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Executive Board Approves Record Budget Of \$6,360,000 For 1972-73 Fiscal Year

By James A. Lester, Editor

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention last week approved a record \$6,360,000 budget for the 1972-73 fiscal year. The proposed budget will be submitted to the annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville in November.

In approving the budget, the Board approved also a recommendation that 33.33 per cent of the Cooperative Program budget be distributed through Southern Baptist Convention channels and 66.67 per cent be distributed through Tennessee Baptist Convention channels.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer W. Fred Kendall reported total Cooperative Program receipts of \$5,723,470.35 as of Sept. 27, an increase of \$565,072.50 over the same period of the last fiscal year.

The Board approved also a recommendation from its Administrative Committee that the position of Promotion Director be established in Woman's Missionary Union at a professional level of Grade Six, salary Step 5. The proposal called for promotion of Miss Beulah Peoples to the position effective November 1. A job description for the position was approved also.

Other recommendations approved by the Board upon submission of the Administrative Committee included:

Authorization for the Executive Board to join with Big Emory Association in the purchase of approximately one acre of land near the permanent campus of Roane State Community college, Rockwood, as a site for a future Baptist Student Center. Cost was set at \$8000.

A recommendation that "actual expense for housing, up to one-third of the total retirement annuity received through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall constitute a rental allowance paid as part of the retired ordained minister's compensation for past services." This proposal will be presented to the state convention for approval also.

Guidelines for eligibility to participate in the Southern Baptist Protection program by churches, established by the Board in 1970 were reiterated, with approval of an addition which provided that any exceptions to the requirement would be made upon recommendation of the director of Protection Plans and approval of the Administrative Committee.

A recommendation from the Education Committee, approved by the Board, gave to Union university a six-month time extension for its capital funds campaign with churches in West Tennessee, extending the time to March 31, 1973.

A report from Centennial Committee Chairman Tom Madden, Tullahoma, adopted, gave authority for Kendall to sign a contract with the Baptist Sunday School Board to prepare a motion picture film in connection with the Convention's Centennial Celebration in 1974, and requested that a standardized letterhead be used in conjunction with the Centennial year.

First Baptist Church, Houston, Votes to Move

HOUSTON—The downtown First Baptist church of Houston, which for years has proclaimed in a huge neon sign that "Jesus Saves," has voted to move to a site seven miles from their central city location, leaving the downtown area without a Baptist church.

Leaders of the 7000 member church said the congregation was bursting at the seams, that the buildings were too small, and that it could not expand in its current location.

About 80 per cent of the 1200 members attending Sunday morning worship services here voted to make the move to a site at Katy Freeway and West Loop 610, a location seven miles from downtown at the intersection of a loop circling the city and a major freeway in west Houston.

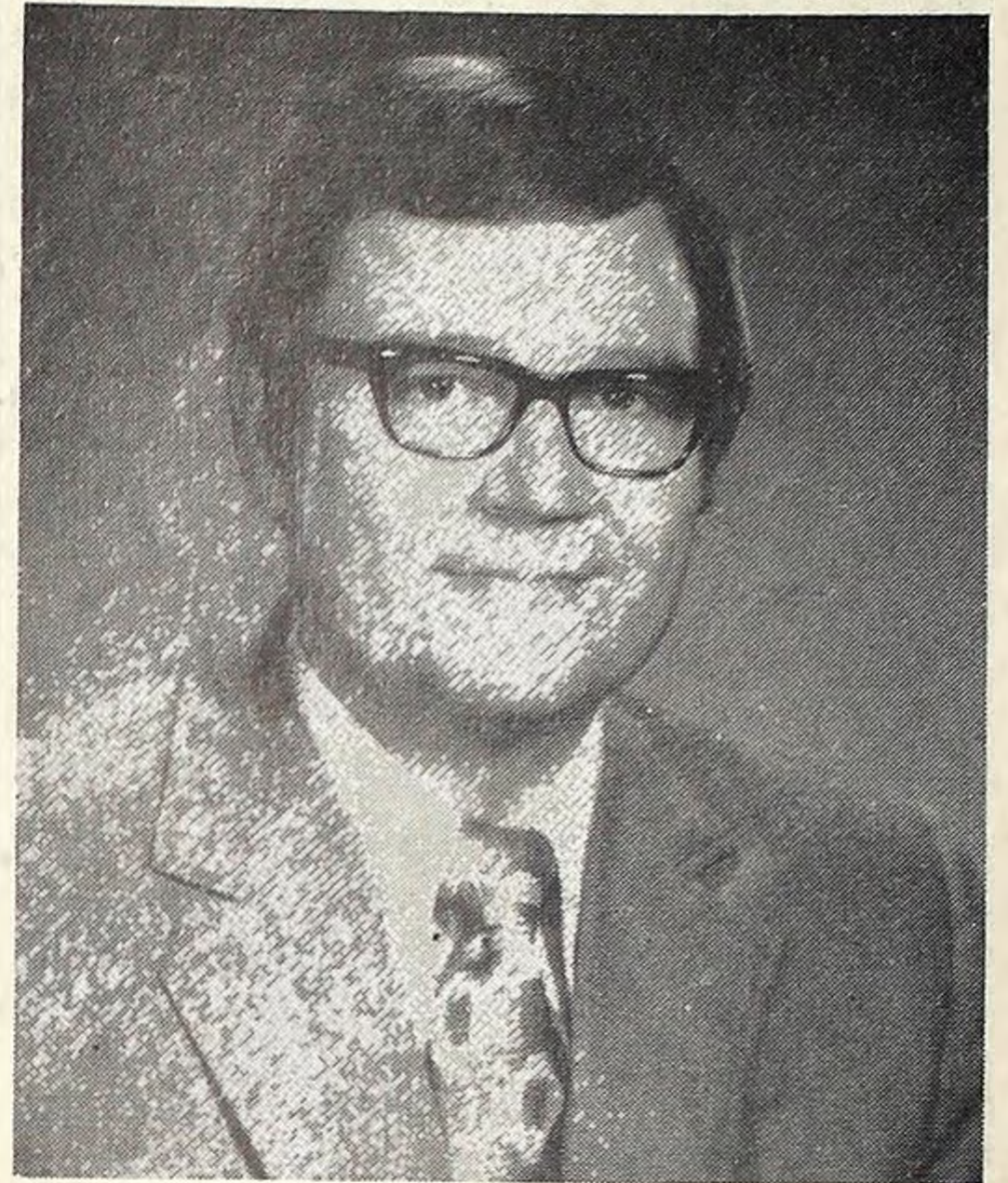
John R. Bisagno, pastor of the church, made a plea for unity in his sermon following the secret ballot.

The recommendation was made by the church's future plans committee, which earlier had proposed a possible merger First Baptist and River Oaks Baptist church, a wealthy congregation which owns 12 acres in the plush Rives Oaks section. Deacons at the River Oaks church, however, declined the proposed merger.

Bisagno said the church would build new facilities and move in about 2½ to 3 years.

With nearly 200,000 members in 240 churches and missions, the Union Baptist Association which includes the metropolitan Houston area, is the largest concentration of Southern Baptists in the nation. (BP)

Lynn M. Davis Jr.
Named Manuscript Analyst



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NASHVILLE—Lynn M. Davis Jr. has been named manuscript analyst in the church services and materials division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Davis, office of public relations' information section supervisor, Baptist Press bureau chief of the board and associate editor of **Facts and Trends**, will assume his duties as manuscript analyst Oct. 16.

In a recent BP release James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, indicated that the manuscript analyst position would change in organizational relationship from the executive office to the church services and materials division office.

According to Allen B. Comish, division director, Davis will be responsible for making analyses of church literature manuscripts. His duties will also include work with doctrinal readers outside the board's employ, plus assisting editors with information and practices concerning writers for church literature manuscripts.

A native of Florida, Davis was graduated from Ohio university in 1959. He earned the B.D. degree in 1962 from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary.

While attending the seminary, Davis served as assistant director of public relations and as editor of "**Vision**," a seminary publication. He also served for one year as state secretary of the student department, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. He served as editor of the "**Ohio Baptist Messenger**," the state Baptist paper from 1962 until he joined the board in 1966. (BP)

A God-Pleaser Or A Man-Pleaser?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" —Gal. 1:10.

The issue was whether or not Gentiles could be saved without first becoming Jews in religion. Was salvation by grace through faith in Christ, or by works of the Mosaic law plus faith? Paul contended for the former.

