health. The rich man seemed to have excellent health. The poor man suffered shameful humiliation. He was in a terrible plight.

The Contrast Hereafter—Luke 16:22-31

On the other side the situation is reversed. The contrast is very marked. The poor man is in Abraham's bosom—the place of well-being and meaningful status, he is free from every embarrassment and humiliation.

The rich man is stripped of everything he thought worthwhile, he is now the beggar. An ill-being of great anguish is his lot. He is completely undone. He seemed

to have had no concern for the spiritual welfare of himself or his kinsmen in this life, but now he is deeply aroused, but it is too late.

Observations: This scripture teaches that it is better to be a real Christian under the most adverse circumstances than to be a lost sinner under the most favorable circumstances.

It does not teach that poverty is a blessing or that wealth is a curse, per se.

The advantage that Lazarus had in being a righteous man and a disciple of the Lord was not obvious to the average observer in this life. However, there was a desirable difference in the realm of the most meaningful reality and this difference becomes an impassable gulf in eternity.

Everything else being equal the really righteous man will be better off in this life as well as in the life to come, normally we will get more out of life in real joy and satisfaction. Sometime, because of certain circumstances, the good man will have a severely tragic experience in this life, but this is not the rule.

It must be remembered, however, that the lost sinner will have all of his good time in this life. The future will be all against him. On the other hand, the truly godly man will have all of his misfortunes in this life and nothing but good in the life to come.

All things being considered: "Godliness is profitable in all things, having the promise of the life that now is and the life which is to come."

Church-Related College District Held Unlawful

Three church-related colleges in Abilene, Tex., were the subject of a debate which proposed a junior college district utilizing the three schools. The plan, however, was called unconstitutional by Texas Attorney General Crawford Martin.

The steering committee for the proposed junior college district had asked the Texas College Co-ordinating Board to approve an election to create the district for tax purposes. Martin ruled that the proposed district would foster "an excessive government entanglement with religion," and would thereby fail to meet a U.S. Supreme Court guideline formed in a decision last June.

Hardin-Simmons university, a Southern Baptist college; McMurray college, Methodist; and Abilene Christian college, Churches of Christ, would have been the schools affected.

Foundation

They Do Read It

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Writing articles like this takes considerable time and thought. It is difficult to visualize people from all over Tennessee reading words spread on paper in the loneliness of an office. Then suddenly you know. Some seemingly insignificant article will bring inquiries from all sections of the state.

While this article is being written trust agreements are being prepared for three people, one from each of the three recognized divisions of the state. They had all read about "trust funds for the Lord" in the **Baptist And Reflector**. For each of them we will invest the funds and pay them the income for life. At their death the funds will remain to strengthen that phase of Christian endeavor that they have chosen. Many others have done this. Wills are being written in ever-increasing numbers leaving all or a part of the estates to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as trustee. We help obtain legal aid in writing many of these while many others use a local attorney.

One lady from a church of another denomination read one of our articles, sent us several thousand dollars and said, "I like what I read, put it to work for the Lord by helping young people get an education."

Write us for any help: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027, or call 615-833-4220.

CHILDREN'S HOMES

Which One Do You Love The Most?

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

One of our Board members told me recently about a message he heard a Presbyterian layman deliver to a Civic Club in Nashville. In the course of his talk he related this personal experience. "I was one of ten children in my family and often one of us would ask, 'Mama, which one of us do you love the most?' She would always smile sweetly and say, 'The one who needs it the most, my dear'."

Our staff, too, often faces that question with our large family. I'm sure that it is always the one or ones who need our love the most at that time, which causes us to spend and be spent to see that their needs, physical and spiritual, are met.

You, our fellow Tennessee Baptists, make all of this possible through your love, prayers and gifts. Write or call me at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 if I can be of help to you and your family. Thank you.

From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Last week we thought about the great problems which the moral decline and the growing latitudes of permissiveness have brought to our country.



Kendall

We want to discuss this further this week but rather from the teachings of the Bible about evil and its consequences and the attitudes Christians must have toward evil. This seems to be the heart of the problem. If the Bible is rejected as the authority for moral action and behaviour, man is left to his own

subjective standards.

The Bible speaks of such times in the history of God's people. Isaiah, many centuries ago, said, "Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil." (Isa. 5:20). The writer of Proverbs also pointed out the danger here when he said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12, repeated in 16:25). Isaiah also has a word to say about those who think they are independent of God and that they can make their own rules. He says, "Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?" (Isa. 29:15)

Two weeks ago two women were murdered in a most cruel and ghastly murder in the early hours of the morning and their bodies left in a field. Very few clues have been found as to who committed the crime. Surely such a person or persons thought and said exactly what Isaiah pointed out. They did not believe they must face the judgment bar of God.

