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LIVING A LIFE FOR CHRIST IN FAITH AND CONQUEST IS TO BE...

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"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Romans 8:37

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PAUL APOSTLESHIP

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)"— Gal. 1:1

Since the Bible Study Week book among Southern Baptists in January, 1973 is a study of Galatians, the following weeks this column will be based upon this book. Galatians is one of the big four (Rom., 1 and 2 Cor., and Galatians) whose Pauline authorship has never been seriously questioned. Scholars may differ as to its date and place of writing, but not as to its authorship. It deals with the same general matters found in Romans, but is briefer and has greater intensity.

The background of Galatians is the controversy with the Judaizers, Jewish Christians who insisted that Gentiles must first become Jewish proselytes (through circumcision, certain sacrifices, and living by the Mosaic law), then believe in Jesus for salvation (cf. Acts 15:1). The issue was Paul's gospel of salvation by grace through faith and the Judaizers' message of works of the Mosaic law plus faith. This issue was settled in Paul's favor at the Jerusalem Conference (Acts 15; Gal. 2). Thereafter, the Judaizers continued to preach their message. And they also attacked Paul personally. One such attack was to deny that he was a true apostle.



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For this reason he began by avowing his true apostleship.

So he started this letter by signing it "Paulos apostolos" or "Paul an apostle". He then proceeded to establish that fact by declaring that he received this office, not from man, but from the Lord Himself.

The word "not" is emphatic. Literally, "not from men." No group of men had appointed him an apostle. The words for "men" and "man" may be seen as generic. So that his apostleship had no human source. "Neither through a man." It had not human channel. "But" is adversative. It sets forth what follows in contrast to what preceded it. "But through Jesus Christ and God the Father." They were both the source and the channel of his apostleship. He argues this later in chapter 1 (see verses 11-12).

His reference to God raising Jesus from the dead is related to his apostleship. One qualification of an apostle was that he must have seen Jesus after His resurrection (see Acts 1:22). He had seen the risen Christ on the Damascus road (see Acts 9:3-5; I Cor. 15:8). So the gospel which he preached about the risen Christ was not second-hand. It came out of personal experience.

Men may argue against one's words, but not successfully against his experience. Every Christian should be able to say, "I know", not simply, "I heard".

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A book, published in 1911 to assist the pastor in solving various problems, suggests that "The Church have a Committee on Ventilation to help the Sunday night service."

It was not clearly indicated whether this suggestion came about because it was felt that the auditorium or the pastor's preaching was musty.

Perhaps it was the consensus that both needed a little "airing out."

Admittedly, there is nothing like a breath of fresh air to put new life into the evening service.

It goes without saying that hot air has killed a great many services, morning and night.

But even in our day of air-conditioned comfort, it might not be a bad idea to have a "Committee on Ventilation to help the Sunday night attendance"—if the committee would let out the stale air of the status quo and let in the fresh air of new commitment.

Despised And Rejected

Isaiah 53:3
By Henry M. Chiles, Pastor
Central Baptist Church, Knoxville

"He is despised and rejected of men . . ."

It has ever been so! What foolish things we mortals do. We think ourselves wise, and reject the wisdom of the One who is. We think ourselves strong, and reject the strength of the One who is. We think ourselves good, and reject the One who is. And what rejection! We took the sinless Son of God—because He would let us—and we executed Him. We did it in what must seem to be typical human sadism.

In this scene that is much too typical of human interaction, there are two obscured glimpses of the little known side of human nature, the projection of mercy. The Big Fisherman rose to His defense in the Garden, and Jesus rebuked him. He reminded this not too "cool" hand that He could call the legions of angels to His side. Can you even imagine that scene if He had called the twelve legions of angels? Suppose 72,000 angels had ringed about the Master in His defense? But He did not call! The other glimpse of mercy? The regular and perfunctory offer by the professional soldiers of the drink of sour wine and the juice of the opium poppy. This narcotic would deaden some of the pain of this bitter crucifixion. He would not drink! There are some very important lessons for us here.

Because He refused the pain-deadening effect of the narcotic, He is more than capable of understanding and knowing the deep needs of mortal man. He has been there. He understands. When we suffer, He is prepared to relieve our suffering. When we sorrow, He is prepared to know the answer to our sorrow. David was exactly right: "When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, He IS with me . . ."

Because He kept His keen senses on Calvary, He knows the awfulness of rejection and the terrible loneliness in that experience. He was rejected for even God the Father turned His back and let Him die. He was rejected but He will not reject! He said, John 6: 36-37 "But the trouble is, as I have told you before, you haven't believed even though you have seen Me. But some will come to Me—those the Father has given Me—and I will never, never reject them." Jesus knows about rejection. He wants all men to receive Him.

Because He "kept His head when all about Him were losing theirs," He is worthy of our highest praise and adoration. No wonder John said: "Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb . . ." The Psalmist understood this: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; . . ." (Ps. 103:1-4).

Lifeway Pilot Project Opens New Store In Jackson

JACKSON, Miss.—Lifeway, a book store channel to the general public operated by Southern Baptists, opened its first store here recently.

The new store is located in Jackson's newest shopping center, Jackson Mall, where there are over 50 other retail businesses. The store will carry books, Bibles, cards, music, musical instruments, and gifts.

"Jackson was selected as the site for our first store because it is a rapidly growing city," explained W. O. Thomason, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Book Store Division.

"We have faith in what is going to take place here and the opportunity for our kind of business. We want to be a part of it," Thomason continued.

"Lifeway grew out of the need to have book stores with the Christian message in the middle of the street where the people are found. For this reason, these stores will be located in high traffic areas," he said.

The Lifeway pilot project, approved by the Sunday School Board trustees last summer, will feature the opening of two stores. Although the first one is already open in Jackson, negotiations are still underway in selecting the second site.

"The store's materials will include a selected inventory designed to help people with the problems they face daily, to help them grow, to help them enjoy a quality way of life and to help them as they help others find a better life," Thomason said.

"Although this is a store for the general public, our merchandise is unapologetically Christian. This is not an effort to get away from the mission of Baptist book stores, but to reach more people with our message through merchandising."

According to Thomason, the stores will be appealing to all people. The physical layout of the store is designed to give customers the feeling that life is full of hope, joy and expectancy. The merchandise is well organized, easy to find and attractively displayed, he said.

The store contains approximately 2000 square feet of floor space. The corner entrances have sliding doors which, when open, give the effect of having two sides of the store open to mall traffic.

The store's symbol, the figure of a man in a red triangle, is set in tile in the entrance. Display windows along the side wall are in the triangular shape of the symbol.

"Lifeway offers a tremendous opportunity for us to reach the man on the street with

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quality merchandise," said Jay O. Turner, Lifeway department manager. "With shorter working hours and more free time, we look on Lifeway as a source, second to none, for the best in helpful learning and leisure time materials." (BP)

Brazil Radio-TV Unit Begins Term With 49 Students

CAMPINAS, Brazil — The language school of the Brazilian Baptist Radio and Television Board began its first term last month with 49 students from 12 mission agencies and one industry. Eleven Southern Baptist missionaries are among the students.

By a special appropriation of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Radio and Television Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention purchased the property of the former Language and Orientation School, which was owned jointly and operated jointly by four mission boards including the Southern Baptist board. Because of the rising cost of operation and the declining number of missionaries using the school. It was closed in June after 22 years of operation.

The Brazilian Baptist Department of Language Studies offers four courses in Portuguese. Students are given orientation in Brazilian customs also. There are 284 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Brazil today among 3000 total missionaries.

Russell Richardson Named Illinois Evangelism Head

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Russell Richardson, pastor of First Baptist church, Wilmington, Ill., has been named director of evangelism for the Illinois Baptist State Association with offices here.

Richardson's appointment was announced by Ron S. Lewis, manager of the Church Development Division for the state association, during committee meetings held in conjunction with a called session of the Illinois Association Board of Directors.

During the board meeting, the directors approved the purchase of a 10-room house in Carmi, Ill., for use by the Baptist Children's Home. The purchase price was \$31,500.

The appointment of the new evangelism director fills a post vacant since James M. Ponder resigned in 1970 to accept a similar position with the Florida Baptist Convention.

A native of Oklahoma City, Richardson, 42, has been pastor of Baptist churches in Tennessee, Oklahoma and North Carolina.

He is a graduate of East Tennessee State university, Johnson City, Tenn., and has also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, and Appalachian State university, Boone, N.C. (BP)

Members Use Vacation To Rebuild Mission



Home Mission Board photo by Knolan Benfield

Members of Central Baptist church of Bearden in Knoxville, repair log cabin used for religious services in Two Strike, South Dakota.

For the twelfth consecutive year, families of the Central church of Bearden in Knoxville have donated their vacations to the missions fields in the United States.

