

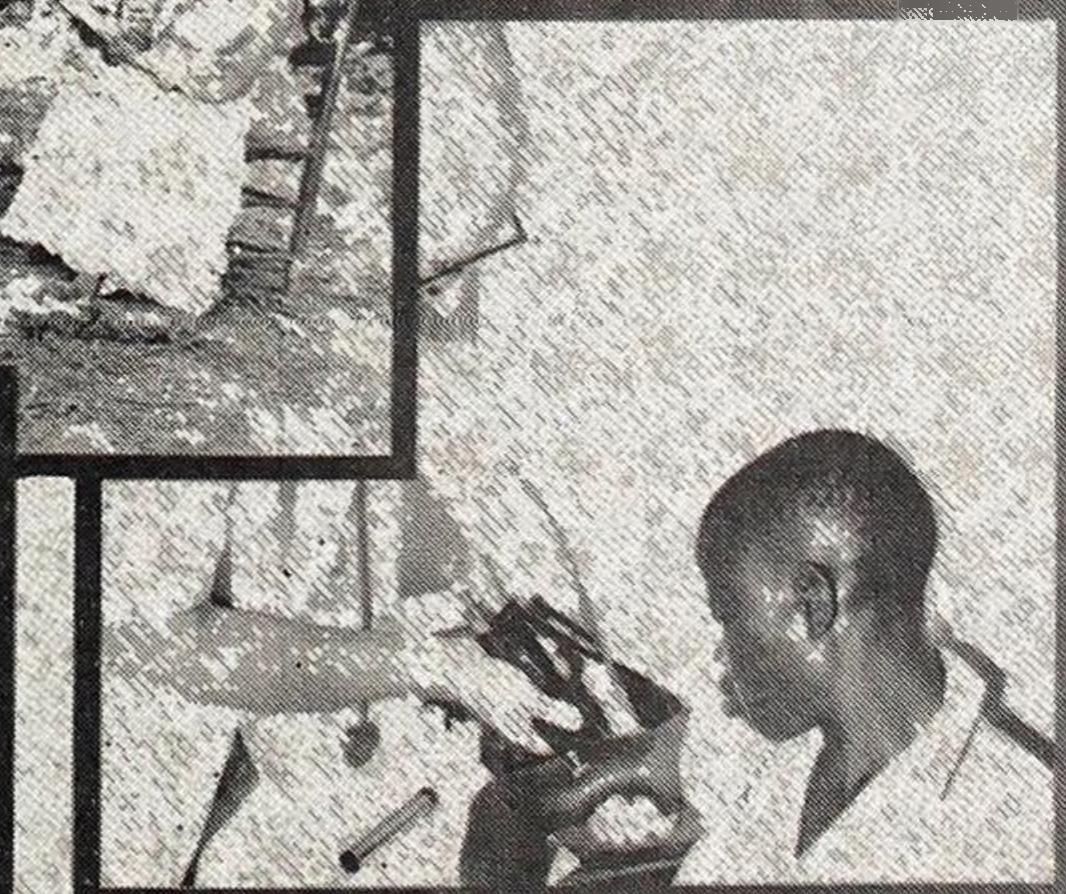
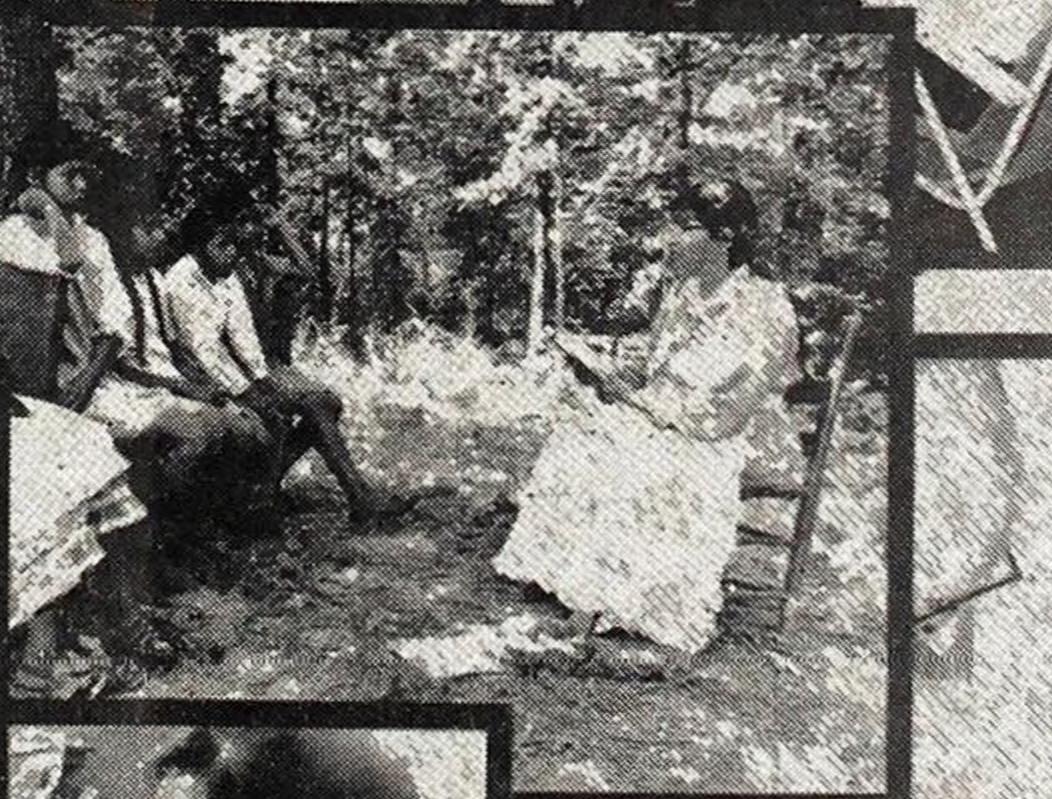
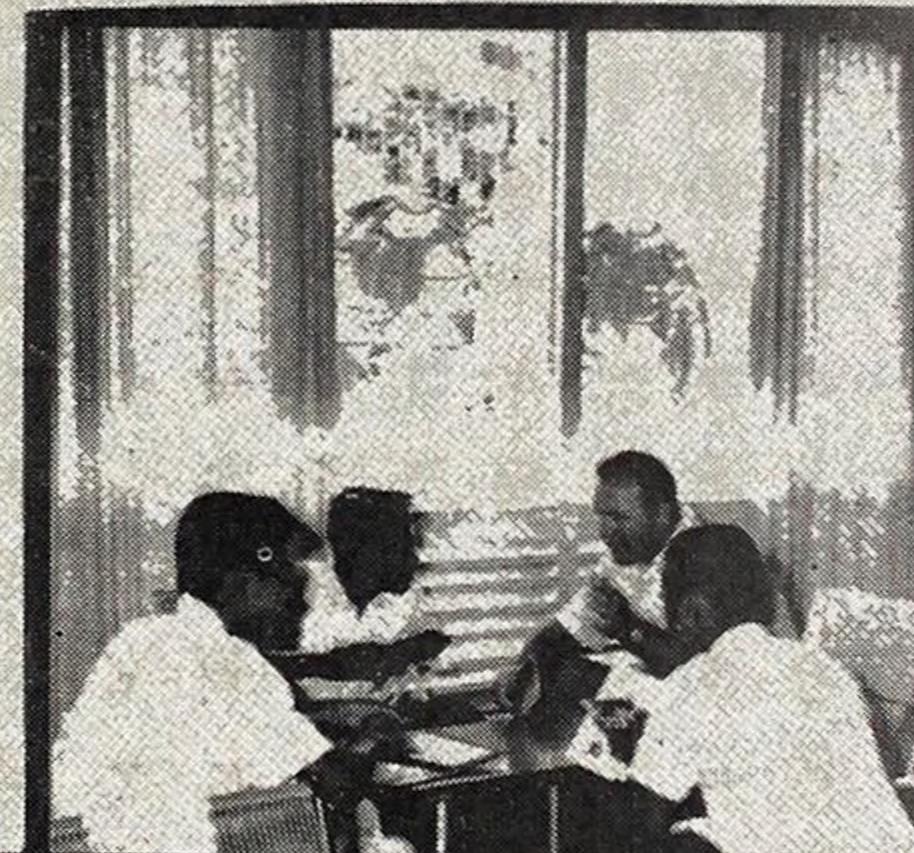
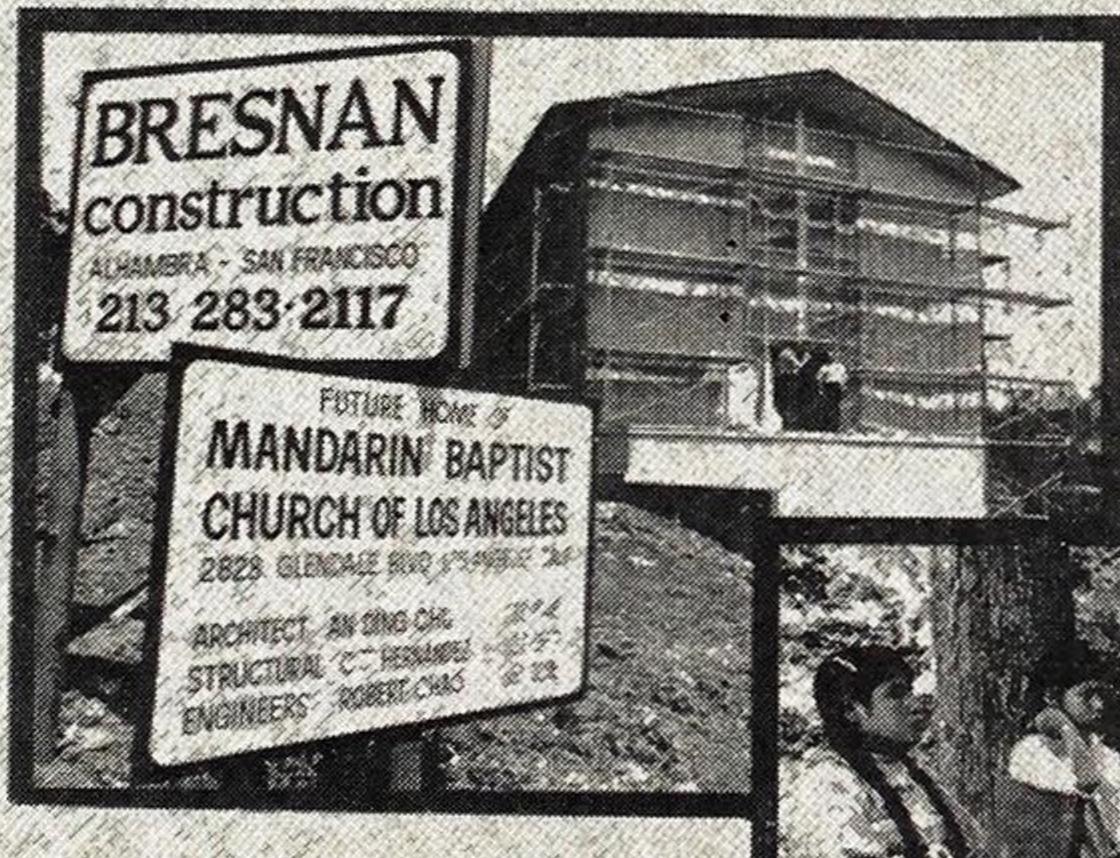
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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
DOLLARS AT WORK
AROUND THE WORLD!



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY - APRIL 16, 1972

Interpretation

A HEALING CLINIC

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him." —Acts 28:8

The ruler on the island of Malta was Publius. His title "chief man" renders *protois*, first. It has been found on inscriptions. One found on Malta calls Prudens "Primate [protos] of the Maltese." Luke says that he entertained him and Paul, probably also Julius, in a kindly manner for three days.

