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*Churches Observe Youth Week In Tennessee*

# An Unhindered Gospel

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."—Acts 28:31.

Luke closes Acts rather abruptly (vv. 30-31). Various suggestions have been offered: Luke died; the ending of Acts is lost; Luke planned to write a third book; that he had simply finished the account up to his point of writing. The last two seem to be the most likely.

For two years Paul lived in his own hired house chained to a Roman soldier, but with freedom to see anyone who came to him. Among those were messengers from various churches. He won Onesimus, a runaway slave, to Christ and sent him back to Philemon not as a pagan slave but as a Christian brother. Evidently he preached to the soldiers who took turns guarding him and to others (see Phil. 1:12-13). He did some of his most effective writing (Philippians, Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon; 2 Timothy written in a later imprisonment).

Some suggest that Paul never appeared before Caesar. One scholar cites an edict by Nero which said that if capital cases from the provinces were not heard within eighteen months they went by default. But Paul's was not a capital case. Roman courts were noted for delay. Paul's case could have

been heard with his acquittal long before the two years were up. If so, he simply remained in Rome to continue his ministry there. However, "all that came in unto him" suggests that he was still a prisoner.

God's purpose in bringing Paul to Rome was to appear before Caesar (27:24). If he did not let shipwreck and snakebite prevent his purpose, he would have let nothing else do so. I believe that Paul did appear before Caesar who heard the Christian message, and that Paul was acquitted.

How then may one explain the abrupt ending which did not tell Paul's experience before Nero? Some see his purpose to relate the spread of the gospel as found in Jesus' commission in Acts 1:8. But "the uttermost part of the earth" then included Spain (see Rom. 15:24). So Luke did not include this, though Paul probably did go there later. Luke ended the story where it was at the time.

Frank Stagg (*The Book of Acts*) makes a good case for Luke relating in Acts the struggle for an unhindered gospel by either Jews or Gentiles. The last word in Acts is an adverb (*apolutos*) meaning "unhinderedly". Verses 30-31 picture such a scene. So perhaps this is why he ended the book as he did.

## Devotional

### 'Ministry By The Wayside'

By McKnight Fite, Pastor  
Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville

Much is being written and said in Christian circles today about the importance of ministering to human needs as a means of



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conveying the Christian faith. This is certainly an emphasis well placed, and one which cannot be overlooked in a careful study of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord. James, in his epistle on applied Christianity, makes the point clear that "faith without works is dead."

In Luke 8:40-56 two life situations are presented, and the reaction of Jesus in each instance is most instructive. Two areas of ministry are suggested in the passage—the area of **assigned responsibility** and that of **wayside** witnessing.

It might be interpreted that the benevolent work of Jesus in the home of Jairus was an assigned mission, since the Lord had been informed of the need and had planned a ministry of helpfulness in the knowledge of it. There are many such assigned services that we have the privilege of rendering as we fulfill our Christian responsibilities. We should plan such ministry in prayer and deep concern, doing our best and giving God the glory.

While on the way to the home of Jairus, Jesus was touched on the hem of His garment by a woman who was desperately in need of His healing ministry. The merciful act of Jesus in her behalf was a wayside ministry. The need had not been previously presented, so a **planned** action of ministering to that need had not been undertaken.

Many times our greatest service for Christ and ministry to mankind can be performed by the wayside. In the daily walk and work of life, countless opportunities arise to witness for Christ through word and deed. We should be alert to these occasions and fail not our Lord in the realm of our most frequent possibilities to minister. May we not be as the priest and Levite who in their haste to fulfill some assigned responsibility passed by the poor, wounded man by the wayside.



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A minister in Alvesta, Sweden, suffering from vertigo, says he is unable to go up into the pulpit but preaches all of his sermons from the floor level.

This could be a blessing: If there's one thing we need today it is preaching that is down to earth.

Many preachers blast off from the launching pad, soar around for 30 minutes, and never quite get back down to earth.

Said one man of his preacher: "Every one of his sermons is the 'height of something or other'—but nobody can figure out what."

A good flight plan for the preacher is to make certain, before take-off, that his landing gear is in good order—taking all precautions to see that he doesn't go cruising around without a clear idea of where he is going and how he is going to get there.

Then, following the sermon, the choir won't feel compelled to sing the closing hymn: "We Will Understand It Better Bye-and-Bye."

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## Catholic Bishops Approve Participation In Key '73

ATLANTA—The National Council of Catholic Bishops meeting here voted to approve Catholic participation in Key '73, a nationwide evangelistic effort in 1973 involving more than 130 denominations and Christian groups, including Southern Baptists.

The vote by the bishops, approving a motion by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City, Mo., was unanimous.

Cardinal John J. Carberry of St. Louis spoke in support of the motion, pointing out that each participating denomination is free to observe the crusade in its own way.

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Evangelism Division Director Kenneth Chafin, who is coordinating plans for Southern Baptist national promotion of Key '73, said he was delighted at the announcement of Catholic participation, and felt a mass movement in 1973 of both Catholics and Protestants would be "tremendous."

"There is a moving of the spirit of God among lay people throughout the nation today, and this represents participation in a very well defined project aimed at involvement in witnessing and evangelistic thrust by Christians of all evangelical persuasion," Chafin said.

Though there are 130 denominations, groups and organizations participating, each

will decide how it is to participate, and no denomination is asked to affirm the theology or methodology of any other participant.

The Catholic action to participate in Key '73 was taken during the first meeting of the bishops which was open to the press. Two Southern Baptists attended as observers and reporters—C. Brownlow Hastings of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness, and George Sheridan, associate editor of the "Christian Index".

In other actions, the Catholic bishops voted to keep a watchful eye on the development of what generally is called "the charismatic movement" among Catholics. The bishops said they would neither encourage it enthusiastically or discourage it.

A report on the movement to the bishops expressed concern over such elements as emotionalism and anti-intellectualism in the movement. But it approved emphasis on "prayer, individual holiness, the concept of ongoing conversion and devotion to the Church and the sacraments."

On the controversial subject of abortion, the bishops approved a report from Terrence Cardinal Cooke of New York taking exception with the President's Commission on Population Growth which recommended approval of a nationwide "abortion on demand" bill. The bishops called the proposal "immoral and dangerous." (BP)

## Kentucky Legislature Requests Recognition Of God's Providence

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A resolution "to recognize the providence of Almighty God in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the schools" has been approved by both Houses of the Kentucky Legislature.

Rep. Gene Snyder (R.-Ky.) brought this to the attention of his colleagues in the House of Representatives here through the pages of the Congressional Record, into which he had the text of the resolution inserted.

Among seven citations in the resolution were these: "It is evident with each passing day that our schools and our system of government will surely fail without God." Public polls now show an overwhelming majority of the American people favor the historic recognition of Almighty God in the public schools . . . This issue of the Rule of God in America transcends all partisan and sectarian divisions. . . ."

The resolution requests the governor of Kentucky to "call the attention of our citizens to the truth of Scripture quoted by the late President John F. Kennedy in a final speech never delivered, 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.'"

It also declared "that it is in keeping with our national heritage that the Providence of Almighty God be recognized in every appropriate way in our public schools. (RNS)

## Evangelist Lost Support—Temporarily—After Becoming United Methodist

DALLAS—When evangelist Oral Roberts joined the United Methodist Church in 1968 he temporarily experienced losses in revenue and following.

"I was charged with having gone liberal, turning Communist and being a backslider by many of my supporters," Mr. Roberts told Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, editor of the "Texas Methodist," in an interview.

During the first year after he left the Pentecostal Holiness Church and was accepted as a clergyman in the United Methodist denomination, Mr. Roberts said his organization's income dropped by two-thirds.

"At one point we had to borrow money in order to pay our staff salaries," the evangelist stated. "But once I was certain that I was taking the step that God wanted me to take, I was willing to lose everything and start over if necessary."

He added that by 1969 about 90 per cent of his supporters had returned. "And after the beginning of our specials on national television, the Lord brought thousands of new people to us, cutting across all walks of life," he said.

Roberts, 54, is head of the evangelistic association that bears his name and also president of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. The association and the university together employ more than 700 persons. (RNS)



Jim Hyde, center, chairman of deacons at East Brainerd church, Chattanooga, led in a recent note-burning service at the church. Looking on is (left to right): Mrs. Bill Wooten, WMS director; Dexter Woods, Brotherhood director; Wayne Sims, chairman of the finance committee; and Joe F. Peek, pastor. In addition to paying off the debt, the church has added a \$40,000 educational building addition and built a \$25,000 parsonage.

# EDITORIALS

## Where Did They Go?

The great doctrines of our faith really have not gone any where. They still are to be found in the Word of God. Their validity still is certain. The truths by which men should live and by which their lives should be guided repose within the pages of our Bible. Too frequently, they seldom see the light of deep Bible study and solid expository and textual preaching.

Some of these great doctrines include salvation by grace through faith; sanctification; original sin; the nature of the Godhead; the nature of man; the reality of Heaven; the reality of hell; the validity of good works; and on and on.

We believe that Tennessee Baptists would do well to study anew the great truths of God's Word. They are indeed truths by which our lives should be directed just as surely as the mariner follows the stars and the compass.

A watered down religion still is not going to do anyone a great deal of good, if any. For far too many people, Christian ethical principles have become a morass of gray areas; the shading added to suit the situation of the moment. And, when we can comfortably adapt the truths of the Bible to suit our own particular "need" for enlightenment, we have done little more than apply a band aid to a major wound. The Bible has much to say about Christians feeding upon milk and meat.

One recalls the names of men, Sampey, Mullins, Spurgeon, Wesley, Whitefield, and some contemporaries who preach without apology ALL of the Bible as God provided and provides insight for them. We have noted, and have read that when the deep, eternal truths of God are presented, men will flock to hear these truths because basically they realize their need for hearing and for practical application.

Even men such as Jonathan Edwards, with mighty messages, but little pulpit ability, when they preached left no doubt in the minds of the hearers that they were bringing the Word of God to sinful man. Edwards' sermon, "Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God," delivered from a manuscript in a voice not calculated to attract the attention of the "average" listener, was delivered with such power, we are told, that those present literally clung to the pews in front of them lest they fall into hell.