In July, 47 members of the church traveled from Knoxville to Two Strike, South Dakota to conduct Vacation Bible Schools and repair a log cabin which had been used for religious services. The 12 families and young people worked for A. L. Davis, Southern Baptist missionary and pastor of the Sioux Baptist chapel in Rapid City, some 200 miles away. Davis, who travels to Two Strike every week to hold services, helped in the repair work. Construction, including roofing, chinking the outside walls, fibreboarding the inside walls, and repairing windows and doors, was done in the mornings with afternoon and evening work devoted to work in Vacation Bible Schools in Two Strike near Rosebud Indian Reservation and at Grass Mountain, a camping community.

Preparation for the mission trip began in Knoxville. The travelers attended a VBS clinic, surveyed the talents and skills of those going, ascertained the materials needed, and obtained money to buy hymnals, which were non-existent at Rosebud. Other mission work by the group has been done in Billings, Montana, Harlowton, Montana, and various other fields. Henry Chiles, pastor of Central church, spends five weeks each year on any pioneer mission field he chooses. The work is done at the church's expense.

MINITORIALS

Voices From The Past

"Ah, those were the days. We had so little, but loved much." Thus ended a letter from a friend not seen or heard from directly in perhaps 30 years. During this time, he has achieved fame and recognition in several areas, including being a successful author.

The time reference was to the late 1930's. In the small town where we lived it was true that few families had any money, but there was a spirit of love and fellowship. And, the work of the Lord did progress.

A sermon preached in the same town by the editor's father in 1932 dealt with church finances. Among other things, the congregation was told at one point: "I know money is tight. If funds must be cut, cut local expenses, including the pastor's salary. We must not reduce our Cooperative Program gifts."

It was true. We had little. We loved much. And a spirit of sacrificial giving was evident. Perhaps today we have too much and love too little? (jl)

Congratulations To Children's Homes

James M. Gregg and the staff of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes are to be congratulated—along with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

For the second time, the Mother's Day offering goal for the Homes was reached, and this year the highest amount of money ever received in this emphasis, \$250,047.21 was reported. This indicates a continuing interest upon the part of the churches for this benevolent ministry as well as an effective program of promotion of this work.

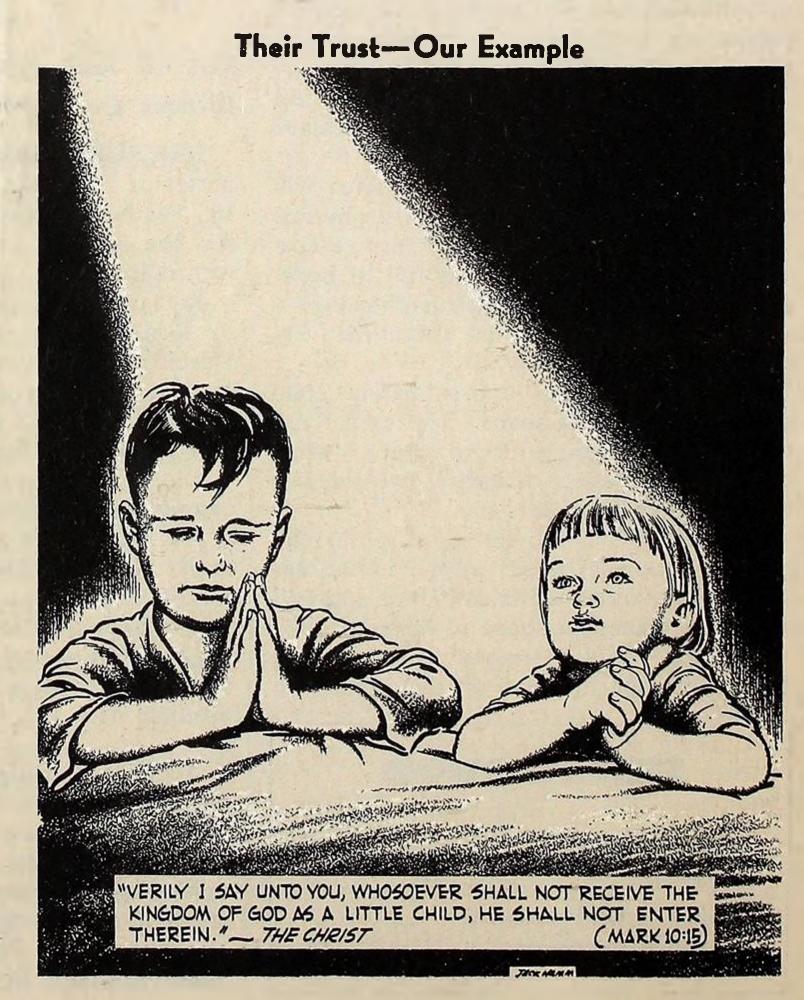
These homes belong to Tennessee Baptists. The children there are our care and concern. Continued and increasing support of this ministry is necessary.

Emphasis Upon State Missions

Led by Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist churches will place especial emphasis upon the ministries of State Missions in the days immediately ahead. Continually we must be reminded that a strong home base is the best insurance for an effective mission witness around the world.

Goal for the Golden State Missions Offering this year is \$170,000.00. Sponsored by Woman's Missionary Union, and supported by the State Missions Departments, the Season of Prayer and Offering will provide for needed emphases and programs within our state.

Churches are encouraged to join in this emphasis upon State Missions, just as we emphasize our Home and Foreign mission ministries at other seasons of the year.



Near \$16 Million Budget Set For Home Missions

RIDGECREST, N. C.—An expanded budget of \$16,930,000 was adopted here for Southern Baptist national mission work in the United States, Panama, Puerto Rico by the denomination's Home Mission Board.

The near \$16 million supports a mission force of approximately 2250 missionaries in these territories, most of whom work with and are partially supported by cooperating state Baptist conventions.

Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, SBC Home Mission Board executive secretary in presenting the budget, termed it one of significant advance in three critical areas: television evangelism, church extension, and Christian social ministry.

He said increased income from the two primary sources, the SBC Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Of-

Three Added To The Staff Of Home Mission Board

RIDGECREST, N. C.—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board meeting here elected Paul W. Stuart of Fort Worth to its department of survey and special services and promoted two other workers to increased staff responsibility.

The action, taken at the mid-year meeting of the national missions agency at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly here, named Ernestine Adams of Atlanta, as assistant secretary to the department of missionary education, and Daniel R. Sanchez of Atlanta as consultant for church growth in the department of language missions.

In another decision, the agency changed the name of the missionary education department to the promotion department effective January 1. Kenneth Day is the depart-

ment secretary.

Two top leadership positions—director of the Division of Evangelism and coordinator for missions work in the board's Region III, (Texas and Louisiana North)—went unfilled at the board meeting.

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge said that replacements for evangelism leader Kenneth Chafin and regional coordinator Wilson Brumley, both now in Houston, would most likely be named at the November meeting of the board of directors.

Miss Adams, with the Home Mission Board since 1961, has served in assigning and processing of Home Mission speakers for World Mission Conferences, camps, college campuses, Week of Prayer assignments and other engagements.

Sanchez, a native of San Antonio and of Mexican-American parentage, assumed his staff responsibility after serving as a language missionary in Panama for four years and as a field consultant for the board's language missions department for the past two years. (BP)

fering, have offset an anticipated cutback in the mission force due to inflation and slow economic growth.

The Easter offering is expected to exceed \$6 million and the Cooperative Program will provide close to another \$6 million, Rutledge said.

The balance of the budget comes from church loans, special designations and gifts. earnings on investments, and sales of missions materials.

Financed through the budget are seven divisions of work including missions, evangelism, associational services, chaplaincy, missionary personnel, communications, and business services.

The Missions Division, largest of the seven areas, will spend \$7.6 million for work in Christian social ministries.

More than \$1 million will be spent for associational services, \$220,000 for chaplaincy. nearly \$2 million for church loans, \$702.000 for evangelism, \$2.2 million for business services, \$770,000 for communications, and \$287,000 for personnel. (BP)

John M. Price, New Orleans Seminary Professor, Dies

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—John M. Price Jr., former dean of the School of Religious Education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, died here of an apparent heart attack.

Price, 51, had recently begun disability retirement following several years of ill health, and had moved to Black Mountain just two weeks before his death.

Funeral services were scheduled at First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., on Thursday, Aug. 31.

