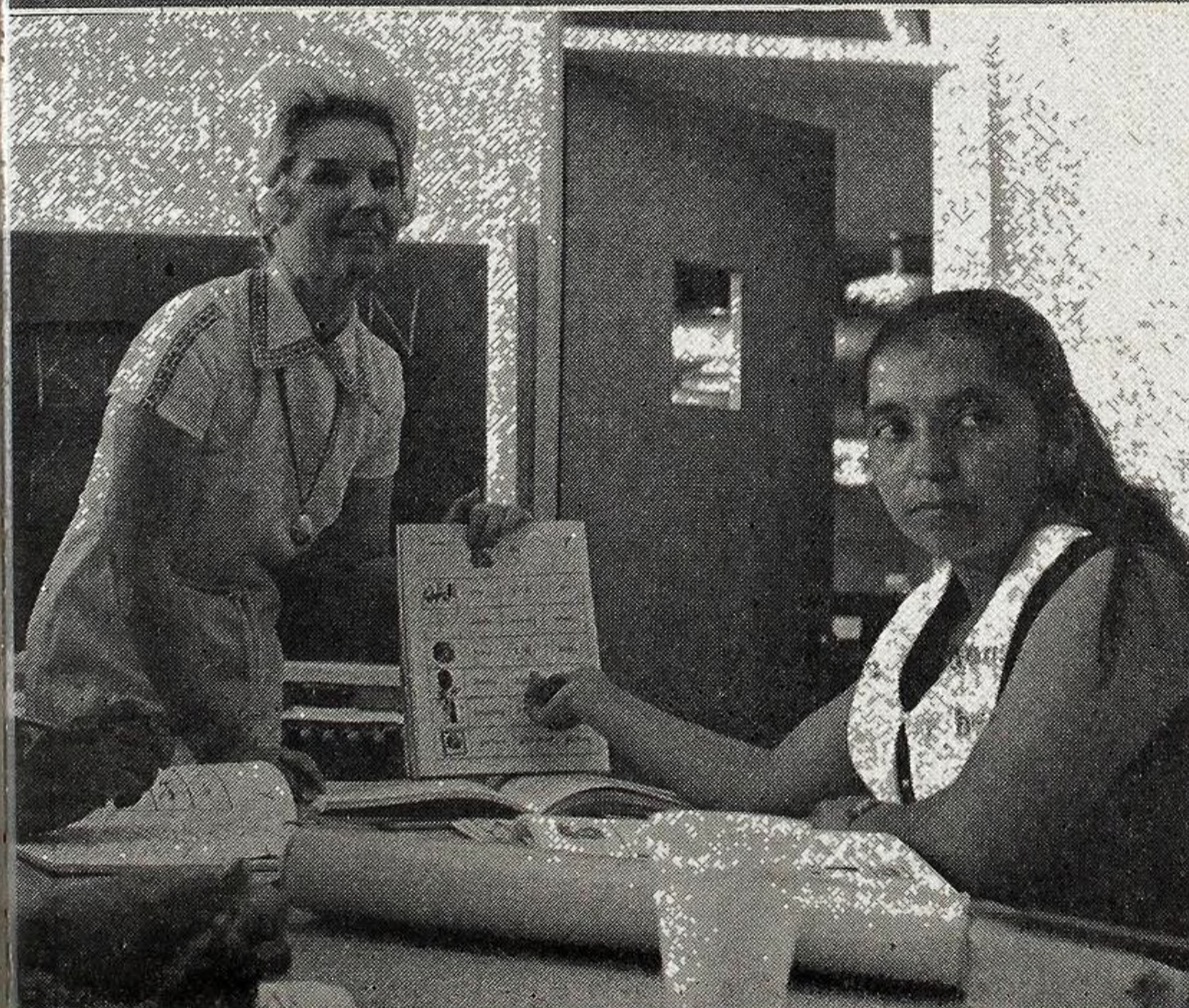
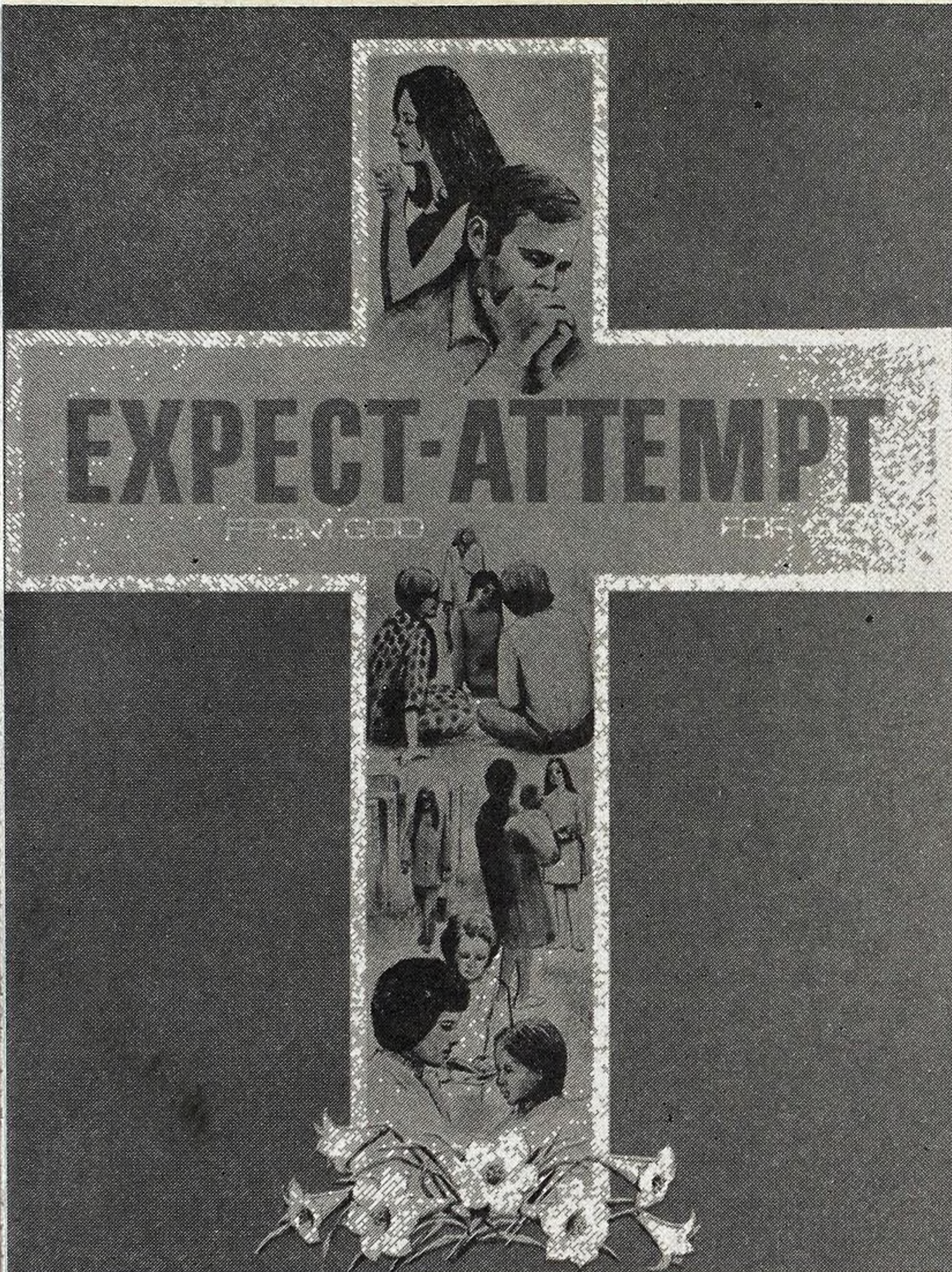


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Tennessee Goal: \$325,000



# A THREEFOLD ACQUITTAL

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or bonds."—Acts 26:31

After Agrippa's abrupt ending to Paul's sermon and the apostle's final appeal (verses 28-29), Festus, Agrippa, and Bernice retired to confer about Paul's case. "Talked" is an imperfect tense, so a lengthy conversation among themselves and then they reached a decision. He was guilty of nothing to justify death as the Jewish leaders desired. Neither of being in bonds as he had been for approximately two years. This decision of innocence had been reached privately by Festus (25:25). But for his desire to placate the Jews he probably would have set him free. But now Paul received a threefold verdict of "not guilty."

Note that this verdict was reached by both Jews and a Gentile. For that matter these "Jews" were part Gentile, so Romans, Jews, and Gentiles. So in a sense the representatives of these divisions of humanity found him innocent. All three divisions had been involved in the death of Jesus. Now they pronounce Paul innocent of any charge worthy of death or bonds.

And yet the apostle was not set free. Why? Because he had appealed his case to Caesar (see 25:10-12, 25). There is little reason to believe that he would have been

set free anyway, since he was a pawn in this racial struggle between Jews and Romans. But Festus found an out from his difficult dilemma by following the Roman law that an appeal to Caesar must be granted.