We have seen a lot of preachers and many church leaders come and go. We have seen many who made "big" albeit brief impressions upon those with whom they came in contact. But the preachers we have seen stay, and continue as powerful influences for God's cause, were and are those who have known that God intended that they should preach as a dying man to dying men.

It is our prayer that in our concern for numbers and "visible results" we never forget that our primary concern is to preach the entire Word of God, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to change the direction of men's lives. Our responsibility as servants of God is to point men to Him; with no apology or hesitation.

"Gray area preaching" isn't going to do any more for the sinner, and the saved seeking Divine guidance than the application of first aid techniques when major surgery

is demanded. We believe that the answer for a sinful world still is the presentation of the message of God. The God who made us, loves us. It is not His wish that any should be lost, but that all should repent and be saved.

Are we satisfied with the depth of our religious convictions? Are we confirmed in our belief that God's Word provides the answers to our problems and frustrations? If not, then where the great truths are concerned, let us ask not "Where Did They Go?" Rather, let us ask: "Where may I find them?"

## Churches Should Write Histories

Plans continue for a Centennial Celebration in 1974, commemorating the organization of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1874. Many detailed events are "in the making." Perhaps a valid suggestion to many Tennessee churches would be that as our Convention prepares for a year-long special witness that the churches begin now to make preparation.

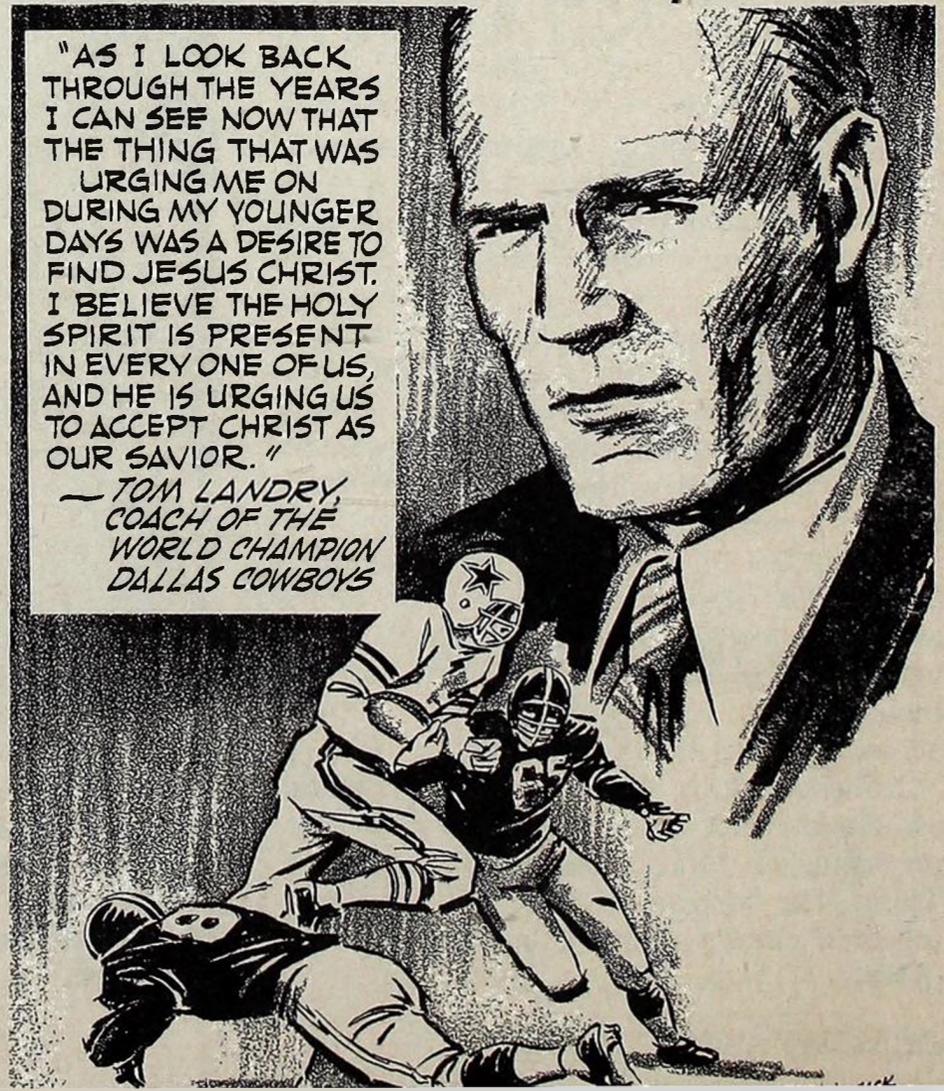
One of the best things for many churches would be to begin now to have written a history of the church. There is a story of love, sacrifice, devotion, and ministry behind every structure of wood and stone with the name Baptist church affixed to it. This story, in most instances, lies buried in the records of church conferences, minutes of other meetings. Some of the story is buried forever in the minds of those of another generation.

Just as our own convention is planning for a history covering the ministries of the state organization, churches would do well to consider having histories written of their own congregational life. It just might be that a look at the past would assist many churches and church members to focus a bit more clearly upon the task at hand, and the opportunities in the future.

## Personal Testimony

"AS I LOOK BACK THROUGH THE YEARS I CAN SEE NOW THAT THE THING THAT WAS URGING ME ON DURING MY YOUNGER DAYS WAS A DESIRE TO FIND JESUS CHRIST. I BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENT IN EVERY ONE OF US, AND HE IS URGING US TO ACCEPT CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR."

— TOM LANDRY,  
COACH OF THE  
WORLD CHAMPION  
DALLAS COWBOYS



## Baker Is New Chairman Of SBC Historical Commission

### Pollard Will Retire From Bellevue, Memphis

By Eura Lannom



Dr. Ramsey Pollard has announced on his 12th anniversary as pastor of Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, plans to retire June 1.

"I will spend the remaining part of my life in conducting revival meetings and related Christian activities," Pollard told his congregation when he revealed his plans to retire.

According to Pollard he plans to go into full-time evangelism and will probably make his home in Memphis.

As president of the Board of Directors of Union university, Pollard will give some time in helping to raise \$8 million for their new campus complex which will soon be under construction. He will continue to serve as president of the Board of Directors, World Evangelism Foundation, Abilene, Texas.

Pollard came to Tennessee from Evans Avenue Baptist church, Fort Worth, 33 years ago to become pastor of Broadway Baptist church, Knoxville, where he served more than 20 years. He became pastor of Bellevue Baptist church in 1960, succeeding Robert G. Lee.

He served two terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and eight years as chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC.

Pollard has served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and chairman of the Administrative Committee, TBC. He is presently serving as a director of the Board of Directors of Baptist Memorial hospital, Memphis.

He is married to the former Della Pickle of Dallas. They have two children, Ramsey Pollard, Jr., Memphis; and Mrs. Robert Cliett, Atlanta.

NASHVILLE—The SBC Historical Commission, in a business session here last week, elected a new chairman, Robert A. Baker, professor of church history at Southwestern seminary, Fort Worth. Elected vice chairman was Martin B. Bradley, research section director for the SBC Sunday School Board; and named secretary was Mrs. Roy Babb, wife of Nashville's Edgefield church pastor.

The commission adopted also a resolution commending the work of outgoing president W. Morgan Patterson, professor of church history at Southern seminary, Louisville, who will be out of the country on sabbatic leave next year.

A special consultation was held prior to the commission meeting seeking advice of 18 persons invited to make "a comprehensive, critical study" of the work of the commission; the history needs of the denomination; and the implementation of programs, past, present and future, of the commission.

Charging that Baptists are still indexing their periodicals "in a horse and buggy fashion . . . within sight of the 21st century," the president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society called for developing a computerized master model of inexpensive indexing of Baptist newspapers, periodicals, minutes and other publications.

F. Wilbur Helmbold, director of libraries at Samford university in Birmingham, made the appeal in a major address at a joint session of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Helmbold stated that no scientist would allow his institution to be without such a master index system, "yet Baptists continue using out-of-date and inadequate methods of indexing their periodicals." He told the two organizations that he believed Southern Baptist organizations were at a "significant turning point" in the direction they would take regarding the denomination's history.

In a later business session the Historical Society voted to create a student membership category at half the regular membership fee (\$2 for students, \$4 for regular membership).

Rollin S. Armour, professor of religion at Stetson university, DeLand, Fla., was elected new president of the SBC Historical Society. Named vice president was R. A. McLemore, retired president of Mississippi college, Clinton. (BP)

#### CORRECTION

In the advertisement on school buses appearing in the April 20 issue on page nine, and in the April 27 issue, page 18, the contact should read Frank T. Nee, Jr., area code 203 (not 230, as stated), 261-2525 (collect). [See page 18]

## Conferences Slated On Church Vocations

Professionals in church-related vocations from throughout Tennessee will meet with young people at Camp Linden, May 5-7, and Camp Carson, May 19-21. These leaders will guide in training at the state's two Christian Career Conferences.



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The conferences, held annually for the past 15 years, will feature training in religious and secular vocations for students 15-17 and 18-24. A panel of representatives from the field of higher education will lead discussions on college life: its problems and goals.

Leading in the pastoral ministry conference at Linden will be Courtney Wilson, pastor of First church, Hendersonville and president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and Murray Mathis at Carson, pastor of Powell's chapel in Murfreesboro. Bill Henry, associate in the state Student Department, will guide in denominational ministry at both camps. Missions as a vocation will be led by Everett Parsons, missionary on furlough from Ecuador. The church educational ministry will be led by Dwayne Zimmer at Linden, educational director at Woodmont church, Nashville; and Craig Steele, Carson, educational director at First church, Cookeville.

Music ministry session leaders include Frank Charton, Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Linden; and Tony Whitfield, minister of music, Smithwood church, Knoxville, Carson. Miss Martha Nelson, educational secretary at Woodmont church, Nashville, will guide young people in church office training at Linden; the Carson session will be under the leadership of Mrs. William Fox, Judson Memorial church secretary, Nashville. A general session on exploring church vocations will be under the leadership of Bill Clemmons and Mrs. Alice Magill, both of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Secular vocational study will include conferences on communications, medicine, nursing, science, teaching, business, social services, law, engineering, homemaking, vocational, technical, and secretarial.