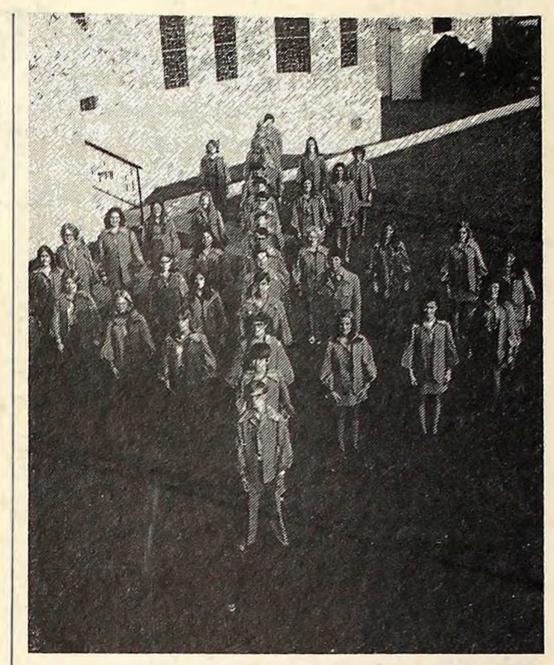
Price, the son of J. M. Price Sr. who was dean of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, had taught psychology and counseling at New Orleans seminary since 1946.

He was a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Active in the field of counseling and pastoral care, Price was the first chairman of the Southern Baptist Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and was a member of the National Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, the Southern Baptist Conference on Counseling and Guidance, and the Association for Clinical Pastoral Educators.

He was a contributing author of "An Introduction to Pastoral Counseling," edited by Wayne Oates, and had written extensively for denominational and professional journals.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and four children. (BP)



The Youth Choir of First church, Martin, has made a mission tour to Fort Wayne, Ind., under the direction of the Home Mission Board and sponsored by the Northeast Baptist Association. The group sang, witnessed, and presented dramas at churches, parks, and in shopping centers. A major program in the tour was the establishment and supervision of three Vacation Bible Schools in the area. Prior to the tour, the group underwent training in soul winning, preparation for teaching Bible School, drama rehearsals, and rehearsal for "The Good Life," the musical they presented. Pastor of the Martin church, William Dodson, reported that as a direct result of the tour, the Waynedale Baptist church double its bus ministry. Richard N. Root, minister of music and youth at Martin, directed the tour.

Medical Assistance Program Reaches \$100 Million Goal

WHEATON, III.—Medical Assistance Programs, Inc., an international relief program headquartered here, has passed the \$100-million mark in the value of goods it has shipped to medical missionaries in its 18-year history.

The milestone was passed with the shipment of medical supplies to the Oasis Hospital in Trucial States, Arabian Gulf. J. Raymond Knighton, MAP's president and founder, announced that in commemoration of the event the shipment was going to the Evangelical Alliance Mission hospital without the usual handling charge.

Knighton began sending medical supplies to foreign missionaries in 1954. He organized Medical Assistance Programs in 1956 as the service agency of the Christian Medical Society. Its first donation in that year was valued at about \$22,500.

Today, MAP operates under the U.S. Agency for International Development and serves 1000 medical missionaries representing 136 mission boards in 82 developing nations. It is still dependent upon contributions to finance shipping and handling costs, according to Mr. Knighton. (RNS)

New Study May Lead To U.S. College Approval

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Office of Education has funded a study which possibly could recommend that the federal government move into the business of accrediting colleges and universities.

At the urging of Elliot E. Richardson, secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), the Office of Education has launched a study that will "evaluate the federal government's reliance on accrediting agencies in determining institutional eligibility for higher-education assistance programs."

Leslie Ross, assistant director of the staff on accreditation and institutional eligibility, said the study may recommend a more direct federal role in determining eligibility.

"In our kind of free and open system the evaluation of education institutions ought to be a voluntary, peer group review," Ross said. "But because so much federal money flows into these schools, we have been drawn into it for reasons of protecting the public purse. It's a dilemma," he added.

The recent Office of Education announcement noted that a report in 1971 from HEW Secretary Richardson asked the Office of Education to initiate a review of the public functions of accreditation and "the public accountability of those accrediting agencies that enjoy the nationally recognized status conferred by the commissioner."

The new study will be conducted by the Brookings Institution in Washington, under a \$142,300 grant from the Office of Education. The contract asks the Brookings Institution to "assess the extent to which the government's use of such private, voluntary agencies for accreditation serves the public interest and what changes may be warranted in establishing federal eligibility requirements."

U.S. Education Commissioner Sidney P. Marland Jr., said that the study, scheduled to be completed in about 13 months, is expected to play a major role in helping Congress to formulate federal assistance pro-

Union Alumni Association To Distribute Souvenir

JACKSON, Tenn.—A unique souvenir picture identification badge will be distributed at the Union university booth during the West Tennessee State Fair, Sept. 10-17, in Jackson, according to Dan Bates, Union alumni Director.

"For a nominal cost, fair-goers can get their picture taken and placed on an identification badge which they can wear or display," said Bates. "It's a great opportunity for preserving the old time style dress and beards which many will be wearing to the Fair."

The booth, featuring the display which recently won first place at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, will highlight Union's past and future as an educational institution in West Tennessee.

grams for colleges and universities and other post-secondary schools.

Currently there are 45 nationally recognized accrediting groups used by the Commissioner of Education to determine eligibility for assistance under a variety of federal aid programs for students and institutions.

The listing of accrediting organizations initially was a mandate of the Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, which required the Commissioner of Education to publish a list of recognized agencies deemed reliable for determining the quality of educational institutions.

Over the past 20 years, the Commissioner's list of accrediting agencies has grown in importance as an indicator of educational quality for many federal and state agencies, foreign governments, industrial corporations, and the "educational consumer."

The growing federal relationship with the private accrediting agencies and associations has been closely monitored by the Office of Education through its accreditation and institutional eligibility staff, and the advisory committee on accreditation and institutional eligibility. (BP)

Assessment of WCC Meeting Finds Unanimity on the Major Issues

UTRECHT, the Netherlands—The World Council of Churches came home again to the country of its birth and the city of its inception, but the 120-member Central Committee which makes policy between Assemblies spent most of its 1972 meeting here looking forward.

Despite deep cultural, political and theological differences among its Protestant and Orthodox membership, the committee showed a remarkable degree of unanimity on big issues, such as the selection of a new general secretary and the withdrawal of investment funds from businesses operating in white-dominated southern Africa.

Third World participation in the ecumenical movement has obviously come of age. Since 1968, a theologically gifted Indian layman, M. M. Thomas, has chaired the committee.

Dr. Philip Potter, a 51-year-old black Methodist minister from the West Indies, was unanimously chosen here to succeed U.S. churchman Dr. Eugene Carson Blake as general secretary. (RNS)



Officers elected recently at the Eastern Baptist Religious Education Association meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center included: (left to right) William G. Caldwell, professor of religious education at Baptist Bible institute, Graceville, Fla., vice-president; Walter W. Jacobs, minister of education, First church, Columbia, S.C., vice-president and president-elect; Marcella Adams, director of religious education, Knox County Association of Baptists, Knoxville, Tenn., secretary; and Reginald Mc-Donough, Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, president. The association, meeting in its twenty-seventh annual session, is one of five such organizations in the United States. The others include Western, Southern, Midwestern, and Southwestern associations.

Man's Dominion In God's World

By William Dodson, Pastor First Baptist Church, Martin

Focal Passages: Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON. To define man's dominion in God's World.

Man is the Creator's masterpiece. What



Dodson

is man? We have a divine revelation to tell us about man. The Word of God declares that man is the product of God's creative hand, the object of God's love, and the recipient of God's grace. The true dignity of man is indicated by the fact that he was created in the image of God capable of fellowship with God in time and in eternity.

God's Design For Man (Gen. 1:26)

Man was the consummation of God's creative acts. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion . . . over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (verse 26) God invested in man a special purpose. Man was to have dominion over God's creation.

The writer of Genesis was careful to use the word "us" to show that God is three in one, God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Again, the writer used the words "in our image" to further establish this truth.

Creation took place at the command of God. God gave man dominion "over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." (verse 26) God placed man in lordship over the lesser creation. This dignified account of creation in the Bible has always dispelled man-made views of how life came into being. Man revealed his supremacy over and control of the creatures of the earth as he named and classified them as they passed before him. (Gen. 2:20) Man received a divine inbreathing not given to the rest of creation.

Created And Blessed (Gen. 1:27-28)

The writer of Genesis affirmed that God created man "in the image of God." (verse 27) What did it mean for man to be made in the image of God? The meaning conceived by the Hebrew mind sheds light here. The Hebrew mind saw man with a body to complete his whole being. The word "image" referred to spiritual powers. It did not mean bodily likeness because God is Spirit without bodily form. It involved man's spiritual nature and those capacities of man that distinguish him as a personality. "The image of God" meant a vital distinction between man and animals. It meant that man pos-

sessed the capacity to know God and to experience fellowship with Him. Furthermore, it meant that man was morally and spiritually responsible to God. It referred to man's power over thought, his ability to communicate, and his innate desire to transcend himself. "Created in His own image" (verse 27) distinguished man from the animal kingdom. God breathed into man the breath of life and made him a living soul with personality.

