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# THE ARMOR OF GOD

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Put on the whole armour of God"—Ephes. 6:11a.

When Paul wrote Ephes. 6:11, 13-18 he was chained to a Roman soldier. So he drew from his armor the Christian figure of the armor of the soldier of Christ as he opposes Satan. He is to be dressed in the whole armor of God as he resists the devil and then holds the ground won from him.

The list of armor given by Paul includes everything a Roman soldier wore in battle except greaves which protected his shins and a spear. Since the soldier was simply guarding Paul he would not need these.

"Loins girt about with truth." The leather girdle about the body served to strengthen the body and prevent tiring in battle. It also was used to hang the sword and other equipment about his body. The truth of God's revelation both strengthens the Christian soldier and keeps his weapons ready for use.

"The breastplate of righteousness." The breastplate protected the torso and the vital organs of the body. Righteousness is that which God imparts to the believer giving him vital protection from the devil's wiles.

"Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." This refers to a soldier's hobnailed sandals. He did much marching. And they gave him sure footing in hand-to-

hand combat. For this readiness God gives His troops hobnailed sandals of the gospel of peace. It is this gospel which enables him to stand and fight even under the most difficult conditions.

"Shield of faith." This shield was a large rectangular one carried in battle to protect the soldier. To avert fiery arrows they were made of layers of bronze and oxhide. Thus they were able to stop these arrows, causing them to fall harmless to the ground. When the arrows were shot down upon the troops they could by holding the shields above their heads form a protective ceiling. Faith in Christ is that which gives the Lord's soldiers full protection.

"The helmet of salvation." The helmet protected the head and brain. If these were destroyed the body died. So salvation protects the vital part of the Christian, including his mind.

"Sword of the Spirit." The sword is the only offensive weapon mentioned. A soldier is not only to protect himself but to destroy the enemy. God's word is the sword of the Spirit. It is by it that His enemies shall be destroyed.

"Praying always." This suggests keeping



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Brighter, more colorful clothing for the minister continues to grow in popularity.

Why, nowadays, the way some preachers dress it's difficult to distinguish them from the ministers of music! In fact, the music directors and ministers now seem to be singing the same song: "Brighten The Corner Where You Are."

Actually, it's a nice change to see the preacher dressing in more colorful attire. In past years, the clergyman's wardrobe had one theme: basic black.

The preacher's wife was heard to call out to her husband in the morning: "What are you going to wear today, dear, your black or blacker suit?" From trouser cuffs to lapels, the only thing to break the monotony was a sprinkling of lint.

Now it's different. The preaching service comes to you live and in living color. And in these days of bold and bright neckties nothing could be more appropriate than having the congregation join in singing, "Blest Be The Tie That Blinds."

## Devotional

### 'Christ In You'

By P. O. Davidson, Pastor  
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I preached and labored as a pastor for thirty years before the secret of the victorious Christian life fully dawned upon me. I



Davidson

had read it many times, then one day God in marvellous grace opened my eyes to see it. The secret: Col. 1:27—"Christ in you, the hope of glory".

From the day of my salvation at the age of nine until three years ago, I was earnest and zealous in doing many things for God. How God put up with me, I do not know. Finally, He revealed to me that real Christian living is a matter not of doing things for God, but rather a matter of letting Christ do what He wants to do through me. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Without Him, we can do—but it is nothing.

Since the day God let me see this, it has been my purpose to let the indwelling Christ take possession of me as His instrument, living His life in and through me and speaking his message to others through me. This has revolutionized my whole life, and my ministry. I am not all that God wants me to be, thank God I am not what I used to be, and I shall continue to press on until He fills me with all His fullness and then I shall be all he wants me to be.

Do you want victory? Let the indwelling Christ be Himself in you and live His life through you. He is the fullness of God, and, indwelling, He is the veritable fullness of God within you to furnish you with all you need for victory if you will take it.

the lines of communication open to headquarters. Also it involves morale.

Note that the armor mentioned does not protect the back. The soldier, Christian or otherwise, is never to turn his back to the enemy in retreat.

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# Baptist Editorials Agree: It Was A Good Convention

By Jim Newton

NASHVILLE—Chalk up an editorial first for the Baptist state papers: for once they were agreed in their evaluation of an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1972 session in Philadelphia was described almost unanimously by nearly two dozen Baptist state papers as "a good convention"—one with a minimum of divisive debate and a maximum of peace and harmony.

And most of them further agreed the convention steered down the middle of the road theologically, veering neither to the left or right, while at the same time dealing with some vexing issues from a Christian perspective.

## Harmony Reflected At Convention

The decisive action of the convention to defeat a motion to withdraw the 12-volume "Broadman Bible Commentary" drew support from almost all of the editorials, and virtually no criticism. The effect of the motion, observed the South Carolina "Baptist Courier," "was to unite the messengers in a manner Southern Baptists have not enjoyed in almost 20 years."

In the seven years this writer has been studying and evaluating editorial reaction to the annual sessions of the convention, there appeared to be more unanimity and agreement among the editors in their interpretations than ever. Their editorial evaluations tended to reflect the harmony shown at the Philadelphia meeting.

The convention "won't go down as one of the most sensational meetings in SBC history," wrote the editor of the "Christian Index" in Georgia, "but it will be remembered as one of the most consistently constructive SBC sessions in many a day."

Strongest words of commendation for the convention came from the Kentucky "Western Recorder" which opined that the 1972 session would be recorded "as one of the most significant conventions in our history."

Most of the editorials commented on the spirit and attitudes of the messengers. "Give Southern Baptists a good conduct mark for their behavior in Philadelphia," wrote the Ohio "Baptist Messenger." Numerous others agreed.

The "Indiana Baptist" praised the absence of the "political rally atmosphere" of the last four years, saying: "cat-calls and name-calls were not heard like those which dominated the 1970 Denver convention for example."

An editorial in the "Rocky Mountain Baptist" of Colorado observed that the messengers "were either less concerned, more

apathetic, more pleased than not with the way things are going, or just didn't care, than those attending prior conventions."

## "Broadman Bible Commentary" Draws Comments

A half-dozen editorials agreed that the action on the "Broadman Bible Commentary" should reaffirm Southern Baptists' middle-of-the-road theological position, and should not be interpreted as a shift to either left or right.

"The Philadelphia Convention brought Southern Baptists back to a broad, center position which a diverse body must hold if it is to function with any degree of harmony and purpose," noted the North Carolina "Biblical Recorder."

Both the "Baptist Record" of Mississippi and the "Baptist Messenger" of Oklahoma pointed out that the action on the "Broadman Bible Commentary" should not be interpreted as a shift from theological conservatism to theological liberalism. Both editorials were entitled, "Southern Baptists Are Still Conservative."

The Mississippi "Baptist Record" argued that the commentary action was not the most important action of the convention, was not a turn toward liberalism, and was not an endorsement of the commentary. Instead it was simply a rejection of a move to recall the commentary after it has been completed, the "Baptist Record" noted.

The Georgia "Christian Index" called the commentary action "easily the most rewarding vote of the entire convention." Added the Kentucky "Western Recorder": "Baptists who returned from Denver in 1970 and St. Louis in 1971 heavyhearted and discouraged left Philadelphia in 1972 with happy hearts and renewed confidence for the future of the witness of Baptists in today's world."

Why was the commentary motion, offered by Gwin Turner of Los Angeles, defeated? The editorials gave several reasons.

The "Indiana Baptist" cited four, none theological: (1) few Baptists have read the commentary and it will have little effect on the denomination's life; (2) the motion was too big and was an over-exaggeration to claim 12 volumes were out of harmony with Baptist views; (3) the messengers were tired of dealing with the issue after three years; and (4) the motion was promoted in advance by an organized group.

The Oklahoma "Baptist Messenger" agreed with the last two reasons, but added a third: the convention was telling the Sunday School Board they expected them to deal with the issue, not the convention.

Several editorials credited President Carl

# Personally

By James A. Lester

Editor Joe T. Odle, of the Mississippi Convention's **The Baptist Record** has compiled a volume to be published this month entitled **Why I Am A Baptist**. The volume, to be available both as a Broadman Readers Plan Book and as a bookstore edition is prepared in four sections. They include 12 testimonies by outstanding Baptists, six full-length messages, a message by J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist church, New Orleans, and a section written by



Lester

editor Odle. Odle's writing is an analysis of what Baptists have said about the distinctives which they hold.

An earlier work by Odle entitled **Is Christ Coming Soon?** has sold about 20,000 copies in a year's time, and a second printing has been ordered.

His latest work was, as he said, "... born out of a conviction that too many Baptists do not know why we are Baptists." With this statement we agree.

Editor Odle, in addition to being an able writer is a "dyed-in-the-wool" Baptist from "away back." We commend these volumes.

Bates' address to the convention with setting the tone for the convention that led to the defeat of the commentary motion. Bates dealt with the commentary issue in his presidential address "courageously and eloquently," note the "Maryland Baptist". The result was that the motion, predicted to be the big bang of the convention, "ended up more like a whimper," said the Maryland editorial.

The Baptist state papers also played a role in the defeat of the motion by printing the motion in advance, editorializing against it, and giving the messengers information in advance on which they could make their decisions with analysis and reflection, rather than in the heat of debate, pointed out the Louisiana "Baptist Message."

## Stewardship Commission Discussed

On another convention action, a four-to-one vote rejecting restructure a proposal to abolish the SBC Stewardship Commission and assign its work to the Executive Committee, most editorials agreed the convention wanted to see the entire restructure proposals for all agencies, rather than dealing with the report piecemeal.