## About The Cover

Representative of the many churches in Tennessee which have or plan to observe Youth Week are these groups. Top—Young people from Highland Heights Baptist church, Memphis, Bruce Coyle, pastor. Bottom—Group from Oakwood Baptist church, Knoxville, Glenn E. Ford, pastor.

# Smyrna Dentist Challenges Gift Of Vacation Time For Mission Work

By Bobbie Durham

Morris Frank, Smyrna dentist and a member of First Baptist church in that town, has challenged Tennessee Baptists to consider the possibility of giving their vacation time to foreign missions.

Frank experienced such a "working holiday" last fall when he served for a month in Rhodesia, performing dental work on patients at the Sanyati Baptist Hospital.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," Frank recalled. "I only wish that more of our state's professional Baptist people would consider doing a similar thing."

The decision to make the trip, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, came as a result of a medical missions conference during Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest last summer. During the week, Foreign Mission Board personnel presented the needs for service around the world and asked for the consideration of professional people to serve in such capacities.

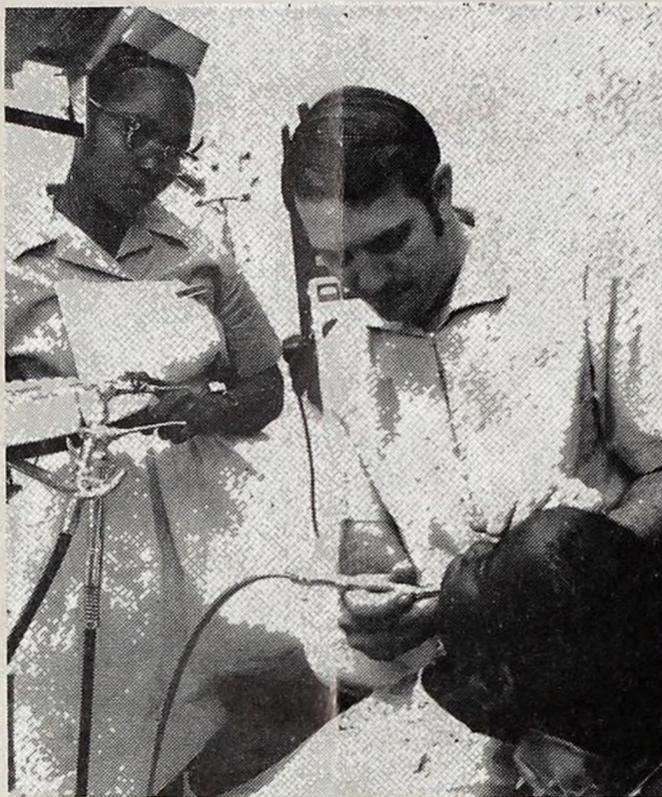
Support of the doctor's journey came partially from his home church in Smyrna, and from Nashville Dental Inc., and A. E. White Dental Supplies who furnished dental equipment and tools for his use.

## Flew To Remote Areas

In the Sanyati Hospital, Frank worked with Drs. Giles and Wana Ann Fort, medical missionaries from Texas. He was the house guest of Reverend and Mrs. Archie Dunaway, Nashville missionaries. On various occasions he flew from the hospital into remote countryside areas to perform dental work. On excursions of this type, he worked exclusively with Dr. Rob Garrett, medical physician.

Dr. Garrett would treat sick natives all day, and I would pull teeth," Frank said. "I could not perform any complex or intricate work in these remote areas because there was no clinic equipment available." A nurse, working with the two doctors, gave measles shots to hundreds of children after they were treated by the doctor. Frank emphasized that both in the country and in the hospital, a devotional or preaching service was given before any treatment was rendered.

Two recollections stand out as highlights of the trip, according to Frank. "The first thing that impressed me was the unity of the missionaries on the field. There was a closeness among them. They were held together by a strong fellowship and a love for one another." The second thing of value that Frank noted was the success of the missionary journeyman program for college graduates.



**Dr. Morris Frank, Smyrna dentist, served on a missionary "vacation" in Rhodesia in October as a volunteer at the Sanyati Baptist Hospital. During his month of service, he treated over 400 patients and worked at the hospital from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. A member of First church, Smyrna, he served under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board.**

## "Finding Chair" Problem

On his excursions into the back country, Frank said that his biggest problem was "finding a chair to sit in." In the Sanyati Hospital, he worked with doctors who were trying to care for over 240 patients in an 80-bed facility.

Frank said that working conditions in the hospital were "fairly good" with a well equipped dental clinic.

A great part of Frank's work included witnessing to nearly every patient he treated and passing out over 200 Gideon Bibles. "The Bibles went real fast, and I tried to relate something of Christ's love to all of my patients," he observed. Due to the great number of patients," Frank found it necessary to work from 6:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. "I was trying to do 10 years worth of work in 25 days," he said. "At the time I served, the hospital did not have a regular dentist . . ."

"There is an overwhelming need for Christians to serve on a short-term basis in medical and pari-medical fields in many countries," he concluded. Also, particularly, in Africa and other undeveloped locations, there is a need for dieticians and agriculturalists to teach people how to raise and prepare nutritious foods.

## Peacemaker Chaplain Honored By Military

A Philippine Baptist pastor who spent the last year of his life promoting peace between Muslims and Christians on the island of Mindanao has become the first evangelical chaplain to be buried in "Libingan ng mga Bayani" (Cemetery of the Heroes) near Manila.

Deu I. Mahandi, 45, pastor of the Cubao Baptist Church, Quezon City, suffered a stroke while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the Philippines at Camp Evangelista, Cagayan de Oro, on the northern coast of Mindanao. He died two days later and was buried with military honors.

Major Aristoteles Y. Malahay, ranking evangelical chaplain, said at the funeral service that Mahandi was the first evangelical chaplain to meet requirements for burial in the heroes' cemetery, including death in the line of duty.

A Muslim by family background, Mahandi accepted Christ through the witness of a Baptist while attending college in Manila and later became a leader in Southern Baptist work in the area.

In February 1971, Mahandi volunteered for active duty with one of the "peace and order" teams being organized under the Armed Forces' Office of Community Relations. The teams were to quell violence in Mindanao between Muslims, who were the original landholders, and Christian settlers who had flocked into the area following World War II.

During his 13 months of active duty, the chaplain traveled throughout the troubled provinces of Mindanao to encourage cooperation and unity. Because he knew the ways of the Muslim people, he was able in many instances to meet with their leaders. His ministry included radio broadcasts from two stations.

## Mississippi's Laws Barring Evolution, Intermarriage Killed In New Code

**JACKSON, Miss.**—The Mississippi House of Representatives has endorsed a new state code that eliminates an 1880 law against interracial marriage and a 1926 "monkey law" barring the teaching of evolution.

Passed in 1880 to curb former Negro slaves, the miscegenation statute barred a person of one-eighth or more Negro blood from marrying a white person.

Virginia's miscegenation law was struck down by the U. S. Supreme Court several years ago. In 1970, a federal judge in Mississippi ordered the state to issue a marriage license to a white clerk and a black person—the first known public marriage between a black and a white person in the state.

Mississippi's law against the teaching of evolution—the last such statute in the nation—made it a violation to "teach that mankind ascended or descended from a lower form of animal." (RNS)

# Foreign Mission Board Creates Department For Promotion Of Missions

**JACKSON, Miss.**—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has approved a reorganization within its Mission Support Division creating a department of promotion and furlough ministries.

The action came during a meeting of the 67-member board here April 10-12.

The new department, to become operational in June, will encompass the "promotion" functions of the former department of missionary education and promotion.

The latter, to be called the department of missionary education, will keep responsibility for the audio-visuals and publications work, under the direction of Eugene L. Hill.

Samuel A. DeBord, formerly associate secretary for promotion on Hill's staff, will head the new department of promotion and furlough ministries.

### Three Associate Secretaries

The department will promote foreign missions with new and innovative ministries, according to DeBord.

This will be done through world missions conferences, camps, weekend mission emphases in churches, rallies, foreign mission fellowships, state convention offices, SBC offices, denominational assembly programs, "missionaries in residence," and stewardship and prayer, said DeBord.

Furloughing missionaries as well as staff members will perform the work of the department.

DeBord's staff will include three associate secretaries, Miss Edna Graces Dawkins, Roger G. Duck and Ralph L. West. They are being transferred from the department of missionary personnel.

Miss Dawkins was an associate secretary in that department. Duck and West were regional personnel representatives. Miss Dawkins will continue to reside in Richmond, Va., headquarters city of the board; Duck will move from Fort Worth to Dallas, and West will remain in Atlanta.

### Other Employees Complete Staff

Other employees of the board in Richmond will complete the staff.

Their major "recruiting target groups" will be church staffs and denominational workers; young adults, especially former short-term missionaries and other overseas workers; and laymen, including medical personnel, social workers, educators, agriculturalists and other professionals.

DeBord said the department will be responsible for furlough missionary housing, "orientation patterns for ministries of furloughing missionaries," and briefings for Baptists going overseas as tourists.

Enlistment of missionary candidates among seminary and university students will continue to be the responsibility of the department of missionary personnel, primarily through four regional personnel representatives.

They are Don A. Reavis, who is being transferred from Kansas City, Mo., to Fort Worth; Robert C. Covington, remaining in New Orleans; and W. Dennis Hill, being transferred from Louisville to the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina.

A fourth regional personnel representative is authorized but no one has been named for the post. (BP)

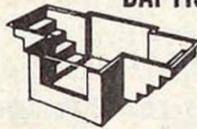
## Use Of Public Funds To Renovate Church-Owned Building Probed

**NEW YORK**—The New York City Board of Ethics was asked here to probe a situation in which \$144,000 in public funds were used to renovate a building owned by a church. Three officials of the city's Housing and Development Administration are associated with the congregation.

The request to the ethics board came from Investigation Commissioner Robert Ruskin, who asked for a ruling on possible conflict of interest on the part of the officials. And he wants to know whether the Rev. Randolph Barnes, assistant director of the housing administration, may have committed perjury.