Publius' father was ill of "fevers" (note the plural) and of a "bloody flux". The fever probably came upon him in intermittent attacks. The word used for "sick" was used by Greek medical writers for such. "Bloody flux" renders *dusenterioi*, the very word for our "dysentery." This was another medical term used by Luke. Hippocrates often mentions these two diseases together.

Paul prayed for him, laid his hands on him, and healed him. The Greek word for "healed" is *iaomai*, the verb used for miraculous healing.

When word spread about this other sick people on the island came, "and were healed" (v. 9). Here the word for "healed" is *therapeuo*, to heal by treatment. Note our "therapeutic." However, at times the words were used interchangeably (see Luke 6:17-18) for Jesus' healing. Ramsey sees these

two words used here in their exact meanings. So he concludes that as Paul was healing miraculously, Luke was healing therapeutically. Robertson (*Word Pictures*) says this was "probably" true here. Stagg (*Broadman Commentary*) does not mention Luke as healing. But the "us" in verse 10 could mean that he did. No mention is made of preaching. But one can hardly imagine Paul passing up such an opportunity.

The people "honored us with many honours." (v. 10). The word rendered "honours" was used for payment for professional services such as "honorarium." One doubts that they charged for their services. But they received gifts of gratitude. And when they were ready to sail for Rome they provided them with necessities for the journey.

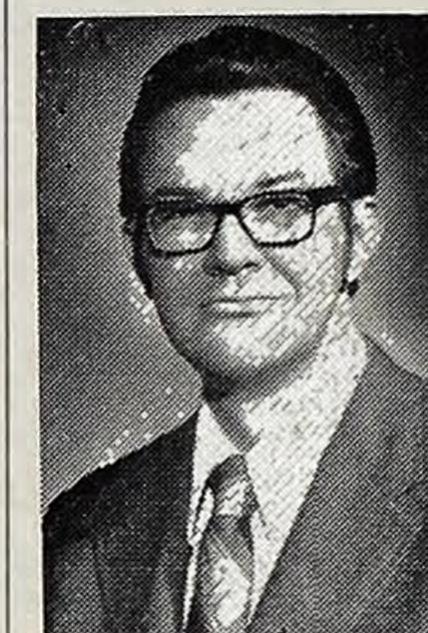
Even a shipwreck gave Paul and Luke an opportunity for service. Any Christian anywhere can find means of serving God through serving men, if he is alert to seize the opportunity.

Devotional

The Time Is Right!

By Richard L. Wakefield, Pastor
Lincoya Hills Baptist Church, Nashville

The summer visitor to a little mountain town was told that the terrible horn blast each afternoon was to signal quitting time at the sawmill on the hill.



Wakefield

in the window," he said.

"Thanks," said the dealer. "You know that clock keeps perfect time. I check it every day with the mill horn and it's always right on time."

It is so unfortunate, but this is the way we often judge the accuracy of our spiritual lives. We look at the life of a friend or acquaintance and say, "I'm living just as good, if not better than he." What we may not know is that he is looking at us with the same speculative eye.

Let's go back to the clock for a moment. Let's assume that the clock in the antique shop is gaining time. This means that each day the superintendent resets his watch to keep in time with the antique shop clock. Then the whistle blows earlier and earlier as the days go by until eventually all the work at the sawmill is fouled up, the schedule of the employees is fouled up, their homes are upset; and since men are creatures of habit, almost everyone in town is confused. They set their watches and clocks by either "that reliable old clock in the antique shop" or the blast of the mill horn. The only ones in town not confused are those who keep their time pieces accurate by tuning in the radio. They know that the radio time is controlled by the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, and therefore, is always correct. The difference between those confused are those not confused is that the not confused are tuned in to the perfect timepiece.

The moral of this story is . . . If you are trying to live a "good life" by watching the lives of others, then you will only end up confused. The only way to an "accurate life" is by tuning in the Master-Life . . . Jesus Christ. He said, "I am come that you might have Life . . ."

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In the Women's Lib movement, a professor says "women lack equality in the church and the church must accept women as a full part of religious life."

It seems we should reach a working agreement on this issue and not have it hit a stalemate as did one recent church meeting.

One man presented his views, and a woman stood and said firmly, "I cannot see this thing as you present it and I will not be bullied!"

Bowing politely, the man retorted, "And neither will I be cowed."

Actually, women are already playing a tremendous part in the work and witness of the church. And I'm against "equality for women in the church" if this means adopting the husband's practice of golfing, hunting, and fishing on Sunday while the wife and children go to church.

You cannot overestimate the contribution women make to the church. Behind every dedicated deacon, there is a woman—pushing.

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SBC Religious Educators To Probe Work In World

PHILADELPHIA—Nearly 300 religious educators from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to examine the effect of their work in the world during the 17th annual session of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association here in June.

Theme for the conference, one of several national meetings just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be "The World: Our Heritage . . . Our Future." Sessions will be held Sunday and Monday, June 4-5, at the Holiday Inn, Penn Center (1800 Market St.), in Philadelphia.

Joe Burnette president of the organization and minister of education at First Baptist church, Charlotte, N.C., said the program will seek to help religious educators relate their field of work to the present day world.

Monday morning sessions will feature one panel, and two addresses with reactors to each presentation, on "The World of . . ." preschool and childhood education, youth education, and adult education. Educators and experts in each field will participate.

Another panel on Monday afternoon will delve into the world of church and program organizations.

Two addresses on "The World Seeks the Now Generation" will be delivered Monday evening by Fenton Moorhead, minister to the generation gap for First Baptist church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and by Don Rhymes, former minister to the Tenth Street community in Atlanta and recently

Mexican Laymen To Tour Stateside Baptist Work

MEXICO CITY—Thirty Mexican Baptist laymen will study Southern Baptist work in Texas and Tennessee, April 22-May 6, in what might be called a turn-about tour.

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has sponsored numerous mission study excursions to Mexico. Last year Mexican laymen proposed such a tour in reverse so they could study methods in stateside Baptist men's work with a view to strengthening their own.

Stopping first in San Antonio to sightsee, the party will proceed to Fort Worth to visit Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the SBC Radio and Television Commission. They will attend a Brotherhood meeting in Dallas and visit state convention offices there.

In Memphis, the men will see a Baptist children's home and attend a regional Brotherhood training institute. Highlights in Nashville will be the SBC Sunday School Board and denominational executive offices.

Two furloughing missionaries will interpret for the Mexicans.

"We think these men can profit greatly from the tour," said William H. Gray, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico, "and will return to share what they have learned with their churches." (BP)

named associate secretary for missionary personnel of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Each session will open with a Bible study on "God Speaks to Our World" by Peter Rhea Jones, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville.

The opening panel Sunday afternoon will probe whether or not church staff members should resign if the pastor leaves the church, and other church staff relations problems, Burnette said. Panelists will be Charles A. Tidwell, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth; Elmer Bailey, associate pastor of Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis; and Bob Bingham, executive assistant, program services section, SBC Home Mission Board.

John M. Lewis, pastor of First Baptist church, Raleigh, N.C., will deliver a major address on "Equipping the Saints for Ministry," Monday afternoon. (BP)

Atlanta Baptist College Gets \$1 Million Donation

ATLANTA—Atlanta Baptist College here has received a \$1 million gift, one of the largest single donations ever given a Georgia Baptist institution.

The contribution came from Arthur T. Davis, a trustee of the school and official of the Davis Food Service, Inc., which operates 129 Davis Brothers Cafeterias and fried chicken outlets across the Southeast.

Davis, a member of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, did not specify how the \$1 million is to be used.

Monroe F. Swilley, president of Atlanta Baptist College, said that use of the funds will be determined by Davis and the trustees. Swilley said the gift would "strengthen immeasurably the financial foundation of the school and will lift the level of confidence in the future of this institution."

At a trustee dinner when the gift from Davis was announced, Swilley also reported that the Sylvester Baptist church of Atlanta, located in an area of racial change, had voted to disband and to give its property to Atlanta Baptist College. Swilley said the sale of the property is expected to bring about \$150,000. (BP)

\$1 Billion Drug Abuse Program Is Authorized For The U.S.

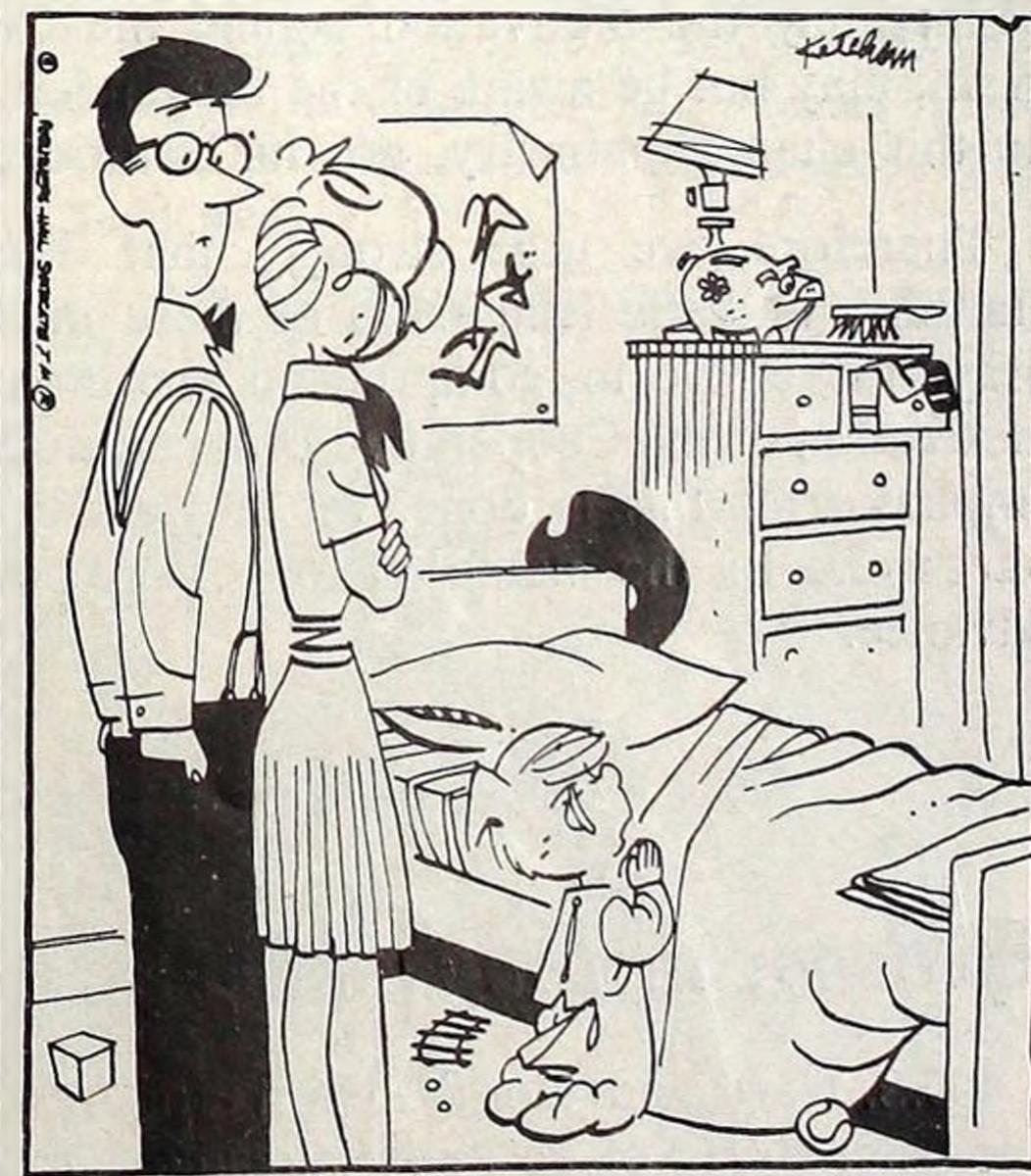
WASHINGTON—President Nixon has signed a law authorizing an allocation of \$1 billion for the Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention, directed by Dr. Jerome H. Jaffe.