The Colorado editorial said there was objection to the committee's procedure, and that the committee exercised poor public relations. Colorado, Louisiana and Maryland editorials proposed that the committee be expanded to become a convention com-

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# EDITORIALS

## The Heritage of Baptists

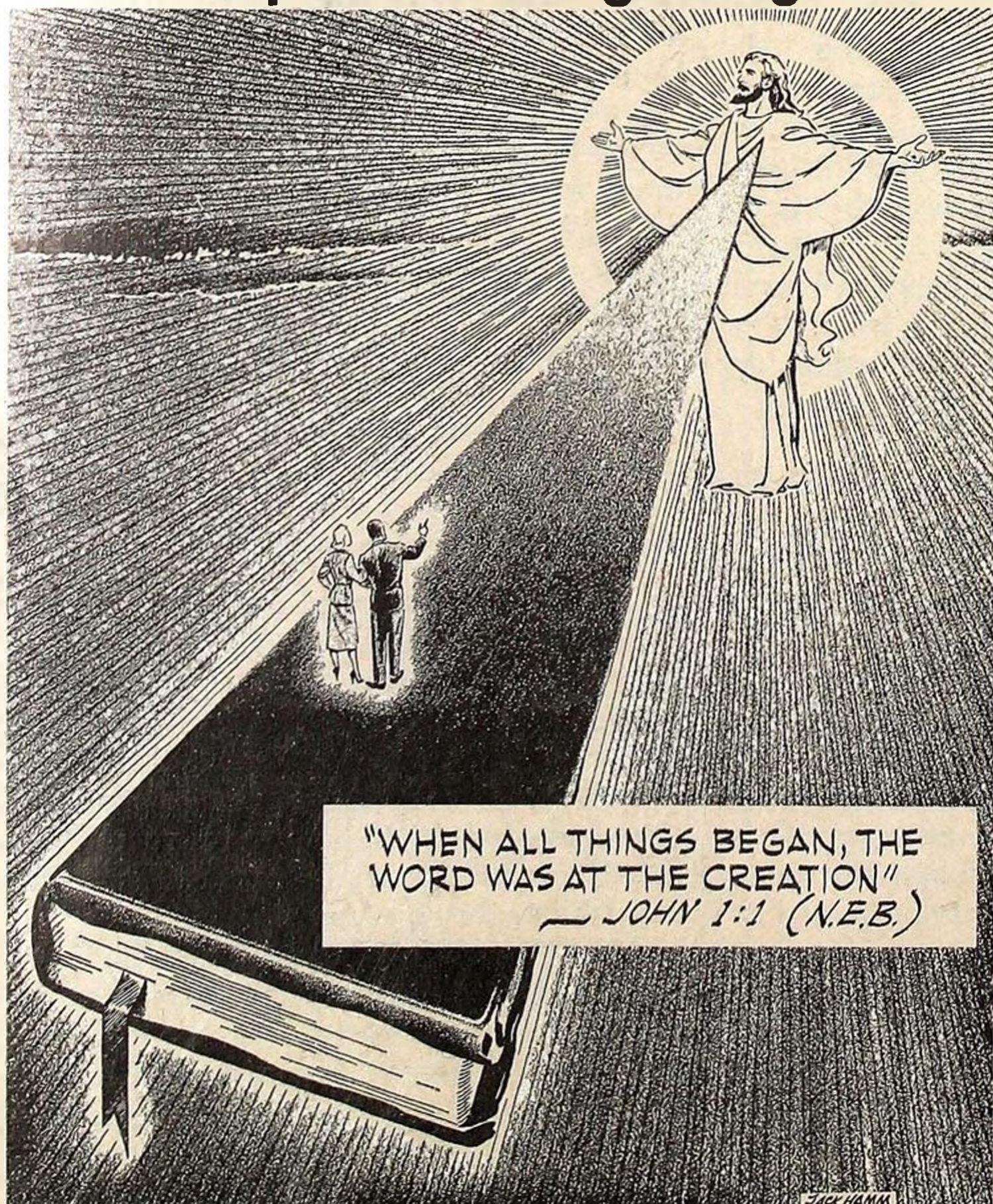
Tennessee Baptists have a great spiritual heritage. Our basis for church organization and our motive for ministry is found, we believe, within the pages of the Word of God. We use, so we say, the Bible as our sole rule and guide for faith and practice. It is our belief further that our churches are modeled after the pattern of the New Testament church. Moreover, we believe that the mission of a New Testament church—following the command of our Lord—may be accomplished best through a Baptist church.

The spiritual and physical heritage of Baptists did not come without persecution, diversity of opportunity among good men, lack of financial strength, and many other factors. The fact that we have grown numerically, and that we have visible evidence of the blessings of God in terms of winning the lost to Christ, should be taken as some sign that we are seeking to follow our Lord's commands.

Unfortunately, many Baptists in the latter part of the 20th century have forgotten the heritage which is theirs. We have become so engrossed in secular cares and at times in organizational efforts, that we have failed to remind ourselves of the foundations upon which our faith, and the cornerstone of our ministry are constructed.

In the secular world, any company which has a marketable product in which it takes pride, advertises constantly that product. The "corporate image" is kept constantly

### Explains the Beginning



before the public. The advertising world has become an influential part of our way of life as it has used communications media to present products and people in the most favorable light.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is nearing the end of a century of organized service. Again, as we shall do frequently in the future, we remind Tennessee Baptists of the Centennial year and adjunct celebration plans for 1974.

Surely, the heritage which is ours should be kept before Baptists, and the community in general, in order that we might never forget the foundations for our ministries today. When we forget who we are, and from whence we came, then, as James wrote about the man who had faith but did no works: We look at ourselves in a mirror, and straightway forget who we were. The phrase translates into the past tense, because we have changed, and are not what we once were. A clear look at the past, and an evaluation of the present, provides the basis for increased service in the future.

## Use Our Camps

There are two fine camps, Carson and Linden, operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Sunday School Board operates two assemblies also, at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Additionally, many associations have camping facilities, while other churches use privately-owned camps for church retreats.

It is our hope that these facilities will be used to full advantage during these summer months. Combined vacation-religious retreats are not new. For many families, they provide needed helps in church and personal lives as well as relatively inexpensive vacations. The individual age group weeks at the several camps provide also the spiritual and educational needs.

These facilities were constructed for a purpose. Let us use and enjoy them—and return to our homes and churches renewed in mind, body, and spirit.

## Remember Staff Needs

Many Tennessee Baptist churches soon will begin planning their budgets and stewardship emphasis for the next year. As these budgets are planned with prayer and with care, we express the hope that all possible and necessary provision be made for the physical welfare of staff members. By and large, we believe that our churches make good provision for their salaried leaders. In some instances, staff members do work under financial hardships which are not necessary.

Certainly, we hope that no church will use any federal wage guidelines as excuses for not making needed raises in staff salaries. There are provisions within the law which each of us wishes to observe in this area.

And, while we look after our needs at home, the needs of our ministry around the world through the Cooperative Program must not be forgotten.



# Property Damage Slight, Personal Losses High In East Coast Floods

**HARRISBURG, Pa.**—In the wake of the largest area of flooding in the nation's history spawned by Hurricane Agnes, Baptists in five states survived extensive damage to their churches but suffered severe losses of personal property among members.

Apparently hardest hit, according to reports received by Baptist Press, were Baptists in the Harrisburg, Pa., area where property damage was estimated at more than \$1 billion.

The death toll was reported at 125 and climbing. No Baptist lives were reported lost, and no church was completely destroyed. But personal property losses of church members was described here as "severe."

The flooding covered parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Florida.

Only three weeks earlier, devastating flood waters inundated Rapid City, S.D., taking the lives of more than 200 people. Baptists responded with relief efforts quickly in the Rapid City flooding, but the flooding in the wake of Agnes in the Northeast hit such a broad geographic span, it was difficult to coordinate extensive relief programs.

## \$2000 Sent To Each Convention

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board department of Christian social ministries in Atlanta quickly responded with \$2000 each to the New York and Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Conventions.

The SBC Brotherhood Commission in Memphis was standing by, ready to send laymen as volunteers to help in cleanup operations and rebuilding, but no requests for aid had been received.

In Wheaton, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C., the Viers Mill Baptist church opened its doors as an evacuation center. More than 2500 people poured into the church building seeking shelter from the ravaging nearby creeks and the possibility of even worse flooding if the dam of a nearby lake had burst. It did not.

The community and area responded with so much food delivered to the church during the two days it served as an evacuation center that the refugees could not eat it all. Three days after they left, the excess food was still being distributed to needy people in the area.

Bob Jowanowitch, a newly converted Baptist of Temple Baptist church in York, Pa., was swept into a swollen stream with his automobile while trying to cross a bridge. He managed to get out through a window of the car, and cling for half an hour to the trunk of a tree amid the rushing waters before he was rescued. Jowano-

witch was awaiting baptism by the church, but quipped that his dip in the swollen creek would not count.

Southern Baptist pastor Nolan Kennedy and his wife, Ina, were evacuated from their home in Middletown, Pa., not only because of the high waters, but because a nearby chemical plant had caught fire.

## Baptist Families Suffer Financial Loss

Otha Winningham, superintendent of missions for the Keystone Baptist Association with offices in Harrisburg, said that at least 17 families affiliated with Southern Baptist churches in the area had suffered severe losses—either their home or furniture, or both.

Financially, many of the churches will be in dire circumstances, since most of them struggle to meet their budgets anyway. With many of their members losing all their personal property, and some their jobs, the financial effect will be devastating, Winningham said.

One 66-year-old deacon lost both his home, and his job. After the flood, his business was closed, Winningham said.

"It means these people are going to have to go heavily into debt," the missions superintendent added. "And some of them are already mortgaged to the hilt."

Kennedy said that his church is located in a low income area. Although there are federal loans available for repairs from the flood damage, these loans will have to be paid back. It will take a long time to recover, he said.

Winningham said only about two per cent of the people in Pennsylvania had flood damage insurance, and none of the Baptists had such coverage.

In Arlington, Va., the Glebe Baptist church suffered extensive flood damage estimated to exceed \$15,000 to \$30,000. Charles Sinclair is pastor.

Damage to churches in Pennsylvania was less extensive. Winningham estimated damage to several churches at several hundred dollars, but said the worst loss was in terms of personal property owned by members, many of them strong church supporters.