At issue is the renovation of an apartment building owned since 1969 by the Mount Gilead Baptist church in the Bronx. Barnes was full-time pastor of the church before becoming a city employee in 1966. He has preached at Mount Gilead intermittently since. (RNS)

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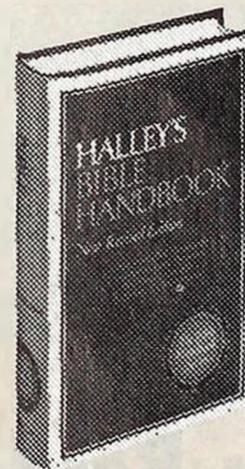
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# Tennessee News Briefs

A worship service honoring **C. C. Fuller**, retired Baptist minister, was held at Roberts-ville church in Oak Ridge with **Fuller** and the Mount Zion church as special guests. **Fuller** retired in January after 49 years as an active minister. He was pastor of the Mt. Zion church during his last 24 years and led in the construction of the building. During his service, church membership grew from 19 to 300. **Lee Morris** is pastor of the Roberts-ville church.

The Executive Committee of the Hamilton County Association has expressed appreciation to **Ansell T. Baker** for his long-time service in the central church and the Hamilton County Association. **Baker** resigned recently after 20 years as pastor of the Central church in Chattanooga.

First church, Whitesburg, has begun publication of a monthly church paper. **Richard M. Long**, associate pastor, is editor of the paper, and **Eva Russell** and **Lois Bernard** are assistants. **Ted A. Peace** is pastor of the church.

Highland Park church, Jackson, held deacon ordination services recently for **Joe Blanton** and **Robert Martin**. The sermon was delivered by **Thomas L. Lewis**, superintendent of missions for Madison-Chester Association. **Rufus H. Moore**, pastor of the Highland Park church, led in the questioning of the candidates.

Registration for the summer trimester of Mid-Continent Baptist Bible college, Mayfield, Ky., will be held May 1. Late registration will continue through May 15, according to **Tom Perkins**, director of development. A short summer session is scheduled to be held June 19-August 18 for high school students.

Mrs. Anna Kerr, mother of Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is recovering from injuries suffered in a fall recently. She is in the Mount Vale Nursing Home in Maryville.

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The final services of the crusade, held Sunday Night, drew over 10,000 people, the largest attendance of the week.

**Ralph Carroll** was ordained to the gospel ministry at Hermitage Hills church in Nashville last Sunday. **George C. Becvar**, pastor, presided at the ceremony.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

The Highland Park church in Jackson held revival services recently with **Ernie Habecker**, St. Petersburg, Fla., as evangelist. **Phil Jewett**, First church, Shelbyville, was music director. According to the church's pastor, **Rufus H. Moore**, a record attendance was registered every night.

There were 10 professions of faith during revival services at Summitville church in the Duck River Association. **Wallace Rowland** was the evangelist. **Franklin Brown** is pastor.

A youth-led meeting was held at the Zion Missionary church in Benton recently with young people from throughout the Polk County Association taking part. Speaker for the sessions was **Phil Glisson**, a member of Leawood church, Memphis. **Jerry Richardson** was song leader for the services. There were four professions of faith and 11 rededications. **Harold Firestone** is pastor.

Over 50 additions to the church were reported in a recent revival at First church, Kenton. Preaching were **Jerry Spencer**, Orlando, Florida, and **Dave Ragan**, Daytona Beach, Fla. There were 44 professions of faith and seven additions by letter. **Bob Hollingshead**, minister of music at Inglewood church, Jackson, led the music. **Hoyt Wilson** is pastor.

In the Bradley Association, revival services were held at Samples Memorial church. **James Elkins** was the evangelist. There was one profession of faith. **Eddie Hooker** is pastor. **Angel Martinez** was the evangelist for revival services at First church, Cleveland. **Jimmy Snelley**, Dallas, directed the music, and there were over 60 professions of faith. **William Cropper** is pastor.

First church, Smyrna, reports 37 professions of faith, 11 additions by letter, nine baptisms, and numerous rededications during its recent revival. **James McCluskey**, Wallace Memorial church, Knoxville, was the evangelist, and **Bill Cox**, minister of music at Park Avenue church, Nashville, led the music. **Harry C. Kellogg Jr.** is pastor.

## Mission Action Training Workshop Is Planned

An intensive mission action training session will be held May 17-19 at Ouachita Baptist university in Arkadelphia, Ark. The workshop is for Tennessee residents and people from all states touching Arkansas.

The conference, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is part of the first large-scale mission action training project ever fielded. Instruction will be offered in specific training in work with a mission action target. A person may choose to attend any one of ten target conferences.

WMU personnel will lead general sessions on mission action organization and administration, group processes, and mission action projects.

Beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, the workshop will close at noon Friday.

**Richard L. Wakefield**, pastor of Lincoya Hills church, Nashville, led in revival services at First church, Selmer. There were 17 professions of faith, 18 rededications, and three additions by letter. **Bill Mayo** led the music. **Matt Tomlin** is pastor of the Selmer church.

**Charles Ausmus**, pastor of the Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, reports a revival with over 200 decisions in his church recently. Under the preaching of **Damon Patterson**, pastor of First church, Corryton, there were 19 professions of faith.

Mt. View church, Antioch, held revival services with **Donald Owens** as evangelist and **Tommy Johnson** as music director. There were 31 additions by baptism, two additions by statement, six additions by letter, and seven other professions of faith. **James E. Bond** is pastor. **Bond** served as evangelist in revival services recently for a former Mt. View member, **Bob Bogle**, who is now pastor of the Courtland church, Courtland, Ala. There were 82 professions of faith, 12 additions by letter, and seven surrendered to full-time Christian service.

First church, Tiptonville, had a youth-led revival which resulted in 71 professions of faith. The week-end revival was led by a team from Union university. The youth evangelist was **David Burton**. Others included **Charles Richie**, **Mike Smith**, and **Jackie Fowler**. **Jerald E. Smith** is pastor.

**Darrell M. Lankford**, pastor of New Salem church in Clinton, reports a recent revival with 31 professions of faith, six by letter, and 65 rededications. **Henry Linginfelter**, full-time evangelist from Alcoa, led the services.

**Doug Sager**, pastor of First church, Alcoa, led revival services in his church which resulted in 40 professions of faith. There were 14 additions by letter, 70 rededications, one surrendered to the ministry, and one surrendered to full-time evangelism. **Dick Barrett** led the singing.

# RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

Luther Dotterer Reed, the leading U.S. authority on Lutheran liturgy church music and architecture in the 20th Century, died in Philadelphia on April 3. He was 99 years of age. President-emeritus of Lutheran Theological seminary, Philadelphia, Reed was a clergyman of the Lutheran Church in America.

Miss Ray Buster, 74, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary who served for 40 years in Brazil, died April 3 in Arlington, Texas. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1923, and her first assignment was teaching in the kindergarten at the Baptist college in Rio de Janeiro.

## Children's Homes

### Shouting and Giving

By James M. Gregg  
Executive Director-Treasurer

Our beloved friend, Dr. John D. Freeman, recalls a visit he and Dr. W. J. Stewart made to an associational meeting many years ago. Dr. Stewart, for 30 years superintendent of the Orphan's Home, now our Children's Homes, spoke on the Home's work and made an earnest appeal. The moderator was so moved by the appeal that he called for an offering. "We will stand and sing and all who will come to the front and put your offering in the basket on the piano."

Dr. Freeman said, "Soon after the song began, a shout broke from the audience, followed elsewhere in the house by rejoicing. I was standing near the piano and could not keep from watching the coins that were dropped in it." He added, "Then I was attracted by a dainty little woman, with snow white hair, who made her way into the aisle and started for the moderator to shake his hand. She came weaving with grace and clapping her hands. Just before she reached the front, an impulse which I could not resist seized me. I picked up the basket and held it to her. Instantly her spirit changed; she ceased shouting. She turned with stolid steps to her seat."

This year we have much for which to praise God. You can shout with me over the 468 homeless children who received care and a home during the past year in our Homes; over the 55 of them who were saved; over the 100 dedicated staff members who care for these children and help give them direction and Christian training; over our new cottages nearing completion; over the hundreds of gifts, large and small, made by Tennessee Baptists; and over God's bountiful blessings on us all.

This year shout with me and also give with me on Mother's Day. We must do both.

Newly-appointed missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board will share in special services at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, June 8. Leading the ceremonies will be Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Carl Bates, SBC president. Singer Anita Bryant will provide special music.

J. P. Allen, director of audience response for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, is the guest lecturer for the fourth annual H. I. Hester Lectureship in Preaching being held at Golden Gate seminary this week. Allen is giving lectures on the theme, "Preaching in the Mass Media Age."

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.**—Two lottery bills have been passed by the Maryland General Assembly and could become effective Jan. 1, 1973 if voters repeal the state constitutional ban on state lotteries at a November referendum. One bill would establish a "no losers" lottery, modeled after the British National lottery. The second bill would create a commission to establish a lottery similar to those in New Jersey, New York, and New Hampshire. Lottery tickets would be sold and cash prizes awarded each week.

A. Donald Bell, professor of psychology and human relations at Southwestern seminary, has announced that he will take an early retirement, effective August 1. During his 30-year teaching career, he was at Southwestern nearly 20 years. He is working currently on his tenth book, and plans to move with his family to Santa Fe, New Mexico, following his retirement where he will go into full-time writing.

Gordon Clinard, Billy Graham professor of Evangelism at Southern seminary, Louisville, will join Hardin-Simmons university faculty in Abilene, Texas this fall as professor of Bible. Clinard is a native of Springfield, Tenn. and holds a B.A. degree from Union university. He has held previous positions as pastor in Texas.

President Nixon has nominated a black Baptist pastor and lawyer from Memphis, Benjamin L. Hooks, to serve on the seven-member Federal Communications Commission. He is pastor of the Greater Middle Baptist church in Memphis and serves on the board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is a former criminal court judge of Shelby County and a practicing lawyer. If his nomination is confirmed by the Senate, Hooks will serve a seven-year term beginning next July, succeeding Robert T. Bartley who will retire when his term ends June 30.

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# The Missionary Imperative

By William Dodson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Martin

Focal Passages: Luke 24:45-49; John 17:18-21; Acts 13:1-3

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON.** To point out that the gospel is the major thrust of our missionary imperative.