However, behind the weakness of conniving men one must see the overruling providence of God. It was within God's purpose that even the Caesar Nero should hear the gospel. And only through such an appeal could this be possible. One may suppose, however, that this threefold verdict would mean that Festus' record of the case to be taken to Caesar would be favorable to Paul. Which in part explains why he was later released.

However, the lesson for us is to see that though Paul's situation may have seemed difficult at the moment, he was in the hands and will of God. Thus he need have no fear. Despite seeming outward untoward circumstances, the Christian may rest in the assurance that God stands in the shadows to keep watch over his own.

For God works for good in all things for those who love him, and who are fitted into his purpose and benign will (see Rom. 8:28).



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A pastor in Grand Rapids, Michigan, reports that while preaching his morning sermon, a thief stole his cashmere overcoat.

I don't know about the congregation, but the sermon certainly left the preacher cold.

His only consolation is the knowledge that at least one who came to church went away with a warm feeling.

I don't know what text the preacher used, but at least two passages come to mind "But know this: if the good-man of the house had known at what time the thief would come, he would have watched . . ." (Matt. 24:43)

Or this: "If a brother . . . be in want of clothes . . . one of you say unto him, Go and . . . find warmth for yourself." (Jas. 2:15, 16)

But there's little doubt as to what the preacher chose for his texts on the following Sunday: "Which now of these . . . will be a neighbor unto him who fell among thieves?" (Luke 10:36)

"He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none." (Luke 3:11)

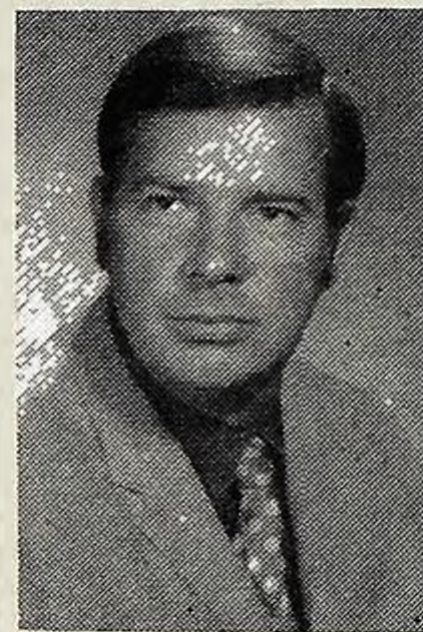
## Devotional

### 'To Tell The Truth'

By Tom Henry, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Lebanon

"... you have not lied to men—  
you have lied to God!"

When you go on the witness stand in a courtroom you are instructed to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. "Tell it like it is" is the phrase used by the "Now" generation.



Henry

Ananias and Sapphira sold some property and then lied about how much they received for the property. It cost them their lives. They fell dead on the spot for failing to tell the truth. They were losers because they couldn't face the truth by telling the

truth.

One lie always calls for another. The prison of lies has many sets of bars. It's impossible to be set free until you tell the truth. Psychiatry is built on the truth. You can't face the truth until you tell the truth.

The members of Alcoholics Anonymous begin their journey back to sobriety by saying, "I am an Alcoholic"; some stronger, "I am a drunk." The road to freedom is paved with truth bricks. This age of half-truths that tries to build a strong society on compromise and dirty grays instead of right and wrong is doomed to failure.

One young man who confessed his sin of drugs stood in front of the congregation and said, "Now I'm clean, I've told the truth about myself, I've faced the truth, and Jesus, the Truth has forgiven me. Man, I'm clean."

Confession of sin to Christ is rewarded with forgiveness and cleansing. Don't beat around the bush by lumping the sins in one phrase, be specific with God. If you lie, tell Jesus; if you are selfish, tell Jesus.

Now, do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? You're on the witness stand, tell it like it is! Be careful what you say, for Ananias and Sapphira died on the spot!

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# Church Choirs To Participate In District Music Festivals

Over 13,000 individual choir members from Baptist churches throughout Tennessee will participate in district music festivals beginning March 2 and continuing through March 19, Frank Charton, state music secretary announced.

The district festivals, held in conjunction with later state festivals, will include children's, youth, and adult choirs. Sponsored by the Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, its purpose is to promote a growing appreciation of, and an active participation in, worthy choral singing, Charton said.

An adult choir festival will be held March 2 at Central church, Bearden at 7:30 p.m. Seven district festivals will be held March 3 including Knoxville First church, youth, 7:30 p.m.; First church, Tullahoma, all ages, 7 p.m.; First church, Athens, all ages, 7 p.m.; First church, Clarksville, all ages, 7 p.m.; First church, Jackson, youth, 7:30 p.m.; Concord church, Chattanooga, adults, 7:30 p.m.; and Berclair church, Memphis, youth, 7 p.m. Three children's festivals will be held March 4 at Smithwood church, Knoxville; Crieviewood church, Nashville, and First church, Jackson. All sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. One adult session will be held at First church, Goodlettsville at 7:30 p.m. March 9.

The March 10 schedule includes adults, Manley church, Morristown; youth, Belmont Heights church, Nashville; youth, Oakwood church, Chattanooga; all ages, First church, Lewisburg; adults, Robertsville church, Oak Ridge; children and youth, First church, Dyersburg; and adults, Park Avenue church, Memphis. All sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. except for

## Belmont Named Beneficiary Of \$20,000 Trust Fund

Belmont college, Nashville, has been named the beneficiary of a \$20,000 trust fund, according to Jonas Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The trust fund comes from the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Pritchard of Harriman. The original trust agreement provided that the income from the sale of the Pritchard farm was to be paid to the Cumberland university, Lebanon, for a teacher of Bible. It further stated that should the university cease to exist or cease to be under Baptist control, that the trustees of the Foundation were to have the privilege of determining the use of the income.

The Foundation, acting as trustees for the trust fund, deemed Belmont college as a logical successor to Cumberland university which went under Presbyterian control in 1951.

According to the trustees, Belmont will use the proceeds to apply to the salary of a teacher of Bible at the college.

First church, Lewisburg, which will convene at 7 p.m.

Seven festivals, all for children, will be held March 11 at Trinity church, Memphis; Raleigh church, Memphis; First church, Greeneville; First church, Jefferson City; Central church, Chattanooga; and Glenwood church, Oak Ridge. Opening sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. One festival for youth will be held March 12 at 3 p.m. at First church, Oak Ridge. March 17 young people and adults will meet at 7:30 p.m. at First church, Kingsport; adults at First church, Trenton, and all ages at First church, Cookeville. Temple church, Memphis, will be the site for a March 18 festival for children at 10 a.m. The final district festival will be held for youth at 3 p.m. at First church, Morristown.

Three state festivals will be held later in March and in April. According to festival rules, a choir must have participated in a district festival in order to qualify for state festival. Judging will be done on intonation, tone, accuracy, interpretation, and diction, with all participating choirs to receive constructive criticism and comments. Judges will be music professionals from Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

## Bible Nuggets for Daily Walk

### 'A Child Left To Himself'

By T. B. Maston

"The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."

(Prov. 29:15, RSV)

"Left to himself" pictures a horse that is turned loose in the pasture to roam where he will. The New English Bible translates the verse as follows: "Rod and reprimand impart wisdom, but a boy who runs wild brings shame on his mother."

Do you know not only boys but also girls that are "left to themselves" or who "run wild"? If you have had occasion to drive through a town or city late at night you have seen boys and also girls who have been turned loose to roam at will. Some of these are quite immature. Many of these youngsters who have been "left to themselves" get into trouble.

Have you also observed that many children who lack proper control and discipline bring shame or disgrace on their fathers and mothers? The wise man, in contrast, says: "Discipline ('correct', NEB) your son, and he will give you rest ('he will be a comfort to you', NEB); he will give delight to your heart" (Prov. 29:17).

What about your children? Are they left to themselves to run wild or are they properly controlled and disciplined? Do you know where they are when they are not at home?

## VBS Training Offered To State Associations

Regional meetings for associational Vacation Bible School teams will be held throughout the state beginning March 13 and continuing through the 24th, Wendell Price, state Sunday School secretary, said.

Eight regional meetings have been scheduled to equip association teams with information to lead conferences for church Vacation Bible School workers.

The schedule includes a March 13 meeting at Central church, Chattanooga; March 14, First church, Greeneville; March 16, Central church, Bearden; March 17, Magness Memorial church, McMinnville; March 20, Bartlett church, Bartlett; March 21, First church, Humboldt; March 23, First church, Goodlettsville; and March 24, First church, Pulaski.

Each association is invited to send a team consisting of nine persons. Lunch will be served at each location, and meeting times will be 8:45 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. Price will serve as director-coordinator for the conferences.