In West Virginia, where floods ravaged Logan County last May, and struck again in June, extensive damage was suffered by White Sulphur Springs Baptist church, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

"All of the Sunday School material, records and nursery and kitchen equipment, were destroyed by the flood," said John I. Snedden, executive secretary of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.

"The water came up to the ceiling of the lower level, which would amount to the basement level. Three of the families in the church lost everything they had," he said.

## William K. Weaver To Chair SBC Education Commission

In a meeting held in Liberty, Mo., members of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention re-elected William K. Weaver, president of Mobile college, Mobile, Ala., to serve as chairman of the commission.

Elected vice-chairman was Randall H. Minor, president of Shorter college; and re-elected secretary was George E. Capps Jr., pastor of First church, Cookeville, Tenn.

The commission's meetings were held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools. Ben E. Fisher, Nashville, serves as executive secretary-treasurer.

The West Virginia Convention had received considerable relief funds during the Logan County flood. Because all funds were not depleted, money was available in the recent flooding.

"We also sent a portion of this money to the Rapid City people a few weeks ago. It wasn't a great amount but we felt the people who gave would feel the spirit of this need and want us to do it," Snedden said.

## Good Will Center Helps

Meanwhile, in Richmond, a Baptist Good Will Center was gearing up to help victims of the inundated Fulton section of the city. As flood waters receded and residents returned to their homes for the first time in four days, they found a thick layer of slimy mud on floors and walls.

Miss Carolyn Roberts, director of the Fulton Center, said that in a few cases the problem was not one of cleaning up; there simply was nothing left to clean. The houses, already condemned in preparation for an Urban Renewal project, were rendered completely unlivable by flood waters.

At first she considered cancelling the center's program for the week but decided that "if they ever needed the group it was now." Besides the regular program, she took on the additional tasks of providing meals for some who had no way to cook, boiling water for those who could not get to the water distribution center, and offering individual counsel as to what assistance the center could offer and where outside help could be obtained.

There was little or no damage to Baptist churches in Richmond, although flooding in downtown Richmond destroyed businesses and poverty-stricken areas.

"Sending small emergency relief funds for immediate help is the best way I see for disaster relief from our department," said Paul Adkins, secretary of the SBC Home Mission Board's Christian social ministries department. "Our relief efforts can not be in large sums, for these will come from other sources," Adkins said. "We need to meet the immediate needs of those who have been overwhelmed and immobilized because of the disaster, . . . by giving \$50 or \$100 and saying we care." (BP)



# FINDING GOD'S GUIDANCE

By William Dodson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Martin

**Focal Passage: I Kings 19:9-18**

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON.** To show that God's guidance can be known as it was in the case of Elijah.

Following his victory over the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel and the threat that Jezebel made on his life, Elijah fled into the desert of Southern Judea. His flight was a frantic effort to escape capture by the soldiers of Jezebel. Elijah was lonely, disappointed, and greatly discouraged.



Dodson

At this moment of utter despair God sends His angel to strengthen Elijah. How human Elijah seems in this episode. One thinks of him as a great champion of the faith. Yet, he is completely demoralized and helpless. This is the darkest hour of his life. Only God can revive and restore him to his task.

Many great men have experienced times of discouragement. Napoleon, with all his greatness before him, was once so discouraged that he was tempted to kill himself. Abraham Lincoln had times of deepest discouragement, and at one time, defeated by Douglas, he thought that the end of his career had come. John the Baptist was cast into prison. Moses became discouraged when the people failed him.

Why does Elijah wish to go to Mount Horeb? Mount Horeb is another name for Mount Sinai. Here God had revealed Himself to Moses when Israel left Egypt. Here God had established His covenant with Israel, a covenant Israel had broken again and again. Elijah comes to the fountain of Israel's faith where he might catch a glimpse of Jehovah and restore his own faith and courage.

**Elijah Receives Courage (I Kings 9:9-14)**

Elijah learns slowly that the Kingdom of God is to be received with the faith of a little child. Each step in Elijah's course is an humbling experience.

In response to God's question, "What doest thou here?" (verse 9), Elijah utters his deepest thoughts. He states, "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts!" (verse 10) The meaning here for the word jealous in the original is "full of zeal and solicitous for the honor and interests of" the Lord God of hosts. Elijah complains that he is the only one left. At God's command (verse 11) Elijah goes and stands on the mountain, where Moses had stood

hundreds of years before. God's answer to him is by symbols making the truth plainer and more impressive than words. The symbols are the outward, visible manifestations of power through the strong wind, the earthquake, and a fire on the one hand and the still small voice of God on the other. God does not speak through these strong outward manifestations, but through the still small voice. (verse 12)

Here we see one of the great moments of history. Elijah realizes that God's spiritual nature can be expressed best through the least sensuous of symbols, the word. Elijah learns that violent methods are not the means to advance the kingdom of God, but that by the still small voice God operates in His kingdom and works His will.

Elijah receives new courage from the new vision God grants to him on Mount Horeb. He learns that God has more than one way of carrying out his purposes. He realizes that he does not fully understand God and needs to know more of Him. God's ways are not man's ways. The world is a great workshop in which there is no room for drones. God Himself works as the great Master-builder.

**The Call To Action (I Kings 19:15-18)**

As is seen here, the Word of God through His prophets is not some mystical concept but a certain energizing force that molds Israel into His will. God clearly states to Elijah His plan of action for the future. God commands Elijah to anoint and name three men to important positions: Hazael as King of Syria, Jehu as King of Israel, and Elisha as Elijah's successor. In this direction God continues to use Elijah for tasks of even greater significance. The fact that Jehu, a reformer of true faith, is to be anointed King over Israel encourages Elijah, for this means the conclusion of Ahab and Jezebel's reign. God further encourages Elijah as He states that seven thousand in Israel have not bowed to Baal.

When Elijah gets a correct perspective of the situation, he realizes that God is by his side for strength and guidance. He further learns that many more people have been true to God than he has previously imagined. Many others have been with him in the fight against sin and idolatry.

This revelation of God to Elijah in a still small voice is one of the great transitional moments of history. Heretofore, God's revelation of Himself has normally been accompanied by some physical phenomenon such as fire, thunder, or even through an angel. In this experience God

## Foundation

### They Still Give

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

They loved their church. It took an emergency to keep them from attending any service. Their gift for the Lord exceeded a tithe.

Sudden tragedy struck. Her life was lost in the accident that left her husband to linger in an unconscious state for several months.

Everyone thought their Christian testimony had ended and that the church would no longer benefit from their loving concern. But others had not realized just how much this couple loved their Lord and His work.

Years before the tragedy they had prepared for such an event. They made companion wills, leaving everything to each other and providing that if both should die in a common disaster that their estate was to be held in trust by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. The income from the trust will be paid each year to their church and in their names. Thus until Jesus comes they will continue to stand among the members of their church testifying and praising the Lord. Souls will be saved and the Lord's work strengthened because "being dead they continue to speak."

This couple's estate will not be eroded by taxes, dissipated by legal proceedings and divided among greedy relatives. It will be preserved, made useful and serve the Lord.

Those who read this will surely desire a Christian will. We will provide information about preparing a Christian will, changing a present will, or replacing an outdated will. Write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

### Kentucky Baptist Leader Dies At Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—G. R. Pendergraph, church administration consultant for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, died here June 16 of a heart attack while in Ridgecrest to attend conferences at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Funeral services were to be held Monday, June 19, at Crescent Hills Baptist Church, Louisville.

Pendergraph died at about 3:00 a.m., Friday. He was at Ridgecrest to attend sessions of the Bible Conference and Church Administration Conference. (BP)

reveals Himself in a voice speaking the divine word to Elijah. God speaks His divine message to Elijah in the silence of the desert of Sinai. Likewise, God gives direction to us today. As God spoke to Elijah, so does He speak to us in the shaping and direction of our spiritual destiny.



# Leaders At Girls In Action Camps



Beall Graham Graham Hubbard Hubbard Morgan Morgan

Missionaries representing six areas of service will lead in sessions at the Girls in Action Camps to be held at Camp Linden, August 14-18 and August 21-25. Leading in the conferences during the first week are: Mrs. Roger Baxter (not pictured), Home Missions; Miss Jeannette Beall, China-Japan; and Dr. and Mrs. Ken Hubbard, Kenya. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter, Chile, will serve during the second week along with Mr. and Mrs. J. Billy Graham, Taiwan; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan, Brazil. Mrs. Baxter and Miss Beall will serve both weeks.

## Reaction Roundup

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mittee, rather than a committee of the SBC Executive Committee.

The "Capital Baptist" of the District of Columbia, most vocal opponent of the restructure proposals, went a step further. It proposed that the restructure committee be dissolved, and its assignment be transferred to a new convention committee.

Pointing out that such committees don't win popularity contests, the (Texas) "Baptist Standard", which editorially supported the restructure proposals, expressed doubt of future recommendations' success because of possible attacks by agencies bent on survival. "The committee definitely needs to be more explicit as to the reasons for its recommendations. It needs better dialogue before making them final," the Texas paper said.

At least three editorials speculated that the Stewardship proposal was defeated because the messengers feared centralization of power in the SBC Executive Committee.

Concerning another recommendation adopted to require a two-thirds vote for the convention to consider immediately any motion from the floor dealing with internal work of SBC agencies, the "Indiana Baptist," which opposed the motion, said it will be interesting to watch the frustrations which come next year when the bylaw takes effect.

"No one can justly claim to have been gagged or mistreated by those entrusted with guiding the convention deliberations," pointed out the Kentucky paper. Such charges were made by several papers last year following a bylaw interpretation which led to the adoption of the new bylaw 17.

### Editors Praise Bates

At least a dozen editorials were unanimous in their praise of Carl Bates as presidents of the convention.

Several papers called Bates' presidential address "a masterpiece," and cited its role of bringing unity to the convention.

"That he was interrupted eight times with applause proves beyond question that the messengers were with him," added the "Maryland Baptist."