So he asked his opponents, "For now am I persuading men or God?" The verb rendered "persuade" means among other things to convince, persuade, appeal to, or win over in the sense of striving to please. There are two possible meanings here. Was Paul trying to get men to accept God's plan of salvation? Or was he trying to get God to change His plan to suit those who wished to impose upon Gentiles the Mosaic law? The resultant idea would be as to whether he was endeavoring to win over or please men or God. This latter idea comes through in the latter part of the verse. I am inclined to see "persuade" as meaning to convince Gentiles to accept God's plan rather than to get God to change His plan. Should a preacher or witness remain true to God's

message or endeavor to change it to suit the prejudices of men?

However one may regard the sense of "persuade", it all comes out as to whether one should try to be men-pleasers or God-pleasers. The infinitive "to please" means to please or accommodate. Perhaps Paul's opponents were accusing him of seeking to please or accommodate Gentiles by contending that they did not need to be circumcised and live by the Mosaic law, plus faith in Christ, in order to be saved. This would mean that he was lowering the demands of God or that he was watering down the gospel. Which, of course, is a serious charge.

Paul strongly denied being a man-pleaser. Twice in his writings Paul uses the Greek word for "menpleasers" (*anthrōpareskoi*). In both cases he urges slaves to serve so as to please God, not men. In our text he calls himself a *slave* (servant) of Christ. So his duty is to please God and not men. For that reason he contended for God's plan of salvation by grace through faith. No matter what the cost, a Christian should seek to please God, regardless of what men may think of him.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In an effort to improve giving, an ingenious offering plate has been suggested for church use.

When a large check or bill is placed in the plate, nothing happens. (To reverse the old saying: "golden is silence.")

If a quarter is dropped in the plate, a bell rings. (This is to sound the alarm.)

For a dime given, a whistle blows. (It is assumed that this is a signal for help!)

If just a nickel, a firecracker explodes which means that this system is likely to go over with a bang. (In many churches, there would be fireworks for sure. In fact, the noise of the explosion would drown out the music of the offertory.)

When the worshipper puts nothing in the plate, it takes his picture. (As for taking the picture of those who give nothing, this isn't necessary. God already has the picture—it is the image of selfishness.)

Devotional

The Church Of Your Choice

By W. Matt Tomlin, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Selmer

It would appear that a new denomination, or at least a new church has appeared on the scene of modern life, in our generation.



Tomlin

The reason that I have reached this conclusion is, that I hear so much about "The Church of Your Choice". It evidently has several branches, because I continually run across, "The Church of Your Preference", and "The Church Where You Feel Most at Home".

I discovered a new one, when a newcomer told me that he was looking for, "The Church That Turns Me On". Now, I have never discovered the meeting places of this new church, or its branches, nor can I find anyone who can tell me much about its program of work. However, there are some things to be said about, "The Church of Your Choice." There is a complete escape from responsibility, and involvement in much activity. The financial burden is nil. No requirements for membership are made. Its chief emphasis is "shop around" and never settle.

We are sometimes guilty of advising people to attend the "Church of Your Choice", encouraging them to be a part of the Kingdom of God. You see, this enables us to avoid specifics, by simply inviting them to attend the "Church of Your Choice", we salve our consciences, without having to know much about religion ourselves. This gives the impression of some moral and ethical consciousness on our part, without involving us in any witnessing, or explanation of the work of the Master, and His demands on life.

Perhaps it is a mark of our age that we are overgeneralized, and supervague in our concepts about faith and the Christian life. God give us more people who are specific about life and the Christian way, and perhaps "The Church of Your Choice" will pass from the scene.

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Crossing Barriers Characterizes SBC National Mission Strategy

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board released here its broad planning base for a national missions strategy in a document characterized by the crossing of barriers "to make disciples for Christ."

The agency's executive secretary, Arthur B. Rutledge, made the announcement to a meeting of state Baptist editors at the board's national offices.

Barriers listed in the long range planning base included cultural-religious, social-economic, geographical, and scarce resources.

The document addressed itself to ministering to people of highly secularized lifestyles, overcoming distrust and hostility, recognizing the contribution of other Christian groups, developing the promoting techniques for direct engagement in social and moral problems, as well as developing coordinated strategies and procedures in such basic areas as church extension, metropolitan missions and evangelism.

Rutledge said the Home Mission Board, which employs 2250 missionaries and spends more than \$15 million annually, is moving toward a stronger implementation of the development and promotion of a single, uniform missions program in the nation.

Clearly-Defined Strategy Aim

He said the overarching purpose of this program is "to assist churches, associations, and state conventions in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland."

According to Rutledge, the concept of crossing barriers has been around for some time, but only now has it surfaced in official statements.

"The mission agency was created by the churches to cross barriers that are very difficult for a single church to cross, or sometimes all the churches in a state without a national organization," he said.

Rutledge has directed the mission agency for seven years, and before assuming its top executive position, he was director of the board's Division of Missions.

Under his leadership, the agency has moved by degrees toward the creation of an organization and the techniques which would produce a clearly defined national strategy. At the same time, he has led toward the needed correlation between the state Baptist units to implement the strategy.

When director of missions, Rutledge became the architect of formal state agree-

ments, which eliminated duplicating mission programs in the states and placed most of the 2250 missionaries under joint employment and under local supervision.

Later, as head of the agency he strengthened the national staff in their roles as specialists and as developers of a national strategy.

Need For Correlation

Explaining the present emphasis on a national strategy, Rutledge said Southern Baptists have just now accumulated an adequate body of experience as a nationwide organization. Only since 1963 has the denomination had some of its more than 33,000 churches in all 50 states.

"This national experience has helped us see our weaknesses and our strengths," he added. "In addition, with the growth of our programs and the number of missionaries, we realized we were not correlating our own work."

"Sometimes we looked like four or five different agencies with programs operating independently."

The work of the agency includes evangelism, church extension, language missions, Christian social ministries, church loans, chaplaincy, associational administration, work with National Baptists, interfaith witness, rural-urban missions, and metropolitan missions.

This need for correlation brought about a major reorganization of the agency two years ago, the first in 12 years, and "that's a long time with as much change as we have in our society," he said.

The reorganization grouped the departments and divisions of the agency into three sections, all programs went into one section, all supporting services into another, and a new section came into being for planning and coordination.

It is out of this new section that the national strategy is arising. "We had to develop a plan whereby we would not be making 'off-the-cuff' decisions," he said.

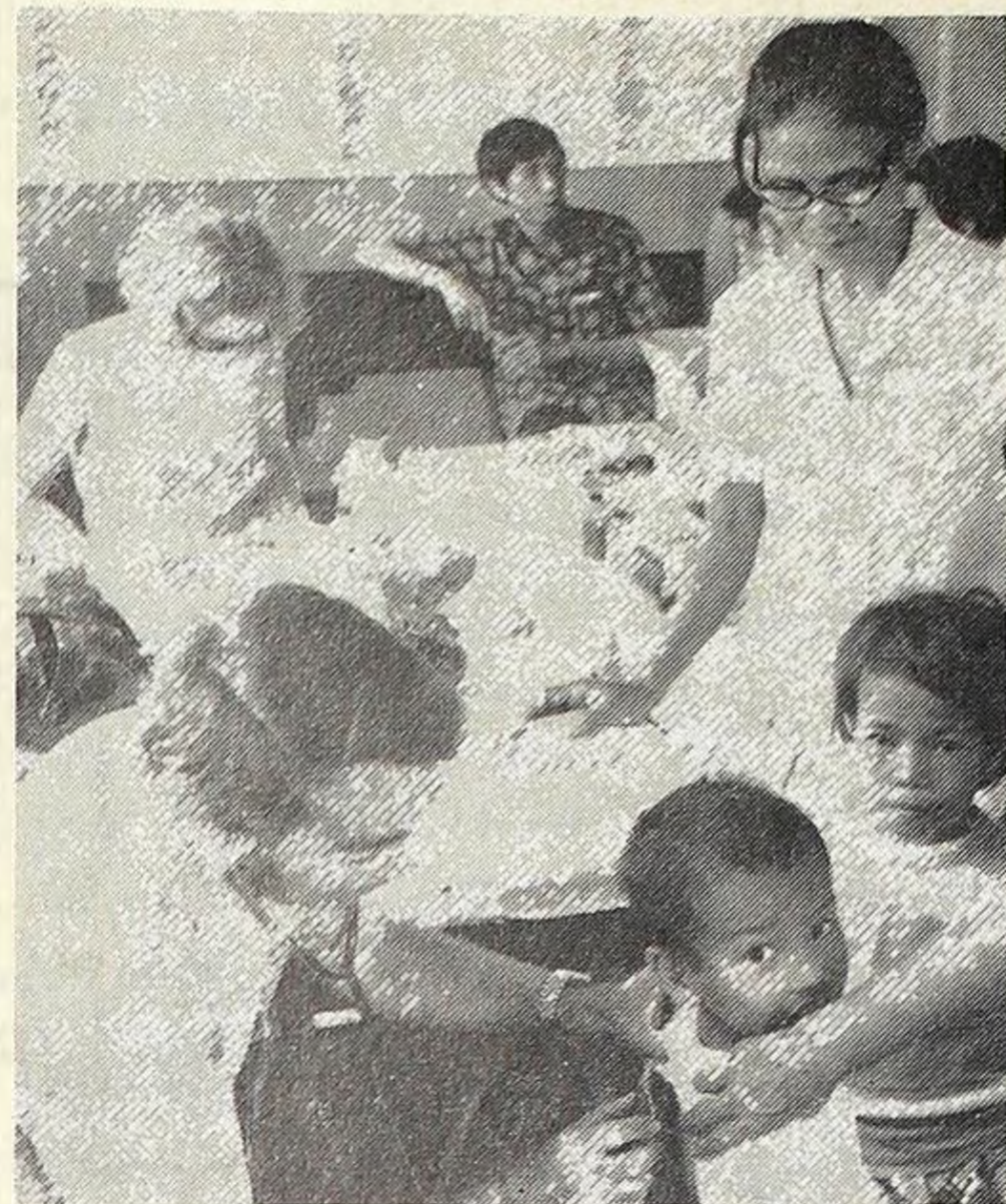
The new section provides coordinators for four regions of the nation, and these coordinators work primarily with leadership in the 33 state conventions and the program leadership of the agency in long range planning.