Area age group leaders include: Preschool 1, Mrs. Ken Hofmeister, Nashville; Preschool 2, Doyle Oliver, state director of children's work, and Mrs. Sammie Meek, state director of preschool work. Children's leadership will be under the direction of Mrs. Roland Smith, Nashville, Mrs. Bob Taylor, Nashville, and Mrs. Thurman Prewett, Memphis. Mrs. Mike Prowse, Fayetteville, and Miss Lyn Brasfield, state director of youth work, will conduct the young people's training. Adult training will be under the direction of Thurman Prewett and Mrs. Wendell Price, Nashville.

Price stressed the importance of preparation for VBS sessions in churches throughout Tennessee. He stated that credit may be obtained by those in attendance.

## German Is Named Program Chairman For 1975 World Congress

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany, has been named chairman of the 25-member program committee for the Baptist World Congress to be held in Stockholm in 1975.

Twenty-five Baptist leaders from 18 countries have been selected to the program committee by V. Carney Hargroves (USA), president of the Baptist World Alliance.

A central committee of eight members, coming from six countries, will have primary responsibility for the program planning, but they are assisted by a larger advisory committee of 17.

Members of the central committee, in addition to Claas, are Alexander Bichkov, USSR; O. B. J. Burson, USA; Nilson do Amaral Fanini, Brazil; Mrs. Robert Fling, USA; Warren C. Hultgren, USA; David Lagergren, Sweden; Andrew D. MacRae, Scotland; and Paul O. Madsen, USA. (EBPS)



# EDITORIALS

## *An Historic Week*

In a very special way, the President of the United States of America, Richard M. Nixon, should be on the prayer list of Tennessee Baptists during this week and next week. President Nixon has requested our prayers. His "Mission To China" could well have a direct impact upon the course of world peace for the next decade, or even longer.

This is not, in our judgment, a time for partisan politics, but rather a time for acknowledgement that Mr. Nixon is president of our great nation, and is in a series of historic conferences.

If Communist China, other Communist nations, including Soviet Russia, and non-Communist nations are to co-habit peacefully this world, it can and will be done only with and through the power of the Holy Spirit which brings reason, understanding, and love. Nearly one-third of the population of this world are controlled directly by those with whom President Nixon will be conferring.

As has been indicated before in this journal, Southern Baptists maintained a Christian witness in China for nearly 125 years, prior to 1948. Many of us have prayed that this Christian witness might be revitalized not only in China, but in other Communist nations. The maintaining of peace in a trouble world is a most difficult task. Again, Christian love is the only road to peace, beginning at the foot of the Cross.

Our prayers, and we believe the prayers of countless Tennessee Baptists, are with our national leaders in this important series of conferences.

## *Emphasis Upon Home Missions*

Tennessee Baptists are placing especial emphasis during the next several weeks upon our ministries conducted through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our women are leading in observance of the Annie Armstrong Season of Prayer and Offering for Home Missions. They have set a goal of \$325,000 for Tennessee; the Southwide goal being \$6 million.

Since creation of the old Domestic Missions Board in 1845, we have endeavored to provide a witness for Christ in the homeland through this Board. As early as the 1850's, the Board was receiving calls for mission assistance at its Marion, Ala., office from such far away places as California and Texas. These calls were heeded. Following World War II, the ministries of the Home Mission Board expanded greatly, and with this expansion, underwritten in large measure by the older, larger states such as Tennessee, came the growth of our Southern Baptist work throughout the nation.

Expansion, both geographic and in programs, costs money. As is the case with our Foreign Mission work, special offerings help to provide funds necessary for maintenance of mission work. We give through our Cooperative Program for Home and Foreign missions, as well as

many other supportive programs. This offering, as with the Lottie Moon offering, is an over and above offering, but a vital one.

We believe that leaders in the churches will join with Woman's Missionary Union in achieving goals set for financial assistance, as well as increasing our understanding of and appreciation for our ministries through the Home Mission Board.

## *Booze Between Classes?*

The catering company which operates food services for the Christian Brothers college in Memphis has been granted a license to sell beer. We believe that this sets a precedent of some type in Tennessee, and we could wish that Memphis officials would reverse their stance in this matter and revoke the permit.

You say why bother? We suggest that if this license is utilized, that similar licenses will be forthcoming. If this happens, we see the possibility of open, legal sale of alcoholic beverages on many college campuses in our state. A forthcoming editorial will deal with alcohol as a major drug problem. Sufficient for now is the expression of regret; both that the license was requested, and that it was granted!

## RESCUE MEASURES FOR MANKIND





# SBC Membership Tops 11.8 Million, Significant Increase In Baptisms

**NASHVILLE**—Church membership in the Southern Baptist Convention increased to a total of 11,826,463 during 1971, the research services department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board reported here in a presentation before the SBC Executive Committee.

Total church membership increased 196,583 more than the 1970 totals. Decreases were reported in Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollments.

Statistics were based on a total of 34,441 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was increased by 81 from the number reported last year.

An increase of 231 churches occurred in cities with 50,000 or more population. In contrast, a decrease of 567 churches was reported in open country and rural areas, the report disclosed.

The number of baptisms (conversions) reported by SBC churches was 409,659, an increase of 40,796 from the 1970 figure and third highest total ever recorded. The peak year for baptisms was 1959, when 429,063 were reported, said Martin Bradley, manager, research services department.

Sunday School enrolment dropped by 129,370 to 7,141,453. The all-time high was 7,671,165 in 1964.

The Brotherhood (men and boys' organizations) had an enrollment of 451,538, an increase of 29,011. Contributing to the change was a shift of six to eight year old boys to the Brotherhood organization from Woman's Missionary Union.

Training Union ongoing enrollment totaled 2,106,855, dropping by 121,362 from the 1970 figure.

Enrolment reported for Woman's Missionary Union (women and girls) decreased by 62,227 to a total of 1,137,586. The shift of six to eight year old boys from the WMU

Sunbeam organization to the Brotherhood was a strong factor in the decrease, Bradley said.

Church music enrolment increased 64,615, reaching a new high of 1,088,980.

Giving by Southern Baptists continued to increase. Total tithes, offerings and special gifts reached a total of \$935,044,620, an increase of \$77,945,931.

Contributions to missions increased \$9,632,519, for a total of \$160,546,250.

## Pope Returns Home After Hospitalization For Strokes

Dr. Chas. W. Pope was dismissed from Polk General Hospital in Cedartown, Ga. late last week after he suffered a series of strokes earlier in the week.

Pope served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1942 until 1956 when he retired.

February 16 was Pope's 82nd birthday. His address is 40 Bowdon Street, Tallapoosa, Ga., 30176.

## New Testament And Psalms Now In Bulgarian

After seven years of work, the translation of the New Testament and Psalms into the Bulgarian language has now been completed.

The translation was done by Orthodox scholars. Roman Catholic and Protestant theologians have read the translation and have made suggestions. It is expected to be acceptable to all Christian churches in Bulgaria.

Possibilities for the production of the new translation have recently been discussed by the secretary for Europe of the United Bible Societies with representatives of the churches and the government of Bulgaria. (EBPS)

## Personally

By James A. Lester

The elderly man sat alone in his rocking chair in the kitchen. He came slowly to the door to answer this editor's knock—**Baptist And Reflector** in hand.



Lester

The retired "parson" and I chatted leisurely about many things. We talked for about an hour.

One of the first things noted when I entered the home was a picture of "Mama" on the table facing his chair. She had gone to be with the Lord just over two years ago. The "parson" knew that I had observed the picture.

In the course of the conversation, he commented that some might think he lived too much in the past. (He doesn't!) But, he added: "It was 60 years ago today our first born child came at \_\_\_\_\_ Street . . . "Mama" and I were much closer than a lot of people."

And 60 years to the day, with love, and without embarrassment, the "parson" had placed "Mama's" picture in front of him to look at throughout the day!

Two thoughts come to mind. Precious in the sight of God are the feet of them that serve Him. The other: "Precious Memories, —how they linger, How they ever fill my soul." And you know, these statements are true. They really are!



(BP Photo)

**DALLAS**—Alton Reed, who will retire March 1 as president of the SBC Annuity Board, was presented a new Buick recently by private gifts from friends. Presenting the keys to Reed and his wife is W. Dewey Presley, left, president of First National Bank of Dallas, and a trustee of the Board. Reed plans to visit pioneer mission work areas of Southern Baptists after retiring.

## Summary of 1971 Southern Baptist Convention Statistics

	1971	1970	Numerical Change	Per Cent Change
Churches	34,441	34,360	81	0.2
Baptisms	409,659	368,863	40,796	11.1
Additions by letter	497,338	498,043	-705	-0.1
Total membership	11,826,463	11,629,880	196,583	1.7
Sunday School enrollment	7,141,453	7,270,823 <sup>2</sup>	-129,370	-1.8
Training Union enrollment	2,106,855	2,228,217	-121,362	-5.4
Brotherhood enrollment	451,538	422,527 <sup>3</sup>	29,011	6.9
WMU enrollment	1,137,586	1,199,813 <sup>3</sup>	-62,227	-5.2
Church Music enrollment	1,088,980	1,024,365 <sup>2</sup>	64,615	6.3
Total receipts <sup>1</sup>	\$975,272,939	\$ 892,255,918	\$ 83,017,021	9.3
Total gifts <sup>4</sup>	\$935,044,620	\$ 857,098,689	\$ 77,945,931	9.1
Total mission gifts	\$160,546,250	\$ 150,913,731 <sup>2</sup>	\$ 9,632,519	6.4
Per capita mission gifts	\$13.58	\$12.98 <sup>2</sup>	\$0.66	5.1
Church property value	\$4,307,682,773	\$4,127,738,253	\$179,944,520	4.4

<sup>1</sup>Includes income from fees, rentals, etc.