God added that man possessed additional blessings. Man received the power of procreation. He was to subdue the earth. God created man to master God's lesser creation.

As the climax of creation, God gave man "dominion" over all His creation. (verse 28) From the beginning man accepted the challenge to bring the resources of earth and air and sea into submission to him.

Man's Place In God's Universe (Ps. 8:1-9)

The writer of Psalm 8 contemplated the glory of God revealed in the wonders of nature and considered man's place in creation. The psalmist here echoed the majesty of Genesis 1. Psalm 8 has been named the "hymn of a religious scientist."

Psalm 8 begins with praise to the God of creation. It contains several contrasts: God's excellence and man's response, God's majesty and man's littleness, man's responsibility to God and man's relationship to his world.

In verses 3 through 5 the psalmist contrasts the majesty of God and the littleness of man. First, he points out the immeasurable greatness of God and His creative work. He then suggests the insignificance of man in comparison to God. In verse 5 he states that man was "made a little lower than the angels." The heavens are great and majestic. However, even greater is the soul of man. The lesson here is that man has privileges even beyond comprehension. Man is above the creatures of the earth. As God redeems man through Jesus Christ in the forgiveness of sins man experiences spiritual reinforcement.

The psalmist further noted that God crowned man with "glory and honor." (verse 5) Man's place was manifested in the lord-ship assigned to him. Made "a little lower than the angels," he is crowned with "glory and honor." Man's station was further defined as that of a steward. God gave man dominion over His creation. God intended for man to subdue the earth, to control it, and to use it for the glory of God.

The New Testament enlightens us as to man's worth and position. Because of sin man needs a Saviour. God transforms him into the man he should be.

He Didn't Expect It

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Life was filled with the excitement of success for a youthful attorney. Clients waited in line for his counsel and legal services. Financial security had accompanied his popularity.

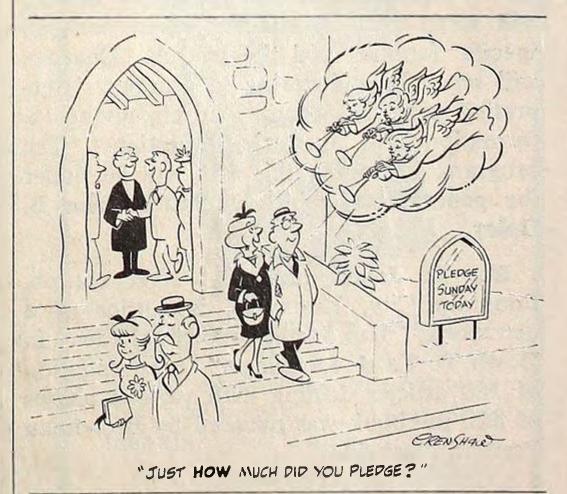
One cloud hung heavily over his happiness. His wife had forsaken him for another man. The court awarded him exclusive custody of the three lovely, young children. They had come to be the pride of his life. Financial success made it easy to provide every necessity of their lives.

On a beautiful night a new found friend by his side, he was traveling at a moderate speed down the highway. Suddenly a car without tail lights appeared on the road in front of him. The resulting collision took his life. He had provided for everything the children must experience except this.

Now a lawsuit prevails. The mother seeks to be guardian of the children and trustee for their inheritance. His relatives claim this right. One trial has already been held. An appeal is pending. The money that should provide for the children is going for court cost, legal fees and administrative expense. The hurt, embarrassment and expense of many of these problems could have been avoided by a properly prepared will. He had not prepared one. He was young and seemed to have a long time to live.

This experience in modified form is happening almost every day. You don't expect it to happen to you. Nobody does—but it can.

You can also assure your continuing testimony for Christ by a properly prepared will. For information about preparing a Christian will, write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.



Our Lord seized every opportunity to find men where they were. He never left them there. He sought to raise man to a new plateau. Through His sacrificial death upon the cross he provided redemption for those who would place their personal faith in Him as Lord and Saviour,

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A native of Bolivar, David Cooper, has completed a second tour of active duty with the U.S. Navy Reserve and is presently living in Bolivar. He plans to do supply or pastoral work. A graduate of Union university, Chaplain Cooper was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for his work in religious activities before his discharge.

Baptist groups wishing to visit Mexico to learn about Southern Baptist mission work there should contact the Foreign Mission Board before departing, according to an announcement from the Board. An earlier release had stated that travelers could contact missionary Richard Steel, stationed in Queretaro, Mexico.

Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said that all interested groups should initiate contact through the Foreign Mission Board, P.O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va., 23230. "This will be true in the case of groups whose primary interest is in a mission education experience as well as those interested in a participation or service type project," he remarked. Inquiries will be directed to the proper official.

Jim Millsaps was ordained to the gospel ministry by Calvary church, Sweetwater association. Following his ordination, he was called as pastor of the church.

Scheduled for use this fall at Carson-Newman college will be the new Dougherty Science Center, a three-story, natural science complex designed to provide space for teaching, laboratory work, and research. Carson-Newman is beginning its 122nd year of operation.

Brook Hollow church, Nashville, has instituted a Deacon Family Ministry Plan for its membership whereby every deacon will serve as a "contact" person between specific families and the church. Deacons will serve in ministering to families, interpreting programs of the church, giving information and answering questions. The program, beginning this fall, will be under the general leadership of Pastor John B. Daley.

Ray O. Jones, pastor of First church, Fountain City, Knoxville, is author of a new book, "Top Sacred—Spiritual Ideas In Down To Earth Language." A compilation of 100 articles dealing with various phases of life, the book was released by Broadman Press in Nashville.

Crievewood church, Nashville, observed the 15th anniversary of its pastor, Herman E. Jacobs, recently. Pastor Appreciation Day is scheduled to be held at the church on Sept. 10 with W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennesse Baptist Convention, as guest speaker. An evening dinner on the ground will be held also.

Memphis, have voted to establish a \$4000 scholarship fund at Union university in Jackson for young people who are members of Southern Avenue and want to attend Union as a student. In making the announcement, Pastor Livy L. Cope said, "We are thrilled by the action of our people in establishing this scholarship fund and hope that other churches might consider a goal of this nature." The fund will provide eight \$500 awards to student members or students whose parents are members of the church.



Fisher

A former resident of Rockwood, C h a r l e s
Joseph Fisher, has completed requirements for graduation at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary and has received the Diploma in Theology. He is serving presently as pastor of Pilgrim Rest church in Baker, Fla.

Michael Lee Adams, pastor of Springhill church, Gibson County, and Jane Hinton Goodrich were married recently at Antioch church in Gibson County. A recent graduate of Union university, Rev. and Mrs. Adams are now living in the parsonage provided by the church.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cordell Akin Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Tanzania, East Africa, are residing in Henderson, Tenn., until June of 1973. They may be contacted through the First Baptist church of Henderson. The Akins, who have two children, have been doing evangelistic work in Dar Es Sallam, the capital of Tanzania. Their address is 481 Jacks Creek Circle, Henderson, 38340.

Dr. and Mrs. Tucker N. Callaway, missionaries, may now be addressed at Baptist Mission, Greenville, Sinoe County, Liberia. Mrs. Callaway is the former Elizabeth Clark of Nashville and Chattanooga. He is a native of Atlanta. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1945, he was pastor of Cropper, Ky., Baptist church.

Missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Barron were scheduled to leave Indonesia on July 28 and arrive late last month for furlough in the States. Before their appointment he was pastor of the Mount Lebanon church, Covington. They may be reached at Box 181, Richton, Miss., 39476.

Miss Carol Henson, missionary to Chile, was scheduled to leave for a short furlough to the States last month. She may be addressed at Rt. 1, Box 135, Ooltewah, Tenn..

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Gary Baker, a May graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, has been called as pastor of the New Hope church in Nashville Association. Before coming to the Hermitage church, he was pastor of the Hopewell church in Holton, Ind.

Donelson View church, Nashville, has called Jason Papuchis as assistant to the pastor. Papuchis is a graduate of Vanderbilt university and has attended Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville. The church's pastor is Bruce Grubbs.

In the Chilhowee Association, Clarence Sexton has resigned as pastor of Greenback Memorial church to accept the call of Calvary church in Lenoir City. Under his ministry, Greenback church has completed a new education building. Village church has called Herman E. Byrd as pastor, and Maryville Second has called John Estes to serve as pastor. Estes has been pastor of the Niles Ferry and Providence, and Calderwood churches. Leonard M. Dunlap is the new pastor of the Old Chilhowee church.