"This has facilitated the exchange of ideas," Rutledge said. "We don't have unilateral decisions anymore. They are funneled through a planning process."

"We are moving into planning much farther in advance than in the past. Within the next 12 months we will have the board outline for the period 1973-1979."

"Then year by year we will set annual goals to move toward that ultimate objective," Rutledge said. (BP)

Baptists Provide Medical Care To Flood Victims



Dr. Charles Norwood checks a young boy in Manila following recent floods in the area. Free medicine was accompanied by a gospel tract in the Tagalog dialect for each of the patients treated in the week of clinics held.

Approximately 1350 persons have received medical care in Manila from Southern Baptist physician Charles Norwood and his associates following one of the Philippines' most disastrous floods.

Missionaries Jack Branan and Ed Engstrom began working with pastors of Baptist churches in the area distributing rice, but found sickness to be prevalent in the families. Branan contacted Norwood at the Mati Baptist Hospital, about 700 miles southeast of Manila, to come and aid the victims. In a five-day period, Dr. Norwood held eight free clinics, and another clinic was held with the aid of volunteer Filipino doctors who assist regularly at the weekly medical clinic of International Baptist church.

Branan, field evangelist for the inner Manila area, was assisted by his wife who filled prescriptions and aided in the clinics.

Drive For Chilhowee

Churches in the Nolachucky Association have joined the efforts of the Chilhowee Association in a fund-raising drive for Harrison-Chilhowee academy. The Chilhowee association has set a goal of \$25,000, to be reached this month, and Nolachucky is aiming toward a \$15,000 goal. The Alcoa Foundation is matching gifts of employees and retirees who give between \$25 and \$2500. Academy officials expect that many late funds will come in from this matching gift to push the drive over the goal.

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EDITORIALS

Plan To Attend Convention

The annual sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention convene in Nashville Nov. 14-16. We believe that this will be one of the best conventions held in recent years.

Purpose of this editorial is to encourage as many pastors, church staff leaders in other positions, and church members to attend these sessions. A survey of the 1972 Southern Baptist Convention revealed a high percentage of pastors in attendance. This is good. However, the District Associations and the State Conventions are not "Pastor's Meetings." They are designed for all Tennessee Baptists.

And, if laymen within the church do not attend, we must assume in many instances that it is due to a lack of interest. These are not closed sessions. They are OPEN in every sense of the word. There is room at every convention session in a Baptist democracy for every voice to be heard with prayerful attention.

An excellent program has been planned. Special events are scheduled. There is on the agenda also a series of excellent programs for the annual session of Woman's Missionary Union beginning at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 13. Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference opens at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13. We take time to attend professional and personal meetings at will. Surely we can take time to attend at least some of the sessions of the convention. A story on the Convention, and the Convention program will appear in the October 12 issue of **Baptist And Reflector**.

Churches should make plans NOW to send their pastor and other staff members. The Convention week in Nashville should be a highlight of the year for Tennessee Baptists. In we pray in advance, and come in a prayerful attitude, we shall have a "good" convention.

It Still Makes A Difference

Too much cannot be said about the channel ministry of the Cooperative Program! October is **Cooperative Program Month**. Churches throughout Tennessee are requested to place especial emphasis upon this vital lifeline of Tennessee and Southern Baptist work.

No person who has studied the history of the Cooperative Program—no person who has witnessed the transfer of gifts from the churches into personal, life-saving ministries would ever argue that we say too much about it.

To see schools, mission programs, benevolent ministries working to carry out the Great Commission is to see spiritual growth. To watch missionaries at work around the world because of Cooperative Program support is to witness a thrilling panorama of Christian growth.

Stated bluntly, we manifest our spiritual concern in a very practical way through the Cooperative Program. It is

NOT a money solicitation scheme. There is no ulterior motive in a strong plea for support of this ministry.

This would be a good time for churches to study anew the spiritual and historical bases for the Cooperative Program. If we take seriously our ministries as Tennessee Baptists, we shall reflect our concern in generous support of all of our work.

A Good Team

The emphasis in America upon athletics and team work has parallels in denominational life. A team working together—motivated properly—will be a winning team. Team work requires a common objective, a common concern, a spirit of togetherness among team members, and motivation.

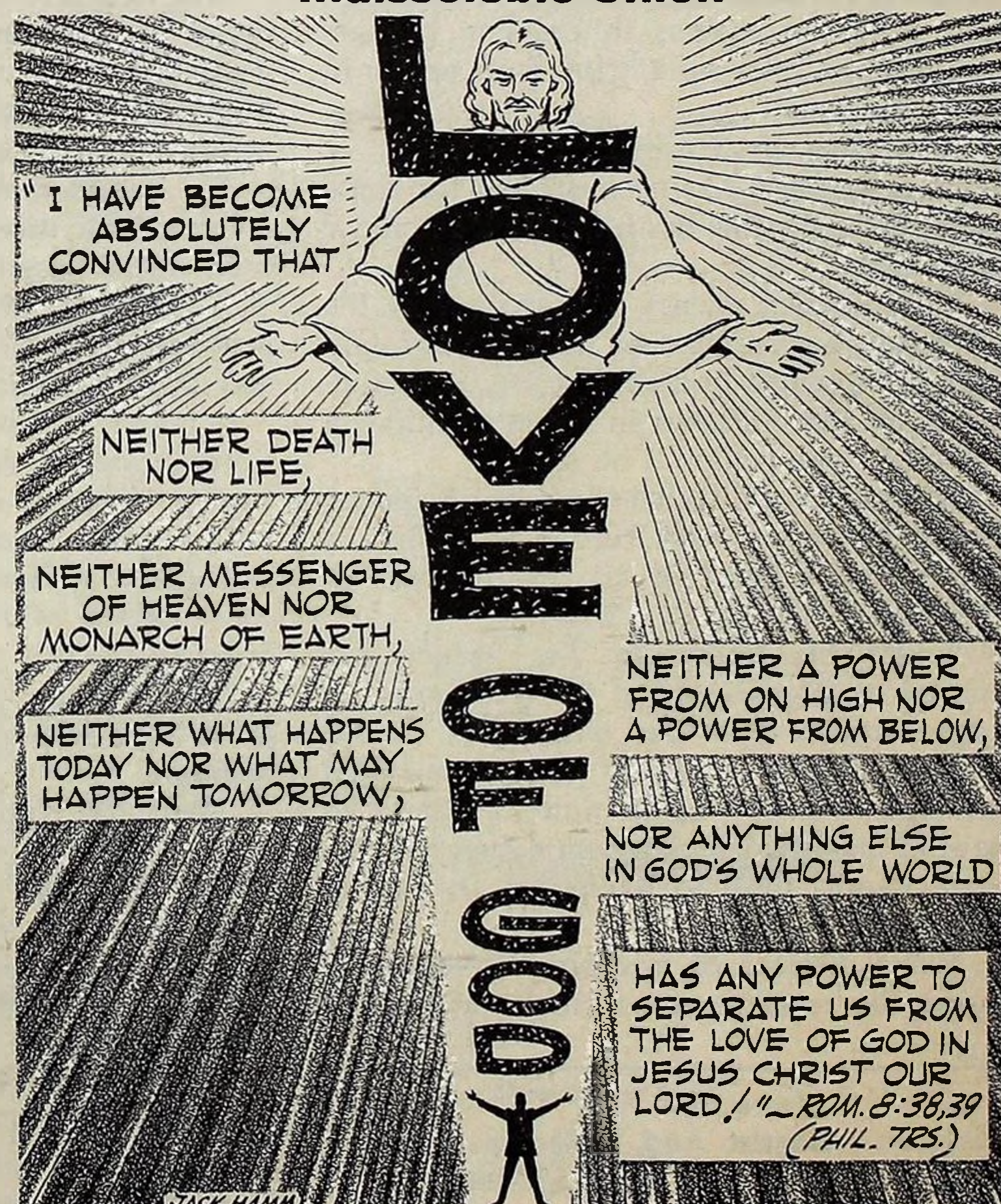
At the Tennessee and Southern Convention level, and at the church level, this team spirit is a necessity for an effective ministry.