<sup>2</sup>Because of changes for 1971 in what comprises some totals, certain 1970 totals were adjusted to obtain figures comparable in makeup with 1971 totals (e.g., the 1970 ongoing Sunday School enrollment included Fellowship Bible Classes but the 1971 total did not). The three adjustments to the 1970 totals were: (1) for Sunday School, Fellowship Bible Classes enrollment was subtracted; (2) for Church Music, Vocal Ensembles, Band or Orchestra, Instrument Ensembles, and Handbell Ringers enrollments were subtracted; and (3) Local Mission Expenditures were added to Mission Expenditures. Per cent and numerical changes (shown above) for the three items are computed on the basis of adjusted totals.

<sup>3</sup>The decrease in WMU enrollment and increase in Brotherhood enrollment are believed to partly reflect a shift of boys 6-8 years of age from WMU "Sunbeams" to Brotherhood "Crusaders" as a result of the New Grouping/Grading Plan.

<sup>4</sup>Includes tithes, offerings, and special gifts other than money. (BP)



# Royal Ambassador Congress To Meet March 31-April 1 In Memphis



**Paul Anderson**



**Kenny Rains**



**Jay Chance**

Paul Anderson, Olympic weightlifting champion, will be one of the featured guest speakers at the 18th Annual Royal Ambassador Congress meeting in Memphis, March 31-April 1.

Anderson bears the title of the "World's Strongest Man," and has lifted more weight in one single attempt than anyone in the history of the world—6270 pounds in the back lift. He is known as an outspoken Christian and is founder and director of the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia, Ga. He has toured the world as a good will ambassador for our State Department and lifted in command performances for heads of states.

Speaking also at the occasion will be Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. McCullough is a former Royal Ambassador secretary for the Georgia Baptist Convention. Robert E. Craig, president of Union university, will discuss the topic of "Wisdom" in his appearance at the Congress, and Jay Chance, director for Royal Ambassador Work, Brotherhood Commission, will appear at the Ambassador Breakfast Saturday morning.

The first recipient of the newly established Royal Ambassador Scholarship, Mike McBride, will be featured also. McBride was awarded a scholarship of \$800 to

Union university for his Christian service as a staff counselor at Royal Ambassador camps.

Presiding officers at this year's Congress are Kenneth Rains, Oak Ridge, 1972 RA president; Dennis Suits, Smyrna, vice-president; and Wayne Godsey, Oakdale, secretary.

Program activities will include displays, a "speak-out" contest, a tour of Memphis, musical selections, election of new officers, a "Think Tank," and other activities for those attending.

Registration is being handled through the Brotherhood Office of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brentwood.

## **Jimmy Allen Re-elected Americans United President**

**BOSTON**—Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist church in San Antonio, was re-elected president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State during the organization's 24th National Conference on Church and State.

Americans United also adopted resolutions urging both the Republican and Democratic parties to include religious liberty planks in their national platforms for the 1972 presidential elections, and proposed specific planks for each party.

Both expressed opposition to the so-called "non-denominational prayer amendment." The proposed plan for the Republican Party also expressed opposition to providing public funds to parochial schools, an item not included in the Democratic plank. (BP)

## **Chair Of Applied Christianity At Furman To Honor McDowell**

**GREENEVILLE, S.C.**—Furman University here has established the E. A. McDowell Chair of Applied Christianity in honor of Edward A. McDowell of Atlanta, a former theology professor at two Southern Baptist Convention-owned seminaries.

A native of South Carolina and a graduate of Furman, McDowell taught for 17 years at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville; and for 13 years at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He retired in 1964 to join the staff of First Baptist church, Atlanta, as minister of teaching. (BP)

## **New Books**

**A Church at Work** by Allen W. Graves, Convention Press, 136 pp.

**Growing in Oneness** by John C. Howell, Convention Press, 140 pp.

**Living Doctrines of the New Testament** by H. D. McDonald, Zondervan, 319 pp.

**Music Making with Older Children** by Mabel Warkentin Sample, Convention Press, 149 pp.

## **Baptist Radio-TV Commission Presents Broadcaster Awards**

**FORT WORTH**—Robert M. Walsh, production manager at KABC radio, Los Angeles, received the top honor in the third annual Abe Lincoln Awards competition sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Movie star Dale Evans Rogers and ABC News President Elmer W. Lower were among others honored for "outstanding contributions to the quality of life in America, both as individual citizens and as representatives of the broadcasting industry."

Lower, in accepting the distinguished communications medal which cited him for "insistence on excellence, truth and honesty" in news gathering and dissemination, warned the audience that freedom of the press is under attack in the United States.

Lower said the attack on freedom of the press was coming in the form of secrecy and efforts by government and other agencies to limit access to the news, through harassment of news gatherers, through subpoenas served on newsmen and through the power of licensing.

Mrs. Rogers, author of 10 books, was cited for "Christian communications in her life and entertainment career" and "service to the homeless and orphaned children of the world."

Walsh's award specifically cited his work in producing radio news documentaries which run continuously for 24-hour periods; and for providing in-depth information on current issues of concern to the local audience. (BP)

## **CHURCHES INCLUDE**

### **BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**

The following churches have included the **Baptist And Reflector** in their church program:

(New Budgets)  
Central Baptist Church of Bearden  
Deane Hill Drive  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919  
Rev. Henry M. Chiles, Pastor

Point Pleasant Baptist Church  
Buchanan, Tennessee  
Rev. Vernon Turner, Pastor

Rosedale Baptist Church  
503 Rosedale Avenue  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Everett Hooper, Pastor

Lakeview Baptist Church  
Route 1  
Old Hickory, Tennessee 37138  
Rev. B. E. Rickman, Pastor



# Walking With Christ Today

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

## Luke 24:1-35

I had the privilege as a youngster to hear Grace Moore sing "And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known". I love B. B. McKinney's arrangement of "Never Alone". As a child how I relished the Bible story of Enoch who "walked with God". Walking with Christ today is possible and the most glorious experience one can have.



Ausmus

## WONDERFUL NEWS Luke 24:1-12

Joseph and Nicodemus with loving hands, had taken the body of Jesus and buried it before the beginning of the Jewish sabbath. A group of devoted women came early Sunday morning with spices to anoint the body. To their surprise and amazement they found the stone rolled away, the tomb was empty, and two in shining garments announced that "He is not here, but is risen; remember how he spake unto you" (v. 6).

They returned to the eleven and all the rest and told the wonderful news. The eleven and the rest "believed them not." It seemed to them as idle tales. Barclay says the word for "idle tales" is the babbling, murmuring of one beside himself with fever—a medical term. The news of the resurrection, though not accepted at the moment, was the most wonderful news ever announced. If Christ be not risen all is vain. The resurrection of Jesus is the arch stone of the Christian faith.

## WAVERING DISCIPLES

### Luke 24:13-14, 19-24

The account of the Emmaus walk is one of those gems of literature from which the lustre never fades. The artless simplicity and transparent sincerity appeals to all who have passed through the valley of doubt and disappointment. These two men, treading with leaden steps, picture to us the wavering and saddening doubt. They were so sad that even Jesus mentioned it when he joined himself to them. It is wonderful to know that our risen Saviour knows and understands our sadness and doubts.

These wavering disciples were honest doubters. It is not a case of present day headstrong intellectual pedants who doubt just for doubt's sake. They would have been only too glad to believe, but they had seen Jesus shamefully humiliated, villified, and

crucified; and now the news is travelling around that He is alive. Doubt always brings sadness. Their sadness is not surprising.

Faith is the very life of man's spiritual nature. What blood is to the body, faith is to the soul. We are so constituted that until we have faith and certainty there is no peace of mind or rest of soul. There is a difference between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is a state of suspense. Unbelief is negation, it is blank, sterile and rejection. They had hoped and trusted, but had suffered a stunning reversal.

## WALKING WITH JESUS Luke 24:13-31

"Jesus himself drew near, and went with them" (v. 15). For reasons unexplained they did not recognize Jesus (v. 16). The first thing Jesus said was spoken to draw out their feelings, the very inner secrets of heart and soul. How refreshing to know that as we walk and talk with Him, we can lay bare our very souls before him and find sympathy, love, forgiveness, and understanding.

One ponders the question of whether these followers of Christ would have discovered him to be alive if their minds and hearts had not been set on him. If we want fellowship with the living Christ we must set our minds on him and let our minds dwell on him. Only those who think of him love him, and seek him, can have a talk and walk with him.