The "Indiana Baptist" credited Bates with shifting the bitterness of the Denver convention (1970) to the peaceful spirit of Philadelphia (1972), and said Bates would be remembered as one of the greatest presidents of the convention.

A dozen editorials also commended the election of Owen Cooper, a layman from Yazoo City, Miss., as the new convention president.

Several editors said that 13 years was too long to wait for election of a layman as president, but the wait was worth it with Cooper's selection.

A constitution amendment introduced to limit the term of SBC president to one year and select a president-elect as vice-president drew offsetting comments. The Colorado paper liked the idea, but the South Carolina editorial said it would be "unwise and potentially divisive to have a future president waiting in the wings."

### Some Disagree On Resolutions Adopted

There was also mild disagreement among the editorials on the significance of resolutions adopted by the convention. An editorial in the Oklahoma paper called the resolutions relevant and said they dealt with today's issues, such as Vietnam, alcohol and drug problems, welfare reform, tax reform, anti-semitism, political involvement, television and movie pornography, and government support of religion.

The Ohio and New Mexico editorials agreed, pointing out the 36 resolutions from the floor set a new record. "These are definite indications of the directions being advanced by a new generation," the New Mexico paper said.

In contrast, the Virginia "Religious Herald" wrote that the biggest negative of the convention was "the excessive number of relatively trivial resolutions." Many of them are expressions of personal concern and

## Mexican Baptists Name Texas Layman President

FORT WORTH—A San Antonio businessman has become the first layman president in the history of Texas' Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention and the third in 62 years of organized Mexican Baptist efforts in Texas.

Omar Pachecano, 37, was elected at the Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention annual meeting here to succeed Epifanio Salazar, a pastor from Corpus Christi.

The Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention serves 500 Latin American churches in Texas, with more than 32,000 members.

In 1961, the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, which was organized in 1910, voted to affiliate with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and change its name to the current one.

Two laymen served as president of the original convention in the early 1900's.

Pachecano, also the first lay chairman of the board of trustees of San Antonio's Mexican Baptist Bible Institute, is a deacon and immediate past president of Mexican Baptist Men of Texas. (BP)

## Best-Seller In Finland

The first edition of the New Testament in modern Finnish, 10,000 copies, was almost sold out in its first week in the bookstores. Although not an official text of the Lutheran Church, it is being favorably accepted by Lutherans. (EBPS)

do not merit the time and effort of the messengers, the editorial observed.

"It did appear that some had more sound than substance," agreed the **Baptist And Reflector of Tennessee**. Added the "Indiana Baptist": "It is questionable whether the time and anguish involved in presenting, discussing, amending and voting on resolutions are worth the value achieved."

The "Alabama Baptist," whose editor Hudson Baggett was on the committee that met for 20 hours to consider resolutions, said that hopefully the SBC Executive Committee will consider recommending some changes of procedure in handling resolutions.

Philadelphia was both praised and mildly chided as a host city. Several editorials appreciated the cordial reception of the people in the "city of brotherly love."

But several others lamented the lack of news coverage, the long distance between hotels and the auditorium, the inadequate sound system of the auditorium, and the high prices of food.

"It just could be that the convention is coming of age, and that it will exert an increasingly stable influence upon a society which needs Jesus Christ so desperately, and apart from whom there is no answer," summed up the **Tennessee Baptist And Reflector**. (BP)



# Tennessee News Briefs

**Joe A. Chapman**, chairman of the Carson-Newman college Biology Department, and **Gerald W. Naylor**, C-N associate professor of biology, have been chosen as Outstanding Educators of America for 1972. Each year those chosen outstanding educators are featured in a national awards volume, "Outstanding Educators of America." Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions to research, administrative abilities, civic service, and professional recognition.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

First church, Nashville, has called **David M. Ford** as minister of music. He is serving presently in the same capacity at First church, Bartlesville, Okla. A native of Kansas City, Mo., **Ford** is the son of **Morris Ford**, retired pastor who served the First church, Longview, Tex., for 26 years. **Ford** is a graduate of Baylor university and attended Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville. He will be on the field July 16. **H. Franklin Paschall** is pastor of First church, Nashville.

In the Knox County association, Ebenezer church has called **Dennis Ellis** as pastor, and the Fort Sanders church has called **Howard Huling** as pastor. **William Keebler** has joined the staff of Glenwood church as associate pastor. The Hillcrest church has called **Sam Hinchey** as pastor. The new pastor of the Mooreland Heights church is **Kyle Rule**. **Robert Sharp**, former pastor of Grace Temple church, Henrietta, Tex., is the new pastor of the Washington Pike church.

**Miss Olivia Farmer**, who has served Knox County Association for 20 years, has retired from the position of director of the Western Heights Community. She began her work with the association in 1952 as office secretary, and has held the directorship position for 18 years. **Lawrence Trivette** is superintendent of missions for the Knox Association.

**Nathan Lavan Modling Jr.** is the new associate pastor and youth director of Red Bank church in Chattanooga. He has served as pastor in Aulander, N.C., since 1967. **Ralph Norton** is pastor.

East Lake church, Hamilton County Association, has called **Elmer Piper**, evangelist of Greenville, S.C., to serve as pastor.

In the McNairy Assotciation, Gravel Hill church has called **Billy Joe Kennedy** as minister of music and youth. **J. H. Patterson** is pastor.

In the Chilhowee Association, Four Mile church has called **Alexander Nisbet** as pastor.

**William Holbrook**, a senior at Belmont college, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently by the Trinity church in Memphis. While attending Belmont, **Holbrook** is serving the Liberty church in Nashville as associate pastor and education and youth director. The ordination message was delivered by Trinity's pastor, **William Smith**.

The Macedonia church, Chilhowee Association, ordained **Bobby Davis** as a deacon. **Harrison Hill** is the pastor. In the same association, the Friendly Hill church will ordain **Carley Cope** as a deacon this month. **Lum McLemore** is his pastor. Members of the Everett Hills church have voted to buy a new pastorium. The pastor, **Ted Huckaby**, will move in some time in the near future. The church has called **Jim Phillips** from Harrison-Chilhowee academy as interim music and youth director.

In the Carroll-Benton Association, the Prospect church ordained **George Fournier** to the gospel ministry. **Jimmy Allison** is the pastor. Union Academy church has organized a WMU and also ordained **Andrew Welch**, **David Matthews**, and **Richard Newbill** as deacons. **Jimmy Reynolds** is pastor.

**Caby Byrne** has announced his resignation as Baptist Student Union director at the University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, to become a field representative for the Department of Community Relations of the Memphis mayor's office. **Bill Brannan**, associate minister of Union Avenue church, Memphis, will provide interim supervision of the BSU center and program.

**Don Dillingham** is the new minister of education and youth at Judson Memorial church in Nashville. He is a graduate of Union university and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. **Raymond Langlois** is pastor.

**Perry Hardin**, Paris, has accepted the call as pastor of New Hope church, Carroll-Benton Association.

Concord church, Chattanooga, extended a call to **Larry Ford** as minister of music and youth. He is already on the field. **B. Carter Elmore** is pastor.

**Dorothy Darby**, a senior at Western Kentucky university, Bowling Green, has been elected as summer youth director for First church, Paris. **Carroll C. Owen** is pastor.

After a two-year ministry at the Pleasant Hill church, Cumberland Plateau Association, **Gerald Atkins** has resigned as pastor. He plans to continue his education.

**Larry L. Smith**, former associate pastor and minister of education of Grace church, Nashville, has been called as the pastor of Glenfield church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Mrs. T. D. DeWeese, mother of Mrs. Burley E. Cader, missionary to Brazil, died recently in Cleveland, Tenn. Mrs. Cader is the former Ulene DeWeese of Cleveland, and her husband is a native of Louisiana. They may be addressed at Caixa 184, 40000 Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

Dwight Mosteller, brother of Paul C. Mosteller, missionary to Thailand, died last month in Florida. Mosteller is a native of Florida, and his wife is the former Dorothy Brizendine of Gallatin, Tenn. They may be addressed at Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Penrose St. Amant, missionary associates, will depart for Switzerland July 16. He is a native Louisianan, and Mrs. St. Amant is the former Jessie Davis of Brownsville, Tenn. Employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971, he completed this term as professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, before beginning his assignment in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Calvin Parker, missionaries, are scheduled to leave Japan July 14 for furlough in the States. They may be addressed c/o Solitude Farm, Russellville, Tenn. 37860. He is a native of Florida, and she is the former Harriett Hale of Hamblen County, Tenn.

Miss Mary Sullivan is scheduled to return to the States after completing a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in Argentina. She may be addressed at Rt. 3, Witt, Morristown, Tenn. 37814.

Miss Elaine Housley is scheduled to arrive this week in Knoxville after completing a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in Vietnam. Her address is Gray Hendrix Rd., Rt. 20, Knoxville, 37921.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Earl Williams, missionaries to Liberia, have completed furlough in the States and may now be addressed at Lamco Yekepa, Roberts International Airport, Liberia. Williams is a native of Louisiana, and Mrs. Williams is the former Jane Williams of Knoxville. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

A former Chattanooga pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, missionaries to Ghana, were scheduled to leave for furlough in the States. They may be addressed at 3210 Edmonton, Pasadena, Texas, 77503. Both are natives of Texas.

In the Maury Association, Rock Springs has extended a call to **Robert LeMay**, formerly of Eastland church in Nashville, to be the pastor. He will move on the field this month. **Argine Hughes** has accepted the call of Theta church to become pastor.



## Pitt Named Assistant To President At Belmont

Phillip R. Pitt, director of Public Relations at Belmont college, has been appointed as the assistant to the president in charge of Long Range Planning and Development at the college, according to Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, president.



Pitt

Pitt, a native of Memphis, came to Belmont in 1971 from Pulaski. He began his new duties on July 1.

He is a graduate of Union university, and holds the Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Kentucky and Tennessee, and as an instructor of history at Martin Junior College.

He succeeds Steve Parks, who left the college to re-enter private business.