Two pastors have resigned in the Concord Association. They are Finis Fuller from the Immanuel church, and James Bond from the Mt. View church. Fuller has been called to the Wildwood church in the Chilhowee Association, and Bond will serve the Meadow View church in Lawrenceburg.

Billy Joe Sanders has resigned as pastor of the Midway church in the Hardeman County Association, and Ray Whitlow has resigned from the Shandy church to transfer to Murray, Ky.

New Books

Plain Talk About Real Christians by Manford George Gutzke, Baker Book House, 118 pp., \$1.95.

Hooked On A Good Thing by Sammy Hall, Fleming H. Revell Company, 128 pp., \$1.95. Hall's compelling personal story.

God, Money, and You by George Otis, Fleming H. Revell Company, \$3.95. The story of this millionaire industrialist who turned his money and his life over to God.

37363. When Miss Henson, a native of Ooltewah, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, she was educational director of the First church of Avondale Estates, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Hancox, missionaries on furlough from the Leeward Islands, may now be addressed at 717 Tuckaleechee Rd., Maryville, Tenn., 37801. Both are natives of Tennessee. She is the former Doris White of Columbia, and he is from Maryville. Whey they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he was pastor of the First church of Dayton.

1500 Expected To Attend North American Women's Meet

More than 1500 women for 14 North American Baptist groups, most of them Southern Baptists, are expected to attend.

Completed program plans for the meeting, to be held at Yorkminster Park Baptist church here, were announced by Mrs. I. Judson Levy of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, president of the North American Baptist Union.

Sessions will begin Oct. 17 with the president's message by Mrs. Levy and a keynote address by Mrs. Atinuke Bamijoko of Nigeria, president of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will sponsor a 10-day bus trip to the meeting of the North American Baptist Women's Union in Toronto, Canada, Oct. 17-19, for women in the state.

The group will leave from the state office building in Brentwood Saturday, Oct. 14 at 4:00 p.m. and return Oct. 24.

Deadline for reservations for the tour may be made to the state WMU office no later than Sept. 14. The meeting is held once every five years.

Other speakers include women's leaders from the 14 different United States and Canadian Baptist conventions affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance, and from Asia, along with men who figure prominently in world-wide Baptist work, Mrs. Levy said.

Major addresses are scheduled by V. Carney Hargroves, retired pastor from Philadelphia who is president of the Baptist World Alliance; and Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of the Alliance's Women's Department, and also president of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

Three former presidents of the North American Baptist Women's Union will speak: Mrs. J. Edgar Bates of Weston, Ontario, who helped found the organization in 1951 and was its first president; Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge of Portland, Ore.; and Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

An emphasis on the distribution and translation of the Bible will include addresses by H. R. Hunt of Toronto, vice president of the Canadian Bible Society, and Robert Bratcher, translator for the American Bible Society who did the translations work on "Good News for Modern Man", the Today's English Version of the New Testament.

Representatives from the 14 participating Canadian and American Baptist bodies will lead a panel presentation on how Baptist women are working in fellowship, prayer, service and giving.

The worldwide Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will be explained by Mrs. Lawrence S. Casazza of Washington, D.C., director of promotion for the BWA Women's Department. Another address will feature Mrs. Lee N. Allen, public relations director for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham.

Other major presentations will be made by Mrs. Louise Paw of Burma, and by Kenneth L. Chafin of Houston, former evangelism secretary for Southern Baptists and chairman of North American participation in the BWA's two-year Mission of Reconciliation project.

The assembly will close with a service of celebration and commitment led by Mrs. Mathis. Worship leader for the assembly will

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Caldwell Named Consultant For Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE—Max L. Caldwell, former minister of Christian education at Manor Baptist church in San Antonio, Tex., has joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as a consultant in the Sunday School department's general offices section.

He will give major attention to Sunday School growth, developing teaching improvement and strengthening associational growth.

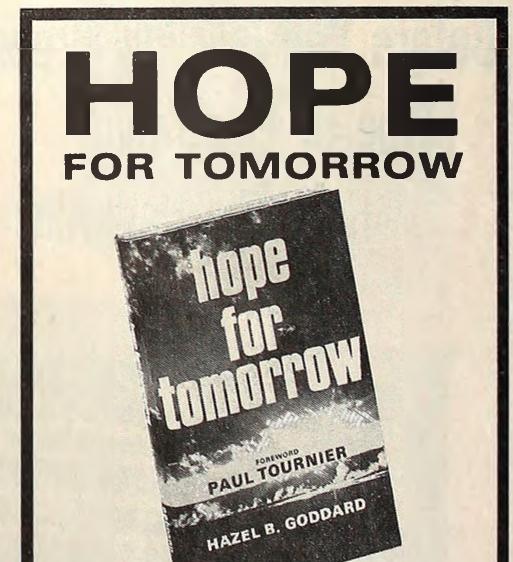
A native of Oklahoma City, Caldwell is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. He is a former program director at St. Johns First Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., and minister of education at First church, Lees Summit, Mo. (BP)

be Mrs. Frank C. Wigginton of Philippi, W. Va. Theme for the meeting will be, "Called to Commitment." (BP)



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SIN SEPARATES

By T. B. Maston
Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired
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Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:23, KJV).

The verse following the above says that the Lord drove the man out of the garden. There is an abiding lesson in this experience in the garden. That lesson is that sin separates one from God.

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into the presence of God and feel the touch of his redeeming love until he repents of his sin.

It is just as true, however, that sin in the life of the Christian separates him from God. To the degree that we have unforgiven sin in our lives, to that degree we will be separated from our heavenly Father. This means that if we are not conscious of his presence we should examine our lives to see if sin has crept into our lives. As has been frequently and truly said, sin separates us from God or God separates us from sin.

An additional word should be said concerning sin that separates. It not only separates us from God but it also separates us from our fellowman. Sin will separate us in every relationship of life: in the home, in the neighborhood, in the school, in the business world, everywhere.

The separation resulting from sin becomes particularly noticeable and acute when it is within the church or the Christian family. The church is a fellowship of the redeemed. That fellowship can be seriously impaired if not destroyed by an unrepentant and/or an unforgiving spirit by one or more of the members. Let such members get right with one another and the results will be felt not only in them and within the church, there also will be a deepened sense of the presence of the Lord in the midst of his people.

Graham Is Named Honorary Chairman Of International Evangelism Congress

LOS ANGELES—Evangelist Billy Graham was named honorary chairman of the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelism at a planning meeting here.

Some 20 leading evangelical churchmen from the United States and abroad discussed preliminary arrangements at the meeting here. A final decision on the dates and location was expected to be announced shortly.

Graham said the purpose of the Congress will be "to press for the evangelization of the world in our generation."

"We believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world in unusual ways," he said. "Millions of people are searching for what Christ has to offer. Multiplied numbers of them have responded to the Gospel invitation. We stand on the threshold of a new era. Never before have the opportunities been so great, nor the means at our command to proclaim the Gospel so manifold."

One of the decisions made by the planners here was to have a large representation of "Third World" people at the Congress, Mr. Graham said. The planning committee includes such Third World churchmen as the Rev. Festo Kivengere, a Ugandan evangelist wih African Enterprises; Samuel Escobar, traveling secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Argentina; and the Rev. Akira Hatori, a Tokyo radio preacher. (RNS)

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The Cooperative Program Dollars Help People

By William C. Summar Secretary of Stewardship Tennessee Baptist Convention

Often one hears of an individual or organization spontaneously meeting some urgent human need. Companionship has been provided for some lonely soul. Some compassionate person has discovered and provided for a family who was in need of everything. A life has been saved. Some costly deed of love has been done. Praise, and rightly so, is heaped upon the responsible one for the good deeds.

Tennessee Baptists are constantly meeting such human needs plus providing for the relief of spiritual destitution. These ministries are made possible by Cooperative Program funds given by the churches.

Here in Tennessee, the Cooperative Program funds are at work helping with the needs of many people. Four hundred and seventy-nine children have had a home in the Tennessee Baptists' Children's Homes this year. Many sick and injured of all ages have received the best available medical care in the three well equipped Baptist Hospitals which are staffed with excellent doctors, nurses, technicians, and chaplains.

Cooperative Program funds supplement funds from the churches and participants to make possible a retirement income for pastors, church staff, and denominational workers.

In addition to the foregoing services in Tennessee, Tennessee Baptists' Cooperative Program dollars combine with Cooperative Program dollars from thirty-two other state conventions to make possible like services around the world.

Study Indicates Increased Contributions To Churches

NEW YORK—Contributions to some of the nation's major Protestant Churches continued to rise in 1971 even though membership was declining, according to statistics compiled by the National Council of Churches here.