They did not recognize Jesus at first. We do not know all the why, but we do know the soul must be prepared for fellowship with Christ by repentance, humility, meditation, and dedication. He went into the home with them by invitation, "abide with us" (v. 29). Have you invited Christ into your heart, your life, and your home? Walking with Jesus means fellowship in a church.

## WILLING TEACHER Luke 24:25-27

As Jesus walked with the two on the Emmaus road, we realize what a winsome and wonderful teacher he was. The word for fool here is not an expression of contempt but he chides them for their thoughtlessness and lack of attention to the Bible and his own words. Beginning at Moses and the prophets, Jesus gave them a brief survey of Old Testament teaching about the Messiah. He pointed out that he must suffer and die to complete God's work of human redemption, and then by resurrection enter into his glory.

Their mistaken ideas about the Kingdom and the Messiah, and their prejudice had hindered their understanding. No doubt he talked to them about Gen. 3:15, Exodus 12:1-10, Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, and Zech.

## World Baptists Total 31,432,130

Baptist churches in 115 countries have a total membership of 31,432,130.

The figure, showing a gain of 390,493 over a year ago, is revealed in a January, 1972, compilation by the Baptist World Alliance.

Increases are shown for every continent except Asia and Europe. Churches in North America, where the largest concentration of Baptists live, showed a gain of 290,000 members to a present 27,527,471. Membership in Africa increased by 70,000 to a present 808,266, and churches in South America climbed 50,000 to a current 442,895.

C. E. Bryant, an associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said the decreases of the Asia total from 1,138,948 to a current 1,079,471 reflects an arbitrary editorial change deleting a figure of 123,000 which has been carried for mainland China since 1951. The new chart shows this 123,000 figure in a footnote as "the last report," but does not include it in the total.

A decrease in the European total from 1,170,114 to 1,161,606 is in keeping with a general decline in the membership of all free churches in Europe. Not counted, however, according to Bryant, is an undetermined number of Baptists in the USSR who belong to an unregistered group outside the 550,000-member All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

In addition to the 115 countries for which membership figures are listed, the chart shows 15 countries where Baptists are known to live but no figure is available. (EBPS)

13:6-7. As we study the Bible and let the spirit of God breathe its truth into our minds and hearts, we too can walk with Jesus; and our hearts will burn within us as he talks to us along the way.

## WINSOME WITNESSES Luke 24:33-35

These two men, who once wavered, but having met the wonderful Christ, alive, in person, and having heard the wonderful word of God as he unfolded it to them; now became winsome witnesses. They rose up immediately and traveled back to Jerusalem. Having found the eleven and the women, they learned that they also possessed an experience and were witnessing to all. Jesus had appeared to Simon, and he too was a ready witness.

Our world must be confronted with a vital Christian witness. Witnesses that win must be certain of their own faith and experience, they must have the peace that passeth all understanding; theirs must be a joy unspeakable, and in fellowship with other believers go out to tell to all the world that "The Lord is risen indeed." Peter wrote long after that "We are born again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead." This is still, and shall be our message, until he comes again.



# Tennessee News Briefs

**Eldon Newton Pack**, Baptist leader, minister, and educator, died in Etowah earlier this month following a brief illness. He was 69. He was ordained to the ministry in 1925 and served various churches throughout the state before coming to the North Etowah church where he was pastor for 18 years. **Pack** served two terms on the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The BSU Steering Committee of the Baptist Student Union at Tennessee Tech has elected officers for 1972. They included **Harold E. Williams**, chairman, and **Luther Mathis**, vice-chairman.

**Miss Candis Snow**, Loudon, was chosen Miss Yearbook at Harrison-Chilhowee academy this year. She is a member of First church, Loudon, where she has served in two choirs. At Harrison-Chilhowee she is a member of the basketball team, the Lettermen Club and the BSU council.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

In the Shelby County Association, **Vaughn W. Denton** is the new pastor of Southmoor church. The former pastor of Jackson Avenue church, he returns to Memphis from Magnolia church, Crossett, Ark. The new pastor at East Frayser church is **Benny Bell**. He comes to Memphis from Calvary Chapel church, Bogota. **Tom Brannon** has accepted the call of Glen Park church to serve as director of education and music. **Brannon** served previously as director of education at Park Avenue and Westwood churches, **James Scott** serves as youth director and staff evangelist at Sherwood church. He was ordained at the same church last year.

**Gilbert Bailey** is the new minister of music at McCalla Avenue church in Knoxville. **John J. Buell** is pastor.

In the Beulah Association, **Henry Inmon** resigned as pastor at Calvary church last month. He is serving as pastor of First church, Gleason, presently. At the Cypress Creek church, **Warren Armour** resigned as pastor.

**John Evans**, former pastor of Barton's Creek church, Wilson County Association, has begun work with the Scottsboro church in the Nashville Association. In the same association, **Bob Carpenter**, pastor of Trinity church, has accepted the call of the Lamar Heights church in Memphis, and **Billy Curtis** has resigned at Ramah church. **R. D. Patterson** resigned at Vine church.

**Jerry House** is the new minister of music and education at the Lynn Garden church in Kingsport. He has served as minister of music and education at First church, Parsons, and First church, St. Simmons, Ga.

**G. Wayne Brown**, academic dean at Union since 1969, has been promoted to vice president for academic affairs. **Brown** was named acting academic dean at Union in the summer of 1968 and was elected dean six months later. He is a graduate of Union and received a Ph.D. in astrophysics from the University of Florida. He is a member of First church, Jackson.

In the Campbell County Association, the Indiana Avenue church has licensed **David Shepherd** to the gospel ministry. **Shepherd** is a senior at LaFollette High School. **Fred Garner** is the pastor. **Terry Sharp** was licensed to the gospel ministry at the Hillcrest church. **Paul Heatherly** is pastor.

New Hope church, Carroll-Benton Association, ordained **Charles Edlin** and **George Wilson** as deacons. **W. E. Chadwick** is pastor.

Grace church, Duck River Association, dedicated its new building this month. Former pastors of the church were highlighted in the activities. **Jewel Pruitt** is pastor.

## Russian Baptists Elect Bichkov New Secretary

MOSCOW—Alexsei Bichkov, a pastor of the Moscow Baptist church, has been elected general secretary of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

Bichkov will succeed the late Alexander Karev who died last November. His election was reported in London by the **Baptist Times**, and in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, by European Baptist Press Service.

According to the news reports, two new vice presidents of the Council were elected. They are Michael Zhidkov, also a pastor of the Moscow Baptist church, and Andrew Klimenko, area superintendent of Baptist work in Kuibyshev, about 900 miles south-east of Moscow.

Elected deputy general secretary and treasurer of the council was Arthur Mitzkevitch, who previously held the title associate general secretary. Mitzkevitch will also be chairman of the council's biblical study courses. (BP)

## Change Of Name Is Recommended For American Baptist Convention

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The name of the American Baptist Convention may be changed to the "American Baptist Churches" and the "annual meeting" of the denomination shifted to a biennial basis.

These are two changes being suggested by a Study Commission on Denominational Structure which will submit proposals to the 1972 ABC annual meeting in Denver in May.

Another major change suggested is the replacement of the present 100-member General Council by a 201-member General Board having policy-making authority. (BP)

## 12 Tennessee Pastors To Lead Jamaica Crusade

Twelve Tennesseans will be among 57 Southern Baptist pastors and church leaders traveling to Jamaica in March to preach in a four-week evangelistic crusade. Two teams will participate for two weeks each.

More than half the Jamaica Baptist Union's 274 churches expect to take part in the island-wide crusade.

The union's evangelism department has published a plan book for the churches, and conferences on personal witnessing have been conducted in key Jamaican cities to prepare for the campaign.

Expenses for Stateside participants are being met largely by their own churches.

Tennessee Baptists on the first team (March 5-17) are John D. Adams of Springfield; Harold W. Allen, Gallatin; George W. Hill, Manchester; R. Raymond Lloyd, Chattanooga; Donald Owens, Lebanon; B. A. Royer, Shelbyville; and Clarence K. Stewart, Pulaski.

On the second team (March 19-31) are Frederick P. Billings of Elizabethton; H. Eugene Cotey and Archie D. King, Murfreesboro; Damon Patterson, Corryton; and David C. Sharp, Columbia.

## Logue Elected President Of State Student Directors

LOS ANGELES—The heads of student work departments for Baptist state conventions meeting here elected Tom Logue, director of student department for the Arkansas Baptist Convention, as president of the State Baptist Student Directors Association.

Logue succeeds Joe Webb, director of the department of student work for the Florida Baptist Convention, as president of the organization.

For the first time, the organization named a president-elect who will take office next year.

**Glenn Yarbrough**, secretary of the department of student work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was named vice president and president-elect of the organization. Named secretary-treasurer was Wendell Foss, director of the department of student work for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

Most of the time for the meeting here was spent discussing trends in Baptist students work of mutual interest to the state directors, Yarbrough said.