The office will coordinate the anti-drug programs of 13 separate agencies. The \$1-billion allocation will be roughly divided into \$200 million for the Special Action Office itself and \$800 million that will be used with Dr. Jaffe's guidance, by the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

A special fund of \$40 million will be set aside by the Special Action Office to support research. Among the projects to be funded are a study to test a new form of long-lasting methadone, and a national training institute to train people in anti-drug abuse programs.

President Nixon also reported that Premier Nihat Erim of Turkey has agreed to ban the growing of opium poppies as of this year. Turkey has been the source of 70 per cent of the heroin consumed in the U.S.

He said the U.S. has promised Turkey \$35 million as compensation for the loss of its income from legally exported opium and to help peasants substitute new crops. An Agriculture Department mission is supplementing the U.S. funds with technical assistance. (RNS)



Missionary Carroll Learns New Counting Method

KINGSTON, Jamaica—Missionary Dan Carroll, traveling to an engagement at the far end of the island, stopped at a service station and asked the young attendant for two dollars and a half worth of gasoline. The youth put the gas pump nozzle into the car's tank, and the meter began to climb.

When it passed the \$2.50 mark, Carroll waved his arms frantically and asked the boy to stop. He calmly proceeded until the meter registered \$3.00. "But I told you I only wanted two dollars and a half worth of gas," protested the missionary.

"Yes, sir," agreed the youth, hooking the gas hose to the pump with an air of finality. "That is two dollars, and half of two dollars is one dollar. That will be three dollars."

Carroll says he paid the three dollars and left, adding "Wouldn't you have?"

EDITORIALS

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Churches throughout Tennessee will observe April 16 as Cooperative Program Sunday. This channel of service from our home base to the ends of the world deserves our attention and support continually. It is deserving also of an especial emphasis such as this.

In its 47th year, the Cooperative Program has been the main stay of our Baptist financial program for this entire period. Born of prayer and necessity, in religious denominations there has never been anything like it.

There is, however, one danger for us. If Tennessee and Southern Baptists are not careful, we could let this lifeline die because of ignorance. To explain: When the Cooperative Program was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis in 1925, those present, and Baptists throughout the territory of the Convention knew why it was approved. They remembered the \$75 Million Campaign, and then the bitter years of depression which followed. They knew that if Baptists were to progress, there must be a way to coordinate their financial support.

Now—several generations later, the Cooperative Program is for many just a phrase. Today's generation of leadership in Baptist churches, unless they have studied deliberately the motivation behind the Cooperative Program, may not be aware of the tremendous needs fulfilled by this channel ministry, nor its historic background.

Therefore, we urge strongly that Tennessee Baptist churches and the leadership of these make a deliberate, prayerful effort to comprehend the ministries and the motivation of the Cooperative Program during this especial emphasis. If this is done, we may have confidence that our work in the name of our Lord will continue to advance.

Epidemic In Drug Abuse

"U.S. News and World Report" for April 3, 1972 spells out what many of us know already. Drug abuse in our nation is epidemic in proportion. In our largest city, Memphis, police last week seized seven pounds of LSD—over \$30,000,000 in value at "street prices."

According to Myles J. Ambrose, Special U.S. Assistant Attorney General, in an interview with U.S. News, the Bureau of Narcotics estimated in 1960 that there were approximately 55,000 heroin users. Now the figure is estimated to be 560,000. Use of other drugs has increased proportionately, we believe.

Unless the trend is reversed, marijuana will one of these years soon be taken off of the list of dangerous drugs. It appears to be a generally-accepted fact that drugs of several types are available for the asking by high school and college students, and others in our state.

Norman Vincent Peale, in a recent address to the Tennessee Teachers Association meeting in Chattanooga, referred to drug pushers as "cynical, evil human beings, . . . who prosper by pushing drugs into the bloodstream of our American youth."

We believe the time is past for an organized, hard-line educational and legal program to stamp out sellers of drugs. Rattlesnakes could not be more dangerous. We need in our churches to mount educational campaigns which leave no doubt concerning the dangers of drug use and abuse. There really is little to be gained by sitting back and commenting upon the news reports with amazement. There is much to be gained by working actively to combat a plague which could well destroy us as a nation—and again, we refer to a recent editorial which cited alcohol as a primary vehicle of drug abuse.

This problem affects every strata of society, and invades the homes of many, many Baptist families. Baptist churches do have a responsibility to wage warfare against an evil which is destructive to the spirit and soul of the individual, and which affects those within the circle of loved ones of that individual.

Is There An Answer?

Three of Tennessee's four major cities showed increases in the crime rate for 1971, according to the "Uniform Crime Report" issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Chattanooga, the fourth, showed a reduction of 103 in the total number of crimes committed. All of the comparisons were against 1970.

In our own state capital, the serious crime rate almost doubled that of the national increase! Crime in Nashville increased in every major category listed, and major crimes increased in that city by 3043 over 1970.

It is time for us to quit kidding ourselves. Utopia has not arrived, and shall not until the Second Coming. And then it won't be the kind some expect. We face a bleak future of crime, violence and unrest unless the Spirit of the Living God is allowed to permeate the hearts and lives of people. And, no matter how effective our police forces are—and they do a good job, often under great disadvantages—crime, as an expression of sin in the hearts and lives of individuals, will not change until people themselves are changed.

At this juncture, it is the direct responsibility of the churches and people who believe in God and in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to be alert to every opportunity to win a lost world to Christ. If the Christian community does not exert a more forceful moral influence upon our population we might as well write off our nation. The sheer fact of the direction in which we are headed, based upon hard, cold statistics, should be alarming enough to make each of us rededicate ourselves to Our Lord in a lasting, effective commitment.

Student Retreats Slated For Tennesseans

Milt Hughes, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, is scheduled to address over 400 students from Tennessee meeting in the state's Baptist Student Union spring retreats at Camp Linden, April 21-23 and Camp Carson, April 28-30.

The consultant in campus evangelism will speak to the students on effective strategy for campus evangelism and will lead training sessions on Christian witnessing. He will give the final message at both retreats also, "Celebrating in a Closing Challenge."

Primary speaker for the Linden retreat is W. Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue church, Memphis. Walter Shurden, professor of religion, Carson-Newman college, will host the Carson meet. Prince and Shurden will deal with the theological aspects of evangelism and salvation.

According to Glenn Yarbrough, secretary

Missions Superintendents

Slate Annual Sessions

State superintendents of missions and their associates are scheduled to meet at Montgomery Bell State Park in Burns.

Under the sponsorship of the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the three-day meet will feature a preview of the 1973 January Bible Study on Galatians and a Coordinated Promotion Planning Forum. The Galatians preview will be led by Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board. Charles Norton, state Church Training Department secretary, will conduct the planning forum.

An introduction to the conference, "Understanding Your Leadership Potential," is slated by Paul Hall, associate, state Missions Department. Everett Barnard, personnel counselor, BSSB.

Other highlights include a panel discussion on "Meeting the Challenges That Confront Us," led by Harold D. Gregory, superintendent of missions, Nashville Association; and speeches by W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC; L. R. Baumgartner, secretary, Missions Department, TBC; Wallace Anderson, director Program Services, TBC; and Lawrence Trivette, superintendent of missions, Knox County Association.

North Carolina Declares Liquor 'By The Drink' Law Illegal

RALEIGH, N.C.—The North Carolina Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a law permitting the sale of liquor by the drink in Mecklenburg County.

The interdenominational Allied Church League of North Carolina and other church groups have opposed such liquor sales.

Two local laws were passed by the 1971 legislature permitting Mecklenburg and Moore Counties to sell liquor by the drink if approved by their voters in referendums. Mecklenburg voters approved the proposal; Moore voters rejected it. (RNS)

of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, officers will be elected for the 1972-73 school year, and installation services for the students serving in missionary capacity during the summer will be held. The Middle Tennessee State university BSU choir, and folk singers from the BSU of East Tennessee State university will sing at both sessions. Kathy Herrin, student at Memphis State university, will be the camps' pianist.

Gordon Priddy, state BSU, president, said that the theme for the retreats is "Celebrating His Presence." Priddy will preside at both retreats.

Protection Plans

Health Group Not Related To TBC-SBC Programs

In response to inquiries received by the Protection Plans Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the following statement is given: There is no connection at all between the Tennessee Baptist Health Trust Association of Knoxville, Tenn., and any programs or plans offered by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention through the Protection Plans Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

While this in no way reflects any opposition or negative attitude, it is printed in **Baptist And Reflector** to answer questions which have been raised concerning this particular organization because of the name under which it operates.

Mother's Day Offering Goal Set At \$250,000

The 1972 goal for the Mother's Day Offering for use in the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been set at \$250,000. Emphasis on this ministry will be made Sunday, May 14, in Baptist churches in Tennessee.

According to James M. Gregg, Executive Director of the homes, the money received through the Mother's Day Offering will be used for operational needs including clothing, food, school supplies, salaries, and medical expenses for the children. He stated that the money allocated to each of the state's four homes is based on needs of the home and the number of children cared for in the particular home.

A record amount was given in 1971 when Tennessee Baptists gave \$226,000. The offering, which has been a part of the Children's Home program for nearly 80 years, is used by the Memphis home, Chattanooga home, Franklin home, and Min-Tom home at Chattanooga. Approximately 500 children are cared for during any given year, Gregg said. In 1971 the figure totalled 466. He added that there is a minimum of 300 children under the care of the homes at any time during the year.

Prior to the date the offering is taken, pastors and Sunday School directors in the state's churches receive a sample kit containing information on the offering along with an order card for additional supplies, Gregg said.



Southern Baptist Business Officers meeting in Dallas recently elected new officers for the coming year. They included (left to right): J. E. Paynter, Illinois Baptist Children's Home, chairman of conference group from child care institutions; Charles E. Neal, Virginia Baptist Homes, chairman of group from homes for the aging; Mrs. Janie Neal, SBC Annuity Board, secretary-treasurer; John H. Williams, SBC Executive Committee, general chairman of conference.

Elected also were: Leon P. Spencer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, chairman of group from state conventions; Cliff Elkins, Second Baptist church, Houston, chairman of group representing churches; and William H. Sellers, "Baptist Record" weekly newspaper, chairman of group from SBC agencies and Baptist state papers and foundations.

Southern Baptist Convention

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

June 6-8, 1972

Convention Hall, Civic Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

THEME: "PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO ALL"
Tuesday Morning, June 6

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
 - 9:30 Call to Order
 - Congregational Singing
 - Special Music—Paul McCommon, secretary, church music department, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
 - Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford, pastor emeritus, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
 - 9:50 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn.
 - Committee on Order of Business—Lee Porter, chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Houston, Tex.
 - Welcome
 - 10:05 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
 - 10:10 Special Music—George Austin, layman, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
 - 10:15 Presidential Address—Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
 - 10:55 Congregational Singing
 - 11:00 Introduction of Resolutions
 - 11:15 Executive Committee Report (first section)
 - 12:00 Miscellaneous Business
 - 12:15 Benediction
- Tuesday Afternoon, June 6**
- 1:15 Music for Inspiration
 - 1:30 Congregational Singing
 - Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
 - 2:45 Miscellaneous Business
 - 3:00 Election of Officers
 - Recognition of Past Presidents
 - 3:30 Executive Committee Report (final section)
 - 4:00 Election of Officers
 - Introduction of Resolutions
 - Ambassador Service National Award
 - Miscellaneous Business
 - Benediction
- Tuesday Evening, June 6**
- 6:45 Music for Inspiration
 - 7:00 Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer
 - 7:15 Pageant by SBC Historical Commission, and Music by The Centurymen and special symphony orchestra
 - 8:15 Convention Sermon—E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor emeritus, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.
 - Alternate: Charles R. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marion, Ill.
 - 9:00 Benediction—Bruce H. Price, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.