So many people who claim to be Christians have compromised their moral convictions today that there is not much dividing line between them and the world. But Jesus demands more than that. He said "If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." (Matt. 6:23). He also said no man can serve two masters, man cannot serve God and mammon. Jesus also said, "And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." (Matt. 5:29-30)

In one of the daily papers today there is the picture of a young woman who strips off her clothing in a night club here in the

On Matters of

Family Living

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Competitive Drive Of Little Leagues Scored By Pediatric Surgeon

It is possible to have organized baseball for kids that places the fun of playing above the drive to win. What's more, boys in such a program show no shoulder abnormalities and relatively few elbow abnormalities as compared to players in the highly competitive Little Leagues—though they pitch a full seven innings, throw curve balls and practice pitching at home and after the season, all medically questionable procedures.

This was the report delivered to the 20th annual Postgraduate Seminar in Pediatrics at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children by Dr. Joseph Torg, professor of orthopedic surgery, Temple University School of Medicine.

He cited findings of his study of 50 pre-adolescent and adolescent pitchers enrolled in a baseball program sponsored by the Lighthouse Boys' Club which stresses "participation not competition."

"For healthy skeletal development and maturation, avoid the little-league situation," he advises parents. Insist on programs emphasizing participation rather than competition and don't enrol your youngster unless that philosophy is operative.

city six nights a week. She is interviewed and her philosophy seems to be that this is perfectly moral and that it is art. She contends that those who want to read pornographic material should do so.

This teaching is so widespread and is spread by the news media by giving so much prominent space to people and by giving them so much space to teach their philosophy of life which is so contradicted by the Bible and which must some day face the judgment of God. Is the Bible true? Does God reveal the truth about how men ought to live and think?

Paul said, "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." (Rom. 12:9). He also said, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22)

Christians must again clearly define what is evil and what is good. The world is confused and deluded by those who call evil good and good evil. Our generation needs the dividing lines made very clear again. We are going to pay a terrible price for the low standards and permissive attitudes which are destroying the moral order in which we live.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Calvary church, Alcoa, reported 30 additions to the church in a revival held there. C. H. Cosby, the pastor, did the preaching, and I. C. Petree of Knoxville led the music.

Sam A. Owen, Memphis, a long-time Tennessee pastor died in Memphis. He was a Union university graduate and had served many Tennessee churches.

20 YEARS AGO

Warren F. Jones, president of Union university was named "Man of the Year 1951" by the civic clubs of Jackson. He had served as president for six years.

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood offices in Memphis moved to a new location at 1548 Poplar Avenue. The new home provided additional facilities for the growth expected in the years ahead, according to George W. Schroeder, executive secretary.

10 YEARS AGO

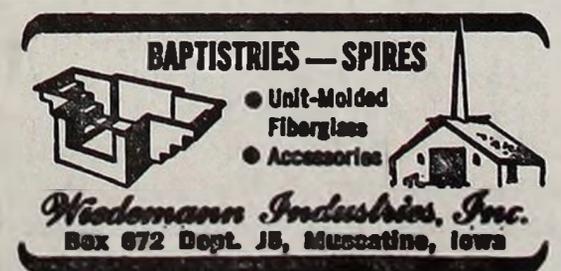
J. S. Riser, former pastor of Central Avenue church, Memphis, retired from the active pastorate and made his home in Mississippi. He served as a trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, and secretary of the Board.

Friendship church, Madison-Chester association, called Frank Kemper as pastor, and Liberty Grove church called Wade Paris.

Churchman Sees Weekend Retreats Replacing The 'One Hour' Service

SEATTLE—An official of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) suggested here that the weekly hour-long church service may be replaced by weekend retreats held several times a year.

With more and more people working four-day weeks, they can more easily participate in such retreats and will be less willing to interrupt a long weekend for a one-hour service, said the Rev. Harold R. Johnson, executive coordinator of the Office of Program Coordination and Strategy, Division of Homeland Ministries. (RNS)



THE TOP 25

By William C. Summar

The following twenty-five churches gave the largest dollar amount to the Cooperative Program during the fiscal year 1970-1971.