At every level of life and in every area of work, common purpose is the key to attaining a goal.

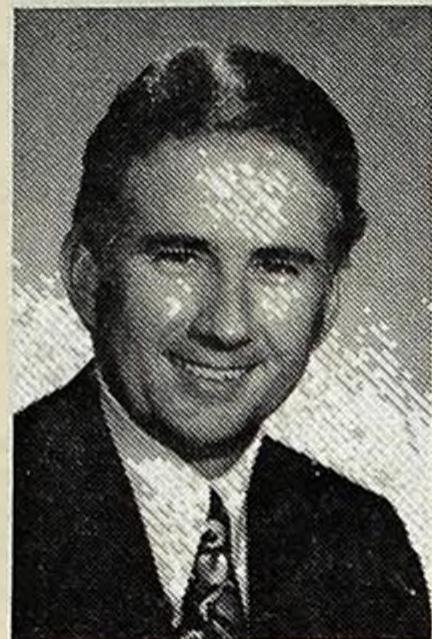
We appear to have a good team spirit among our Baptist fellowship in Tennessee.

If we can live together and work together, we can, more effectively witness together!

Indissoluble Union



WMU Convention Is Scheduled Nov. 13 At Belmont Heights



DeBord



Shelton



Mather



Hayes



Owens

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet in its eighty-fourth annual session on Monday, November 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the Belmont Heights church in Nashville.

Meetings will be held from 9:30-12:00, 1:45-3:45, and 7:30-9:30 that day. The theme for this year's sessions is "Victory in Jesus." A morning meeting will be held this year because of a special recognition service Wednesday evening for Dr. W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Miss Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, and Marion L. Hayes, Providence, R.I., will be

the featured guests at the Monday morning session.

Hayes serves as pastor-director of the Providence Baptist Ministries in Providence, R.I. Prior to his appointment by the Home Mission Board in 1968, he served as a minister of education at First church, Nashville, and Central church, Oak Ridge.

Former Tennessean To Speak

Samuel DeBord, secretary of promotion and furlough ministries of the Foreign Mission Board, will deliver the main address Monday afternoon on "And All My Love Is Due Him." A former missionary to East Africa, he helped begin Southern Baptist work in that area and baptized the first converts resulting from the work. He grew up in Knoxville and graduated from Carson-Newman college before entering Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary.

The meetings will be concluded Monday evening following messages from Mrs. Carlos Owens, missionary to Tanzania, and Miss Juliette Mather, former young people's director and editor of WMU magazines. Miss Mather's message will be "Woman's Missionary Union: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

Mrs. Owens has been stationed in Moshi, Tanzania since 1970. Her husband is a missionary advisor to existing churches and preaching points in the area. Mrs. Owens, a registered nurse, helps organize Baptist work with the women.

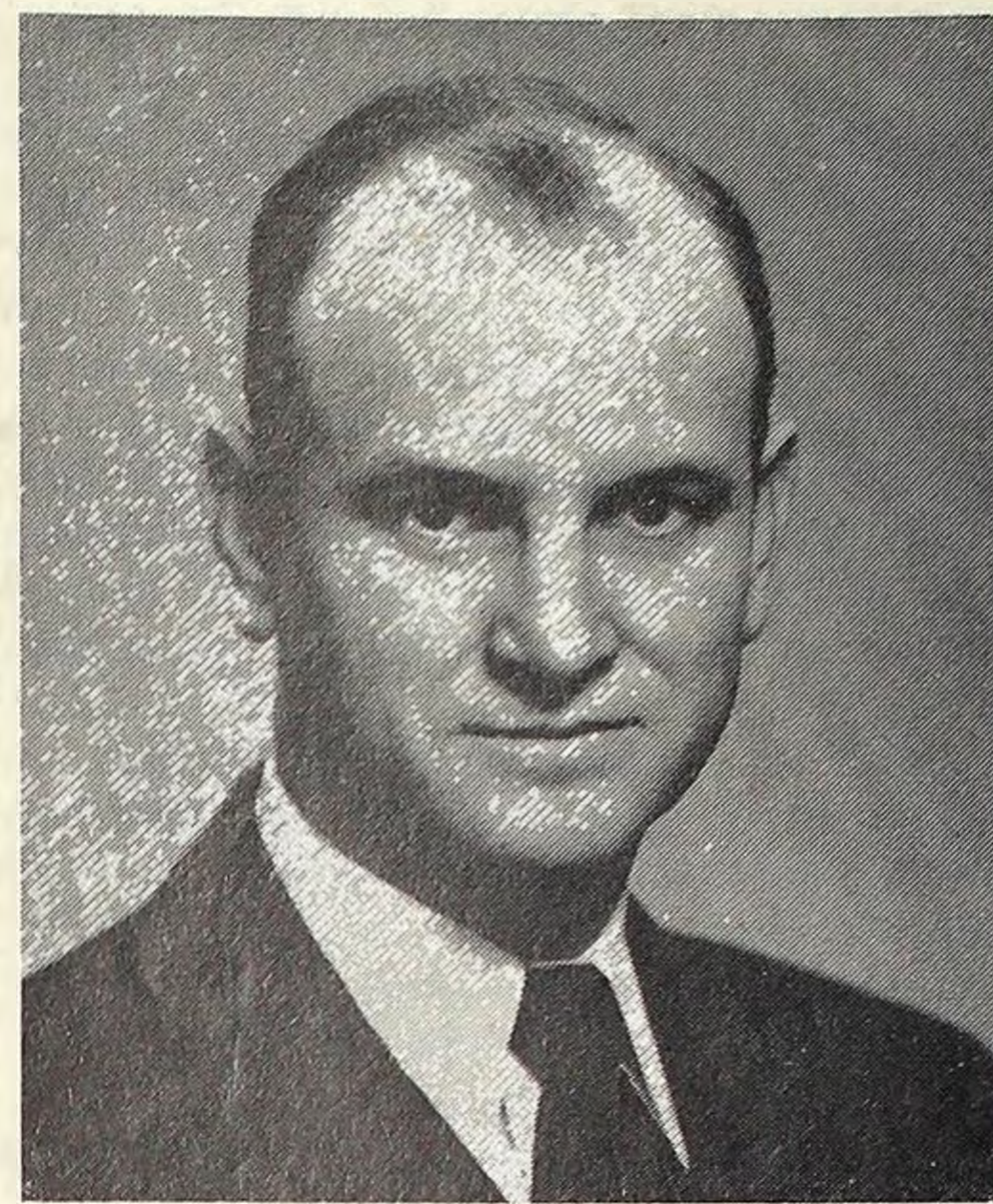
The Baptist Women's presentation will be made by Miss Beulah Peoples, Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women's director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Mrs. Sara L. Oakey, state Mission Friends director, will present reports of that area of work; and Mrs. Jesse Daniel, WMU worker at Belmont Heights, will lead in the Calendar of Prayer emphasis.

Special meditation periods for the sessions will be led by Miriam J. Robinson, assistant professor of speech at Belmont college. Music will be directed by Frank Marshall, minister of music at Belmont Heights, and the organist will be Mrs. Robert Baker.