Wednesday Morning, June 7

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
- Special Music—Lee Castro, evangelistic singer, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
- 9:50 Election of Officers
- Committee on Resolutions (first report)
- Committee on Committees
- Committee on Boards
- 10:30 Sunday School Board Report
- 11:30 Congregational Singing
- 11:35 Student Program—"Students Speak UP"
- 12:00 Election of Officers
- Miscellaneous Business
- Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon, June 7

No Convention Session

Wednesday Evening, June 7

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration
 - 7:00 Congregational Singing—directed by Cliff Barrows, Billy Graham Evangelistic Team
 - Scripture
 - Prayer
 - 7:10 Education Commission Report
 - 7:20 SBC Seminaries—"The Call of the Ministry"
 - 8:20 Address—Billy Graham, assisted by members of the Graham Evangelistic Team
 - 9:30 Benediction
- Thursday Morning, June 8**
- 9:15 Music for Inspiration
 - 9:30 Congregational Singing
 - Special Music—Jamal Badry, evangelistic singer, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 - Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
 - 9:50 Resolutions Committee (final report)
 - 10:20 Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Report
 - 10:25 Denominational Calendar Committee Report
 - 10:30 Committee on Baptist State Papers Report
 - 10:35 Radio and Television Commission Report
 - 10:40 Committee on Public Affairs Report
 - 10:45 Baptist World Alliance Report
 - 10:55 Congregational Singing
 - 11:00 Address Leon Sullivan, pastor Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and founder and chairman, Opportunities Industrialization Center National Institute
 - 11:20 Christian Life Commission Report
 - 11:30 Woman's Missionary Union Report
 - 11:40 Brotherhood Commission Report
 - 11:50 Miscellaneous Business
 - 12:30 Benediction
- Thursday Afternoon, June 8**
- 2:15 Music for Inspiration
 - 2:30 Congregational Singing
 - Theme Meditation—Clarence W. Cranford
 - 2:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
 - 2:50 Message—Roger L. Fredrikson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D., and former president, American Baptist Convention
 - 3:15 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
 - 3:20 Annuity Board Report
 - 3:45 Address—President Richard M. Nixon (tentative)
 - Benediction
- Thursday Evening, June 8**
- 6:45 Music for Inspiration
 - 7:00 Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer
 - 7:10 Home Mission Board Report
 - 8:10 Presentation of New Officers
 - 8:15 Stewardship Commission Report
 - 8:30 Foreign Mission Board Report
 - 9:30 Benediction and Adjourn

National Bus Conference Scheduled In Philadelphia

NASHVILLE—A National Conference on Bus Outreach is planned at the Holiday Inn Midtown in Philadelphia, June 2-4, according to D. Lewis White, bus outreach consultant in the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 2, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, the conference will be limited to 300 persons.

Bible Nuggets

A NEW COMMANDMENT

By T. B. Maston

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A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another (John 13:34, KJV).

Jesus had frequently spoken of love previously. For example, he had said that love for God was the great or first commandment. The second like it was for one to love his neighbor as he loved himself. Why should he refer to love for one another as a new commandment?

There are two words sometimes translated "new." One means primarily young in contrast to aged or old. The other is "fresh" as opposed to "worn out." Here the latter word is used. There is something in the commandment that makes the old fresh, it is not worn out.

But in what way is this a new or fresh commandment? Possibly Jesus meant new in its source. Here he says, "I give to you." He is not quoting from the Old Testament as he did in the great summary of the Law.

More important, the commandment is new in motive. We see this in the latter part of the verse: "as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." In response to his love for them, they should love one another.

His commandment of love was also new in its dimension. It commanded in a special way love for those in the Christian fellowship: "that ye love one another." As Christians we are to love all men but particularly and peculiarly we are to love fellow Christians.

Also notice that in "as I have loved you" there is not only motive and model but also standard or measure. How much did he love them? Enough that he was going to give his life for them. The measure of our love for one another is set by Christ's love for us.

Historical Marker Erected At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH—A Texas historical marker was dedicated here as part of the Founder's Day observance at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here.

The marker, which designates the seminary as an official Texas historical site, is located at the main entrance to the campus.

The placing of the marker was sponsored by the seminary Woman's Club, in cooperation with the Tarrant County Historical Society. Mrs. Richard Brown of the county historical society said in the dedication that the society had preserved facets of social, civic and economic history, and was adding religious history with official recognition of the seminary.

The ceremony marked the 64th anniversary of the seminary which was an outgrowth of the theological department of Baylor university, Waco, Tex. (BP)

The Worshipping Community

By William Dodson, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Martin

Focal Passages: Matt. 18:19-20; John 4:19-24; Acts 2:41-47

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON. To examine the apostolic church and its worship as revealed through certain New Testament passages.

The first two Scripture passages of the lesson (Matt. 18:19-20 and John 4:19-24) deal with circumstances in which our Lord Himself participated. They contain statements Christ made concerning the work and privileges of the church. The third Scripture passage deals with an instance in the life of the worshipping community at Jerusalem.

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THE POWER OF WORSHIP (Matt. 18:19-20)

The local church is a definite living organism. Jesus here points out two facts about His local church. First, the church has authority. If two members agree "as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven." (verse 19) Jesus asserts in this passage that personal, united prayer has a vital place in worship. Jesus also promises that prayer, marked by harmony and agreement, produces results. A small group can claim this promise. However, the promise is not without conditions and qualifications. Jesus promises that God will hear with favor as two or three gather together and are in full agreement on an object of prayer. Believers can bring the power of prayer to bear on the needs of the church.

Second, Christ is in His church. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (verse 20) Wherever faithful men gather together, He is the abiding presence. When we meet and "agree", in His name, He will be sensitive to our actions and requests.

THE PLACE OF WORSHIP (John 4:19-24)

In this passage of Scripture Jesus witnessed to the woman of Samaria at a well. Many of the choicest scenes of Scripture are associated with wells. By a well Abraham's servant met the destined bride of Isaac. By a well Jacob first cast his eyes on Rachel. At a well Moses rescued the daughters of Nevel from the shepherds.

When the woman of Samaria came to draw water, she took no notice of Jesus until he spoke. It was to be the greatest day of her life. Having come to the well many

times unaltered, she comes on this day and everything is changed.

Jesus, disregarding the most cherished prejudices of His day and sweeping them aside, heard the cry of a soul that needed to be saved and spoke to her concerning the spiritual need of her heart. Jesus dealt gently with her, showing her what she was, and pointed her to the "well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14b) She sought to involve Him in a religious argument as to whether Jerusalem or Samaria was God's most authoritative shrine. Jesus brushed this all aside and assured her that the hour had arrived when true worshippers would worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Then He made this majestic declaration: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." (verse 24)

The woman at the well represented a superficial idea of worship. To her, worship was a matter of geography and consisted of going through certain motions and meeting certain requirements of ritual. Jesus pointed out to her that worship is a spiritual matter, for God is a spirit, and He has created man a spiritual being also. Jesus declared that valid worship depends not on where one worships, but on how he worships; not on location, but on the state of the heart. Jesus favored any form of worship which brought the spirit of man in contact with the Spirit of God. But He was opposed to every religious form which was practiced as an end in itself.

PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP (Acts 2:41-47)

The second chapter of Acts gives an inspiring picture of what happened in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Their "gladness and singleness of heart" (verse 46) denotes a complete commitment to the high and holy purpose of glorifying God through Christ.

Worship became a vital part of the life of the early Christian community. They met in the temple for the hours of public prayer. Also, they met in homes for their symbolic meal. In the face of trials and persecution they were faithful in worship. Committed to a common faith or doctrine, they shared mutual griefs, sufferings, and joys in this happy, radiant fellowship.

Members of the Jerusalem church were faithful in their devotion to Christ. Regardless of their circumstances and hardships, they remained steadfast in the things of the Lord. They were eager to receive in-

struction from the apostles, who had been taught by Christ. Bound together by the unbreakable ties of Christian love, they enjoyed a wonderful fellowship.

The church pictured here is an example of an ideal church full of instruction for the church today. We would do well to emulate it. Let us look at some of the characteristics of the Jerusalem church.

1. **INGATHERING** (verse 41). This church was founded on a great manifestation of the promised power of the Kingdom of God. (Mark 9:1) They shared their faith in an evangelistic outreach. The church began the day with one hundred twenty members and finished the day with three thousand one hundred twenty. It was not mere paper enrolment; they were enthusiastic Christians, having received the word gladly; they were obedient Christians, for they were baptized according to Christ's command.

2. **FELLOWSHIP.** Fellowship, a keynote of the Jerusalem church, involved reciprocal knowledge, love, and endeavor. To them fellowship meant knowing each other better and doing things together and for each other. The church at Jerusalem served as the pattern by which every church should be designed.

The church was a learning fellowship. They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching. (verse 42) It was a worshipping fellowship. They prayed and observed the Lord's Supper together in reverence and awe. This wonderful fellowship resulted in people being saved as "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (verse 47) God worked through His acts of love.

3. **SHARING** (verses 43-45). A great spirit of sharing seized the Jerusalem church. As they faced the pressures of persecution and the loss of earthly things, they put their possessions in a common pool with each person sharing as he had need. This was not coerced political socialism, but rather was voluntary Christian sharing dictated by the crisis confronting them. This practice was not retained by the churches later in Acts and the general Epistles.

4. **CONTAGIOUS ZEAL** (verse 47). An often overlooked aspect of Pentecost is the phrase, "one accord." (verse 46) Had there been division, there could not have been such a mighty spiritual experience of victory in Christ. There was "singleness" of heart. (verse 46) They were zealous for the Master.

The ability to rise above life, above its troubles, its sinful enticements, its cares, and its despair, has characterized Christians from the beginning. Jesus asserted that He came in order that His followers might have life and might have it more abundantly; and He fulfilled every syllable of that declaration.

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Roy Gilleland III, Gilleland-Wallace & Associates Inc., Nashville architectural firm, was a merit award winner in the Ninth Triennial Architects Workshop. Gilleland received the award for the design of the Vestavia Hills Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala. He was one of two winners from Tennessee at the workshop which was sponsored by the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Red Bank church, Chattanooga, voted to enter into a building program for an educational building. **Ralph Norton** is pastor.

First church, Whitesburg, has begun a bus ministry scheduled to be in full operation by April 9. Bus Committee consists of Bill Marshall, Robert N. Dinkins, James Dotson, Gene Brown, and William Southern. Ted A. Peace is pastor.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

In the Sweetwater Association, Reeds Springs church has called **James Thomas** as pastor. **Thomas** served previously at the Four Mile church in Blount County. **Steve Byrum** was called as pastor by the Chestua church.

Frank Drewry is the new minister of music and youth at Westwood church in Cleveland. Before going to Westwood, he served as minister of music at Oakwood church, Chattanooga. He has held positions in Springfield, Nashville, and Knoxville churches, and was the 1971 president of the Volunteer State Chorale. **Harold Smith** is pastor.