## A GLORIOUS MESSAGE (Luke 24:45-49)



Dodson

The instruction given in Luke 24:44-49 is a general summary of Jesus' teaching. Here Jesus reveals the purpose for which Christ came to the earth, the message of which we are witnesses, and the power needed to share that witness. "Then opened He their understanding." (verse 45)

This is a prerequisite for the work of proclaiming

Christ. Only as He opens our understanding do we know God's plan of salvation. As He opens our understanding, false ideas about Christ are avoided. As the Spirit descends upon us, we are endued with power.

In verses 46 and 47 Jesus defines the two essential facts of the gospel. First, Christ made an atonement on the cross for the sins of the world. Second, He arose on the third day overcoming death and the grave. Our message is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ makes possible repentance and the remission of sins. For this purpose Christ came into the world.

Jesus pointed out that the responsibility for carrying the gospel fell on the believers in the church. "And ye are witnesses of these things." (verse 48) They had listened to the teaching of Jesus, had seen what He was and what He had done. They witnessed His healing power, watched His example, and felt His power in their souls. They were in turn to be spokesmen about what they had heard and felt.

Why were the disciples able to be Christ's witnesses? A small magnet is made of steel. However, it possess a power not possessed by ordinary steel. What provides this strange power of drawing other metals to it? At some time the small piece of steel has been rubbed against a large magnet until some of the power of the large magnet has passed into it. Christ is the Divine Magnet who draws us to Himself. He declared, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." (John 12:32) Christ's disciples were small magnets who gained their power through contact with Him. "And ye are witnesses of these things," Christ declared. (verse 48) They bore witness of Him because they knew Him and He lived in their hearts.

"A specialist," just beginning to practice,

cured without charge a poor laborer who was sick with the disease that was his speciality. For pay, he asked only that the cured man tell everyone who had cured him. The grateful fellow did this so thoroughly that the physician's office was soon crowded, and his fame became known world-wide. Ought we not do as much for the Great Physician who healed us?

Jesus also promised the necessary power for the task. He calls two facts to our attention. First, He promised the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Second, He commanded them to tarry in Jerusalem until they are endued with that power. It was useless for believers in the early church to attempt to preach the gospel until the power to preach and the power to reach the hearts of men was bestowed upon them.

## A DIVINE COMMISSION (John 17:18-21)

Jesus indicated His great concern for His witnesses in His intercessory prayer in John 17. In verses 18 through 21 Jesus directed His prayer for the disciples, including present-day Christianity. He stated His divine commission. Even as God sent Christ into the world, Christ sent His disciples into the world. God expected His disciples to be in the world, but never to merge with the world. Jesus prayed that as He was kept in the world by His Father, so would the disciples be preserved by Him. Jesus envisioned future generations of believers and His prayer reached out to include them.

The Christian must be sanctified. (verse 19) The word here means "to make holy" or "to set apart." To sanctify does not mean "to be perfect." None of us will be perfect (complete) on this earth.

In the larger passage (verse 15) Jesus prays for God to "keep them from evil." Christians and churches are always under pressure to conform to the world. At times it is "fit in" or face harassment. If one "gives in", he faces remorse and guilt. What is the Christian to do? Remain with the Word. Live in daily fellowship with Christ.

Verses 17 and 18 are tied together. Personal holiness (sanctification) is significant in that it is tied to our consecration to the supreme Christian mission (witnessing). The Christian's task is to share the Person and faith of his heart and life with unconverted humanity. Believers are as "ambassadors for Christ" to carry the message of hope and beseech men in Christ's stead to be "reconciled to God." (II Cor. 5:20)

## A CALL OF THE SPIRIT (Acts 13:1-3)

The Books of Acts is the story of the Holy Spirit working in the early church. The presence of the Holy Spirit in the life

## Foundation

### No Flowers For Me

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"I don't want flowers when I die. I prefer that the money spent for flowers go to some worthy cause." This statement is heard often. The truth about it is that most of us will get only a couple of hundred dollars worth of flowers at best. Many of these same people don't seem to realize that when they die without a will they are wasting much more money than will be spent for flowers. Court cost, legal fees, administrative expense will all be excessive. If there is so much concern about wasted money that could be used for a worthy cause this is one place to start making corrections.

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of the early church is very evident in the Record of Acts.

God chose Antioch as the port of embarkation for world-wide Christian missions. While the church leadership of the church at Antioch was engaged in teaching and ministering, the Holy Spirit instructed the church to set aside Barnabas and Saul for special missions work "whereunto He had called them." (verse 2) The church dedicated these two men (verse 4) for the mission God had called them to do. This action of the Holy Spirit was ratified by the church in a special service. Following a period of fasting and praying they set them apart to their work by the "laying on of hands."

Barnabas and Paul were now on their way for a great historical missionary impact in Asia Minor. Churches today with an attitude congenial to the Holy Spirit will witness God's calling out from their fellowship persons ordained for missionary service.

What was the greatest deed recorded of the church at Antioch? The church responded to the call of the Holy Spirit and sent Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey. They gave of their leadership to spread the gospel. Our churches today must learn that it is not keeping, but giving, that enriches.

The account of the ordination of Paul and Barnabas as missionaries is the story of the first missionary movement. Here we see inaugurated a program of world evangelization fulfilling Christ's command. Since this beginning of the missionary enterprise, God has, through the Holy Spirit, called men to carry out the great commission.

# Half SBC Churches Provide No Retirement For Pastors

**DALLAS**—Nearly half the churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention do not provide retirement coverage for their pastors, state representatives of the denomination's Annuity Board were told here.

Baynard F. Fox, vice president for development among churches for the SBC Annuity Board with offices here, told 16 state representatives of the Annuity Board meeting here that of the 33,937 churches in the SBC, 16,464 congregations provide no retirement program for their pastors.

Fox pointed out that 11,867 of the churches, by far the largest category, have fewer than 200 members. Many of these small churches have part-time pastors and cannot afford to contribute to a retirement fund from their meager collections.

There are, however, 4040 churches with between 200 and 499 members which do not have a retirement program with the Annuity Board that could and should do so, Fox said.

He urged the 16 state representatives of the Annuity Board to enlist 7500 new churches in retirement coverage for their pastors and other staff members during the next five years.

Among the denomination's 2054 churches with 1000 or more members, only 81 churches do not provide retirement coverage for the pastor. In most cases, only the pastor's retirement is covered, not other staff members.

Fox said he hoped 5000 unenlisted staff

## Bates Names SBC Committee Chairmen, Parliamentarian

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**—Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates, in consultation with vice presidents of the 11.9 million member convention, has named four committee chairmen and a parliamentarian to serve during the denomination's convention in Philadelphia, June 6-8.

Named parliamentarian to assist Bates in presiding over business sessions was Robert Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Oklahoma City.

Chairmen of four special committees were announced by Bates. They are:

Randall Lolley, chairman, resolutions committee, and pastor, First Baptist church, Winston-Salem, N.C.;

Dotson M. Nelson, chairman, committee on committees, and pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist church, Birmingham;

Joe Hubb Collier, chairman, credentials committee, and businessman, lay preacher and former pastor from Oklahoma; and George McCotter, chairman, tellers committee, and owner of the Tryon Moving and Storage Co., Lillington, N.C.

members of participating churches would be enrolled during the next five years, plus an additional 5500 represented by seminary students now studying at SBC seminaries who will enter the active ministry during the next five years.

During the three-day meeting here, the 16 state Annuity Board representatives attending also were briefed on the board's investment policies, services to members of retirement plans, health and disability insurance coverage, and contacts with Baptist institutions other than churches. (BP)

## Awards Are Presented At Carson-Newman

Two students at Carson-Newman college have been awarded the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in an honors day program held at the school.

The award is presented to outstanding students. They are Mrs. Kathy Q. Tarr, Jefferson City, home economics major, and Sheridan C. Barker, Bulls Gap, an English major.

A non-student award was presented to Mrs. Nina M. Rubin, retired registrar of Carson-Newman. A native of Galloway, she received her B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee. She began her career with Carson-Newman in 1943 as a recorder. She retired in 1965.

## 55 Nurses Graduated At Baptist Memorial

Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, in Memphis, graduated 55 students in nursing during commencement exercises March 31. The class was one of the largest in history.

The completion of the 30-month course qualifies the graduates to take the State Board examination for registered nurses. Approximately 40 of the new graduates were employed at Baptist Memorial.

E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain college, Mississippi, was the commencement speaker. Diplomas were awarded by Robert Orr, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the hospital. Exercises were held at First church, Memphis.

## Hymn Long Sung In The U.S. Tops The 'Charts' In Britain

**NEW YORK**—"Amazing Grace," one of the best known hymns in America, has become the most popular song in England and continental Europe.

A recording, made without lyrics, by the band of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, a British regiment stationed in Germany, topped the charts in mid-April.

As a single record, the song was issued in the U.S. by RCA. A representative of the company said that as of April 17, 375,000 copies had sold in England, and 9,000 copies in three days in Australia, a very fast pace for that country.

The bagpipe version of the hymn, which RCA played for Religious News Service via a telephone hookup, will sound quite familiar to Americans. In addition to being a standard song for congregational singing, it was a popular hit recently as sung by folk singer Judy Collins.

Written by the Rev. John Newton, an Anglican rector in London, the words to "Amazing Grace" first appeared in 1779 among a collection called "Olney Hymns." (RNS)

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## Midwestern Trustees Honor Berquist On Retirement

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**—Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary here sponsored a gala banquet honoring retiring seminary president Millard J. Berquist who is retiring July 31 after 15 years as president.

Nearly 650 persons, including trustees, faculty members, students, area pastors, and friends of the seminary, attended the banquet.

Trustees unveiled a portrait of the first and only president of the seminary, and presented him with two cash gifts from the trustees and faculty members, totalling \$2,400.

A battery of speakers paid tribute to the retiring president. Included in the group were Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee; James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board; Seminary Presidents Olin T. Binkley of Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary and Grady C. Cothen of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary; William Jewell college President Thomas S. Field; and Donald E. McIntosh, an architect and deacon at First Baptist church, Tampa, Fla., where Berquist was pastor for 18 years before becoming president of the seminary.