Combined figures for nine Churches showed reported contributions of \$2,282,-628,529, an increase of \$63,433,445 over 1970. Membership for the nine, however, declined by 266,750 to a total of 25,583,882.

The Churches selected by NCC officials for making the comparison were the American Baptist Convention, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), Reformed Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church.

Among the larger Churches not included in this group are the Southern Baptist Convention, the Episcopal Church, the American Lutheran Church and the black denominations. (RNS)

German Survey Reveals 97% Are Drinkers

HAMBURG—Ninety-seven per cent of people over the age of 16 in West Germany are consumers of alcohol beverages, according to a recent report released by the social service division of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID).

The report presented the findings of a survey conducted by a Swedish insurance company.

The company has conducted similar surveys in a number of European countries.

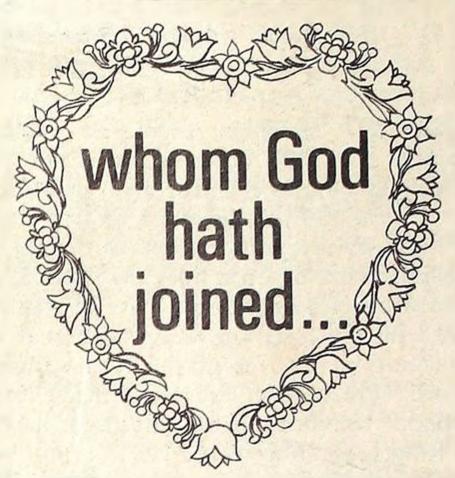
According to comparative statistics, the West Germany survey showed that the Federal Republic had the highest proportion of drinkers over the age of 16.

Similar trends have been observed in Socialist countries. Ninety-seven per cent of a sample of 1138 school boys and girls in Halle, East Germany, admitted to drinking alcohol. Those sampled were 10 to 15 years old. (RNS)

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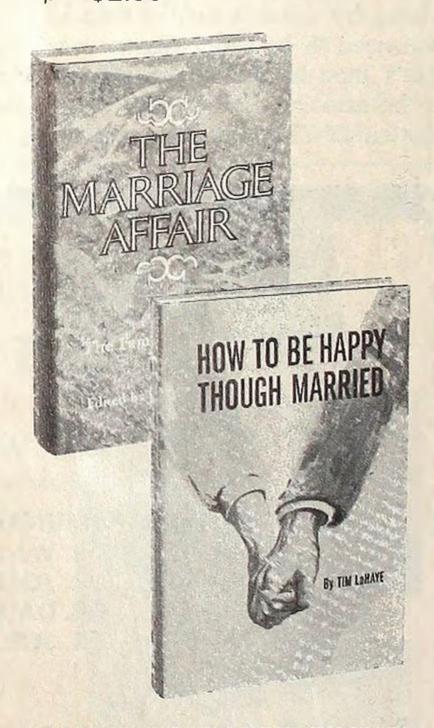




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THE ASSOCIATION—A MISSION FORCE

By Porter Routh **Executive Secretary-Treasurer SBC Executive Committee**

The new statistical report of Southern Baptists for 1972 indicates there are 1192 associations now organized and operating. .

Of these 1192 associations, approximately 750 now have superintendents or directors of missions working on a full-time basis. These men work closely with the state conventions and with the program of Associational Administration Services of the Home Mission Board. Preparation is being made for a national convocation on associational work at Ridgecrest, May 6-10, 1974.

The association is the oldest general body among Baptists. The first association in the American continent was organized in Philadelphia in 1707. Some associations in the Southern Baptist Convention are now over 250 years of age.

The association is an important promotional channel for state and Southern Baptist Convention programs, but it must always be kept in mind that, first and foremost, the association is a missionary force, and it has an integrity and responsibilities on its own which need to be given greater emphasis.

Let's face it! Sometimes the association and the associational director of missions is forgotten in all of the many pressures. This

is a plea to recognize the importance of the association in the development of our church budget, to take the time to attend the session of the association, and to express appreciation to very significant leaders in the life of our denomination—the directors or superintendents of associational missions.

—From The Baptist Program

Oldest Church In State In Bus Ministry

The oldest Baptist church in the State of Tennessee, the Sinking Creek church of Johnson City, has begun a bus ministry which has resulted in an average increase attendance in Sunday School of from 230 to 575, according to Pastor Reece Harris.

The program under the direction of Bud Pate, Guy Hoilman and Bill Sluder, has led to the combination of all adult classes into the auditorium with children meeting in what was previously adult classrooms. The buses run on Sunday morning, night, and Wednesday night.

Members have purchased 14 acres of land for future expansion, and plan to construct an educational building, two softball fields, and a gymnasium.

New Books

Counseling by Laris I. Granberg and Others, Baker Book House, 162 pp., \$1.65.

Homiletics by Vernon L. Stanfield and Others, Baker Book House, 156 pp., \$1.65.

A Minister's Obstacles by Ralph G. Turnbull, Baker Book House, 192 pp., \$2.95.

God Calling edited by A. J. Russell, Fleming H. Revell Company, 208 pp., \$1.25. Words of counsel, comfort, encouragement and wisdom for each day of the year.

The Gospels in Current Study by Simon Kistemaker, Baker Book House, 171 pp., \$2.95. Analysis and evaluation of contemporary views of the four Gospel accounts.

The Jesus Touch by Richard Hogue, Broadman Press, 108 pp.

The Black Christian Experience by Emmanuel L. McCall, compiler, Broadman Press, 126 pp., \$3.95. Eight writers speak about beliefs and practices as they know them in black Baptist churches.

Confronting Popular Cults by M. Thomas Starkes, Broadman Press, 122 pp.





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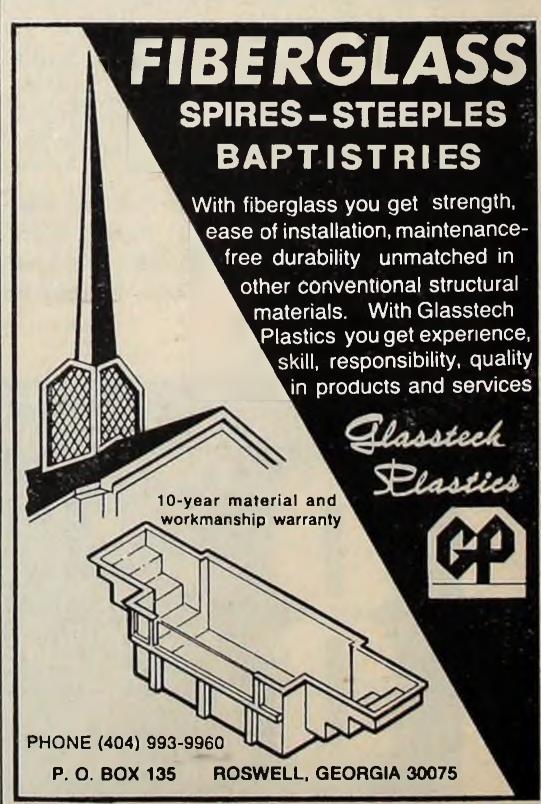
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Baptist School Scholarship Granted 19 Years Ago Honored

MURFREESBORO, N. C.—For Stephen T. S. Chiang, the journey from his homeland in Taiwan to Chowan college, a Baptist school in northeastern North Carolina, must be measured by both time and distance.

It took Chiang 19 years to cover the 18,000 miles.

The scholarship he was granted in 1952 was honored by the Baptist school here, even though the president of the school had never heard of Chiang.

The 8000 mile, 19-year journey began when Chiang was offered a full two-year scholarship by F. O. Mixon, Chowan's president in 1952, on the recommendation of Miss Anabelle Coleman.

Chiang had been converted to Christianity under the influence of Miss Coleman. He was born on mainland China where he graduated from high school in 1948, and was forced to flee to Taiwan during the Communist takeover.

Mixon had written to Chiang that his scholarship would include room, board, tuition, fees and books. He added that "if you cannot arrive in the United States in time for the opening of the fall semester on Sept. 6, 1953, the above scholarship will apply at any future date when you can arrive."

That day was long in coming. Chiang was not granted a passport to travel in America, primarily, he said because government officials felt youth should study at home (Taiwan) instead of in foreign countries.

Chiang worked as a foreign affairs policeman after graduating from the Taiwan police academy, but each year he reapplied for study in America. He almost gave up, but in 1971, he applied again. To his surprise, his request was approved.

When Chiang wrote to Chowan, it was the first Bruce E. Whitaker, president of the school since the death of Mixon in 1956, had heard about the scholarship. After checking the files, he quickly replied prom-



ising to honor the scholarship granted in 1952.