Bobby Barnett, minister of music at Ardmore church, William Carey Association, has resigned to accept a similar position at McMinnville Magness Memorial church. In the same association, First church, Fayetteville, has called **David Carter** of Lake City as the minister of music and youth. **J. Arnold Porter** is pastor.

Following the resignation of **J. Burch Cooper** as pastor of the North Etowah church, Etowah, **David James** will serve as interim pastor.

In the Stone Association, **Ralph Allen** is the new pastor of the Johnson church.

J. T. Cline began his ministry as pastor of the Grandview church, Chilhowee Association, on Easter Sunday. He is a former pastor of a church in Knoxville and has served in Athens and Cleveland.

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John Tidwell is the new associational missionary in Judson Association. His address is Route 1, Bon Aqua, 37025.

The Executive Board of the William Carey Association approved a recommendation that the missionary home have central heating and air conditioning. Work has begun on the installation. **Michael L. Prowse** is superintendent of missions.

Marijuana Use Rising, Says Gallup Poll

PRINCETON, N.J.—The percentage of American adults—18 years and older—who have tried marijuana has nearly tripled over the past 30 months, according to the Gallup Poll.

The figure rose from 4 per cent in October 1969 to 11 per cent in the latest survey conducted in March. However, 81 per cent of Americans in the latest survey, compared with 84 per cent in 1969, said they opposed legalization of marijuana.

Current use of marijuana was found to be highest in the 18 to 29 age group, with 29 per cent saying they have used the drug at least once. The poll was conducted among 1513 persons 18 years and older in 300 locations across the U.S.

Other figures on marijuana use revealed in the latest survey were: 30-49 years, 7 per cent; 50 and over, 2 per cent; men, 16 per cent; women, 7 per cent; college background, 19 per cent; high school, 10 per cent; grade school, 4 per cent; East, 10 per cent; Midwest, 10 per cent; South, 7 per cent; West, 18 per cent. (RNS)

Flemming Urges Local Churches To Act On Problems of Aged

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, President Nixon's special consultant on aging, has urged local churches to become involved in dealing with the problems of the aged.

Speaking at a national conference of representatives of the Lutheran Resources Commission here, the former president of the National Council of Churches asserted that millions of elderly people are "isolated and ostracized from society," often while living just a few blocks from churches.

He suggested that local congregations study the recommendations of the White House Conference on Aging, now being released, and consider them within the Christian context and the Christian spirit.

If this is done, he said, "it will quicken the consciences of members of our local churches to the point where they will become more deeply involved than would otherwise be the case in dealing with the opportunities for service that exist within this area." (RNS)

Christian Career Conferences Slated

For the first time, Tennessee Baptists will host two Christian Career Conferences for young people in one year, according to Charles Norton, secretary, Church Training Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The conferences, held annually for the past 15 years, will be at Camp Linden, May 5-7 and Camp Carson, May 19-21. Miss Mary Allen, director of youth work at the state board, said that the demand for two conference camps came from pastors and young people both, who requested a choice of location, time, and interest.

Both meetings will focus on training in church-related vocations and secular vocations. Conferences will be held in the pastoral ministry, music ministry, denominational ministry, educational ministry, church office, and other church vocations. Secular conferences will include the field of communications, science, engineering, homemaking, vocational-technical, social service, medicine, law, secretarial, business, and teaching.

Bill Clemons, vocational guidance director, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead a dialogue on God's use of one's talents, abilities, and human media as an aid in vocational choices. An emphasis will be given on recognizing God's calling to a particular vocation.

A panel of representatives from the field of higher education will discuss college for young people, tuition, problems, and goals. Representatives from Belmont college, Carson-Newman college, and Union university will be present.

According to Miss Allen, the conference is intended for older youth, 15-17, and young adults, 18-24.

Conferences will be led by church, state, and professional workers from Tennessee.

'Illinois Baptist' Enlists Black Writer As Columnist

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The first black writer to have a regular weekly column in one of the 33 Baptist state papers of the Southern Baptist Convention has been enlisted by the "Illinois Baptist" here.

Donald L. Sharp, pastor of the Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago, has been assigned to write the state paper's Life and Work Sunday School lesson comments for April through June.

Editor Robert J. Hastings said Sharp is the first black writer to have a weekly column in the 67-year history of the "Illinois Baptist," and that Sharp is probably the first such black writer for any of the 33 Southern Baptist state papers.

Sharp's ministry bridges three Baptist denominations. Currently pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Chicago, he was converted in a National Baptist Church and attended Judson College, an American Baptist school. (BP)

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Soloist: Irene Jordan, Metropolitan Opera, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Prayer—Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; president, Southern Baptist Convention

Special Presentation, "The Philadelphia Story"—Kenneth L. Chafin, director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Expression of Christian Greetings—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings from the Baptist World Alliance—V. Carney Hargroves, president, Baptist World Alliance, Philadelphia, Pa.

Solo—Irene Jordan

Keynote Address, "Freedom's Holy Light"—by W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

"The Testament of Freedom"—the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma, directed by James Woodward, head of music department, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

Benediction—John R. Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.; president, Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Monday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.

Sessions at the Philadelphia Academy of Music "To Thee We Sing"—music directed by William R. O'Brien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia

Soloist—Mrs. William O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia

Business

"Drugs—Which Way America?"—Warren Rawles, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Youth in Missions in the Northeast"—M. Thomas Starkes, secretary, department of interfaith witness, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

James C. Wideman, US-2 missionary to Greenland, N.H.

Glen Igglehart, director of interfaith witness for the Northeast, Glen Ridge, N.J.

Mack Taylor, student worker at Harvard University and surrounding colleges, Peabody, Mass.

Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

Solo—Irene Jordan

"He Sets the Prisoner Free"—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Benediction

Monday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"The Gaza Story"—Roy McGlamery, staff physician, Baptist Hospital in Gaza; medical missionary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

Cantata, "The Freedom Song"—Children's Choir, First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., M. F. Ellerbe, director

"Poverty—Which Way America?"—Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary, department of Christian social ministries, Home Board, Atlanta, Ga.

"Ethnics in Missions in the Northeast"—Oscar Romo, secretary, language missions department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Rodolph Morgan, pastor, Atonement Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jesus Martinez, language missionary, Home Mission Board, Rochester, N.Y.

Armando Silverio, language missionary among the Italians, Home Mission Board, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Business—Election of Officers

Solo—Irene Jordan

"Liberating the American Christian"—D. Elton Trueblood.

Benediction—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Monday, June 5, 7:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Academy of Music

"To Thee We Sing"

"Churches in Missions in the Northeast"—F. J. Redford, secretary, department of church extension, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Robert Fling, pastor-director, Southern Baptist mission work in Westchester County, Hartsdale, N.Y.

James A. Wright, Jr., missionary to Spanish-speaking people, Manchester, Conn.

Samuel G. Simpson, pastor-director, Bronx Baptist Church, Bronx, N.Y.

Paul Glenn, US-2 missionary, Westmont Baptist Chapel, Johnstown, Pa.

Introduction of Speaker—William H. Rittenhouse, pastor, Nassau Bay Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

"I Felt God's Presence on the Moon"—James Irwin, astronaut, Houston, Tex.

Solo—Irene Jordan

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"The Bangladesh Story"—James McKinley, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh Oratorio, "Candles of the Lord"—presented by Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Frank A. Downing, Baltimore, Md., director

"Woman's Missionary Union—Which Way?"—

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union; director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Benediction

London's 'Baptist Times' Names Locks New Editor

LONDON—Geoffrey Locks, assistant editor of the "Baptist Times," will become the editor of the weekly publication of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland when Editor Walter Bottoms retires next year.

Locks, chief reporter of a secular newspaper before becoming assistant editor of the "Baptist Times" in 1963, is a layman and deacon in his church. He is 32. In naming Locks editor, the paper's board of directors said it planned to name a theological advisory group to whom the new editor can refer. (BP)



Pastor William G. Wilson (left) accepts keys from Trustee Chairman Robert E. Owen as Brentwood Baptist congregation moves into first unit of its building program. The congregation is now worshiping in the \$700,000 plant located at the corner of Franklin Road and Meadowlake Road.

Baptist College Professor Named Missouri Mother of '72

LIBERTY, Mo.—Mrs. C. DeWitt (Ruth) Matthews, assistant professor of English at William Jewell College here, has been named Missouri Mother of the Year by the Missouri Mothers Association of the American Mothers Committee.

Mrs. Matthews, the mother of two sons and two daughters ranging in age from 17 to 25, is the wife of a professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

She is the second member of the William Jewell College family to be selected as a Missouri Mother of the Year. In 1959, Mrs. Walter Pope Binns, wife of the late president of William Jewell, was selected for the honor. (BP)

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RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

Tom Houston, a Baptist minister in Africa for the past 12 years, has been appointed communication director for the home division of the British and Foreign Bible Society. In the new position, he will be responsible for the distribution and effective use of the Bible in churches, Sunday School, and Theological colleges and other schools in England and Wales.

The Council on World Service and Finance for the United Methodist Church has submitted a request \$48,1000,00 for a basic program and administrative budget for the church for the next four years, 1973-1976. The recommendation will go before the quadrennial General Conference next month. According to the request, an annual contribution of \$4.50 from each member of the United Methodist Church's 10.5 million members would meet the denomination's needs.

William G. McLoughlin Jr., a professor at Brown University, Providence, R.I., is slated to receive the 1972 Frederic G. Melcher Award for a book on his study of Baptists in New England. The two volume work, **New England Dissent, 1630-1883: The Baptists and the Separation of Church and State**, will receive the annual book award sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association at a General Assembly meeting in Dallas in May.

Mrs. Margaret McCaa, member of Immanuel Baptist church, Madrid, Spain, has been chosen the 1972 US Air Force Europe Wife of the Year. As the USAFE representative, Mrs. McCaa will compete with other nominees from major commands for the US Air Force Wife of the Year title. The Air Force Wife of the Year will then move on to competition with wives from the US Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

The Society Record, the periodical for the American Bible Society, has changed its format to a digest form measuring five-and-a-half inches by seven and seven-eights inches with 40 pages. For the past 35 years the size has been eight-and-a-half inches by eleven-and-one-fourth inches. The magazine appeared first in 1818, two years after the American Bible Society was organized.

The Pontifical Commission on Social Communications has recommended that Pope Paul improve the Vatican's press relations by naming a "full-fledged spokesman at the policy-making level." The announcement came from Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans shortly after he returned from the first plenary session of the commission at Vatican City. "We spoke at length," he said, "about the need to have a representative who would be made a party to as many decision-making conferences as possible, so that he would fully represent the mind of the Church in answering questions."

Tim Penland, former creative broadcasting director for William Cook Advertising Co., Jacksonville, Fla., has joined the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth as a television producer. He has had 13 years' experience in television production.

Jean M. Greer has been named Eastern Placement Consultant for the American Baptist Personnel Services in Massachusetts. He is the former pastor of First church, New London, Conn. Greer serves eastern states from West Virginia to Maine and is available to pastors for counseling and aid in placement.

Danish Baptists have opened a day nursery in Hjorring, Denmark which is equipped to take care of 40 babies. Before February 1971, the nursery building had been a home for children of unwed mothers. The committee in charge of the home asked the Baptist Union of Denmark for permission to convert it into a nursery, saying that many unmarried mothers now keep their babies. Permission was granted, and the home is the first nursery of its kind in Hjorring.