In business sessions following the banquet, the trustees voted to establish an annual lectureship named the Millard J. Berquist Lectures in honor of the retiring president.

The 1972-73 budget approved by the trustees totalled \$729,132, an increase of \$57,294 over the previous year's budget.

Elected president of the board of trustees was Carlos Bradley of Kansas City, a grain

## Bartlett Is Nominee For President Of American Baptist Convention

**DENVER, Colo.**—Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, an ordained American Baptist Minister and pastor of the First Baptist church of Newton Centre, Mass., has been chosen as the nominee for president of the American Baptist Convention, 1972-1973, by the convention nominating committee.

One of the best-known and most admired preachers in the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Bartlett has been a vesper speaker at the American Baptist assembly, Green Lake, Wis., and other assemblies. From 1935 to 1960 he conducted a radio ministry with regular weekly broadcasts.

He served as the "convention preacher" at the annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention in Minneapolis in May, 1972. He preached at the three morning worship services and drew large audiences. (ABNS)

elevator operator who is chairman of the committee to nominate a president to succeed Berquist.

In action at a second seminary, trustees of Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, meeting in Mill Valley, Calif., honored President Harold K. Graves for 20 years as administrator of the seminary, approved faculty promotions and sabbaticals, and announced plans for construction of new student and faculty housing projects.

Trustees were also given a current report on a capital drive to raise endowment funds for a chair of evangelism, and for a proposed Library-Learning Resources Center. The trustees took action requesting funds for future capital needs from the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee. (BP)

## Proposed Program Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference Convention Hall, Philadelphia Civic Center Monday, June 5, 1972 Morning Session

- 9:30 Congregational singing—Gerald B. Ray, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Houston
- 9:35 Invocation—Ken Chamblin, pastor, Horseshoe Drive Baptist Church, Alexandria, La.
- 9:37 Message—Carey Miller, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Aurora, Colo.
- 10:05 Special music
- 10:10 Message—Frank Minton, pastor, Tower Grove Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.
- 10:35 Congregational singing
- 10:40 Solo—Wm. R. Obrien, Southern Baptist music missionary to Indonesia
- 10:45 Message—Vander Warner, pastor, Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
- 11:10 Congregational Singing
- 11:15 Offertory Prayer—Eugene Phillips, pastor, University Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.
- Music—Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Houston, Gerald Ray, director
- 11:30 Message—Jess Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- 12:00 Benediction—C. Wade Freeman, director Evangelism Division, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas

### Afternoon Session

- 1:45 Music—Youth Choir, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., Aubie McSwain, director
- 2:00 Congregational singing
- 2:05 Invocation—W. T. Furr, pastor, Queensborough Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.
- 2:07 Special music
- 2:10 Message—Adrian Rogers, pastor, First Baptist Church, Merritt Island, Fla.
- 2:30 Congregational singing
- 2:35 Message—Jarry Autrey, Friendswood, Tex.
- 3:00 Mini-Concert—Miss Cynthia Clawson, Houston
- 3:10 Message—Charles Graves, pastor, Nichols Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City
- 3:30 Offertory Prayer—William Wallace, pastor, Flint Groves Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C.
- 3:35 Election of Officers
- 3:45 Music—Youth Choir of Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.; Ashley L. Huey, director
- 3:55 Message—James Coggin, pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth
- 4:15 Benediction—Joe Ingram, executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City

### Evening Session

- 7:00 Concert—Combined Youth Choirs of First Baptist Church, Houston; First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas
- 7:10 Congregational Singing
- 7:15 Invocation—Harvey Kneisel, director of ministries, First Baptist Church, Houston
- 7:17 Message—Doug Tipps, Conroe, Tex.
- 7:45 Presentation of New Officers
- 7:50 Congregational singing
- 7:55 Message—Richard Hogue, evangelist, Houston
- 8:20 Offertory Prayer—Felix Wagner, secretary of evangelism, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- 8:25 Combine Youth Choirs in Concert
- 8:40 Solo—Bettye Stalnecker, evangelistic singer, Lake Charles, La.
- 8:45 Message—R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis
- 9:30 Benediction—Roy McClung president, Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.



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**Speaker's Source Book for Talks to Teens** by Louis O. Caldwell, Baker Book House, 149 pp., \$1.95.

**Interpretation of the Scriptures** by Arthur W. Pink, Baker Book House, 137 pp., \$7.95.

**Earth's Most Challenging Mysteries** by Reginald Daly, Baker Book House, 403 pp., \$3.95.

**Dawn Over Amazonia** by James and Marti Hefley, Word Books, 193 pp., \$4.95. The story of Wycliffe Bible translators in Peru.

**Christ and Your Problems** by Jay E. Adams, Baker Book House, 19 pp., \$.35.

**The Book of Numbers** by Kenneth E. Jones, Baker Book House, 90 pp., \$1.95. A study manual.

**The Royal Roman Road** by John H. Schaal, Baker Book House, 122 pp., \$2.95. Studies in the epistle of Romans.

### Proposal Is Made, Accepted From Pulpit

"True love begins in the heart of God," Evangelist Don Johnson, Memphis, commented recently after a unique experience occurred in his life. He had just proposed marriage to his girlfriend as he was standing in the pulpit of Broadmoor church in Memphis ready to preach a sermon.

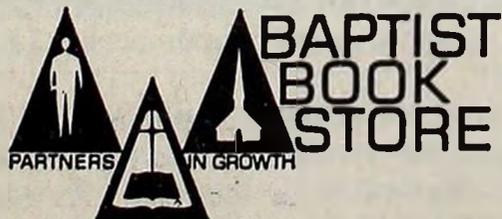
Johnson had come to Broadmoor church as supply pastor one Sunday. Before beginning his sermon, he asked Miss Ann Dalton, a public relations representative, to come to the pulpit.

"It's been a busy week, and I've neglected to take care of some things," he related. "There are four words I've been meaning to ask you."

Following the proposal and acceptance, Miss Dalton returned to her seat, and Johnson delivered his message. After the service, the congregation came forward to extend congratulations and best wishes.

The evangelist said later that he felt that the house of God was the most appropriate place for a person to express their love to another person, and this was why he had proposed in the church building.

The wedding is set for August 5, 1972 at Union Avenue church in Memphis.



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### "Nearly Half The World" Now Bars Foreign Missionaries

ATLANTA—Nearly one-half the world is now closed to "foreign missionaries," Dr. John Haggi of Evangelism International told members of the Religion Newswriters Association here.

Malaysia will expel all its missionaries by August this year, he reported.

Third World people are not rejecting the Christian Gospel as much as they are rejecting American and Western influences, he said.

"It's time," he said, "we take Jesus from Jerusalem directly to the geographic point of action rather than routing Him through the United States." (RNS)

### ROTC For Carson-Newman

Carson-Newman college has been approved by the Department of the Army for its own ROTC program, according to an announcement by James H. Quillen in Washington.

Quillen said that Carson-Newman was among nine colleges and universities in the nation chose to create ROTC programs next year. The college is in its second year of ROTC through a cross enrolment with the University of Tennessee. Carson-Newman was chosen from a total of approximately 20 institutions which had applied for units. Col. Robert I. McElroy is in charge of the present program which serves nearly 150 students at the school.

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# Baptist Couple's Murder Shakes Up Prison Ministry

By Toby Druin

**HICKORY, N.C.**—The practice of ministering to prison inmates, including their attendance at worship services outside prison walls and visits in members' homes, is undergoing a painful reappraisal in many North Carolina churches following the murder of a Hickory Baptist couple.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Turner, members of the Penelope Baptist church here, were slain on a Sunday afternoon at their home after taking a prison inmate to worship services, to lunch and to their home for dessert.

The 21-year-old "model" prisoner from the nearby prison camp in Newton, N.C., Michael Douglas Wiles, has been charged with their murder.

The Penelope church pastor, James Rowles Jr., called the Turners' death "the high cost of caring." He said the prison ministry must continue "as long as one man can be rescued from hell and restored to life."

It was Rowles who encouraged Turner to become involved in the prison ministry and to sponsor young Wiles, a local youth who had grown up in and out of the Hickory church, and had been in prison since August 1970 for attempted rape of an 18-year-old girl.

During his confinement over the past two years, Wiles has been considered a model prisoner. He was transferred to Newton from Central Prison in Raleigh in February. Next February he would have been eligible for parole from his 9-15 year sentence.

Turner, one of a half dozen or so men in the Penelope church active in the prison ministry, was encouraged by Pastor Rowles to sponsor the youth when Wiles was moved to Newton.

It seems ironic now, but Turner's oldest son had taught Wiles in Sunday School when the boy was eight years old, and Turner's daughter-in-law was superintendent of a Vacation Bible School the boy attended.

Turner, 57, a mechanic for a wholesale food distributor, and his wife Voncille, re-

portedly were apprehensive at first about sponsoring Wiles because of the charge that brought his imprisonment.

But the Turners' interest, according to Rowles, was in missions, and they soon accepted the challenge. Turner had refused to take a job as a regular Sunday School teacher so that he could go once a month to the prison camp to teach the inmates.

"He felt he was more needed there," Rowles said. "He was not afraid to care."

Wiles was not the first inmate Turner had checked out of the camp.

On the day of the slayings, the Turners and Wiles left the church and went to a local restaurant where they ate the noon meal. The boy's mother was called and invited to join them at the Turners' home for dessert.

According to Rowles, Turner and Wiles were seen in the Turners' yard, laughing and joking during the afternoon. Then, he said, Wiles' mother, Mrs. Madeline Mangum, asked the boy to go to her car and to get her a pack of cigarettes.

The young man reportedly returned from the car, stepped into a bathroom near the kitchen, then turned and shot Turner across the room. Turner died almost instantly. A second shot killed Mrs. Turner.

Wiles did not harm his mother, who watched the incident in horror. She told police he ran out the door, telling her not to call the authorities.

Mrs. Mangum told police the pistol was hers and was in the glove compartment of the car. She had the gun in the car because she had been fearful of prowlers around her home, she said.

Wiles reportedly took his mother's car and drove away. The shootings occurred about 3:40 p.m. Wiles was arrested in Valdese, about 15 miles away, at around 4:30 p.m.