The annual meeting of the Midland association was held recently with the Bethany church in Knoxville. According to associational missionary, Walter H. Hill, the association will be having its first World Missions Conference Oct. 15-18, in ten area churches. Pictured above are those elected as officers for the 1972-73 associational year. They include left to right: Jack Day, pastor of the Atkin church, assistant clerk and treasurer; Rex Eledge, pastor of Bell Camp Ground church, clerk and treasurer; Haskew Smart, pastor of the Union church, moderator; and Kenneth Holder, pastor of the Bethel church, Rt. 6, assistant moderator.

'Home Life' Editor Joe Burton Retires



NASHVILLE—Joe W. Burton, editor of "Home Life" magazine for more than 25 years retired from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Oct. 1, after 26½ years' service with the Board.

A native Texan, he has a bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, which later conferred on him the doctor of divinity degree. He has a master of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Ft. Worth, and has done special study at University of Missouri's School of Journalism in Columbia.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board in 1946, Burton was secretary of education for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for 10 years. He also was editor of "Southern Baptist Home Missions", its monthly periodical.

He has held pastorates in Texas, Georgia and Tennessee, and was secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1947-1965. He is a member of the National Council on Family Relations.

For the first eight months of his retirement, Burton will serve as interim pastor of an English-speaking church in Munich, Germany.

Upon his return from Germany, he contemplates writing a series of books on historical persons who have made outstanding contributions to the Baptist denomination. He also expects to work in his woodworking shop, and preach in churches around Nashville.

"Altogether, retirement is a pleasant prospect," said Burton. "I reject the thought of idleness, so I want to find meaningful activity in retirement. I am grateful for the opportunities of the past years, and now for continuing opportunities at a reduced pace."

Dallas Pastor Threatened For Liquor Election Role

By Dave Montgomery

DUNCANVILLE, Tex.—A Baptist pastor battling a volatile liquor issue in south Dallas County charged he is being terrorized by threats, insults and obscene mail and telephone calls.

"I have never in my life encountered as vile and abusive things as I have in this issue," said Gene McCombs, chairman of the Greater Oak Cliff Civic and Moral League.

The minister's loosely knit organization has been activated since August to combat pro-liquor forces seeking a local option election.

Since that time, the pastor of Duncanville's First Baptist church, has received more than 1,000 obscene letters, a box of human excrement and threatening phone calls which have left his family in fear of their lives.

Bomb Threats

In addition, bomb threats at his church in Duncanville, a suburb of Dallas, forced an early end to a recent Wednesday night prayer service as police searched the building for explosives.

McCombs said two callers had warned that a bomb "would bring harm" to the minister and his congregation. The pastor conducted a brief service, then ordered worshippers home while police outside stood watch.

Both the minister and Duncanville Police Chief D. H. McElroy said they believe the terrorism tactics to be the work of "cranks" acting independently.

"It has to be someone just trying to vent his own irrational verbiage," said the minister. "I don't believe it's part of any organized effort."

The chunky, 41-year-old minister said he has stopped short of arming himself, although police have urged him to "take precautions."

"I've never carried a pistol and I never will," he said. "But I'm certainly being extra cautious for myself and my family. Who can equate the difference between an emotional act of violence and just a crank call?"

Phone Call Threats

The pastor said his wife, their 17-year-old son and a 17-year-old girl who has been living at the McCombs home since June all have answered threatening phone calls.

In another malicious act, someone dumped an erosive liquid on the family's automobile, ruining the finish.

McCombs, pastor of Duncanville's First Baptist church for 10 years, was appointed to head the long-dormant Civic and Moral League after another organization, People for Economic Progress, launched a petition campaign seeking a local option election for legalizing liquor sales.

Working 18 hours a day and all but abandoning his ministerial duties, the Baptist pastor has molded the league into a highly

vocal group, with the outreach of a well-oiled political campaign.

Full-time headquarters have been set up and staffed by volunteers. Hundreds of other volunteers have waged a continuous telephone campaign urging registered voters not to sign people for Economic Progress petitions.

Right Is Right

McCombs said approximately \$15,000 in contributions from churches and individuals has been spent for full-page newspaper ads and bumper stickers, which read, "For the Sake of My Family I'll Vote Dry."

In 25 years of preaching, McCombs said this is the first time he has been involved in a local option election.

"I've never done it before," he said, "and I'm not sure I'll ever do it again."

But then he added, "Well, I guess I would if I was needed. Right is right." (BP)

(Dave Montgomery is a staff writer for the "Dallas Times Herald".)

Associations Elect

Roberts Is Moderator Of Hiwassee Association

Messengers to the meeting of the Hiwassee association, held Sept. 22-23, elected Gilbert Roberts, pastor of the Pisgah church in Decatur, as moderator for the 1972-73 year. Clifford Coleman, pastor of the Peakland church, was elected vice-moderator, and Mrs. Dwaine Colyer was elected to the post of clerk and treasurer. Associational missionary is Donald Solyer. Meetings were held at the Pisgah church in Decatur.

Noe Is New Leader In Holston Valley

Henry Guy Jackson, superintendent of missions for the Holston Valley association, reported that Cooperative Program receipts and baptisms showed increases in the association during the past year. The messengers met Sept. 21-23 at Church Hill and Rogersville, and elected E. B. Noe as their new moderator. E. A. Cope was elected assistant moderator, and Mrs. John Parrott Jr. was elected to serve as clerk. Robert Horton and Mrs. Wilma Bennett were both re-elected to their respective posts of treasurer and assistant clerk.

Salem Names Tramel Moderator For New Year

In its Sept. 19-20 associational meeting, members of the Salem association elected Kenneth Tramel, pastor of the Calvary church in Smithville, as moderator for the 1972-73 year, to succeed Cannie Leonard. Ed Mayfield, pastor of the Auburn church, Auburntown, was elected assistant moderator, and Cecil Hayes was re-elected treasurer. The messengers elected Jerry Spurlock as clerk, and Bobby Zumbro, pastor of the Woodbury church, as assistant clerk. Meetings were held at the Wolf Creek church and First church, Smithville.

First TBC Golf Tourney Held At Henry Horton Park



CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Left to right: Dan Farmer, winner; Don Morris, second

Dan Farmer of Nashville won first place in the Championship Flight of the first Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament held Sept. 14-15 at Henry Horton State Park. Farmer's winning score of 152 came after two-days of play which consisted of 36 holes. A total of 39 pastors participated.

Other winners in the Championship Flight were: Don Morris, Jackson, 153; Harlice Keown, Ala., 167; and Hugh Chambliss and Lloyd Smith, both of Alabama, tied with 169.

Winners in the other flights are as follows:

First Flight—John Demerich, Nashville, 168; B. B. Isley, Ala., 171; Jim Binkley, Gallatin, 172; and Lewis Sewell, Jackson, 174.

Second Flight—Glenn Yarbrough, Nashville, 177; Bill Williamson, Madison, 178; Dewey Jones, Brentwood, 178; and A. P. Minshew, Jefferson City, 179.

Third Flight—Richard Root, Martin, 194; Clifford Horne, Nashville, 194; C. A. McKenzie of Madisonville and Rodney Travis of Springfield tied with 196; and Charles Maples, Gatlinburg, 197.

Fourth Flight—Darrell Overstreet, Memphis, 194; Beryl Vick, Nashville, 204; Herbert Davis, Ala., 205; and W. Fred Kendall and Gene Kerr, both of Nashville, tied with a score of 207.

Williamson in the Second Flight and Root in the Third Flight won on the first hole of a sudden death play off.

At the Thursday evening banquet several awards were presented: Don Morris, low score; W. C. Summar, high nine and high score; Alvin Hopson and Morris, low nine; W. Wayne Allen, longest drive on No. 1; Hopson, closest to hole on No. 16; Hopson and Lloyd Smith, most 3's; Morris, most 4's; Yarbrough, most 5's; Lee Roland, Ray Langlois and Summar, most strokes on any hole; Farmer, most birdies; Maples and Langlois, best dressed players; and Clarence Stewart and Tom Henry, poorest dressed players.

The tournament was financed entirely by those participating.