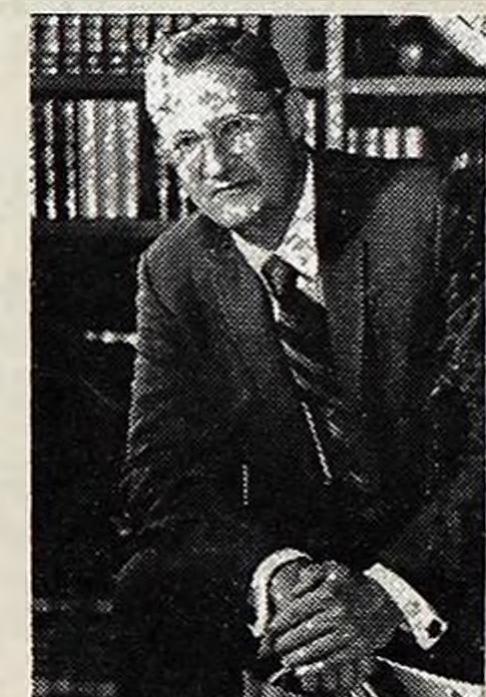


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Uniform Lessons Are 100 Years Old

NASHVILLE—One hundred years ago, on April 18, 1872, the widely popular plan of Sunday School lessons known as the Uniform Series had its birth. The organization of a committee to plan such lessons was accomplished in Indianapolis, Indiana, in connection with the meeting of the Fifth National Sunday School Convention.

"This was a highly significant forward step in the history of the Sunday School movement," says Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "The 1872 action followed years of confusion in Sunday School lesson publishing."

The Uniform Lesson system came into being and was popularized mainly through the influence of two men—a young Methodist preacher, John H. Vincent, and a Baptist lay Sunday School superintendent, B. F. Jacobs, both of Chicago.

In celebration of the centennial, the present committee on the Uniform Series will hold its annual meeting in Indianapolis, April 23-28.

About 50 per cent of Southern Baptist churches now use Uniform lessons. The series is currently known to Southern Baptists as the Convention Uniform Series. These Sunday School Board lessons are written only by Southern Baptist writers, even though the selection of Bible passages and topics is done by the interdenominational committee, explained Colson in commenting on the plan.

During the century of Uniform Lesson history, Southern Baptists have exerted a strong influence on the committee, said Colson.

"In 1878, John A. Broadus, professor at Louisville Seminary, was elected to the group and in time became probably its most powerful member. Upon the death of Broadus in 1895, John R. Sampey, also professor at Louisville, was chosen to succeed him. He served on the committee for almost half a century and was chairman for twenty-seven years. Clifton J. Allen now retired editorial secretary of the Sunday

School Board served on the committee twenty-seven years and was its chairman from 1960 to 1967. During more than one third of its existence, the group has had a Southern Baptist chairman," Colson said.

Eight members of the staff of the Sunday School Board are presently members of the committee on Uniform Series. In addition to Dr. Colson, they are Ernest Hollaway, supervisor of the adult section of the Sunday School department; Wilbur Lamm, editor of "The Adult Teacher;" John Warren Steen, editor of "Sunday School Adults" and "Sunday School Senior Adults;" James Fitch, supervisor of the young adult section of the Sunday School department; Franklin Farmer, supervisor of the youth section of the Sunday School department; Johnnie Godwin, editor of "The Youth Teacher" and member quarterlies; and Morton Rose, assistant to the director, church services and materials division.

Quarterly study themes that will be followed for the remainder of this year are The Bible and the Devotional Life, The Bible Speaks to Issues of our Time, Prophets of Judgment and Hope, and Affirmations of Our Faith.

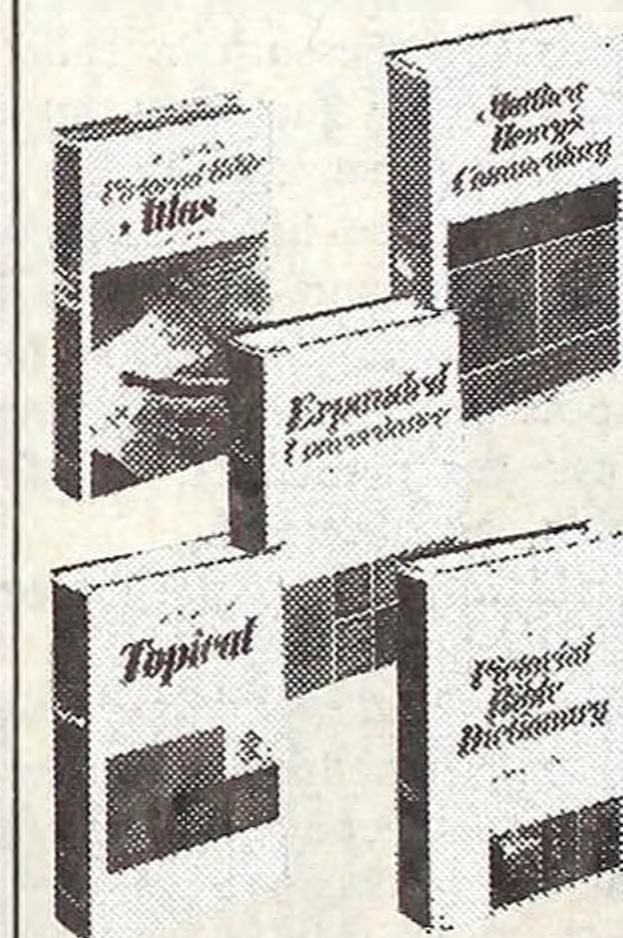
Georgia Law On Abusive, Profane Language Ruled Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Supreme Court has struck down, in a 5-2 vote, a Georgia law banning the use of "opprobrious words or abusive language" in public.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, dissenting from the 5-2 vote, said the public might never understand the decision, that it might "mislead some citizens to believe that fighting words of this kind may be uttered free of any legal sanctions."

The decision reversed the conviction of Johnny C. Wilson, a black worker with the former Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), for using verbal abuse against policemen during a 1967 anti-war demonstration at Atlanta military induction center. (RNS)

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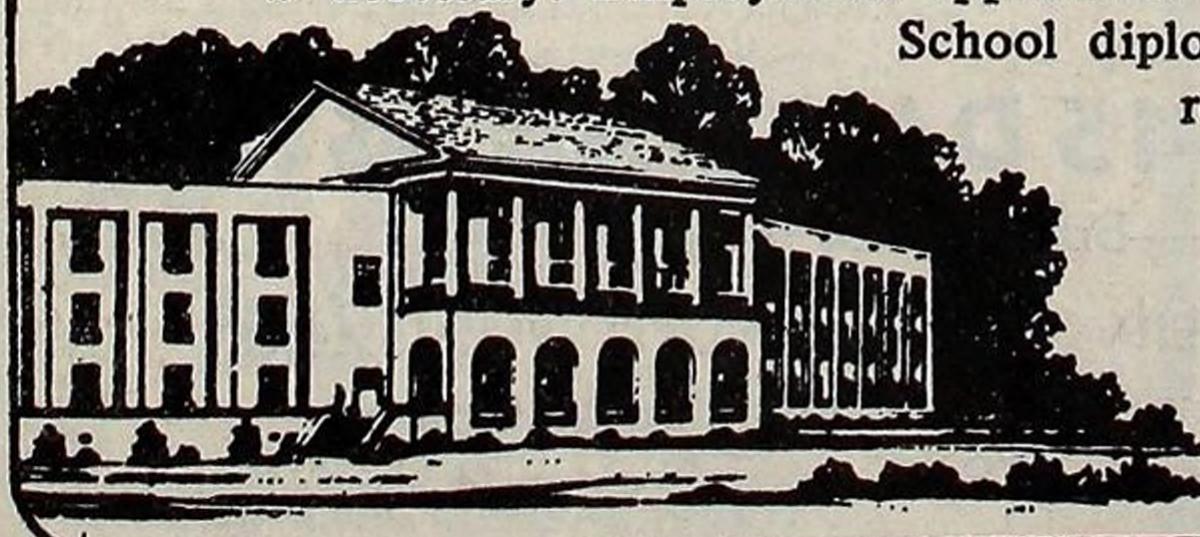
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Inflation May Reduce SBC Home Mission Force

ATLANTA—The expansion era of national missions for Southern Baptists, personnel-wise, has been slowed and may level off completely unless more financial support is received.

That is the prediction of Warren Woolf of Atlanta, director of the Personnel Division for the denomination's Home Mission Board.

A mission force of more than 2200 is dispersed by the agency throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Panama, Woolf reported. But for nearly two years the total has hovered at 2200, he observed.

In March the mission corps was reported at 2229, an increase of only seven above last year. This small increase came despite the fact that other groups, like state Baptist conventions, help pay salaries and some have increased their percentage of support.

Adding to the pressure in enlisting mission workers is the fact that hundreds of candidates who have applied for appointment now cannot be financed, Woolf said.

Many of these candidates have been approved by the agency for appointment, and mission spots throughout the nation continue to ask for personnel, but funds are not available, he observed.

Woolf said inflation is the major culprit. Southern Baptists continue to give the agency more money, but slight increases in salaries and fringe benefits have eaten away at expansion. The agency budgets \$15 million a year for its work.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the mission board, said during the past two years income has increased by approximately 3 per cent per year, while operating costs have increased by 6 per cent annually.

In the area of working with career missionaries, Cecil D. Etheredge, the board's secretary of missionary personnel, said his staff finds themselves having to discourage individuals who are completing their seminary training and wanting to serve in home missions.

"The hardest 'no' we have to say is to the mission interns who have prepared them-

selves for years for just this type of service," he said.

Etheredge said 105 applicants this year asked for appointment to the US-2 (a Peace-Corps-type service) where college graduates serve for two years in the U.S.A. Of these applicants, 69 were approved, but the mission departments came up with funds to use only 28.

Don Hammonds, secretary of the department of special mission ministries, said the student summer missions work, which each year places more than 900 students in mission work for 10 weeks, will have between 300 and 400 qualified students unused after they appoint the 900 plus.

"The students left will include some couples and men," Hammonds said, "and in the past we had such a demand for these that most of them were appointed."

The same type of financial pinch is also being felt in all mission work, forcing mission leaders into greater use of laity, low-cost facilities, fields of churches, and other ways to stretch the mission dollar, Rutledge pointed out.

"Much of this might be a blessing in disguise," Rutledge said.

He indicated the SBC Executive Committee has responded to the problem with some projected relief for 1973. The committee is recommending to the convention this year a budget including a 9.8 per cent increase for the mission agency.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering promoted by the SBC Woman's Missionary Union this year also holds strong promise of some relief, Rutledge said.

The special sections of the offering, which

British Baptists Cite Loss In Membership

CARDIFF, South Wales—Total membership of Baptist churches in Britain and Eire fell by 5800 to an all-time low of 262,265 last year, according to the annual report of the Baptist Union Council which met here.

On the other hand, the report showed there were 273 more baptisms in Britain and Eire last year, giving a total of 5515.

The report, which will go before the full Baptist Assembly later this Spring, also shows that the aggregate membership of Churches affiliated with the Baptist Union was down 5121 to 201,646. The over-all decline of 5800 is 1000 more than in the previous year and the fall in membership of affiliated churches was greater by 1582.

Baptist churches in Scotland had a membership increase of 589 to 16,663, but in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire there were declines. (RNS)

go into effect after the first \$5,650,000 is given, will strengthen Christian social ministries and church extension. Both of these areas support a large number of mission personnel.

Rutledge expressed hope that churches stay with the offering until they reach their goals, and that many will go beyond the goals.

Woolf added that his staff of personnel workers have encouraged seminary graduates to support themselves in secular work while serving as pastors in new growth areas.

"Hopefully, they will build a strong self-supporting work by themselves," he said. "Some are responding to this suggestion, especially those well qualified for secular work," he said.