Ironically, after waiting 19 years to study at Chowan, Chiang's stay will be short—only seven months. He plans to transfer to Campbell college, another Baptist school at Buies Creek, N. C., to major in sociology. (BP)

English Churches In Europe Get Lay Evangelism Training

ATLANTA—Southern Baptists are holding their first lay evangelism schools in Europe in September as part of the Baptist World Alliance emphasis on world reconciliation.

The effort involves personnel from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, the European Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Jack P. Lowndes of Arlington, Va., president of the Home Mission Board, and Jack Stanton of Atlanta, associate director of the board's Division of Evangelism, are in Europe for the special schools in Germany, with stops in London and Paris.

The use of the schools with Englishspeaking people in Europe is another step in a world-wide and multi-language usage of the recently developed methods of lay

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evangelism training by the board's Evangelism Division, said Lowndes, pastor of Memorial Baptist church, Arlington.

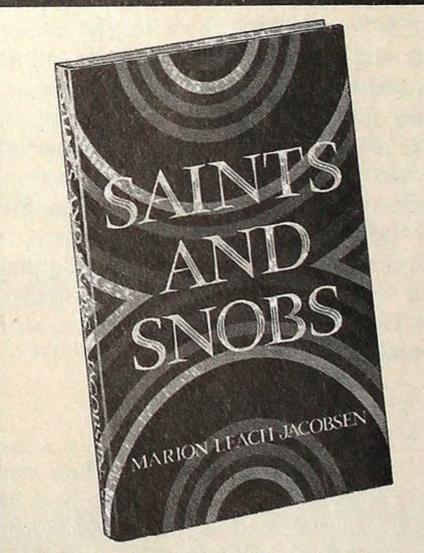
Stanton said the materials, known as Witness Involvement Now—WIN, have been printed in three languages so far, including Chinese and Spanish, and there is a demand for others such as Polish and Portuguese.

Hundreds of thousands of laymen have been trained in the lay evangelism schools in the United States, and they are credited by Stanton and others as being a major reason that SBC churches baptized their third largest number, more than 400,000, last year.

Stanton said the schools in Germany are being held at the Bethel Baptist church in Frankfort, with six churches participating in the WIN school. Lowndes will direct the schools in the evenings and Stanton will assist.

Churches of the European Convention are located in Belgium, France, England, Germany, Italy, and Spain. It is not known how many of the nations will be represented, Lowndes said. (BP)

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A GOOD CONSCIENCE

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

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Focal Passages: Acts 23:1; 24:10-16, 24-25

Is conscience an infallible guide to right and wrong? Or is it merely the creature of situations? It is neither!



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There is a sense in which conscience is the voice of God in the soul. The way it reacts to more light pointing to high moral and ethical standards indicates a divine origin.

Man has a rational nature with the potential of discernment, judgment, evaluation and reasoning. It is possible to greatly improve this inherent po-

tential. There are inherent gifts and talents in different individuals. Each gift and talent must be developed. None is mature and thoroughly effective at birth. Yet each is valid and can become viable. A good illustration is the talent for music. Some have a remarkable ear for music very early in fe. Yet the gift must be developed. Conscience is like electrically charged minerals or magnetic qualities inherent in the mineral stones and other magnetic poles. There is an in erent affinity for the right in the conscience. It will respond in a remarkable way when properly exposed to righteousness will repel unrighteousness when given proper light.

A divinely purged conscience enlightened by the word of God, quickened and led by he Holy Spirit is highly sensitive to the aight and wrong.

Acts 23:1 and 24:16

Paul was very conscientious when under law. He sought to conform to the best light he had. His zeal made him follow his convictions to the limit. His imperfect light caused him to clash with the early Christians. He thought at the time that he was doing the will of God. He thought that error should be suppressed by force.

After his conversion to the Christian faith he continued to be just as conscientious in promoting his new faith but his zeal did not follow the line of coercion, but persuasion.

In his conversion he made two radical changes in point of view. He saw that the disciples of Christ were not in error and that force should not be used to make disciples or suppress those who were different from his newly found faith. Of course he no long-

er had force available to him but in reality he saw that the nature of his new faith did not permit the use of force in religious affairs.

The Apostle Avows A Clear Conscience Acts 24:10-13

A special prosecutor, Tertullus, presented the charges against Paul before the governor, Felix. The Jews declared that all the charges were true.

The governor called upon Paul to make his defense or to give his answer to the charges. To this Paul responded eagerly and most courteously.

The apostle categorically denied every charge and the charges he substantiated by evidence. He made it plain that he was completely innocent and that his conscience was absolutely clear.

Conscientious About New Faith Acts 24:14-15

Paul did not deny being a disciple of the Way which his enemies among the Jews were calling heresy. However, he maintained that he was consistent with all that was being taught by the law and the prophets.

On becoming a follower of Christ and embracing the hope of the resurrection, he was not out of line with the teachings of the prophets and the faith of his fathers.

Conscientious Testimony Acts 24:24-25

In the course of events Felix and his wife, Drusilla, came down. Felix sent for Paul to hear explained the new faith which he was espousing.

Without a moment's hesitation, Paul gladly gave his testimony and witness. He reasoned of righteousness, self-control and judgment with telling force.

In fact it was so forthright and dynamic that Felix trembled. He sent him away saying that at a more propitious moment in the future he would call on him to make a further statement.

There was such a sincerity, a frankness and a ring of reality that Felix felt the impact of his witness. Whether he ever heard him again is doubtful.

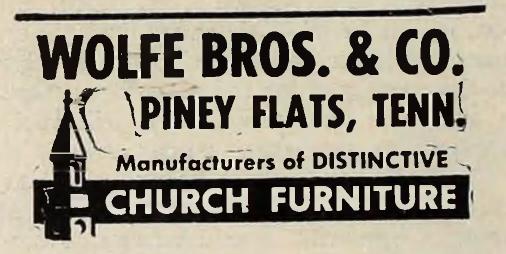


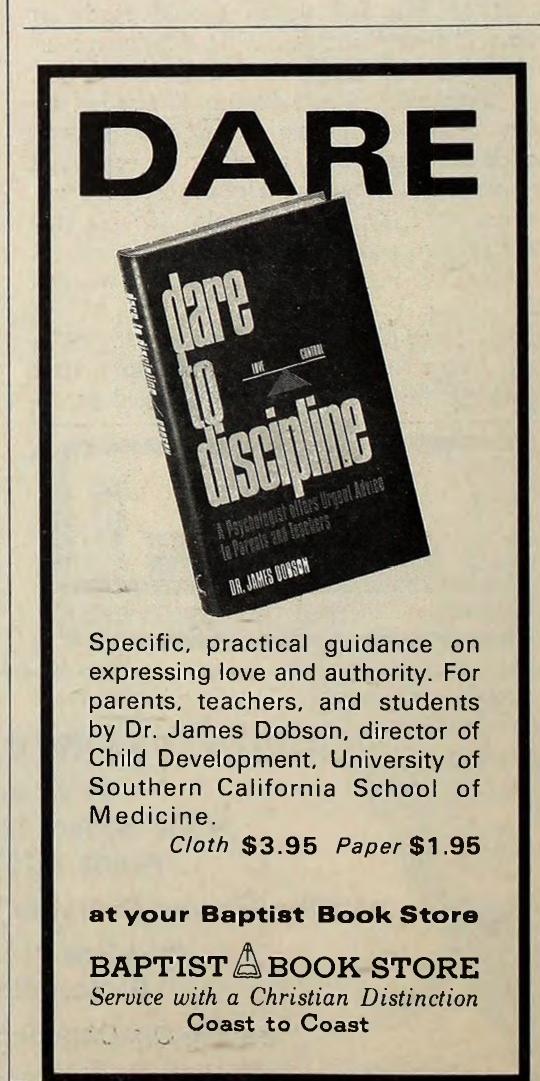
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900 Per Cent Hike In Baptisms Is Reported On Ivory Coast

A 900 per cent increase in yearly baptisms was reported by missionaries on the Abidjan, Ivory Coast for the period ending July 31. Over 90 persons received baptism there during the nine-month period of November through July. Formerly the highest number of baptisms for any year was 13 in 1969.

Mrs. Jerri Darnell, missionary press representative, attributes this increase to African-led revivals and to an increase in missionary personnel. Before Southern Baptist missionaries entered the republic in 1966, a number of Yoruba-language Baptist churches had been started by Nigerian traders who had migrated to the Ivory Coast. These churches, which have no pastors and use lay leadership only, provided 74 of the baptismal candidates, and the other 16 came from the two French-language congregations that missionaries have organized.

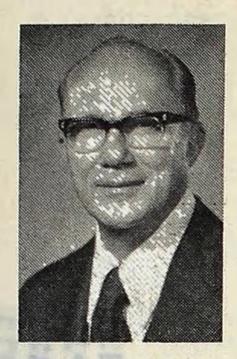




From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Within the next two months all of the associations will hold their annual meetings. Through all Baptist history, the association



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has been one of the most important units of denominational organization. It was the earliest to be developed and like all denominational organization was created out of necessity to enable the churches to pool their strengths to accomplish greater success in evangelizing and christianizing the land.