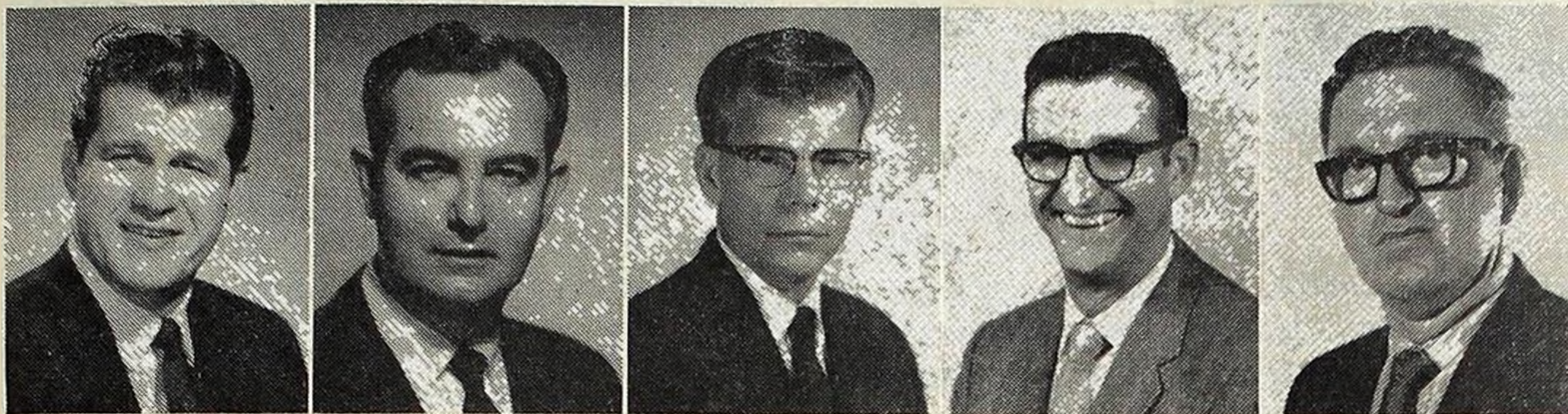
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First, Nashville, To Host TBC Pastors' Conference, Nov. 13-14

By David Keel

E. B. Bowen, pastor of First church, Bolivar, and president, Pastors' Conference of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will preside during sessions of the conference when pastors from across the state will convene at First church, Nashville, Nov. 13-14 for three sessions scheduled prior to the annual meeting of the convention. This year's theme is taken from Galatian 6:17, "The Marks of the Master's Men."

Officers of the Pastor's Conference are: E. B. Bowen, President; Kerney L. Bailey, Secretary; Ray E. Fowler, Vice President.



Bowen

Bailey

Fowler

Assisting Bowen will be: George McFadin, minister of music, First church, Humboldt, music director; Miss Sharron Lyon, organist for First church, Nashville, organist; and Mrs. David M. Ford, pianist, First church, Nashville, pianist.

The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday and will feature as program per-

sonalities: J. W. MacGorman, professor of New Testament, Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, leading in Studies in Galatians (each session); Bob Agee, pastor, Ardmore church, Memphis, speaking on "The Mark of the Called Man;" Keith Wilson, pastor, First church, Grand Junction, "The Mark of Vision;" and Herbert Higdon, pastor, First church, Dyer, will close the session with a message entitled, "The Mark of the Spirit."

The Monday evening session will begin at 6:50 p.m. and will feature Paul Barkley, pastor, Liberty church, Laconia, speaking on "The Mark of Prayer," and Wade Darby, pastor, First church, Jefferson City, closing the session with a message on "The Mark of Commitment to the Word."

The final session of the conference will begin at 8:50 a.m. on Tuesday morning and will include a report of the nominating committee and the closing message by Robert J. Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights church, Nashville, "The Mark of Compassion."

Special music will be provided by: McFadin; Roger Cowan, minister of music, West Jackson church, Jackson; William Dunning, superintendent of missions, Maury County association and Baptist Student Union director, Columbia State Community college; David Ford, minister of music, First church, Nashville; and Frank Marshall, minister of music, Belmont Heights church, Nashville.

Superintendents of missions Henry Guy Jackson, Holston Valley association, Lacy Freeman, Robertson County association, and Fulton Robertson, Hardeman County association, respectively, will lead in Scripture reading and prayer at the beginning of each session.

Stands On Tax Aid Scored By Archer

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has lambasted Sen. George McGovern and President Richard Nixon for their stands on tax aid for parochial and private schools and has said that "American voters this year will have no real choice as far as religious liberty is concerned."

The President and senator had both told Catholic audiences that they advocated tax aid for parochial and private schools. The House Ways and Means Committee held hearings in August and September of this year on schemes to divert \$1 billion annually in federal aid to parochial and private schools through tax credits.

Regarding McGovern, Archer stated, "The senator is wrong in injecting a religious issue into the presidential campaign. The Supreme Court rightly warned a year ago against the 'divisive political potential' of schemes for tax aid for church schools. It is especially shocking that Sen. McGovern would advocate opening a tax loophole through which \$1 billion could flow annually to church institutions while at the same time speaking out for tax reform and an end to loopholes and special privileges. He needs to be more consistent."

He warned that the tax credit proposal would cost the American people \$1 billion per year to start and that by 1976 over \$5 billion per year could be drained from the taxpayers' pockets into church school treasuries.

Theme Set For 1973 Portland Southern Baptist Convention

NASHVILLE—Theme for the Southern Baptist Convention's 116th annual session in Portland next June will be, "Share the Word Now."

Theme for the meeting, and selection of a music director, was announced here by the convention's Committee on Order of Business, which is charged with responsibility of planning the convention agenda. Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist church in Atlanta, is chairman of the committee.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, will be music director for the convention. Reynolds also directed the convention's music for the 1972 session in Philadelphia.

Dilday, in announcing the theme for the 1973 convention, said the theme is an adaptation of the 1973-74 Southern Baptist Convention agency program promotion theme, "Sharing Christ Through His Word."

The convention will begin Tuesday morning, June 12, 1973, and conclude Thursday evening, June 14. No convention sessions will be scheduled on Wednesday afternoon, June 13, to allow for seminary alumni luncheons and other related meetings. (BP)

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Tennessee News Briefs

Sand Springs church, Stone association, has paid off the debt on the church building and is now in the process of installing central heating and cooling throughout the church. **Dennis Moore** is the pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. D. Harley Fite, Jefferson City, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last month at a reception held in their honor at First church. **Fite** is president emeritus of Carson-Newman college.

Don Ellis, dean of students at Union university, has been named to fill the newly-created position of co-ordinator of inter-collegiate athletics at Union. According to **Robert E. Craig**, president of the institution, **Ellis** will continue in his present capacity with these new athletic duties as an added responsibility for the current school year. The new position entails directing all intercollegiate sporting activities and supervising all budgetary expenditures for the entire intercollegiate athletic program.

First church, Dandridge, ordained **Keneth Scott** as a deacon in services held there recently. **Robert D. McCray** is pastor.

Ron Johnsey and **Coy Rose** were ordained as deacons at First church, Covington, recently. **Henry G. West** is pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Miles, Jefferson City, are both retiring from their positions on the staff of the Carson-Newman college faculty after 19 years of service. **Miles** was head of the Department of Sociology, and **Mrs. Miles** was assistant professor of music. They plan to make their home in Jefferson City where he will write a weekly column for several newspapers and hold church family life conferences.

Teramy Baker and **Jerry Shepherd** were ordained as deacons at the Red Bank church in Chattanooga recently. **Ralph E. Norton** is pastor.

Robert Anderson Street Jr., a native of Memphis, has been named an instructor in Old Testament Hebrew at Southern Baptist Theological seminary. He is working currently toward the doctor of theology degree. **Street** is a graduate of Union university and earned the master of divinity degree at Southern seminary in 1970.

The Tennessee alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary will hold a fiftieth anniversary celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Sunday School Board Cafeteria in Nashville, according to **John J. Buell**, president of the Alumni Association. The meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation of the first "Southwesterner of the Year" award. **Robert Naylor**, president of Southwestern seminary, will be the featured speaker.



Smothers

A former Tennessee pastor, **Eulon Lee Smothers**, was honored with a "This Is Your Life" tribute at Hillwood Baptist church in Huntsville, Ala. recently. The program was held to commemorate **Smothers's** fiftieth year of service in denominational work, beginning at Pleasant Hill church in Benton County, Tenn., on Aug. 21, 1922. Special messages were received from **W. Fred Kendall**, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and **F. E. Wright**, former president of Union university. **Hugh Chambliss**, director of the Madison Associational Missions, presented a certificate to **Smothers** signifying 50 years in the pastorate. **Smothers** has served Hillwood as interim pastor since August, 1971.