Pitt is married to the former Peggy Varden of Donelson. They have one child, Patrick, age two years.

## G. W. Bullard Named New Convention Executive

HARRISBURG, Pa.—G. W. Bullard of Philadelphia, newly-elected second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected as executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey with headquarters here.

Bullard, currently executive director of the Delaware Valley Baptist Association comprising Baptists in the Philadelphia area, will assume the state-wide position effective Aug. 1.

Bullard was local arrangements chairman for the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Philadelphia June 6-8, and was elected second vice president of the SBC during the Philadelphia meeting.

As executive secretary of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey convention, Bullard will co-ordinate the state missions work of Southern Baptists' newest convention. The convention includes 51 churches with about 10,000 members.

He succeeds the late Joe Waltz, who died last December of a heart attack while on a hunting trip in Bedford County, Penn. Waltz, 46, was the first executive secretary of the convention.

Bullard, 61, has been in charge of one of the three associations affiliated with the state convention for the past seven years.

Previously, he was pastor of Gregory Memorial Baptist church, Baltimore, Md., and Temple Baptist church, Raleigh, N.C. Prior to that he was state superintendent of missions for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, and associate state Sunday School secretary for the North Carolina Convention (BP)

## Nixon's Vatican 'Visitor' Reports Talks With Pope

WASHINGTON—Henry Cabot Lodge, President Nixon's "personal visitor" to the Vatican declared here that there is no need for a U.S. ambassador to the Vatican on a permanent basis.

The reason Lodge gave for this position was that he has a full-time assistant in Rome, Robert Illing, who keeps in constant touch with the Vatican for the United States. This arrangement, together with his own occasional visit with the Pope, accomplishes all the United States needs in its contact with the Vatican, Lodge asserted.

Lodge met with newsmen in the White House following a consultation with President Nixon and his aides concerning an approaching visit to the Vatican. This new meeting with the Pope will be Lodge's eighth such visit in the past two years.

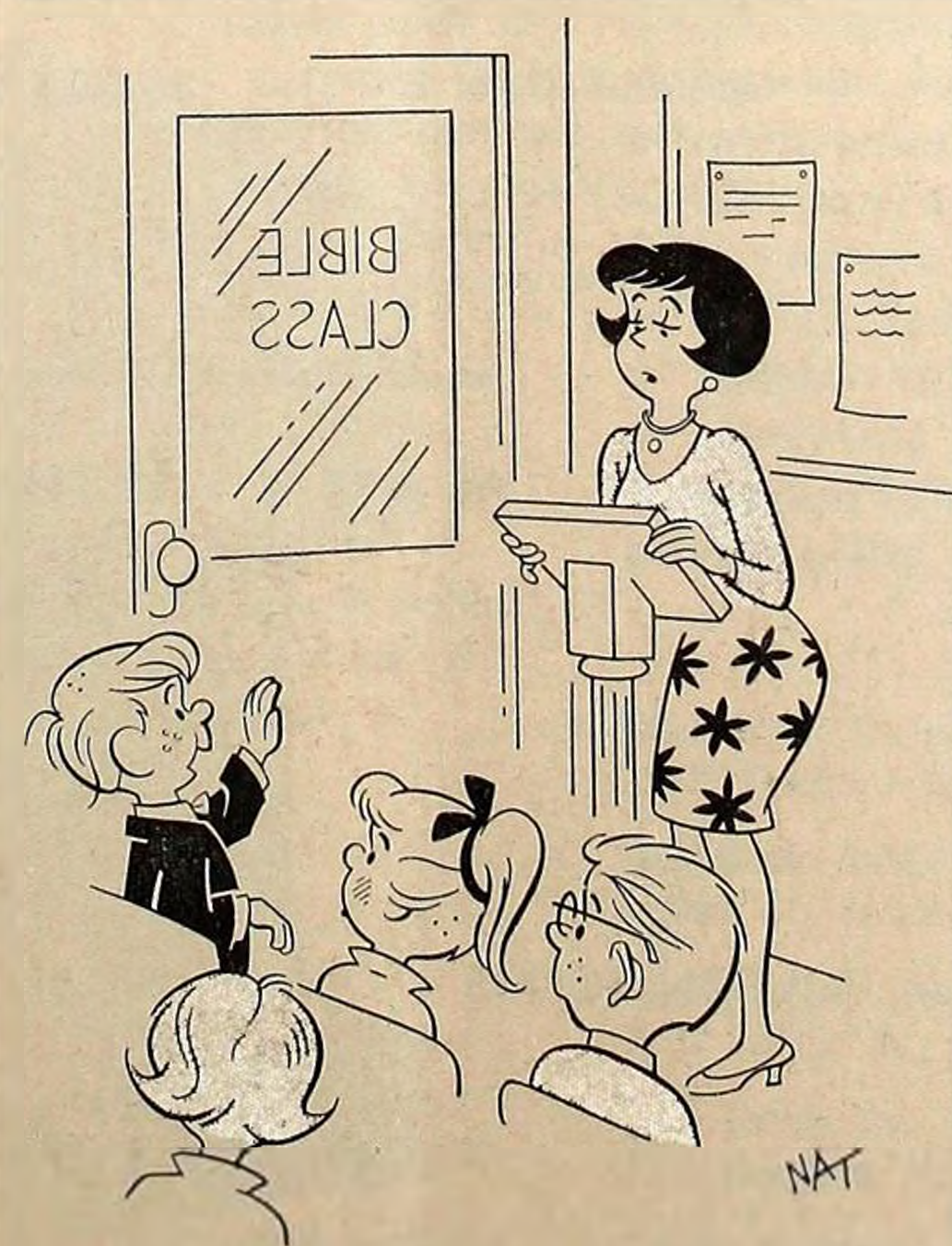
The President's Vatican visitor claimed that in the last three years the amount of mail exchanged between American Vietnam prisoners of war has increased significantly as a result of the interest of the Pope in the problem.

Other subjects reportedly discussed by Lodge and the Pope include the international drug traffic, world peace and the alleviation of suffering.

While praising the Pope for his interest in prisoners of war, Lodge said, "Unfortunately he has been unable to negotiate a settlement of the war, although he has tried."

Speculation exists around Washington that the approaching return of the President's visitor to the Vatican may be related to another major effort to end the Vietnam war.

Other speculation is that this renewed activity is related to the approaching election in November and could be a further effort to capture the Catholic vote for President Nixon's re-election. (BP)



"WOULD YOU MIND REPEATING THAT PART BETWEEN GOOD MORNING STUDENTS AND CLASS DISMISSED?"



Maynard



Pruitt

Two native Tennesseans received masters degrees at Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary during commencement exercises there recently. Ray A. Maynard, left, Loudon, received the master of religious education degree, and Vaughan M. Pruitt, Memphis, was awarded the master of divinity degree. Millard J. Berquist, seminary president, was the commencement speaker.

## Southern Names Graves, Dickson to Student Affairs Posts

LOUISVILLE—Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological seminary here have approved a reorganization of the seminary's student affairs program and have named a new team of administrative officers to direct it.

Allen W. Graves, who served as dean of the seminary's School of Religious Education from 1956 until he became administrative dean in 1969, was named vice-president for student affairs.

Elaine Dickson, who previously held management positions with the SBC Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, will be dean of student affairs.

Three full-time staff members will work with Dean Dickson in implementing the objectives of the new division.

They are Thomas C. Sherwood, who continues as seminary registrar, a position he has held since 1954; O. Norman Shands, who shifts from co-ordinator of development services to become director of admissions and student aid; and Jean Aiken, former supervisor of the faculty secretarial pool, who will be intake counselor and office manager for the new student affairs division. Shands joined the staff in 1971, Miss Aiken in 1964.

All of the new positions are effective this summer.

John H. Boyle of the psychology of religion department will serve as seminary chaplain, a post he has held since 1969.

Anne Davis, assistant professor of social work education, will serve as part-time consultant in community development, seeking ways of bringing various elements of the seminary family into dialogue and fellowship.

Robert Proctor, professor of educational psychology and religious education, will continue to administer and interpret the various tests used by the seminary for admissions and counseling purposes, and will coordinate research projects designed to provide data in the area of student affairs. (BP)



# Annuity Board Adopts Investment Guidelines

DALLAS—The Southern Baptist Annuity Board has adopted a new set of investment objectives and guidelines for \$300 million in denominational retirement funds to strengthen its efforts to be “consistently Christian in social issues.”

Board President Darold Morgan, who released the guidelines, said the agency must seek Christian consistency on social issues as well as endeavor to be “financially astute.”

The Annuity Board handles retirement plans and life, health, and disability insurance for 36,000 Southern Baptist pastors and church and denominational workers.

The guidelines, approved as drafted by Frank L. Durham, the board’s director of investments, state: “The overall general objective of the Annuity Board is to get the highest practical return on investment in order that beneficiaries may obtain the highest possible benefits each year.

“The basic investment objective is equated to the Board’s concept of Christian stewardship with efforts being made continually to keep its investment policy related to the overall purposes of the Southern Baptist Convention and program assignments of the Annuity Board,” the guidelines add.

“We intend to be consistently Christian in the social issues of the day, issues with regard to the policies and activities of corporations whose stocks and bonds the Annuity Board buys for investment,” Morgan said.

“The board must invest in a way that enables it to provide the best possible care for the retired and all others it serves,” he said.

“This is our major concern,” Morgan continues. “The amount of financial provision for them is important since many have difficulty because of the constantly rising cost of living.”

The Annuity Board’s nearly \$300 million investments, as of March 31, 1972, were divided in this way—\$28,142,668 in Bonds;

\$92,145,681 in mortgage and other loans; \$60,535,125 in real estate, and \$116,487,311 in equities of which by far the most are stocks in about 150 corporations.

In addition, the board has about 350 property mortgage and leaseback contracts. Morgan said the board stresses that all taxes must be paid on properties held by the agency.

Making an evaluation when buying stocks is very difficult, the president of the board went on.