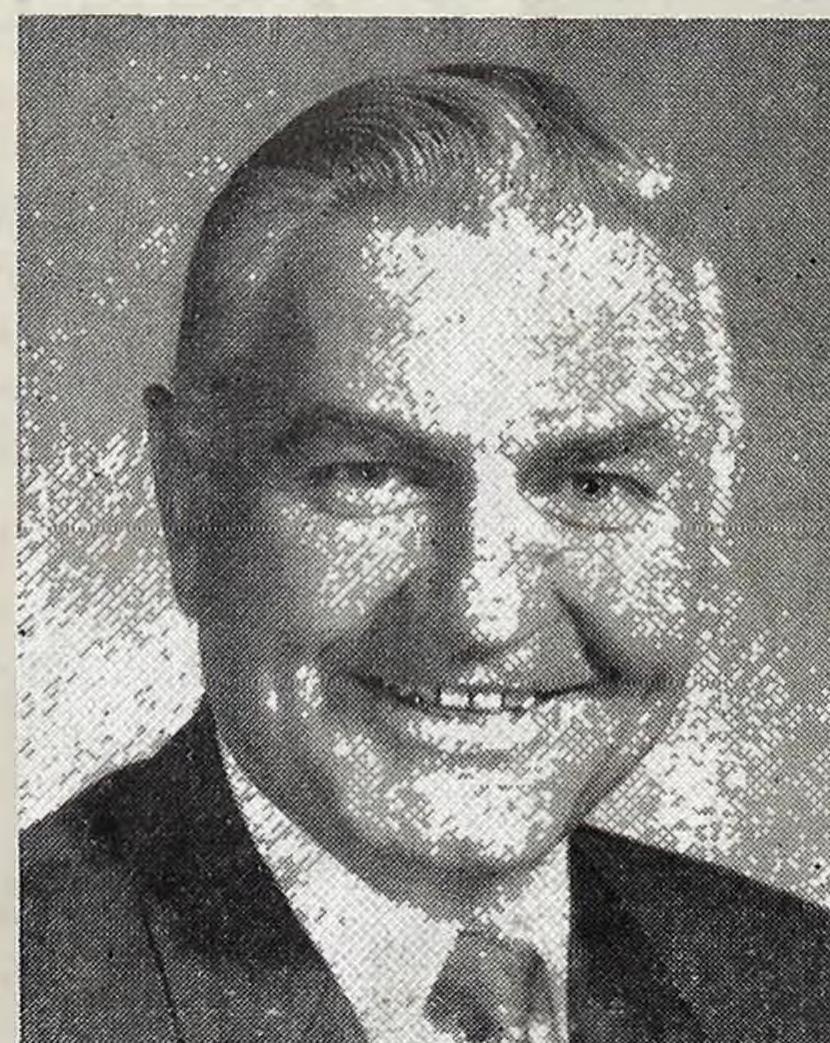
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Nixon Sees Drug Abuse As No. 1 Problem

NEW YORK—Calling drug abuse the nation's "No. 1 domestic problem," President Nixon urged "total war" on drug addiction in the U.S.

"This is one area where we cannot have budget cuts," he said.

"For those who traffic in drugs . . . and thereby destroy the lives of our young people throughout the country, there should be no sympathy whatsoever and no limit insofar as the criminal penalty is concerned," said Mr. Nixon, who recently ordered a nationwide campaign against street peddlers of drugs.

His comments were made during a conference on the drug problem with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, law enforcement officials, judges and narcotics rehabilitation specialists.

One of the meetings was held here at the new Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement—the first of nine regional offices which will attempt to coordinate federal, state and local resources to bring heroin retailers to trial.

President Nixon said the heroin pusher is worse than a murderer or a burglar because what he does "strikes at the very heart of the society in which we live."

"Any nation that moves down the road to addiction, that nation has something taken out of its character," he said.

Mr. Nixon also said he had not changed his opposition to the legalization of marijuana, but felt some penalties may be too strict. He said penalties for marijuana should be uniform throughout the country.

"The Administration's approach to addiction combined both law enforcement and treatment," Mr. Nixon said.

He described the government's campaign against drug abuse as four-sided—to prevent heroin from entering the country, "to reduce the demand" through education and other programs, to establish "law enforcement that is effective," and develop "a program of treatment and rehabilitation." (RNS)

Nine Baptists Among 32 At White House Briefing

WASHINGTON—Nine Southern Baptists were among a group of 32 religious leaders given a detailed briefing on current foreign policy at the White House by President Nixon's foreign policy advisor, Henry A. Kissinger.

The briefing was "off the record," but dealt primarily with President Nixon's Peking and Moscow trips, and with policy decisions during the India-Pakistan conflict.

Persons who attended said there were "no startling revelations" by Kissinger.

Most of those attending were Evangelicals invited by Evangelist Billy Graham,

who assisted in setting up the briefing. Graham and four of his staff members were among the group.

Other Southern Baptists attending were Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board; and Robert Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Two Baptist laymen and two state editors also were present: Dewey Presley and Bill O. Mead, both Dallas laymen; and John J. Hurt, editor of the "Baptist Standard," Dallas; and J. Marse Grant, editor of the "Biblical Recorder," Raleigh, N.C. Other Southern Baptists were Graham and Grady Wilson, a member of Graham's staff. (BP)

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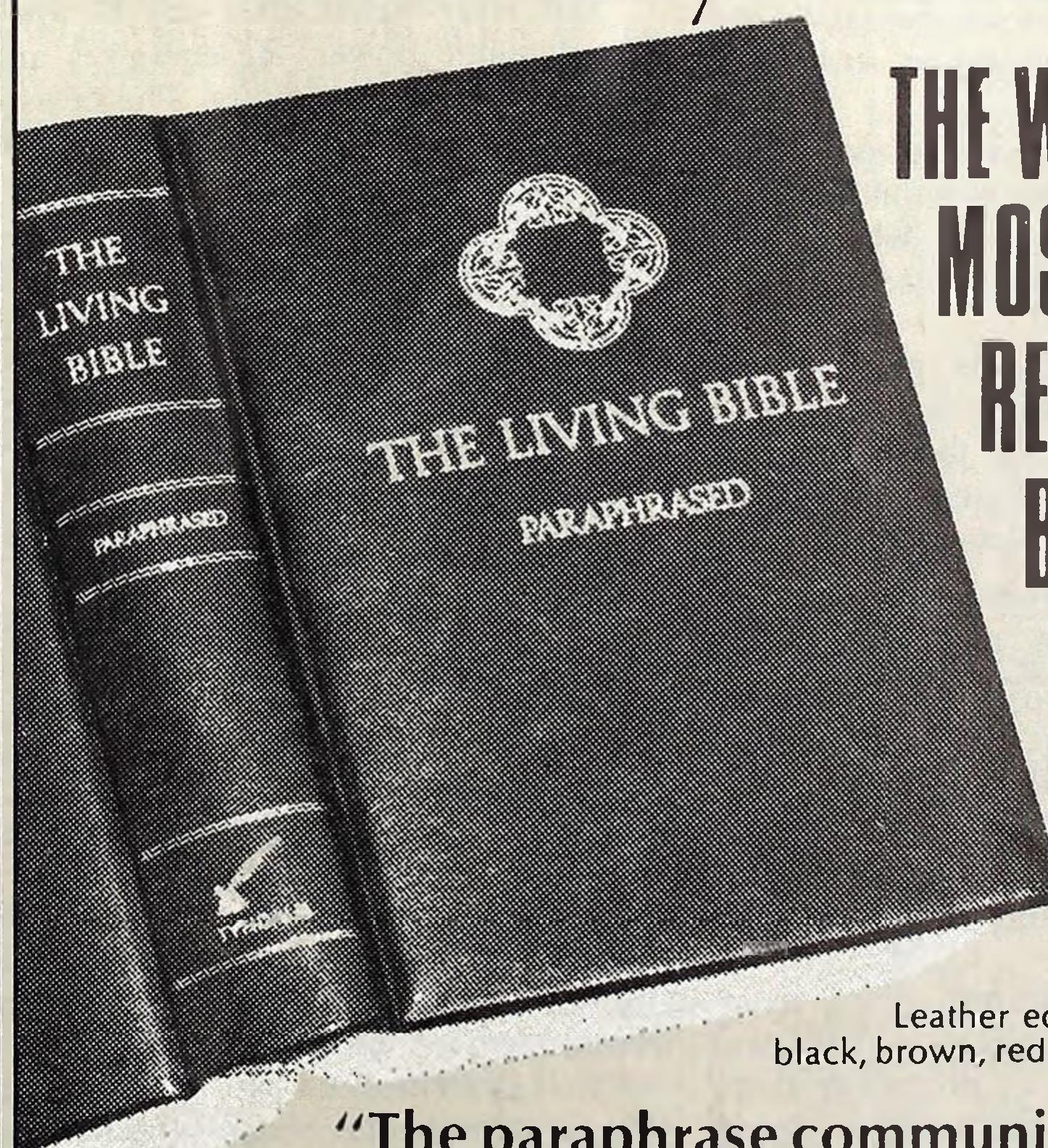
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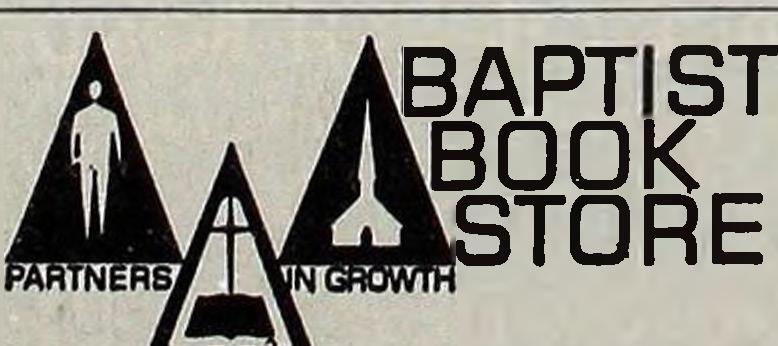
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ENDUED WITH POWER

By W. R. White
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Basic Passage: Acts 1:12-2:21

Focal Passages: Acts 1:12-12; 2:1-7, 16-17

It has been said that the Holy Spirit is the most neglected member of the Godhead. We refer, of course, to the lack of emphasis on Him.

The Father and Son are not magnified too much but the Holy Spirit is magnified too little—Yes, the Holy Spirit is preached when the Father and Son are properly and highly emphasized but He is the One designated to magnify, particularly, the Son through us.

The trouble is that we have substituted the energy and ingenuity of the flesh for the endowment and power of the Holy Spirit. We are fevishly trying to compensate for the loss of power and distinctiveness by devising all types of organization and novel approaches.

A new recognition of the place of the Holy Spirit in everything pertaining to the church and the kingdom of God and a widespread infilling of the Holy Spirit constitute our supreme need.

The Holy Spirit not only gives power, courage and wisdom but He is highly creative. He will guide us in the proper approaches dictated by divine wisdom to match the needs and challenges of our day.

THE WAITING DISCIPLES

Acts 12:1-14

The disciples and apostles assembled in upper room to await the fulfillment of the Father's promise of the special visitation of the Holy Spirit. They were gathered there awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to endue them with power for worldwide witnessing.

They were with one accord, giving themselves to prayer and supplication. This was a most appropriate way of preparing themselves for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The unity and yearning were most essential to a meaningful experience of the Holy Spirit.

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

Acts 2:1-4

The accompanying phenomena of the Holy Spirit initiated the epochal event with tremendous impressiveness. These were symbols of the Spirit. The sound of a rushing, mighty wind and cloven tongues of fire remind us of His nature and mission. Jesus compared the Holy Spirit to the mysterious behavior of the wind. He was to witness



White

through the disciples with flaming tongues of zeal and purging power.