R. Lloyd Rich was presented a 32-year perfect attendance pin as teacher of the Adult Bible Class at the Bean Station church in Grainger County last month. The presentation was made by **Pastor L. C. Davis**. In addition to his Sunday School activities, **Rich** is the church clerk and is a deacon. He has served in all three positions for a number of years.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Charles H. Robinson, pastor of First church, Jacksboro, has resigned after serving the church for more than 18 years. He joined the staff of Bryan college in Dayton and will serve as director of the Department of Public Relations and Development. **Robinson** served two terms as moderator of the Campbell County Association, and was chairman of evangelism for 10 years.

October 22 will be the first Sunday for Immanuel church's new pastor in Murfreesboro. **Jere Plunk** has accepted the church's call and will come from the North Fork church in Bedford County.



Brann

Kermit Brann, former pastor of First church, Baldwyn, Miss., is the new pastor of the Parkview church in Jackson. **Brann** served in Mississippi as moderator of the Prentiss Association, as trustee of Blue Mountain college, and as state Convention Board member from Prentiss association. He was pastor of the Baldwyn church for over 11 years and saw 374 new members during that period.

William L. Blackwell has been called to the newly created position of minister of church missions at First church, Nashville. **Blackwell**, a member of the congregation at First, is a graduate of Louisiana college, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the University of Tennessee. He served as pastor of a Louisiana church for 15 years and has been the interim pastor at Triune church in Nashville. He has been editor of materials for the youth section of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and is co-author with his wife of the Foreign Missions Book for 1974. **Franklin Paschall** is pastor of the church.

Calvary church in Brownsville has called **Danny Jones** as minister of music and youth. **Bill Robbins** serves the church as pastor.



Porter

Members of Parkway church, Nashville Association, welcomed their new pastor, **J. Arnold Porter**, last month. **Porter** had served the First church of Fayetteville since 1969, and was pastor to several churches in the Kentucky area prior to that. He is serving presently on the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board.

Jack Miller has resigned as pastor of the Bangham church, Stone Association, and is now living in Johnson City.

Steve Atwood has accepted the call as pastor of the Howse church, Carroll-Benton Association.

Leslie L. Bruce is the new pastor of Grace church in Elizabethton.

William Cropper has resigned as pastor of First church, Cleveland, and accepted the call to become pastor of Capitol View church, Atlanta, Ga. He came to the Cleveland church five years ago. He served as president of the Bradley County Ministerial Association, was chairman of the BSU committee of Bradley County Baptists, and was president of the Tennessee Alumni Association of Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

Tommy Crocker, former pastor of China Grove church, Gibson County Association, and Midway church, Crockett Association, has been called as pastor of the Days church, DeSoto Association, Miss. **Crocker** is a graduate of Union University and has done graduate work at Memphis State university.

Charles Gray is the new pastor of the Macedonia church in the Midland Association.

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SOCIAL CHANGE: URBAN CULTURE (TEMPERANCE)

By Wade E. Darby, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jefferson City

Basic Passages: Genesis 11:1-9; Zechariah 8:1-8; John 17:15-18; Acts 19:23-41; 1 John 2:15-17; Revelation 21:10, 22-27.

Focal Passages: Genesis 11:1-8; Zechariah 8:3-5; John 17:15-18

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON. To help make us aware of the problems and challenges of urbanization.



Darby

The city, even from ancient times, has had some bad connotations. The story of Babel and humanity's arrogant rebellion against the Divine is connected with a city. A few are real loners but people generally are gregarious. We were made for community. Ancient peoples congregated for fellowship but also for protec-

tion. In numbers there was greater safety in a lawless time. The same was true in medieval times.

The Rise Of The City

The story of Babel is ancient Judaism's understanding of the diffusion of tongues and the origin of the various languages. It is also related to man's seeking for safety. Perhaps the fear of another catastrophe like the flood motivated them in part. Man in community is but solitary man intensified. All human problems and weaknesses are magnified in community. Babel intensified the arrogance and desire for self-sufficiency apart from the Divine.

Medieval people generally worked out in the fields by day but congregated in villages and towns at night for safety and fellowship. This pattern of living is found in many sections of Europe today. The modern city probably had its beginnings in the twelfth century. Industrialization and other factors created the proper climate and cities grew and developed.

The city has many attractions. Excitement, jobs, educational and other opportunities, etc. constitute a pull to the city. The most massive population shift in history has been the moving of about 35 million persons from rural to urban sections in the United States since 1945.

The Curse Of The City

The good and the bad are both magnified in the city. It may be that the curse of the city is that it contains more people, therefore people problems are multiplied. It may be that the style of city life tends toward secularism and materialism. Our cities of today are in trouble. They constitute a national problem. Many are fleeing to the

suburbs and beyond. Today we tend to work in and live out if possible. The inner city is often an open sore that spreads and cannot be healed. Some of the best minds of our times are directed toward the social, educational, economic, and political problems of our cities. We of the church must not do less. We must learn how to cope with and cure the problems of urbanization.

Harvey Cox, in the book "The Secular City," points out that the modern city is generally caught in the tensions created by center-city versus suburb conflicts, have versus have-not conflicts, ethic and racial conflicts, and conflicts between competing political parties.

I believe the church and her gospel ministries can become a "balm" in our cities. The curse has a cure!

The Call Of The City

The apostle Paul was a city preacher. His strategy was to plant churches in the great centers of population. His plan, as is stated in Acts 19:21 was at that time to go to Jerusalem and later to Rome. One was the center of the Jewish world and the other the center of the Gentile world. This was his pattern.

Baptists are by heritage a rural people. We are becoming urbanized by our day. We have churches in the country, the towns, and the cities. These churches face different problems. Each must be unique to its own place and needs.

It appears that several things must characterize the city church. First, the heart of the city church must be big enough for all races, all types, and all cultural and social levels. Second, the city church must be large enough to cope with the problems of survival and ministry. Budget, staff, buildings, program, etc., must all be large enough to make an impact upon urban society. Third, to minister successfully to all the kinds of people of the city, the city church

must have a multiple ministry approach. One program for every one is not enough. Fourth, the successful city church must speed up and make the democratic processes of congregational church government more efficient. In every listing of the largest Sunday Schools in our country, several things are obvious. These churches are in urban areas. They are large in the respects just discussed. They are led by strong leaders of great ability who either ignore or have found ways to adapt the congregational process.

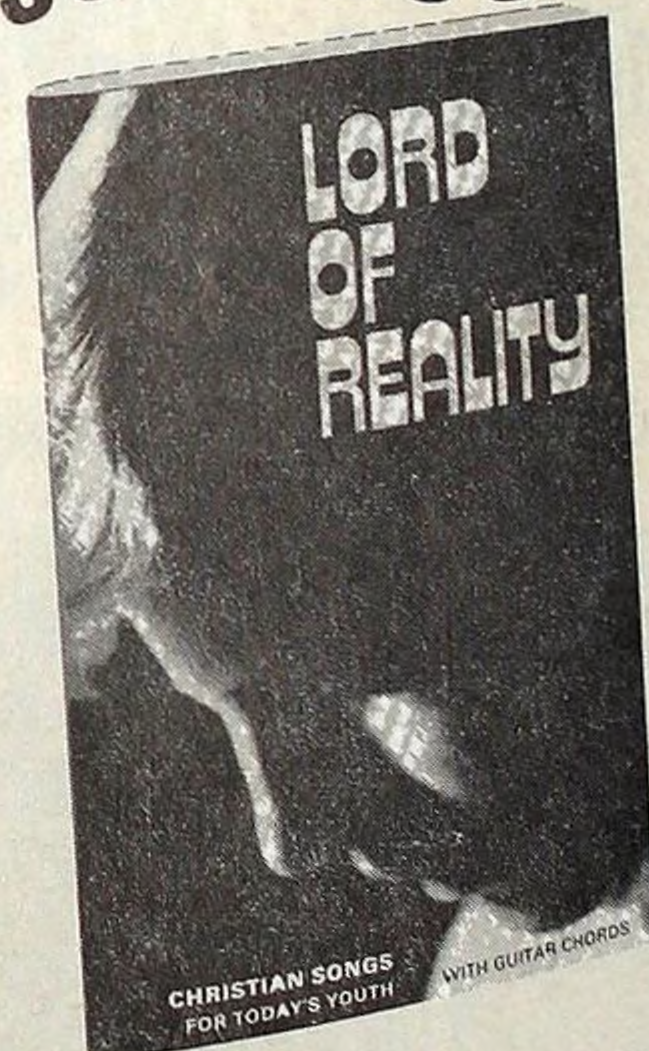
The city calls with many voices to man. The church must hear the call of opportunity and need. The needs and the potential of our cities constitute a "Macedonian Call" for us.