He said the Annuity Board receives no special offerings from churches. Its only SBC Cooperative Program allocation, \$175,-

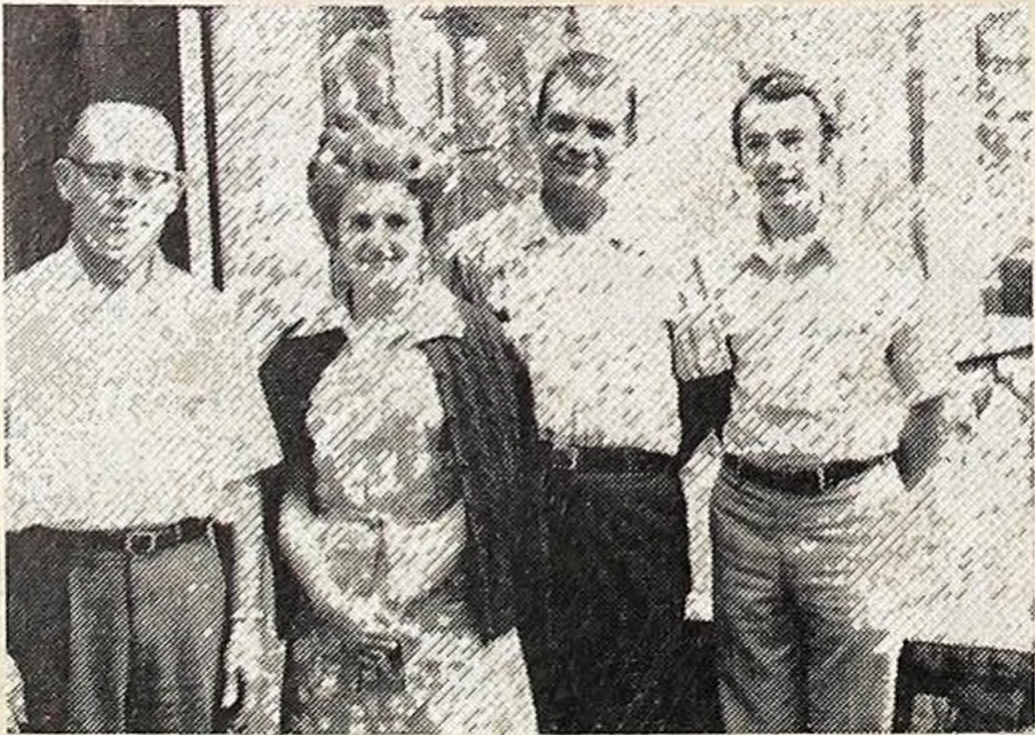
000 a year, goes entirely to relief of needy aged ministers and widows.

Retirement funds are entirely contributions for plans held by individual pastors and church and denominational employees. These come from the individual, church and denomination.

By SBC policy, the Annuity Board is prohibited from loaning to and investing in churches and mission projects.

Morgan said security takes preference over rate of return on investments.

The board’s investment officers and the trustee committee for investments and finance employ some of the nation’s best known firms as investment counsel, Morgan added. (BP)



Elected officers at the Tennessee Baptist Conference for the Deaf, held recently at Camp Carson, were, from left to right, Lynnden Carr of Knoxville, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Jane Pendley of Chattanooga, secretary; Ben Cox of Memphis, president; and Jimmy Ballard of Seymour.



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## Kenneth Chafin, SBC Evangelism Leader, Takes Houston Pastorate

**HOUSTON**—Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, for the past 2½ years, will become pastor of South Main Baptist church here, effective Aug. 6.

Chafin, 45, will succeed E. Hermond Westmoreland, who retired after 33 years as pastor of the church last year to become minister-at-large for the South Main church.

Under Chafin's leadership, the SBC Home Mission Board Evangelism Division has developed lay evangelism schools which have already trained more than 100,000 laymen in evangelistic efforts across the country.

The lay evangelism schools have comprised the major thrust of the work of the Evangelism Division under Chafin, and have spawned new programs in college and high school evangelism for the division.

Chafin has also helped coordinate production of new Witness Involvement Now (W.I.N.) materials in cooperation with the SBC Sunday School Board, and the division has added a new program of renewal evangelism.

In accepting the pastorate of the 5700-member church, Chafin said here that it was "a radical decision."

He added that he knew of no other church in the Southern Baptist Convention which he would want to serve as pastor, explaining

it this way: "Houston, the sixth largest city in the country, is the last great city in the nation that Baptists can win for Christ." Chafin also cited the church's "tremendous lay resources", and its broad base of ministries to the people of the city.

Chafin said the pastorate was "not a step down," but a move to the "front line of activity" in winning a great city to Christ through the efforts of a local church. He said he had been "very happy" in his role at the Home Mission Board, but felt this was what he needed to do.

Chafin was the Billy Graham professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, before going to head nation-wide evangelism efforts of the SBC Home Mission Board in 1969.

He taught at Southern seminary for four years, and previously was head of the evangelism department at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, for five years. He was on the Southwestern seminary faculty for 13 years.

Previously, he had been pastor of James Avenue Baptist church, Fort Worth; and pastor of Bel Air Baptist church, Albuquerque, N.M.

A native of Oklahoma, he was a graduate of University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and Southwestern seminary where he earned the doctor of theology degree. (BP)

## Nazarene Society Cites 8 New Mission Fields

**MIAMI BEACH**—Nazarenes have begun religious activities in eight new mission fields since the Church's World Missionary Society last met four years ago, delegates to its 1972 quadrennial meeting were told here.

The new fields include the Bahamas, Ecuador, Indonesia, Singapore, Botswana, St. Lucia, Paraguay, and the Dominican Republic, making a total of 53 countries in which the Church of the Nazarene has missionary activities.

Dr. Samuel Hynd of Swaziland reported that the Nazarene General Hospital at Manzini, Swaziland, has received a grant of \$300,000 from the Netherlands. (RNS)

## DDR Permits Entrance For Religious Reasons

Due to recent East-West treaties, citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) may receive entrance permits to the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) for commercial, cultural, sports, or religious reasons upon the invitation of the respective institutions or organizations of the DDR. Church observers think that in the future the churches of East Germany may give invitations and request entrance permits for religious leaders at the offices in charge of issuing permits. (EBPS)

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## Bishop Says Education Task Is To Transform The World

**LIBERTY, Mo.**—Inaugurating a new, endowed lecture series named for Baptist educator H. I. Hester, a Methodist bishop told Southern Baptist educators here their task is not to understand the world, but to transform it.

"The greatest single need in higher education is to gain a sounder understanding of philosophy," said Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, resident bishop of the Ohio West Area of the United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Ensley delivered three lectures to the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, inaugurating the first annual H. I. Lester Lectures to the association. Hester, secretary-treasurer of the association, is a retired educator who served both Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary and William Jewell college here where the association held its meeting.

Elected new president of the association, which includes administrators and other officers of Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries across the nation, was W. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi college. Hester was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Named vice president was Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

In a major address to the association, Cothen told the group that one of the crucial needs in church-related higher education today is the need for a commitment to a philosophy of Christian higher education clearly involving the basic theology of the sponsoring body.

"So long as this consideration is swept under the academic rug, there will be dust in the decision-making process," said Cothen.

"If a Christian and a scholar is to be responsible, he must be free under God," Cothen said. "If he is considered competent before God and himself, and has direct access, and if he is responsible for the decisions which he makes, and their implementation, it is obvious that his religious and intellectual freedom are assured."

Cothen spoke on the subject, "Toward a Philosophy of Christian Higher Education," outlining in a 33-page manuscript his own concept of the philosophy which earlier Bishop Ensley had cited as "the greatest single need in Christian higher education."

Bishop Ensley said the greatest foe of education is a naturalistic world view which emphasizes doing whatever one feels like doing. "The truth is that society requires control," he said.

Other foes of education, he said, include

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## Religion Around The World

"Swensk Veckotidning," the weekly newspaper of the Swedish Mission Covenant Church, has published an open letter to Billy Graham, asking him to use his influence in America to create a course of action which would end the war in Vietnam. In its letter, the church paper with the largest circulation in Sweden, criticizes the American escalation of bombing and mining North Vietnamese water. The letter states that Graham, because of his close and personal relationship with President Nixon and of his duties in the White House, has a special responsibility, and it appeals to him to use it in the spirit of the gospel of reconciliation.

an extreme pietism that says there is no connection between the Christian faith and the world, overemphasis on the scientific process, and a constant bombardment of evil on the minds of men.

In another address, Robert Rankin, vice president of the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis, urged Baptist schools to sharpen their purposes, saying "all private schools in the nation should not try to become miniature Harvards." (BP)

## Creative 'Missions MediaPak' To Be Available Next Spring



Testing a recipe for Missions MediaPak, Foreign Mission Board staff member Johnni Johnson prepares Japanese tempura—shrimp, fish and vegetables individually dipped in egg batter and fried. This and other dishes such as santan, an Indonesian ice cream made with coconut, might be included in the MediaPak, an innovative missionary education project to become available next spring. Miss Johnson's colleagues who taste-tested the tempura gave it their hearty approval.

An informational smorgasbord called Missions MediaPak is being prepared for distribution next spring, in time to be used with 1973 Foreign Mission Graded Series books.

Missions MediaPak will provide materials and suggest activities to involve users in various ways of understanding who the overseas missionary is and what he does. An idea book called "Imagineering" will give how-to details.

An innovative approach to missionary education, rather than strictly outlined curriculums, the MediaPak will be a combination of contemporary learning aids, 38 pieces in all, arranged in five interrelated groupings: "Print," "Sight," "Sound," "Et Cetera" and "Stimulog."

To be included are such things as slides, soft records, reading matter, posters, a game, a calendar, recipes, multi-language articles from Baptist presses around the world, and "little missionary education goodies classified as 'creative clutter,'" according to a descriptive poop sheet.