Church and Pastor	Association	C.P. Gifts	% of Total Receipts to C.P.
1. Memphis, First Dr. R. Paul Caudill	Shelby	\$86,171.95	13.89%
2. Nashville, First Dr. H. Franklin Paschall	Nashville	72,012.42	10.86
3. Kingsport, First Dr. William Purdue	Holston	68,847.35	16.18
4. Central, Fountain City Dr. Charles Bond	Knox	65,000.00	20.28
5. Bellevue Dr. Ramsey Pollard	Shelby	63,025.38	6.94
6. Brainerd Dr. J. Ralph McIntyre	Hamilton	61,276.20	14.50
7. Maryville, First Dr. J. William Harbin	Chilhowee	61,203.45	25.53
8. Knoxville, First Dr. Charles Trentham	Knox	60,000.00	12.21
9. Belmont Heights Rev. Robert Norman	Nashville	57,010.70	14.21
10. Wallace Memorial Rev. James McCluskey	Knox	43,614.38	19.57
11. Ridgedale Dr. R. Raymond Lloyd	Hamilton	42,842.98	22.80
12. Chattanooga, First Dr. W. Eugene Spears, Jr.	Hamilton	39,919.65	7.30
13. West Jackson Dr. David Byrd	Madison-Chester	39,569.42	15.13
14. Sevierville, First Rev. Grant Jones	Sevier	39,261.48	31.55
15. Highland Heights Rev. A. Bruce Coyle	Shelby	38,189.69	8.94
16. Donelson, First Rev. W. L. Baker	Nashville	38,182.34	20.24
17. Woodmont Dr. William Sherman	Nashville	36,770.88	11.33
18. Red Bank Dr. Ralph Norton	Hamilton	36,260.15	12.07
19. Robertsville Dr. Lee Morris	Clinton	34,764.05	23.53
20. Leawood Dr. Jerry Glisson	Shelby	34,695.87	16.28
21. Morristown, First Rev. William Palmer	Nolachucky	34,404.90	14.10
22. Jackson, First Dr. R. Trevis Otey	Madison-Chester	34,360.18	10.18
23. Union Avenue Rev. W. Lee Prince	Shelby	33,618.38	9.61
24. Temple Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr.	Shelby	33,171.25	12.30
25. Paris, First Rev. Carroll Owen	Western District	33,049.33	20.95
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BEWARE OF NEW MOVEMENTS

By Charles R. Ausmus, Pastor
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Let it be understood that no movement should be accepted or condemned just because it is new or different. Let us follow the exhortation of John to "try the spirits" and let them meet the test of inspired Scripture. There are always a few people who jump on the band wagon of a new movement with the hope that they can play on the "first team." If they can't make it on a large team they'll join a new one where they can shine and assume leadership. In many movements today the emphasis is poles away from the truth and thrust of the New Testament. In too many cases their main product is emotional fervor and upheaval rather than Christian fellowship and evangelism.

When one is confronted with a new movement three questions ought to decide his attitude toward that movement.

First—What is their doctrine of Christ? Christ is the Son of God. He is human and divine; just as much man as if he were not God, and just as much God as if he were not man, because he is both God and man in one personality.

Second—What is their doctrine of the Church? Jesus established the Church. Jesus loved the Church and gave himself for it. He called the Church his body and his bride. Jesus was an organizer; thus the Church was organized to carry on his work. Anyone or any movement that injures the fellowship and retards the growth of the Church must be rejected. If the Church is the body of Christ, you can't reject one without rejecting the other.

Third—How does the movement, its doctrines, and purposes measure up when tested by the New Testament? In the New Testament, Christ is the theme and He is Lord. There are no heroes, but all saved ones are his servants and brothers in the Church. All New Testament gifts and programs exalt and glorify Christ; this is the New Testament test. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible. He will not teach, lead, impress, or create any movement in conflict with the New Testament which He (the Spirit) inspired. The Holy Spirit always points to Christ. He shows and manifests Christ. A Holy Spirit movement will not confuse Christians or destroy churches. As for me and my house we'll stay with the Bible and Southern Baptists.

Missionaries In Paraguay Injured In Auto Accident

ASUNCION, Paraguay—Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert A. Nichols, SBC missionaries in Paraguay, and three of their children are recuperating from injuries suffered Jan. 15 when their car collided with a transport truck less than an hour's drive from their home here. Their son Jon was the only member of the family to escape injury.

The impact sheared off the left side of the Nichols automobile.

The family was brought to Baptist Hospital here, and all but Jon were admitted. Nichols and his wife, both of whom sustained head injuries, suffered concussions and remained unconscious for an hour or so after their arrival. He had no memory of the accident.

Dr. Donald E. McDowell, missionary surgeon at the hospital, termed 16-year-old Becky the most seriously injured. She suffered fractures of the thigh, upper arm and jaw, and a deep cut in the left shoulder area caused severe bleeding. "Fortunately," he said, "we had her blood type on hand, and we gave her a total of four pints."

In addition, Becky's left ear was partially severed. "We were able to suture the ear

Church Bus Clinic Is Scheduled Feb. 14-15

Woodlawn Baptist church, Decatur, Ga., will be the site for the second annual National Church Bus Clinic Feb. 14-15, 1972. The conference will feature methods and tools for effective bus outreach evangelism. In addition, there will be special conferences for bus captains, drivers, teenage workers, and children's worship workers. The meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday and conclude at 9:30 Tuesday evening.

back," said Dr. McDowell, "and I believe it is going to take all right."

He reported by ham radio five days later that circulation in the ear was good.

Susan, nearly 8, suffered fractures of the collarbone and the tibia, the heavier bone between ankle and knee. She and her mother were released three days after the accident.

Amy, 14, who was released a day earlier, is caring for them. She was treated for a cut on the back of the head.

Nichols, scheduled to be released with his wife, was detained when doctors discovered that several of his ribs were fractured. (BP)