Today the associations have become the organization through which most of the work of the denomination is carried out with the churches. They are closest to the churches. They united the churces of a smaller area for fellowship and for united effort in joint projects which one church could not carry to a successful conclusion. It also enables the churches to coordinate their plans and to work together in teamwork. It eliminates duplication and gives assistance to the weaker and smaller churches in carrying out their programs of work.

The associations have been also the means of building a great Christian fellowship. It is small enough that many people get to know each other by serving in the organizations and by attending the meetings. Pastors form a fine fellowship in sharing in the work of their Lord. Zeal and vision and enthusiasm can be created as the churches plan and attempt greater things for Christ.

The annual sessions of the associations have lost some of the meaning and influence they once had. They met formerly for a longer period of time and there was a different type of program with more preaching and more worship and inspiration. This was largely due to the fact that many churches did not have full time preaching. This was before the days of radio and television. Roads were not as good as they are now and the means of travel were not as good as it is now. This annual meeting was usually the only meeting in which all of the churches participated. Now there are many meetings through the year with many different programs and many different presentations. This takes away the necessity for the long three-day meetings of former years.

But the annual meeting is very important today. It is a time to make a complete review of the work during the year. It is a time to evaluate and to appraise successes and failures. It is time to face the problems and to seize the opportunities. It is time to reorganize to elect able leaders and to make plans for the years ahead. It is a time to

Historically:

From the files

> 50 YEARS AGO

September of 1922 was called **Baptist And Reflector** month. The slogan for the month was "Our Baptist paper in every Baptist home in Tennessee." The goal was 3000 new subscribers.

Announcement was made that the first copy of "The Baptist Student" magazine would appear October 1, 1922. It was scheduled to be a monthly publication edited by the Inter-Board Commission and issued by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

20 YEARS AGO

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, had opened a special laboratory designed with diagnostic test for detecting brain tumors using a radioactive dye. The laboratory was approved by the Atomic Energy Commission with radioactive material to be purchased from Oak Ridge.

Bear Cove church, Stone Association, had recently completed construction on a new building. Jim Robertson was pastor.

> 10 YEARS AGO

Raymond Smith was called as pastor of the McCalla Avenue church in Knoxville from the Norview church in Norfolk, Va. He had served previously as pastor of the Tennessee Avenue church in Knoxville and was clerk of the Knox County Association of Baptists.

The first Baptist church for Indians in Tennessee was constructed by a group of Baptist students at Golddust, about 25 miles west of Ripley. The Work Camp project was a part of the Student Summer Missions program. About 120 Choctaw Indians attended the first service.

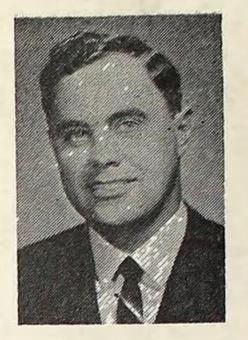
make every effort to meet the spiritual needs of the times with churches that are alive and dynamic and working together to win the lost and to grow great Christians to change the world.

Let us pledge to pray together for these annual meetings all across the state and for the fine leaders we have who have led in the fine work we have experienced this year. I will be attending several of the meetings and am looking forward to a great fellowship and an enriching experience.

On Matters of

Family Living

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Adequate Period Of Mourning Advocated To Work Feelings Through

Department of Commerce Statistics show that in 1970 there were 223,000 widowed mothers and 35,000 widowed fathers in the nation, all between the ages of 35 and 44.

Were their children given adequate chance to mourn the loss of the parents?

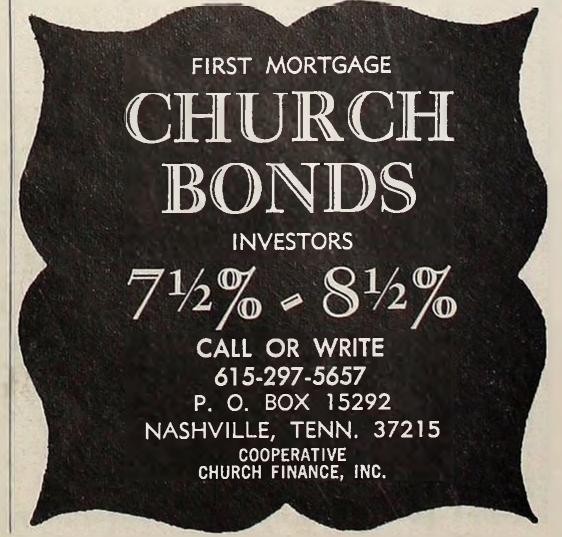
This is the question that nags at mental health specialists, who note that early parent death can leave deep-going psychological scars on the child who isn't helped to work his feelings through at the time of the death.

The pioneer study of the long-range effects of incomplete and inadequate mourning on a bereaved child was launched at the Chicago Institute of Psychoanalysis back in 1953. "We realized that some patients denied the meaningfulness of the loss at the time it occurred, that their mourning was incomplete and their ego development remained arrested as a result," says Dr. Sol Altschul, the study's director.

One answer would be "crisis intervention" in a child's life at the time of a parent's death, counseling by a psychiatric social worker or qualified family member that would help the youngster express feelings of fear, guilt, rejection or hostility that might otherwise fester unacknowledged and untreated for years.

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FBI Report Shows Rise Of 11% In Violent Crimes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported that serious crime in all categories rose at a rate of 7 per cent in 1971, but that crimes of violence increased by 11 per cent.

Murder increased by 11 per cent in 1971, aggravated assault by 10 per cent, rape by 11 per cent and robbery by 11 per cent, the FBI reported.

But it said that while figures in these categories had remained constant over the past three years, the 7 per cent increase for all crime was the lowest rate of increase since 1965.

The figures were reported in the FBI's annual compendium of crime statistics. In a statement released here with the report, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said he was "encouraged by the trends" toward a lower rate of increase. But he warned that "crime is still increasing."

Kleindienst also said that the trend continued in the first quarter of 1972, with an increase of only 1 per cent over the first

quarter of 1971. That, he said, was the lowest rate of increase in 11 years.

Highest Rate In Miami

The FBI reported that Miami had the highest crime rate of many major metropolitan area in the nation for the second year in a row, with 5726 crimes for every 100,000 residents. Second was San Francisco with 5514 per 100,000; third, Los Angeles with 5443 per 100,000, and fourth, New York with 5307.

The Washington area, which has sometimes been regarded as the most crimeridden city of the nation, reported only 3973.9 crimes per 100,000 population. The FBI defines the Washington area as the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon and Prince William in Virginia.

The rate of increase was higher in suburban and rural areas than in the cities. Crime rose 11 per cent in the suburbs, 6 per cent in

rural areas and only 2 per cent in cities of more than 250,000 population. Robberies were up 17 per cent in the suburbs, 11 per cent in rural areas and 8 per cent in cities.

In categories of crime, the lowest rate of increase was in auto theft, with a rise of only 2 per cent over 1970. Burglary rose 9 per cent and larceny, 7 per cent.

Handguns In 51 Per Cent

The total number of serious crimes reported in 1971 was 5,995,200, of which 5,185,200 were property crimes and 810,000 crimes of violence. The total for 1970 was 5,581,200.

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The FBI says that handguns were used in 51 per cent of all 1971 murders and in 73 per cent of the killings of policemen.

Commenting on the murder statistics, the FBI says that "most murders are committed by relatives of the victom or persons acquainted with the victom."

"Police are powerless to prevent a large number of these crimes," it states.

The FBI report includes charts showing increases in crime over the past six years. During this period, when the population increased 5 per cent, the general crime rate increased 74 per cent. Arrests for narcotics, which increased 11 per cent in 1971 over 1970, were up 496 per cent over 1966.

FBI statistics on arrests for crime showed that blacks, who are estimated to number about 13 per cent of the population, constituted 54.8 per cent of those arrested for crimes of violence, compared with 53.3 per cent in 1970.

Arrests Of Women Increase

According to the FBI report, blacks made up 62 per cent of those arrested for murder, just over 50 per cent of the rape arrests and 66 per cent of the robbery arrests. For all other major crimes, the majority of those arrested were white.

In all categories of crime except traffic offenses, six times as many men were arrested as women. But the number of women arrested increased by 7 per cent, compared with a 3 per cent increase for men.

Students of FBI statistics warn that interpretation of the reports must take into account such factors as the failure of citizens to report all crimes and the varying standards of reliability of police departments in gathering and reporting information on crime in their areas. (RNS)

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