He seems to have come on the household of Cornelius less dramatically but very obviously. Peter sensed that the same essential visitation had come on them as had come on the disciples at Pentecost.

He came on the Gentile disciples at Ephesus after they had been made more perfect in knowledge and experience. This seems to have been very quiet and less ostentatious. In one case He came before baptism—Acts 10:47, and in the other after—Acts 19:6, He is as unpredictable as the wind but the reality is ever the same. It is not for us to prescribe His behavior but to be open to His filling.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS DYNAMIC

Acts 2:5-7

The Holy Spirit does not bestow static but dynamic power. He energizes and produces action and miracles. The news of His coming spread rapidly. An assembly of Jews from various parts of the earth were empowered to speak and understand each other though many languages were used.

This miracle caused many to marvel. He works according to this divine plan for each particular situation and need. He may not manifest His presence in the same way in every visitation or indwelling. He will work as He wills because He works according to the will of the Father and Son to accomplish the full purpose of the Whole Trinity. All of us need passion, power, wisdom, courage and guidance. His presence will give these whatever may or may not be His other manifestations. What we need is the greatest gift—the Holy Spirit Himself turned loose and unrestrained in our lives.

The Holy Spirit knows the real nature of the times much better than we or any of the experts. Too often the wise of this world are guilty of creating as has been so well described, "a paralysis of analysis". He is relevant in every age. In our time He does not seem to feel that certain special manifestations are needed. The need for Him, however, is augmented by our crises.

Foundation

What Is A Living Trust?

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A living trust fund is created by a legal agreement between a donor and a trustee—in our case the trustee is the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. The donor provides the fund and the trustee provides the security of it. The fund can be in the form of cash, real estate, stocks, bonds or other investments.

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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

How do you react when you hear the news early each morning? Do you wonder what new scandals will be opened up and whose character will be attacked? Do you wonder who has made another speech denouncing America and criticizing what the past generation has done? There are many who are now making observations about the negative approach of so much of the news media and questions are asked why is so much attention given to those

who seek to use the news media as a means of carrying out their crusades in one direction or another.

This is an election year. Seldom have we seen such measuring of events in the light of politics. The problems within the nation and in the whole world are very great. There are economic problems, race problems, the continuing problem of war, demands of minority groups for greater power, and many others. The rapid expansion of the population has brought a great increase in the number of poor and uneducated and unskilled. There is the problem of so many children who have been born out of wedlock and have been denied the training and love of a good home.

There has seldom been an era when there has been so much hatred fomented by various groups. We see it in Ireland and in the Middle East as well as in our own country. There are many causes but selfishness is at the root of most of it. It is often built up over a period of time and from the memory of wrongs which have not been corrected.

In the political arena there are many unfortunate attacks made on persons. There are those who seek to exploit half truths. Information is often given as facts that have been stolen or secured by some informer and its truthfulness cannot be verified. Its purpose is to injure the other political party or person who is a candidate or potential candidate. This is adding to the credibility gap of the news media. One of the great publishing houses has been taken in by its attempt to get a biography of a man who has preferred to retire to a very private life and stay out of the limelight

On Matters of Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Roots of School Phobia May Well Lie In Youngster's Home Situation

When the prospect of a day at school makes a child emotionally upset and physically sick, obviously his parents are dealing with an acute case of school phobia. That youngster has to be returned to the classroom fast if he is to develop the ability to function in school, stresses University of Rochester School of Medicine psychiatrist David L. Miller, and it will take teamwork by the parents, the family doctor, the school nurse, teacher and principal to get him there.

The problem is that while school phobia shows up in the child, its roots are usually in the home situation—most often in the parents' marital relationship, Dr. Miller told the Medical Society of the State of New York.

"School phobia is a three-generation problem," he is convinced. The mother has an overly intense and dependent relationship with the child because her relationship with her husband is unsatisfactory. A factor in her unsatisfactory relationship with her husband may be her overly close and intense relationship with her own mother.

and away from the pursuits of those who want to know all about his private life.

This all calls for a new day of honesty and truthfulness and real integrity. Several years ago I heard Dr. Norman Cox speak at a public relations conference at Camp Linden. He stressed the great importance of two words. One was the word "context" and the other was "perspective". Strip a sentence out of its context and you can make it mean almost anything. What comes before it and after it makes all the difference in the meaning it was intended to convey. Perspective is also vitally important in relationships. Another word which might be added is "motive". A wise old minister taught me as a young man never to judge the motives of another until I knew what they really were. He observed that many great errors were made here.

Our generation needs to get back to these great fundamental truths. It would stop some of the smears and the impugning of motives and the attempts to cast reflections of character and to be unfair in getting at the roots of the great problems of our time and seeking adequate solutions.

Historically: From the files

50 YEARS AGO

A report made to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention stated that "any phase of evolution, either directly or impliedly taught that is a menace to Christian faith will not now be tolerated in a Christian school." The report came from board members, W. L. Pickard, Edward Stubblefield, and G. T. Mayo, a special committee appointed to examine rumors as to some teaching of evolution at Union university. The school was cleared of any accusations in the matter. **Baptist And Reflector** stated.

Announcement was made that the 77th session of the Southern Baptist Convention would be held May 17-22, 1922 in Jacksonville, Florida. The alternate speaker for the main convention sermon was W. F. Powell of Tennessee.

20 YEARS AGO

All babies born in the future in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, were to receive a copy of the **New Testament**, courtesy of the Hospital Auxiliary Membership of the auxiliary was composed of representatives from every Baptist church in Shelby County.

The largest state Woman's Missionary Union convention in the organization's history, was held at Bellevue church, Memphis. There were 2384 registered from 52 associations for that 64 annual session.

10 YEARS AGO

Oak Grove church, Milan, was making plans for major building additions to the church. Members held ceremonies to break ground for the construction of additional Sunday School rooms and a baptistry.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, told Tennessee Sunday School members that "ringing the doorbell will do more than ringing the church bell in winning people." Speaking at the state Sunday School Convention, he urged Christians to rededicate themselves to a program of visitation.

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CAMP LINDEN

Date	Name
April 14-15	Youth Music Retreat
April 21-23	Student Spring Retreat
May 5-7	Christian Career Conference
May 26-28	Pre-Camp Staff Training
June 2-4	Pre-Camp Staff Training
June 5-9	Girls in Action Camp
June 12-16	Girls in Action Camp
June 19-23	Acteens Camp
June 23-26	RA Camp Staff Training
June 26-30	Royal Ambassador Camp
July 3-7	Royal Ambassador Camp
July 10-14	Royal Ambassador Camp
July 17-21	Royal Ambassador Camp
July 24-28	Royal Ambassador Camp
July 31-Aug. 4	Church Training Camp
August 4-5	WMU Associational Workshop
August 7-11	Church Training Camp
August 14-18	Girls in Action Camp
August 21-25	Girls in Action Camp
October 21	Church Training Leadership

CAMP CARSON

Date	Name
April 14-15	Youth Music Retreat
April 21-22	Youth Music Retreat
April 28-30	Student Spring Retreat
May 19-21	Christian Career Conference
June 5-9	Royal Ambassador Camp
June 12-16	Royal Ambassador Camp
June 17-18	Conference of the Deaf
June 18-23	Youth Camp for the Deaf
June 26-30	Acteens Camp
July 3-7	Acteens Camp
July 10-14	Girls in Action Camp
July 24-28	Girls in Action Camp
July 28-29	W.M.U. Associational Workshop
July 31-Aug. 5	Church Music Camp
August 7-12	Church Music Camp
August 14-18	Church Training Camp
August 21-25	Church Training Camp
August 25-26	S.S. Teachers Advance
August 28-Sept. 1	Pastors' Retreat
September 23	Church Training Leadership

Computer Users Plan

Cooperative Savings

RICHMOND—A newly formed association of Southern Baptist management and administrative personnel who utilize computers may save cooperating agencies and institutions thousands of dollars annually, according to the association's president, William K. Dawson of Richmond.

Members of the new Southern Baptist Computer Users Association hope agencies of the convention will share their different systems so that projects attempted by one group won't be duplicated by another, Dawson said.

In some cases it would be possible to save thousands of dollars on a single project, he adds. A particular system used by one organization could be adapted by another, saving time and money necessary to research the system a second time.

Dawson is manager of information processing systems at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

Presently, computer users in the convention develop their own systems and work singularly on projects. Regarding this duplication of effort, Dawson said it's as if "everyone got a computer and then rediscovered the wheel." (BP)

Name	Sponsor
Youth Music Retreat	Music Department
Student Spring Retreat	Student Department
Christian Career Conference	Church Training
Pre-Camp Staff Training	Brotherhood
Pre-Camp Staff Training	Brotherhood
Girls in Action Camp	W.M.U.
Girls in Action Camp	W.M.U.
Acteens Camp	W.M.U.
RA Camp Staff Training	Brotherhood
Royal Ambassador Camp	Brotherhood
Church Training Camp	Church Training
WMU Associational Workshop	W.M.U.
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Church Music Camp	Music Department
Church Music Camp	Music Department
Church Training Camp	Church Training
Church Training Camp	Church Training
S.S. Teachers Advance	Sunday School
Pastors' Retreat	Evangelism Department
Church Training Leadership	Church Training

FMB Sets Mississippi Meeting In Jackson April 11

About 16 persons are expected to be appointed to overseas posts by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Jackson, Miss., April 11. The appointment service will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Jackson Municipal Auditorium.

The service will be a feature of the Foreign Mission Board's semi-annual business meeting opening Monday evening, April 10, and closing Wednesday afternoon, April 12. Most business sessions will be held at Jackson's First Baptist Church and the state Baptist building.

This will be the first meeting in Mississippi of the Southern Baptist foreign mission agency. Most of the 67 members of the board will attend.

Participating in the appointment service will be Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Preceding the appointments Cauthen will give his report to the board.

In business sessions board members are expected to approve 75 young college graduates for training to be missionary journeymen. The board also will vote on a reorganization within the Mission Support Division creating a department charged with missionary deputation and promotion responsibilities.

The Jackson meeting will be the fourth semi-annual meeting of the agency outside its Richmond, Va., headquarters in as many years. The board met and appointed missionaries in Dallas, Tex., Lakeland, Fla., and Louisville, Ky., in April of the past three years.

Member At Two Rivers Is New 'Miss Nashville'

A Nashville Two Rivers church member, Miss Debby Cathey, was selected "Miss Nashville" during ceremonies in the state's capital city March 24-25.

Miss Cathey, 19, is a former student at Carson-Newman college where she served as a cheerleader and in the ROTC Sponsor Corp. She is presently a sophomore at Tennessee Tech university majoring in special education. She was elected Miss Carson-Newman in 1971 and Miss Davidson County in 1970.

She was selected "Miss Nashville" from 21 contestants and will enter the Miss Tennessee contest this July in Jackson.

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Religious Education Workshop-Retreat Set

Religious education workers and staff members in Tennessee will hold a workshop-retreat, May 11-12 at Holiday Hills Resort, Crossville.

The retreat, under the direction of the Tennessee Religious Education Association, will feature training sessions, conferences, and speakers designed to present new religious education methods and techniques.

James Henry, pastor, Two Rivers church, Nashville, and Leonard Wedel, Personnel Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead conferences in church activities planning, staff relations, and outreach. Henry will present a focus of emphasis during the opening session at 2:00 p.m. Thursday.

According to Miss Mary Allen, director of youth work, Church Training Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, conferences on work with various age groups will be conducted also. She stated that the retreat is intended for any worker in religious education serving part or full-time in a church, association, or agency of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Craig Steele, minister of education, First church, Cookeville, is TREA president.