Principal outside speakers for the meeting included Duane Pederson, editor of the **Hollywood Free Paper**, who led a discussion on the Jesus movement; and Ed Davis, chief of police for Los Angeles, who discussed campus security and disorder. (BP)



# Week Of Prayer For Home Missions Is Scheduled In Tennessee Churches

Baptist women will lead out in approximately 2000 churches throughout the state in the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-12. The annual event is sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. This year, Tennessee Baptist women have a goal of \$325,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The southwide goal for the offering is \$6 million, the same as last year's goal. In 1971, Tennessee Baptists gave \$338,402.96 in comparison with \$304,091.71 in 1970. This helps to provide about one-half the support for the work of the Home Mission Board and includes also the salaries, equipment, supplies, buildings, transportation, and lodging for Southern Baptists' more than 2200 home missionaries.

The theme for the week, "Expect Great Things From God, Attempt Great Things For God," was used also during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. It was the theme of William Carey's sermon to the Baptist Minister's Association in Nottingham, England in 1792. This sermon launched Baptists on the organized world-missions trail.

All receipts above the \$6 million goal will

## Christian Brothers College Is Granted Beer License

The Memphis Alcoholic Beverage Commission voted 3-0 late last week to grant a beer license to the Christian Brothers college of Memphis.

The 21-member Board of Trustees of the college had approved previously the sale of beer in the CBC snack bar if a license could be obtained. A vote taken by the Commission on Feb. 2 resulted in a tie of 2 to 2, and final action was postponed for two weeks. One member of the Commission, George Robinson, was absent at the first meeting. At the Feb. 16 meet, Robinson joined with Speros Zepatos and Henry Fisher in voting for the request. Chairman of the Commission, Julius Glassman and Harold Wilkins abstained from voting. They had voted against the measure at the first meeting.

Request for the license came from the Mississippi Valley Food Service, the caterers of the snack bar.

According to Phil Padgett, Nashville executive secretary of the United Tennessee League, the results of the vote may have far-reaching effects in the state. "Our concern was that if the CBC obtained a beer license it would set a precedent and would open the door for any other college or university snack bar or cafeteria in the state of Tennessee to apply for a beer license."

The school is affiliated with the Christian Brothers Catholic college of California.

go toward television evangelism projects, said Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the WMU.

Anything above \$5,650,000 will be divided 30 per cent for Christian social ministries and 70 per cent for church extension for the starting of churches in critical areas. Last year the offering totalled \$5,345,551.03.

Leadership in the churches will be given by WMU and Brotherhood personnel. Added emphasis is being given to family involvement during the week.

## Youth Week Observance Is Scheduled March 12-19

Over 500 churches in Tennessee are expected to observe a special week during the year in which the young people of the church serve as teachers and officers and lead in various church functions. The week suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention is March 12-19, and the majority of churches will focus emphasis on these dates.

Youth Week is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. According to Charles Norton, state secretary, Youth Week helps young people learn to do by doing and to realize the necessity of training for efficient service. During the week, young people and adults work together in training and teaching. For the past several years, Tennessee has led the Southern Baptist Convention in the number of churches participating in the event, Norton said.

## Bishop Adrian Dies At 88

NASHVILLE—Bishop William L. Adrian, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Nashville who headed the diocese from 1926 to 1969, died here at age 88.

A former professor and president of St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, he was succeeded in 1969 by Bishop Joseph A. Durick, who had been apostolic administrator and coadjutor with right of succession since 1964.

A native of Sigourney, Iowa, Bishop Adrian was ordained in 1911 following studies at the North American College in Rome. He served as president of St. Ambrose for 23 years.

In 1936, he was appointed Bishop of Nashville, which then covered all of Tennessee. He had been in ill health since 1964. (RNS)

## Los Angeles Episcopalians Oppose Ordination Of Women

SAN DIEGO—The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles rejected a proposal supporting the ordination of women priests at its annual convention here.

By an overwhelming 3-to-1 vote, clergy and lay delegates adopted a substitute resolution authorizing a one-year study of the question for presentation to the diocese's 1973 convention. (RNS)



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## Long-Range Planning Seminar Is Scheduled

A Long-Range Planning Seminar for churches in Tennessee will be held April 17-20 in Brentwood, according to Johnnie Hall, consultant in Church Administration, Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The seminar will convene at 7:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn Thursday at 12:00 noon. Hall stated that the long-range planning process is "a proven technique for a church to use in defining its mission and developing the right plans for realizing it. Long range planning provides the missing link for meaningful accomplishments for a bewildered church," he continued.

Meetings will deal with the fundamentals a church will need to help it get off to a good start in long-range planning; the writing of basic church objectives which will determine the overall direction of church ministry; how to discover vital spiritual needs of persons; strategic goal setting; selecting appropriate strategies and events that assure desired results; and how to communicate the completed long-range plan. Emphasis will be given also on how to involve church members in working toward future accomplishments.

Laboratory workshops will give participants an opportunity to work toward developing skills in using the long-range planning techniques.

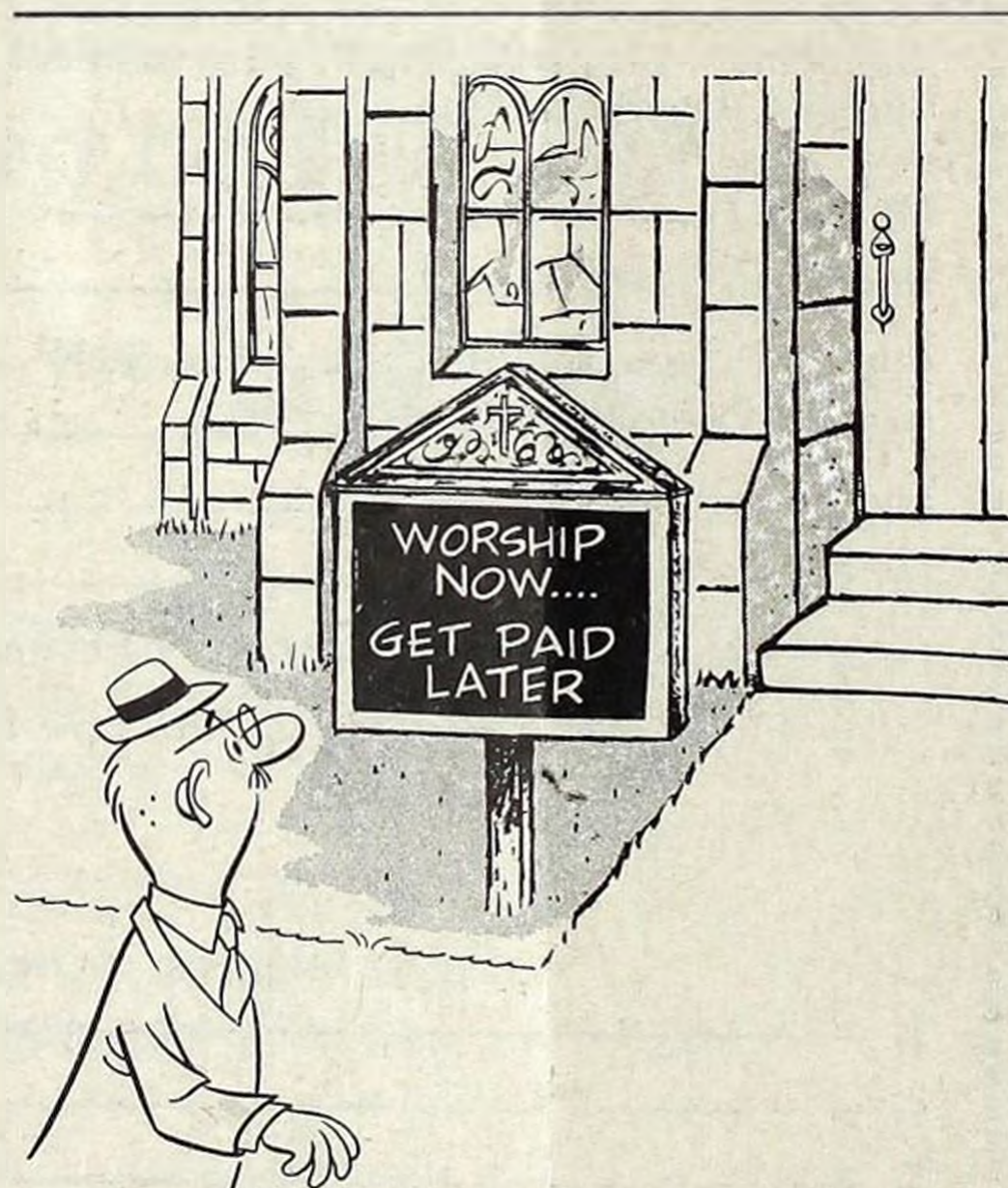
Hall stressed that each church participating must be represented by the pastor and encouraged member participation also.