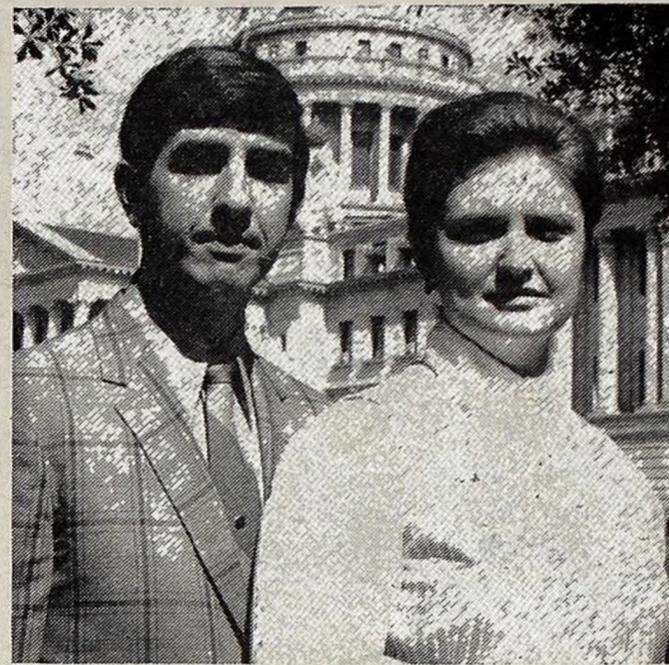
Jim Guffee, a member of Forest Hills church in Raleigh, said that in spite of the slayings, "prison ministries must continue. If we stop right now, the devil has accomplished what he intended," he said.

Rowles, the Penelope pastor, said it would be a matter of continuing to "care enough" to minister.

"Those who never have cared will smugly sit back and say 'I told you so,'" he said. "You won't catch them going out on a limb. They will never learn it is not how long you live but how well you live.

"Caring as Jesus did requires the full measure of life. Caring is more like Christ—'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,'" Rowles continued.

"Some will say this is the end of such



R. William Hollaway, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollaway Jr. of Nashville, and his wife, Linda, were among 16 missionaries appointed this month during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They expect to be assigned to Japan where Hollaway grew up as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries. The couple resides in Louisville, Ky., and have two children.

## 500 Pre-Convention Baptists To Attend Board Sessions

**DENVER, Colo.**—A vanguard of about 500 pre-convention American Baptist officials, board and staff members are planning to arrive in Denver the first week in May to transact business and formulate policy. This group will precede the expected 6000 visitors and delegates from 6200 churches located in 50 states who will be attending the 65th Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Convention to be held in the Denver Convention Complex, May 10-14.

Arriving first will be some 200 board, staff, and associated persons of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society board of managers. Starting Thursday, May 4, and continuing through Sunday, May 7, the board will be in session at the Denver Hilton Hotel. The foreign society supports mission work in eleven overseas countries located in Africa, Asia, and Europe. In most overseas countries, mission work is operated and controlled by indigenous church bodies and missionaries from the United States come only by invitation of the host country.

Also meeting at the Denver Hilton Hotel from Thursday, May 4, through Sunday, May 7, are about 100 members and staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies board, which is concerned with stimulating and encouraging the institutions and organizations of modern society to be more responsive to human needs. (ABNS)

programs for prisoners. But not for Penelope church, I hope. We will go back and back. We will take the risk. As long as one man can be rescued from hell and restored to life, men like F. L. Turner will be at work." (BP)

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# Billy Graham States New View Of Prayer Amendments

By W. Barry Garrett

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.**—Evangelist Billy Graham at a press conference here on the eve of his Charlotte area crusade said he had changed his views and no longer supports proposed prayer amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

This is in contrast to a statement by Graham at a previous press conference at the Charlotte airport in November 1971, just before the vote in the U. S. House of Representatives on the "Wylie" prayer amendment. At that time the evangelist stated that if he were a congressman, he would vote for the prayer amendment.

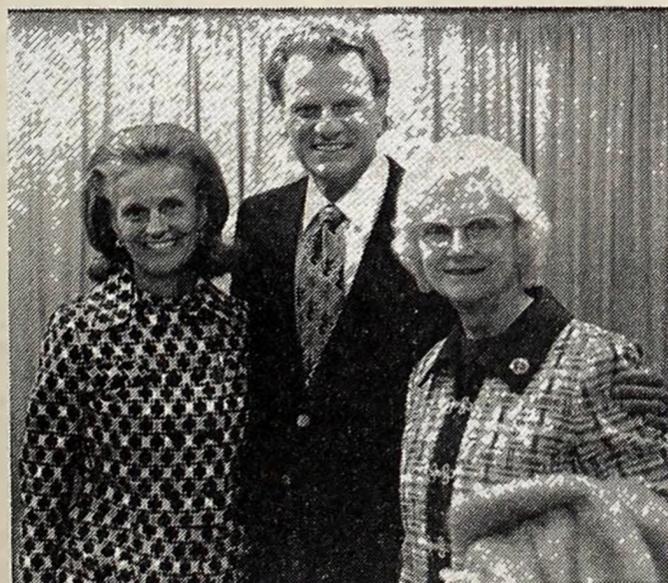
The Wylie amendment failed by 28 votes to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority in the Nov. 8 vote.

Prior to the Nov. 8 vote, Graham sent a telegram to the author of the bill, Rep. Chalmers P. Wylie (R., Ohio), stating "I am for the prayer amendment now before Congress."

But in the April 1972 press conference, Graham, flanked by United Methodist Earl G. Hunt Jr. and Southern Baptist Convention President Carl Bates, honorary co-chairmen of the Charlotte crusade, said that he had studied the arguments before Congress for the prayer amendment.

He said that he was convinced that the Supreme Court had only struck down forced prayer exercises, not voluntary ones.

The new Graham statement was made in response to a question by Sam R. Covington, religion editor of the "Charlotte Observer", concerning the recent Florida primary election "straw vote" on prayers in schools.



(Crusade Information Services Photo by Russ Busby)

**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, April 9, 1972**—Billy Graham with his wife Ruth (on the left) and his 80-year-old mother Morrow, was back in his hometown for a 5-day crusade. It was 25 years ago in Charlotte where he held his first crusade.

In his reply, the evangelist suggested that the original Supreme Court decision on prayers and Bible reading may have been misinterpreted by lower courts and by school boards so that religious exercises and Bible teaching were dropped unnecessarily.

He also said that he thought there should be another court test to clarify what many people believe to be a Supreme Court ban on prayer in the public schools.

In the press conference here, Graham did not develop fully how he thought religion and education should be correlated in the public schools. However, he did suggest that moral guidelines should be part of what the school inculcate. He also thought that Catholics, Jews and Protestants could agree on a program of instruction based on the Ten Commandments.

"We need some moral authority in the schools, and what could be better than the Ten Commandments?" he asked.

Reinforcing his long-held position that the state should not impose set forms of prayer or demand that all pray, Graham said that he is "against any type of forced prayer that the state draws up."

However, he claimed he felt that teachers should feel free under the present rulings to teach the Bible and conduct religious exercises.

The new Billy Graham statement was interpreted by some Baptist leaders as another indication of a rising feeling in the nation that constitutional prayer amendments are not the real solution to help problems raised by religion and public education.

In Washington, a group of national religious leaders are currently considering promotion of a national congress on religion and public education within the next year or two. Several Southern Baptists are included in the group advocating such a national congress. (BP)

## Summer Speaker Named For SBC Baptist Hour

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First church, Tulsa, Okla., will be the guest speaker for 13 weeks on the "Baptist Hour" radio program. He will begin the first Sunday in June and continue through August.

During the summer months, the program will focus on "Dealing With Difficulties," "Facing the Facts of Life," and "Rules for the Road." The topics, selected by Hultgren, will deal with problems that occur during the year.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of First church, Oklahoma City, is the regular speaker.

## Student Nurse To Work In Gaza Baptist Hospital

Kaye Pitre, a junior at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, will travel to Gaza this summer to work on the nursing staff of the Baptist hospital there.

The invitation to be a summer missionary in Gaza came as a surprise to Miss Pitre in February. Following the death of missionary nurse Mavis Pate in Gaza Jan. 16, a colleague and friend on the Baptist hospital staff, Ava Nell McWhorter, requested nursing help from the Foreign Mission Board. After the plea went out to all Baptist Student Union state directors, Miss Pitre was asked by Miss Julie Peacock, associate director of student work in Louisiana, if she would like to be a summer missionary nurse. She said later that she had no trouble making the decision.

Miss Pitre is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Pershing Pitre. He is the pastor of the Teche Baptist church in Centerville, La.

## Three Wycliffe Missionaries Die In New Guinea Plane Crash

**LAE, New Guinea**—Seven persons, including three missionaries with the Wycliffe Bible Translators from the United States, are believed dead after the crash of a twin-engine plane that left here for Ukarumpa, in the interior highlands on April 7.

In addition to two New Guineans on board, Americans reported were Dr. Darlene Bee, a Seattle, Wash., linguist working with the Usarufa tribe; Oren and Francine Claasen, Potwin, Kan., working with the Rawa tribe. The pilot, Doug Hunt, and Kathleen McNeil, a passenger, were both from New Zealand.

The crash resulted from a fire on board the plane which was seen by another passing aircraft.

## Baptist Association Opposes Speaking In Tongues Movement

**HOUSTON**—The Baptist Missionary Association of America has voted overwhelmingly to disavow any relationship with the modern speaking in tongues movement.

Speaking in tongues, a widespread phenomenon at various periods in Christian history, is growing in many Churches today. Its adherents claim God gives them a special means of communication through "unknown tongues."

In a doctrinal Statement adopted here, the association called for "separation of the Lord's Church from all so-called churches and church alliances which advocate, practice, or hold heresies and other human innovations which are not in harmony with the word of God."

The Baptist Missionary Association composed primarily of churches which left the Southern Baptist Convention early in this century, has a membership of 200,000 in 27 states. (RNS)

# The Church's Strength

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

Basic Passage: Acts 4:1-31

Focal Passages: Acts 4:18-21, 24-31

Through the centuries the church has depended upon different sources of strength. It has too often depended upon the strong arm of the state. Frequently it has depended on numbers and financial resources and at other times it has depended on organization and prestige. Some denominations have depended heavily on the scholarships of its ministers and leaders.