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## Baptists Honor Luther Rice; Organize New England Churches

**NORTHBORO, Mass.**—Southern Baptist leaders, including Owen Cooper in his first official role as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, paid tribute to Luther Rice as the founder of Baptist foreign mission efforts in America by mounting a plaque at his birthplace here.

The next day, four Southern Baptist churches in the New England area was constituted.

Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson were appointed in 1812 as Congregational missionaries to India. On separate ships during the six month voyage, both changed their views on the ordinance of baptism and when they reached India they were baptized and resigned as Congregationalist missionaries. They offered their services to the Baptists who, at that time, had no missionary program in foreign countries.

Rice return to the United States to raise aid for Judson who remained in India. He traveled throughout the eastern United States to create an interest in foreign missions.

The plaque calls Rice a denominational statesman, journalist, and educator. He founded Columbian College in Washington, D.C., now George Washington University. He was instrumental in establishing the Triennial Convention, the Baptist General Tract Society, and in "The uniting of scattered Baptist churches into a Baptist denomination."

The building where the plaque was mounted is on the site of the home where Rice was born. It is now the home of Elmer Sizemore, Baptist Home Mission Board missionary and missions director for

the New England area. The adjacent property is the proposed site for offices of what will be the Baptist General Convention of New England when it is once organized.

The day after the plaque mounting ceremony, four churches were added to the roster of Southern Baptist churches in New England.

Nashua Baptist Church, near Screven, N.H., was only the second Southern Baptist church to be constituted in New Hampshire. With 97 people, the church has mostly an indigenous membership and a weekday ministry to 100 kids.

In Lewiston, Maine, Baptists constituted "The Chapel" with 40 members. It is a trailer parked on a shopping center parking lot. The Chapel has baptized 25 people since its inception four years ago and it is open all day with a counseling center and a library operated by pastor Gordon Thomas.

An order of worship is printed for shoppers who stop by for prayer or inspiration. The Chapel is the fifth Southern Baptist church constituted in Maine and was the last mission there.

Holden Baptist Church in Massachusetts constituted with 80 charter members including 17 awaiting baptism. Northshore Baptist Church in West Peabody of greater Boston had been a mission of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Boston until its constitution. (BP)

## Revision Of California Law To Spur Charitable Gifts

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Californians may now leave more than one-third of their estates to Christian and other charitable work, it was revealed here. A California bill has become law, removing previous restrictions on gifts to non-profit organizations.

Prior to the bill's passage, state restrictions prevented residents from leaving more than one-third of their estates to charitable organizations. Any bequest to such an organization by a person leaving close relatives was invalid if the person died within 30 days of making the will. If the will was in effect for more than 30 days, the law specified that the bequest had to be for less than one-third of the estate.

While California courts had upheld simple "detours" around the previous limitations, most attorneys were not aware of them, according to a spokesman for Independent Stewardship Service. (RNS)

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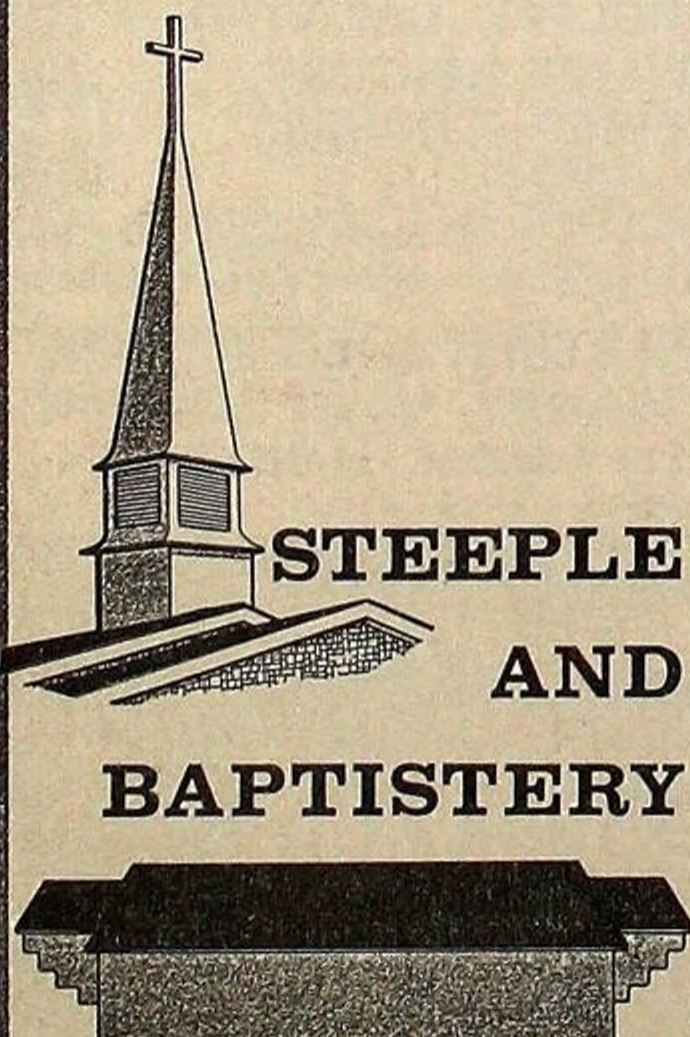
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# MISSIONARY DUTIES

By W. R. White

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**Basic Passages:** Acts 13:44 to 14:28**Focal Passages:** Acts 14:3-7, 19-23, 27

This lesson is aimed at the missionary more than those of us who hold the ropes at home or in our local situations. However it involves all true disciples of Christ.



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We have maintained for years that all of us are under divine orders to go as missionaries, either personally or representatively. We believe that the Great Commission includes this idea.

Every real Christian is a missionary in that he is a witness. His profession of church membership is a witness either for or against Christ. A missionary is one who witnesses for Christ.

Those who have an appointment as a missionary by one of our boards should be understood, loved and supported in every way by all of us who profess to love the Lord. He is a potent force in the kingdom.

He is very human like the rest of us. We should understand this. His soul is sorely tried and his temptations are many and serious.

He should be highly respected and regarded and we should not put him on a pedestal but keep him on our prayer list. His mission is glorious, his labors arduous and his problems are many and grave. We should undergird him at all times.

**Primary Imperative Proclaiming Truth Acts 14:3-7**

In the New Testament, truth usually refers to redeeming or liberating truth which is the gospel. It is considered the basic reality in man's salvation.

Redemption and regeneration are the ABC's in man's deliverance and recovery. There is no word and no message without the alphabet. Social reform or economic and political liberation have no base and no sustaining nurture without redemption and regeneration. All change is superficial and temporary without these. We must stop at this point but we must begin here.

The finished work of Christ must be presented before there can be regeneration

and regeneration is that which God begins in us through Christ.

No amount of persecution and change of situation could divert Paul and Barnabas from preaching the word of grace in the gospel of redemption. In this they remained steadfast regardless of pressure or nature of audience.

**Stabilizing Disciples Acts 14:25-28**

The missionaries had been forced to flee but they returned to the very spots from which they had fled to confirm the young disciples in the faith. They presented and taught the truth encouraging them in this.

They ordained elders among them as spiritual leaders and shepherds to feed, direct and comfort them in the Lord. Missionaries have a great responsibility toward these converts.

**Good Soldiers Endure Hardness Acts 14:19-20**

They who would be unswervingly true to the gospel and live godly in the present world will suffer persecution. This is a price we must pay for discipleship at its best. Both Paul and Barnabas suffered severely and apparently Paul was stoned to death.

Whether we are preserved through persecution or God raises us up from the worst, it all falls out for the furtherance of the gospel.

**Reporting To Home Base Acts 14:2-7**

The faithful missionaries returned to the church at Antioch and rehearsed the marvelous story of God's work of grace through them. In their great adventure as missionaries in spite of violent opposition in a variety of ways, they drew many people to the Lord.

They were particularly impressed with the way the Lord opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Multitudes of them believed and many thriving churches sprang up in the Gentile world.

The brethren at Antioch were greatly pleased that God's favor had rested on this great missionary adventure.

## Anglican Vicar Leaves Church, Is Baptized As A Baptist

READING, Eng.—An Anglican vicar who said he has become "disenchanted" with the Church of England, was baptized as a "believer" at the Carey Baptist church in this Berkshire County town west of London.

The Vicar is the Rev. John Williams of nearby Cholsey, which is in the diocese of Oxford. Ordained 18 years ago, he said he is leaving the Church of England because of differences on infant baptism and other doctrinal matters.

He is, however, continuing in the ministry. "This," he said, "could be in a Free church, a Baptist church, or some other. If I went to another church it would have to be one that practiced believer's baptism."

Williams said he does not believe in infant baptism, though he and his wife, Margaret, were baptized as infants in the Church of England.

"I no longer believe in it," he said. "If people want children to be baptized here at Cholsey I make arrangements for someone else to do it."

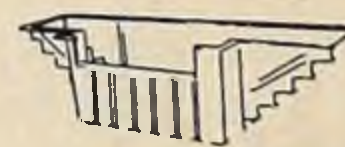
Mr. and Mrs. Williams were re-baptized at a service here conducted by the Rev. Selwyn Morgan of the Baptist church. (RNS)

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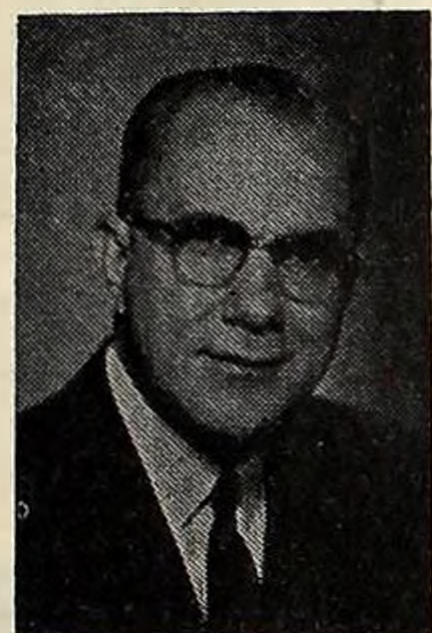
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# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

During this first half of the year there have been many reports which have been very encouraging. There are indications that



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the churches are experiencing a very good year and a spirit of renewal and revival has been evident in many places. Reports indicate that many churches have had the best Vacation Bible schools they have ever had. Stewardship response through giving has been very fine. Receipts for all mission causes have shown a fine

increase with the Cooperative Program support for all causes well over the budget requirements.