A limit of 40 will be enrolled in the seminary, and registration should be made through Johnnie Hall.

## Day Of Prayer Asked For War Prisoners

The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia has asked for participation in a National Day of Prayer on March 26 in behalf of prisoners of war and their families, according to Janice Ray, chairman for the Day of Prayer and a member of the national league.

The organization states that it is non-profit, nonpartisan, and has no political overtones. "Our objectives are to obtain a complete accounting for all captured and missing Americans in Southeast Asia, and to secure humane treatment for POW's as outline by the Geneva Convention and to stimulate world concern for the plight of our men," its report said. It called the power of prayer "undeniable and overwhelming," and expressed a hope that the Day of Prayer could be extended on an international basis. The League is comprised of families of United States servicemen and civilians who are prisoners of war, missing in action or believed to be prisoners.



## BWA President Issues Call To Prayer For World Peace

WASHINGTON—The president of the Baptist World Alliance with offices here, V. Carney Hargroves, has issued a statement calling on the world's 31 million Baptists to pray for world peace.

The statement was issued on the day President Richard M. Nixon left the United States for a series of summit meetings with heads of state in the People's Republic of China and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Hargroves said he believes the summit meetings "can open an era of reconciliation between men and between nations."

The text of the "call to prayer" statement to Baptists of the world reads as follows:

"The Baptist World Alliance urges Baptists and all people everywhere to be in prayer for world peace.

The conference in Peking between the leaders of the United States and the People's Republic of China and the subsequent conference with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics can open an era of reconciliation between men and between nations. Let us pray especially throughout the time of their meetings that God will direct the thoughts and decisions of these leaders.

Let us seek diligently in our own lives and in our prayers to be reconciled to all men, even as God through Christ is reconciling the world unto himself." (BP)

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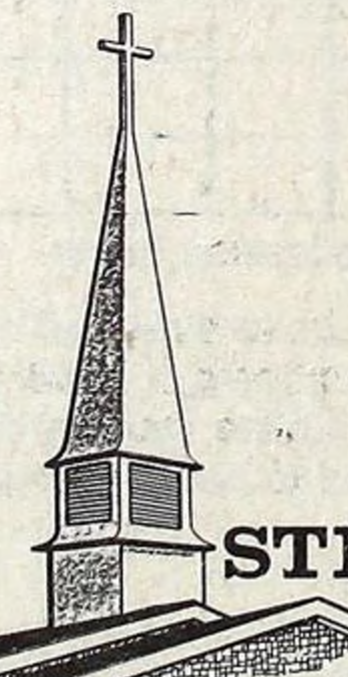
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# National Baptist Leader Calls For Racial Bridge Building



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Discussing a positive approach to race relations is James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board (left), D. C. Washington, executive director, Sunday School Publishing Board, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. (center), and E. W. Roberson, employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and Washington's pastor, following an address by Washington to Board employees.

**NASHVILLE**—The executive director of the Sunday School Publishing Board for the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., called for positive bridge building in race relations during an address at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

"We are inherently afflicted with prejudice," said D. C. Washington, speaking to employees of the Southern Baptist agency during a chapel service.

"We are guilty of pre-judging and forming opinions, usually absent of the facts," Washington said.

Calling for a positive, educational approach he said: "Our last remaining stroke is to close the 'ignorance gap.' As long as we balk at truth, balk at justice, balk at fairplay and nurse prejudice, we create our own formula for failure.

"The church has played it cool. It has been a grandstand spectator, not a player on the team. The church has been an echo, not a voice. The church fathers have been afraid of the danger zones, slaves to traditions as well as current environments," he charged.

"With all her light she has been intellectually and spiritually immature. Nursing ignorance for most of our fears are the creation of ignorance we have known that ignorance is more costly than education," he added.

Citing the absolute necessity for a positive educational bridge in race relations, he declared, "Ignorance gives a sort of eternity

to prejudice. It is the extension ladder of error."

Giving an overview of the contemporary situation, Washington said, "We traffic in negatives and our acts are based on the color of the skin, all of which have resulted in our running from shadows, running from nonexistent evils."

Answering the question, "Why does the Negro react as he does today?" Washington listed the media's derogatory statements about Negroes, the opposition of the power structure in eating establishments, courts of law, schools and housing that have forced into the Negro "a long history of built-in bitterness and he is dipped and dyed in mistrust."

Washington related the positive attitudes of many Negro people toward racial bridge building.

"Negroes have long known and are anxious to make known that people can respect each other. They can work together without black rubbing off. They know that brain can be found in black heads and dumbness in white heads," he said.

"All of us are discovering that behavior is a mirror that reflects the image of any man. The sum of behavior is for one to retain his own dignity without intruding upon the liberties of others," he said. (BP)

## Threlkeld To Head Union's Fund Campaign

Ramsey Pollard, president of the Board of Trustees for Union university in Jackson and pastor of Bellevue church in Memphis, has announced the appointment of James E. Threlkeld, Memphis, to head the university's financial campaign for a new campus.

In 1968 Union officials began the purchase of approximately 300 acres along the Highway 45 bypass near Jackson for the purpose of relocating the institution from its present site near the downtown area. Threlkeld will guide this advancement program. He is a deacon, trustee, and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Union Avenue church in Memphis and was a member of the Union university Board of Trustees from 1964 to 1971.



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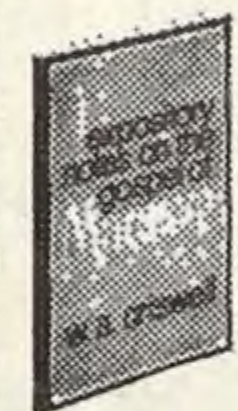
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## CITIZEN OF TWO KINGDOMS

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: Luke 19:28 to 21:4

Focal Passages: Luke 20:19-26; 21:1-4

The Christian is supposed to be a good citizen of two worlds. The Bible, particularly the New Testament, obligates the disciples of Christ to be loyal citizens of their respective countries. They are taught at the same time to make Christ Lord of all. This has often created serious tensions. In fact it has created many embarrassing difficulties, leading frequently to persecution.



White

Certain countries have established some one faith as the state religion and have either outlawed all others or have reluctantly tolerated them. This has precipitated much persecution or discrimination which has impinged on religious liberty.

The modern atheistic or irreligious totalitarian governments have made the situation difficult for any and all faiths. They have placed the state in the place that belongs to God. Those in authority have the power to make it as severe as they may wish or deem wise. A new cause for suffering and persecution has arisen. It is the worst system of all for a devout believer.

However, when we have a near ideal situation as to religious liberty, other dangers arise. The citizen too often exercises the freedom to be indifferent and careless. The disciple is under the imperative not to let either obligation interfere with the other but is bound to be actively loyal in his service to both.

DUTY TO THE GOVERNMENT  
Luke 20:19-26

The disciple of Christ should be diligent in service to his country in war and peace. He has many inescapable obligations.

He should promptly and honestly pay his taxes. Governments must be supported. We cannot receive protection and adjudicated rights without established and sustained authority.

It is so trite yet so true that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and everything that is decent in society.

We put so much time, talent, blood and money into protecting our country in war. If we were as dedicated in times of peace in making our country worthy of fighting

for, we would have a much better country and likely less war.

There are so many duties that are not spectacular, that are necessary, such as jury service and voting. Without these democracy, justice and freedom are jeopardized.

Besides, an example of positive good will and exemplary conduct is so effective but is disappearing very rapidly in many free countries.

In our lesson Jesus has delivered a telling blow to the casuistry and hypocrisy of the leaders by means of a parable. They were smarting from it but were afraid to use open, violent measures against Him. They used cunning spies to trap Him in a dilemma.

The people were chafing under Roman rule and taxation. Rome was quick to detect evidences of disloyalty or rebellion. These critics confront Jesus with the rightness of paying taxes to Caesar. Using a coin with Caesar's image on it, the Master says, that they render unto God that which is His and to Caesar that which is his due.

Rome maintained law, order and a good measure of justice. It was the existing authority at the time. Jesus did not try to justify the faults of Rome. He endorsed a system of law and order over against anarchy. He was dealing with a principle capable of a wide application in a practical way.

## DUTY TO GOD Luke 21:1-4

There is an inescapable duty to God. Duty means that which is due. This is the higher claim on our lives. There need not be any conflict of duties if religion and government are functioning in their respective spheres, without one usurping the function of the other.

In our scripture passage Jesus was observing how the people cast into the treasury of the temple. He noticed the gifts of the rich. At one moment He was greatly impressed with the gift of a destitute widow. The amount was infinitesimal but it was all she had. It showed much greater devotion to God than the large sums of the affluent. A small gift revealed a great love.

## Foundation

## Receive By Giving

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

March will be month of many revivals. It will be approaching the Easter season. Easter comes on April 2 this year. This is



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always a time of emphasis on spiritual renewal and revived interest in the churches and in reaching people who are not attending the churches. There are many signs of revival and of the working of the Holy Spirit across the land. There is a greater interest in witnessing than we have had in a long time.