White

The early church or churches depended on the Lord as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. In time they could have depended on numbers before it occurred to them that they could. Yet for a full century after their origin they leaned heavily on the endowment of the Spirit.

Every great awakening that has restored the simplicity and dynamic power of the apostolic age has been due to a new and complete dependence on the ennobling of the Holy Spirit.

## A Menacing Crisis

Acts 4:18-21

The disciples were commanded by the Jewish authorities to speak no more in the name of Jesus. Peter told them that they might decide to suit themselves as to whether Christ's disciples should listen to them or hearken unto God. However, as for the disciples, they had no alternative but to speak what they had seen and heard.

The officials threatened them and let them go with very strict instructions. This was as far as the authorities could go since they did not have a valid case against the disciples. They dared not face the people who were praising God for the miracle just performed through Peter and John.

## The Disciples Pray

Acts 4:24-30

The disciples who had been threatened went to their fellow believers and rehearsed what had been said and done to them. All of them, with one accord, took the whole matter to the Lord in prayer.

They quoted the second Psalm to the Father and asked Him to observe the situation they faced. They did not ask for the enemy to be smitten but for grace and holy boldness to speak.

In fact, they asked for a divine visitation in the form of healing gifts, miracle working power and wonder performing endowment. They did not ask for a disaster to their opponents but for a demonstration through believers.

## Their Petition Prevails

Acts 4:31

The place where they were assembled was shaken. The power of God fell on them as the Holy Spirit filled them. They spoke the word without delay in the Spirit of a holy boldness.

They testified to the reality of the resurrection with courageous, confident certainty. Great grace was on them all. Not only were places shaken but people as well.

There was a spontaneous spirit of generosity that seized them equal to the one following the outpouring on Pentecost. The spirit of sharing was moving and all seemed to enter into it but two and they pretended to do so.

It was not a system imposed on them by the apostles and elders. Spirit-filled people saw a need that was acute and desperate and they rose to meet the situation with all they had. It was a rare event and it demonstrated that Spirit-filled people will meet whatever situation may arise, regardless of cost.

## Mathis New President Of Library Convention

Attendants to the 1972 Tennessee Baptist Library Convention in Chattanooga elected new officers for the coming year and voted to hold the 1973 session April 12-14 at First church, Memphis.

Both the president of the organization, F. Murray Mathis, and the vice-president, Mrs. J. Harold Walker, were re-elected to their posts for the coming year. Mathis is pastor of Powell's Chapel church, Murfreesboro, and Mrs. Walker is a member of South Knoxville church, Knoxville. Also re-elected was Miss Vaughtie Rowland, historian, a member of the Concord church, Chattanooga.

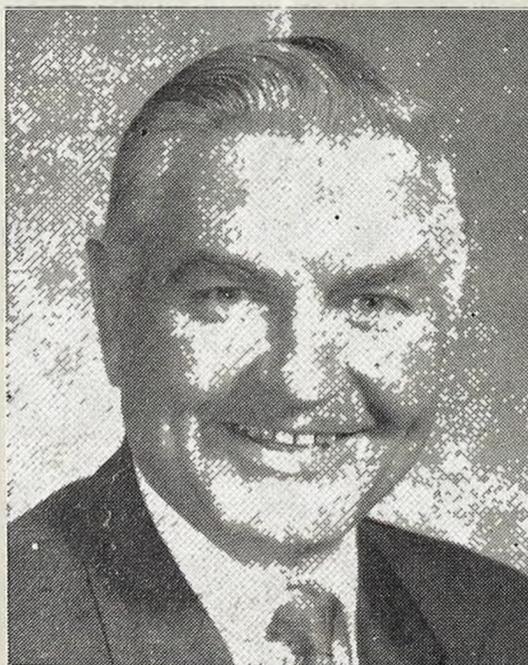
Three new officers included secretary, Mrs. Bobby Walton, Park Avenue church, Nashville; program chairman, Mrs. Harold E. Walker, West Jackson church, Jackson; and publicity chairman, Mrs. Wayne Maxey, Temple church, Memphis.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Spiritual renewal has been the topic of discussion for some time. It has been apparent that there are many needs for making some very great changes in the social order.



Kendall

Ethical and moral standards are the lowest they have been in many years. The news media keeps reporting behaviour patterns of people which are shocking. The most recent in one of the daily papers in Nashville has been the series on the group which have formed what they call

"key clubs." This is another name to cover up wife swapping. The rejection of accepted moral standards and of any sign of believing the Bible is apparent. It is alarming to know how many are involved.

This is only one aspect of the permissive age which has placed a great emphasis on being modern and liberal and up to date. But the sad story is the results in broken homes, neurotic children, ruined lives. What promised to bring happiness by flaunting God's ways and the high moral standards based on the teachings of Christ has proved to be completely false. When will mankind learn that whatsoever one sows he will reap. The wages of sin is death. Sin when it is full grown brings forth death.

Sin has penetrated so deeply into our society today and it is now taking such a tragic toll. This all points up the fact that a great revival is imperative. A return to the Bible as the Word of God is the only solution. False prophets promised a bright new world in which there was freedom to do as one pleased. But they did not teach the truth that when the flesh is indulged with all of its appetites without direction or control it leads to misery and ruin instead of happiness.

While I am writing this, many of the churches in Nashville are engaged in a united revival effort in the Vanderbilt Gymnasium. The able young evangelist, James Robison, is the preacher. Large crowds have started it off with a large number of decisions the first night. Much work has gone into the preparation for the revival. There is much prayer going up for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. It is hoped that it can make a real impact on the life of this city. Nashville as the capital city has a great place in Tennessee life.

We hope that there will be many other great revival efforts which will penetrate the whole social order and change the life

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### Secret Of Sex Solved By Saliva

Would it add to or subtract from the excitement of prospective parenthood to know the expected baby's sex in advance? A saliva test performed any time during the middle three months of pregnancy reportedly reveals with 98% accuracy whether a son or a daughter is to be added to the household.

The test, developed in Europe in 1953 by Dr. Jean Othen Reisman, is being considered for widescale marketing by a number of pharmaceutical firms. Estimated fees for test results range from \$5-\$10 and parents will have to wait 48 hours before they'll know whether to buy pink or blue booties.

### SBC Home Mission Board Names Career Missionaries

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board of Directors has appointed three new career missionaries, one to serve in Baltimore, Md., and a missionary couple to work in Atlanta.

Appointed as a field worker in Baltimore was Miss Bobbie Jean Murphy, a native of Montgomery, Ala.

Miss Murphy, a graduate of Alabama State college in Montgomery and Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, previously directed the Baptist center and served as a summer missionary for the Madison Baptist Association, Huntsville, Ala.

Other new appointees include Terry and Rebecca Moncrief, Christian social missionaries in Atlanta. Moncrief, an Augusta, Ga., native, is director of the Clark Howell Techwood Baptist center in Atlanta. He is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta; Southern seminary, and University of Georgia, Athens.

A native of Union, Miss., Mrs. Moncrief is a graduate of the Gilfoy School of Nursing, Union, Miss.; and the University of Alabama. She also attended Southern seminary. (BP)

of our times. We believe that unless revival comes through God's people that He will bring judgment upon America for her sins. We can't keep on compromising with sin and wickedness and let it multiply and abound without paying the tragic price for it. Let us pray and work for real revival.

## Historically: From the files

### 50 YEARS AGO

Churches were against "fighting the devil with fire," or adopting the same methods to attract people into our places of worship "as Satan employs to catch them." Examples given were providing amusements and recreations to entice them into what may be the wrong purpose for attending.

Final preparations were being made for the Southern Baptist Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, May 17, 1922. Guidelines included a plea for an optimistic, uncritical, and constructive convention and one of great spiritual inspiration.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Frayser church, Memphis, ordained its first full-time worker to the ministry in its three-year history. Ordained into the gospel ministry was Denver S. Hall, a student at Union university.

First church, Jackson, obtained property adjoining the church. According to Fred Kendall, pastor, the church planned extensive future expansion.

### 10 YEARS AGO

A new home for the associational missionary in Weakley County was dedicated. The home had an office and literature room and was occupied by Melvin Howell.

Mary Alice Smith, U.T. Martin, and Agnes Peterson, East Tennessee State university, were appointed as summer missionaries to work in Good Will centers in New Orleans and Louisville during the summer.

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## Nashville Church Provides Ministry In Counseling

By David Keel

Crievewood Baptist church, Nashville, Herman E. Jacobs, pastor, embarked on an added ministry some 15 months ago, the use of which is increasing. The church accepted the fact that Christians have psychological problems and that someone within the same value system could be beneficial in providing a ministry in professional counseling.

Dr. J. Thomas Trimble, a member of Crievewood and chairman of the Psychology and Sociology department as well as director of Guidance and Counseling at Belmont college, Nashville, is in charge of this ministry. Trimble says his counseling service is supplementary in nature and likes to see his service as "along-side the pastor."

A native of Columbia, Mo., Trimble is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Columbia, with the A.B., M.A., Ed.M., and Ph.D. degrees, with his doctoral work having been done in Counseling Psychology. He also attended New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary and served as a pastor in Missouri for 12 years and in Tennessee for three years. The transition from pastor to professor-counselor came about through "a developmental call," according to Trimble, as he related his personal search for his own talents with which he could best serve the Lord.

In his work at Crievewood, he employs testing skills and offers a distinctively psychological service as compared to pastoral care. The sessions are strictly confidential unless clients give permission for information to be given to others with whom they would hold consultations, such as a pastor or physician.

During these past 15 months Trimble has met some 200 counseling sessions and has dealt in such areas as: Marital relations therapy; family adjustment (dealing with disorders within the "greater" family circle); personal problems; adult vocational re-appraisal; child management problems; etc.

There is a desire on the part of some to broaden the scope of Crievewood's services in this area to include other churches, according to Trimble. He said that the ministry would, hopefully, be carried to other churches who can offer a therapeutic environment (counseling room, etc.). He indicated that The Christian Counseling Clinic, with Crievewood as a base, is in the process of development.

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