We face so many deeply rooted problems and continue to face new ones from time to time. A few years ago there was a severe testing of faith of many. New problems in the social order brought near panic in some quarters. There was a period of attacks on the churches and the denomination and a scapegoat was sought to place our problems on. There was a great effort to turn to every new panacea that came along and to turn aside from many of the programs of work which had been successful.

But it was discovered that we should face our problems with faith and courage. The great basic doctrines, the Bible, prayer and worship, the efforts to win a lost world were all still relevant and most vital. While social problems are tackled, spiritual solutions are sought which will prove lasting and real. There is a renewed interest in people and above all in their deeply rooted spiritual needs.

Mr. Owen Cooper, the newly elected President of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the magazine "The Deacon" states that one of our greatest needs is teaching. In an interview he points out the great need for a great study of the Bible. We agree with him that this is one of the great tasks facing us in the modern generation. We boast about the brilliant minds of this generation but we are often amazed at the lack of knowledge of the things so fundamental to Christian growth and to coming to grips with the problems of our time. Christianity faces many subtle enemies today. We need to give answers to much of the false teaching that is being used to undermine the Christian faith.

Churches are making much progress in making changes and in deepening the nature of their work. There is so much yet to be done. There is a renewed faith in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to give

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## Family Living

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### THE DRAG OF DRUGS

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr. of North Carolina inserted this into the "Congressional Record". It's a heartbreaker.

"King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want . . .

"These tragic words, part of a twisted rewording of the beloved 23rd Psalm, were discovered recently in Reidsville, North Carolina, in a closed car alongside a dead heroin addict. She was 23 years old.

"Her death was ruled a suicide. A hookup with the car's exhaust had sent carbon monoxide fumes from a running motor into the vehicle. Here's the complete 'Psalm'.

"King Heroin is my shepherd, I shall always want. He maketh me to lie down in the gutters.

"He leadeth me beside the troubled waters. He destroyeth my soul.

"He leadeth me in the paths of wickedness.

"Yea, I shall walk through the valley of poverty and will fear no evil, for thou, Heroin, are with me.

"Thy Needle and Capsule comfort me. Thou strippest the table of groceries in the presence of my family. Thou robbest my head of reason.

"My cup of sorrow runneth over. Surely heroin addiction shall stalk me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Damned forever."

Also found in the car with the dead woman was this written message:

"Jail didn't cure me. Nor did hospitalization help me for long. The doctor told my family it would have been better, and indeed kinder, if the person who got me hooked on dope had taken a gun and blown my brains out. And I wish to God he had. My God, how I wish it."

the wisdom and the leadership which is needed. Christ is still the only head of His churches. He is working in and through His people as they commit their work to Him and submit to His leadership. True to the themes of recent years "Christ is the Answer" and "Christ is the Only Hope," the emphasis for Southern Baptists for the next few years will be "Sharing Christ." We shall only share Him as we see His presence in His churches leading the way.

## From the files

### 50 YEARS AGO

A great audience met to celebrate the 137th anniversary of the organization of the Whitesburg Baptist church in Whitesburg. The president of Carson-Newman college, O. E. Sams, spoke at both services. The first pastor of the church had been Tidence Lane.

W. M. Bostick, pastor of Bellevue church, Memphis, preached the last sermon to be heard in the old auditorium of the church. Work had begun on a new \$100,000 auditorium structure.

### 20 YEARS AGO

In 1951, Tennessee Baptists averaged baptising an average of one new member for every 19 already on the church rolls. Their total number of baptisms was 32,105, a slight decrease under the year before.

Pastor W. Fred Kendall, First church, Jackson, celebrated his 25th anniversary as an ordained pastor. He was ordained by the Salem church, Meade County, Ky. He had served also at First church, Jellico and Severn's Valley church, Elizabethtown, Ky.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Lou Burnette, the first W.M.U. society director for the state W.M.U. resigned to enter teaching. She had served in the state position for two years.

First church, Elizabethton, celebrated its 120th anniversary with homecoming ceremonies. Former pastors presented were J. H. Ponder, Richard N. Owen, William C. Taggart Jr., and Herman W. Cobb. Wilford Lee was pastor.

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# Sunday School Teachers Held Failing In Relating Scripture To Problems

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Sunday school teachers have largely failed to apply the principles of Scripture to contemporary problems, participants at a centennial observance of the Uniform Sunday School Lessons were told.

Dr. James D. Smart, professor-emeritus of Biblical interpretation at Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.), speaking at the anniversary gathering at Second Presbyterian church here, said Christian educators have been too protective of the Bible, failing to apply it to the world of today.

Asserting that "nothing is rarer in the churches of today than persons with any depth of understanding of the essential content of the Scriptures," he urged the audience to recognize that the Bible "can take care of itself."

"We should remind ourselves more often than we do," Dr. Smart said, "that one of the reasons Jesus was crucified was that He took a critical, questioning attitude in relation to the established religious tradition of His time and refused to interpret the Scriptures in the manner approved by the religious authorities."

"And yet," he continued, "in many churches which bear His name, questioning is discouraged as though it were an expression of faithlessness, and passive conformity with whatever happens to be the approved interpretation is equated with faith!"

Dr. Smart urged his audience to open wide the doors between themselves and the Scriptures "so that (Christ) has free access to us in His Word and that Word has free access through us to move out beyond us into our world to do its reconciling work."

The anniversary was observed 100 years after a Sunday School Convention here approved the idea of uniform themes for the

study of the Bible. Today, more than 30 million pieces of literature related to the Uniform Sunday School Lessons are distributed quarterly by the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education, and are used by most Protestant denominations.

Commenting on the success of the Uniform Lessons, Dr. Smart said, "Many a church executive has wanted them dead and buried because of all that is deficient in their educational methodology. But they have refused to lie down and die because in hundreds of thousands of situations across the world they offer an uncomplicated program for the study of Scripture in its relation to life." (RNS)

## Louisiana House Votes Non-Public School Aid

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Two bills extending financial assistance to parents of children in parochial and other non-public elementary and secondary schools were passed by the Louisiana House of Representatives after extended debate.

One measure provides for a state income tax credit of \$50 per year per child for parents in income groups which pay income taxes. It passed, 57-45.

The second measure would give a direct grant of \$50 per child for elementary school children and \$75 for high school students. It passed, 54-48, only one vote more than the necessary majority in the 105-member House. (RNS)

## Moral Scene

• Roughly 1.5 million Americans of high-school age and 700,000 adults say they've tried heroin at least once, a broad new government survey indicates. The findings, released recently by the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, also indicate: (1) 9.3 million Americans have tried hashish; (2) 4.7 million have tried LSD, peyote or mescaline; (3) 2.6 million have tried cocaine; and (4) 3.7 million have tried methamphetamines, or "speed," for nonmedical purposes. The commission said it believes the survey to be the most comprehensive look ever taken at drug use in the United States. Earlier this year the commission released findings from the same survey which showed that 24 million Americans have tried marijuana at least once, and 8.3 million continue to use it. Government estimates of the total number of regular heroin users in the nation range from 300,000 to 700,000. But commission chairman Raymond P. Shafer, in a statement accompanying the recent findings, said flatly, "Nobody knows how many addicts there are in this country." Shafer said the survey may actually underestimate the number of persons who have tried heroin or other drugs. (*The Billings Gazette*, May 10, 1972)

## Maryland Baptist Board Approves Staff Restructure

**LUTHERVILLE, Md.**—The State Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Maryland approved here a reorganization of the convention board's staff, accepted the resignation of their state director of missions, and approved plans for a state camping and retreat center that could eventually become an assembly.

The restructure proposals were brought by the Executive Committee of the State Mission Board as initial recommendations of a long-range study.

Under the new organization, the 12 current departments of work will be grouped into four departments in order to better co-ordinate and correlate their work.

Convention officials pointed out that the restructure would not cut back any phase of the convention's work, but would only realign the programs with different relationships and assignments.

The four new departments created by the board will include the missions department, church development department, business services department and Woman's Missionary Union. Each department will be headed by a department director reporting directly to the executive secretary, plus associates and assistants with areas of specialty.

The missions department will include the work of evangelism, stewardship, church administration, Baptist men and boys work, and student ministries.

The church development department will include Bible teaching and church training, church building, church music, church recreation and summer assemblies.

In a unique arrangement, the Woman's Missionary Union, an auxiliary to the convention, will become a department with funding and policy approval through the convention board.

In effect, the new structure will be similar to the division concept of organization used by several state conventions, but the four organizational entities will be called departments rather than divisions.

Current department heads would become associates or directors of one of the four new departments. The four new department heads have not yet been named.

By a vote of 32-7, the board approved the purchase of 295 acres of land in central Maryland, about an hour's drive from either Baltimore or Washington, D.C., for development of a retreat, camping and conference center. It is located near Frederick, Md., in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

## Czechs Accuse German Trio Of Carrying Religious Tracts

**PRAGUE**—Three West German citizens, apprehended carrying religious literature into Czechoslovakia, were accused here of engaging in "political activity aimed at weakening the Socialist ideology in Czechoslovakia," a Czech Radio broadcast said here.

The three, identified as Mrs. Herma Stipper and Manfred and Hermina Reidinger, were apparently intercepted more than once at border stations. The broadcast did not say whether they had been arrested or would be placed on trial.

At the Ceska Kubice frontier post, it was held, a search of their luggage revealed three tape recorders, 22 tape cassettes, 36 Bibles, several hundred religious booklets and scripts of religious broadcasts. All reportedly were destined for a Prague church. (RNS)

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