This would be a good time to plead for a great moral revolution. America has fallen into a terrible sinfulness and the compromises which have been made with the world have been astounding. This is commonly referred to as the "permissive" generation. We often hear that "anything goes" which really means nothing is wrong.

We hear so many excuses and alibis—and that's all they are—for the lowering of standards and the approving of sinful practices. Crime keeps increasing at an alarming rate. The world outside the churches has assumed that ethical and moral standards, as well as laws to regulate man's behavior, are to be ignored.

In this day when "rights" have almost become a religion in some circles, property rights of the people are ignored by so many. Stealing, shoplifting, robbery, housebreaking are all major problems today. Homes have had mail boxes crushed, flower beds trampled, outside lights deliberately broken, and many other damages just for youthful "kicks" we are told.

All of this is a part of the moral irresponsibility which is growing up because of the lack of the teaching and preaching on the high ethical and moral demands of God's word. God's standards for ethical righteousness are high and if they are accepted and practiced will lead to a disciplined and orderly social order. It will lead people to respect and obey the laws of the land. It will make our cities safe and our neighborhoods more neighborly when each will begin to take seriously the second great commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

As a child I was taught honesty, truthfulness, moral chastity and purity, sincerity, dependability and trustworthiness. I was taught that gambling was wrong because it always robbed the loser, it fed the spirit of covetousness and greed. I was taught not to drink alcohol. I knew what it had done in

## Historically: From the files

### 50 YEARS AGO

**Baptist And Reflector** was having a subscription growth race with the paper, the **Midland Methodist**. As of March 1, the statistics stood as follows: **Midland Methodist**: 604 Renewals, 333 New Subscriptions; **Baptist And Reflector**: 568 Renewals, 364 New Subscriptions.

Work began on a \$100,000 church building for First church, Paris. D. H. Buchanan was pastor.

### 20 YEARS AGO

J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, declared March 26 as a Day for Prayer for Southern Baptists throughout the nation. In a letter to the **Baptist And Reflector**, Grey urged every church in Tennessee to observe the special day and pray for "the appalling conditions" of our nation.

In this issue, Dr. William James Robinson, called marijuana "the new dangerous drug." He told of the dangerous physical and mental effects and warned parents to discourage the use of drugs among their children.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A new residence dorm at Union university, Ellis Hall for Men, was expected to open in the near future. It was named for the late D. A. Ellis of Memphis who was connected with Union for more than 60 years and served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for more than 30 years.

Lacking only three months of being 100 years old, James Nathaniel "Uncle Nat" Thompson died Feb. 9. He had been a member of Friendship church near Hartsville for 87 years.

the homes of some of the people of the community. I observed what it did to ruin some of the young people with whom I grew up. I was also warned of the danger of drugs. I was taught that I had only one body. If I destroyed it I would pay a terrible price for my folly.

Yes, we need a truly great spiritual revolution which will penetrate very deeply into the minds and hearts of all of us. We need to be shaken out of our lethargy and made to realize how far our country has gone down the road to spiritual folly and ruin. Today many scoff at the Puritans and their high standards. But they laid much of the foundation on which America has achieved greatness. We had better get back to some of their Bible-centered standards of moral integrity and ethical righteousness.

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## Depression Can't Be Prevented— But You Can Arm Child Against It

While there is no way of preventing depression entirely, it is possible to prepare youngsters to expect and handle the "down" periods that are part of the human experience.

Parental love can serve as a trampoline that helps a child bounce back up after disappointment or defeat, or it can be a pillow that cushions the youngster against uncomfortable realities. The cushion-kind of love doesn't provide a reservoir of strength for children to draw from later—as many have thought it would—but actually weakens children and leaves them prey for serious depression, warns University of Pennsylvania psychiatrist Aaron Beck.

"Many of the people who are most prone to depression in adulthood had an awful lot of love in childhood and then, when they reached the world of reality, they found they were totally unprepared for that world," the specialist said.

The best way to vaccinate children against the kind of depression that leads to non-function and, sometimes, even to suicide, is to allow youngsters to have some problems and chances to solve them for themselves, says Dr. Beck.

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# Stetson Ecology Class Puts Study Into Action

DELAND, Fla.—Students of Henlee Barnette's human ecology class at Stetson university here were not content simply to study about ecology—they put theory into action with a number of community improvement projects during the winter term.

"They have really eaten it up," observed Barnette, professor of Christian ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, who taught at Stetson while studying the ecology problem in Florida on sabbatical leave.

The students' projects ranged from an evaluation of the local sewerage system to a pollution study of the nearby St. Johns river.

Three students planted 400 slash pines between DeLand and DeLeon Springs, and another group cleaned up two truck loads of trash collected on a corner lot here.

**Barnette, a former Stetson professor who has been on the Southern seminary faculty for 20 years, said he was convinced that ecological problems demand both a mass approach, and a combination of personal initiative, political action and education.**

On sabbatical leave since September to complete a book on the subject, *The Ecological Crisis and the Church*, Barnette said he has doubts that society will have the discipline to solve the ecological crisis.

"You've got to have a total plan, an overview," he said. "Otherwise what have you got?—a crazy-quilt patchwork! Every man sits under his own tree and does what he thinks is right.

Barnette said he feels a proposal by Florida Governor Reubin Askew to create

a department of environmental affairs in Florida is a step in the right direction towards obtaining an overview with experts to guide community planning.

As it now stands in Florida, zoning laws are in the hands of the city fathers, who can do whatever they want, Barnette observed.

The whole nation is suffering from "consumerholics" and from a "bulldozer mentality," Barnette charged.

"We're addicted to consumption," he explained. "We've just got to go out and buy something. We've been operating on a cowboy economy—go in and consume and destroy and move out."

Citing the increasing land development of the Florida Everglades area, Barnette added that the "bulldozer mentality" of "big developers" could well destroy "every natural wilderness that we have." Americans need to tame technology, said Barnette, and use it as an instrument of improvement in the quality of life.

Barnette, who has moved his family to DeLand for several months each year, said he was skeptical about Florida's future. "I think there might be some hope for us after one or two major catastrophies," he said.

"For heaven's sake, let's have some kind of Florida of the future instead of bulldozing down our natural resources and building concrete and asphalt," Barnette declared. "Let's get an ecological balance before it's everlastingly too late.

"I'm not very optimistic, but I'd rather die trying," he concluded. "The reason, I guess, is there might be hope." (BP)

## Catholic Youth Not Much Interested In Church Work, Survey States

NEW YORK—Catholic young people today are "not much interested" in working for the Church or the state and, since Vatican II, social involvement has replaced traditional religious practices as their primary concern, according to a survey released here.

High school seniors and college students of both sexes—"in large proportions (up to 90 per cent) rate the religious vocation low on the 'good Catholic life scale'."

The three out of 10 high school boys and four out of 10 senior class girls who go to Mass every Sunday represent a "significant drop in Mass attendance" just since 1967.

These and other disclosures were contained in a section on Catholic Youth in a survey entitled "Catholics and the Practice of the Faith—1967 to 1971," by Msgr. George A. Kelly, John A. Flynn, Professor of Contemporary Catholic Problems at St. John's university, Jamaica, N.Y.

In addition, the survey pointed out that 75 per cent of all Catholic high school seniors "no longer consider attendance at Sunday Mass to be a serious obligation."

However, the study noted, "cultural forces within and without the Church are at work to fashion the attitudes of the young toward regular religious worship, one of which is the attitude of some teachers in Catholic institutions of learning."

Concerning community involvement, Kelly said youth favored programs such as drug reform, peace movements, interracial groups, anti-poverty organizations and alcoholic reform, in that order.

He said six of ten boys and eight of ten girls made "personally helping the poor" and "working for interracial harmony" the most important indices of the good Catholic life—more important than Sunday Mass attendance. (RNS)

## Arkansas Woman Gives \$50,000 To College Instead Of Surgery

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark.—Southern Baptist college here has received nearly \$50,000 in stocks from the estate of a woman who told the president she would rather go blind than to spend the money, which she wanted to donate to the school, on expensive eye surgery.

The gift was made by Miss Brickelle Davis of El Paso, Ark. In her will, she left 507 shares of Schering-Plough stock valued at \$45,630 to the school.

H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist college, said her gift was made in the most sacrificial spirit he had witnessed in his 31 years as president of the school.

Williams recalled a letter from Miss Davis about six years ago telling him that her doctors had informed her that she must have eye surgery or face the possibility of blindness.

She wrote in the letter: "I have made up my mind not to have the operation since it is likely to be quite expensive. I think I had just rather go blind so that I can leave more money to the college and other good Christian causes I have remembered in my will."

The late Miss Davis had been a supporter of the college since its founding in 1941, Williams said. She made a modest gift to the school each year, he added.

The stock has been placed in the endowment fund of the college and is considered a part of the current state-wide Ouachita-Southern Advancement Campaign, a fund-raising effort for Southern and Ouachita Baptist university. (BP)

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