The Hope Of The City

I'm glad the Bible closes with a picture of a city of hope, Jerusalem, the heavenly city. God was trying to tell man about the greatness of heaven. The most wonderful, the most exciting, the most beautiful thing ancient man knew was the splendor and glory of an oriental city. Jerusalem, of course, had sacred connotations for the Jews.

There is hope for the city. Its problems are not greater than the ingenuity of the church or the power of God. As a postscript, it must be noted that the day of the country church is returning.

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Federal Program Launched To Strengthen Family Life

WASHINGTON—A new federal program has been launched here in an effort to "strengthen the family as the primary institution affecting a child's life" and to teach teenage youth how to become good parents.

Education for Parenthood, a major government program, will utilize public schools and national organizations in an effort in 1973 to reach 500,000 adolescents through parent education programs in 500 local schools districts.

In announcing plans for the program, U.S. Commissioner of Education Sidney P.

Marland Jr., cited these national statistics to support the need for parenthood education programs for teenagers.

—Approximately 210,000 girls aged 17 and under gave birth in the U.S. last year.

—One of every 10 school-age girls is a mother, and 16 per cent of these young mothers have two children.

—The national divorce rate for those married in their teens is three to four times higher than that of any other age group.

The Office of Child Development has awarded a grant of \$570,000 to the Education Development Center in Cambridge, Mass., to develop a curriculum for parenthood education.

In addition, the Office of Child Development will award grants totaling approximately \$500,000 to about five national youth-serving voluntary organizations and their affiliates to promote Education for Parenthood programs among young people during 1973.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education, and Office of Child Development. The two sponsoring offices are currently identifying the best curriculum and program materials available, with plans to provide these materials to interested school districts and national organizations. (BP)

J. C. Bradley To Direct Seminary Extension Centers

NASHVILLE—J. C. Bradley of Nashville, a staff member of the Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named associate director of Extension Center Education for the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

Bradley will assume the position with the department's administrative committee, composed of the presidents of the six SBC seminaries.

Currently, Bradley is supervisor of the adult section, Church Training department, for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Previously, he taught for two years at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

A native of Arkansas and a graduate of Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark., Bradley earned the doctor of education degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, with special study in the field of continuing education for ministers.

In his new work with the Seminary Extension Department, Bradley will have responsibility for devising and implementing plans for establishing and servicing Seminary Extension Centers operated by the department across the nation, according to Raymond M. Rigdon, director of the department. (BP)

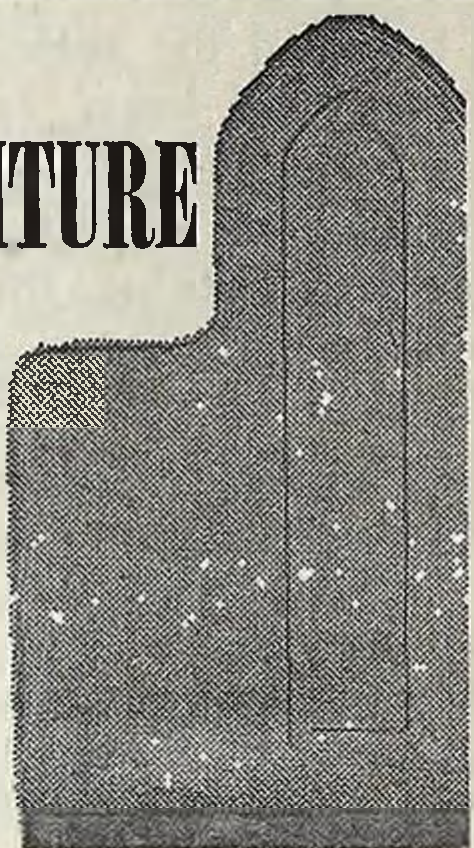
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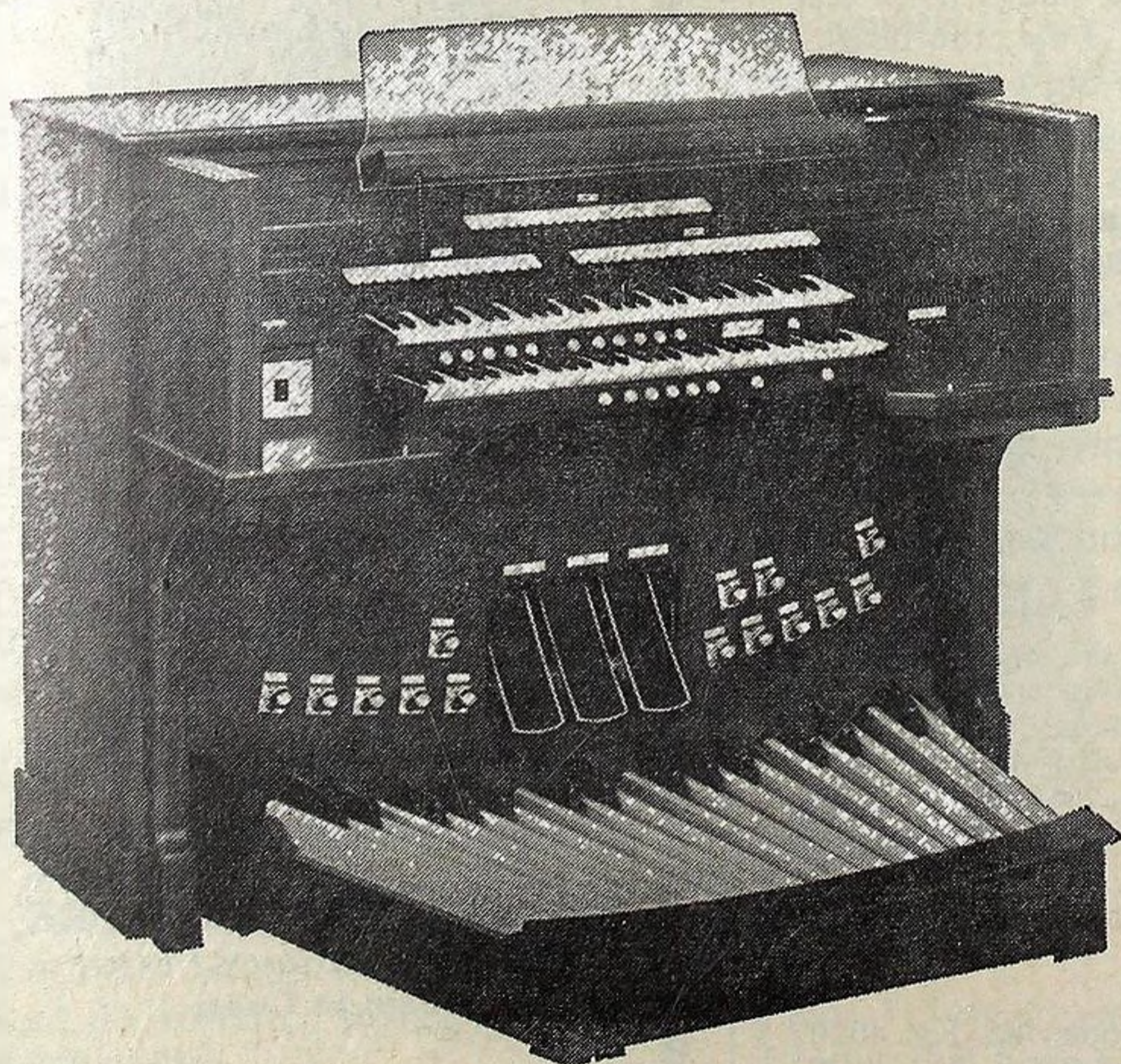
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Home Mission Board Raises Loan Ceiling

ATLANTA—The ceiling on loans from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for churches throughout the denomination was raised by \$50,000, which upped the loan ceiling from \$125,000 to \$175,000.

Robert H. Kilgore of Atlanta, director of the board's division of church loans, said the increase, effective immediately, is an effort to be more available to more churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church loans division assists churches with loans for the purchase of new or existing property, building extension, and remodeling.

Limitation set on loans remain the same, such as 20-year terms and interest rates. Interest rates change during the year and are dependent upon market conditions and what the agency has to pay for money it borrows.

In addition, Kilgore said the division has created a church site fund to assist churches in acquiring property for new work. Loans may be made up to \$40,000, which is interest free until the church begins to use the property or for two and one-half years, whichever comes first.

The division makes loans to Southern Baptist churches and missions in all areas of the United States. (BP)

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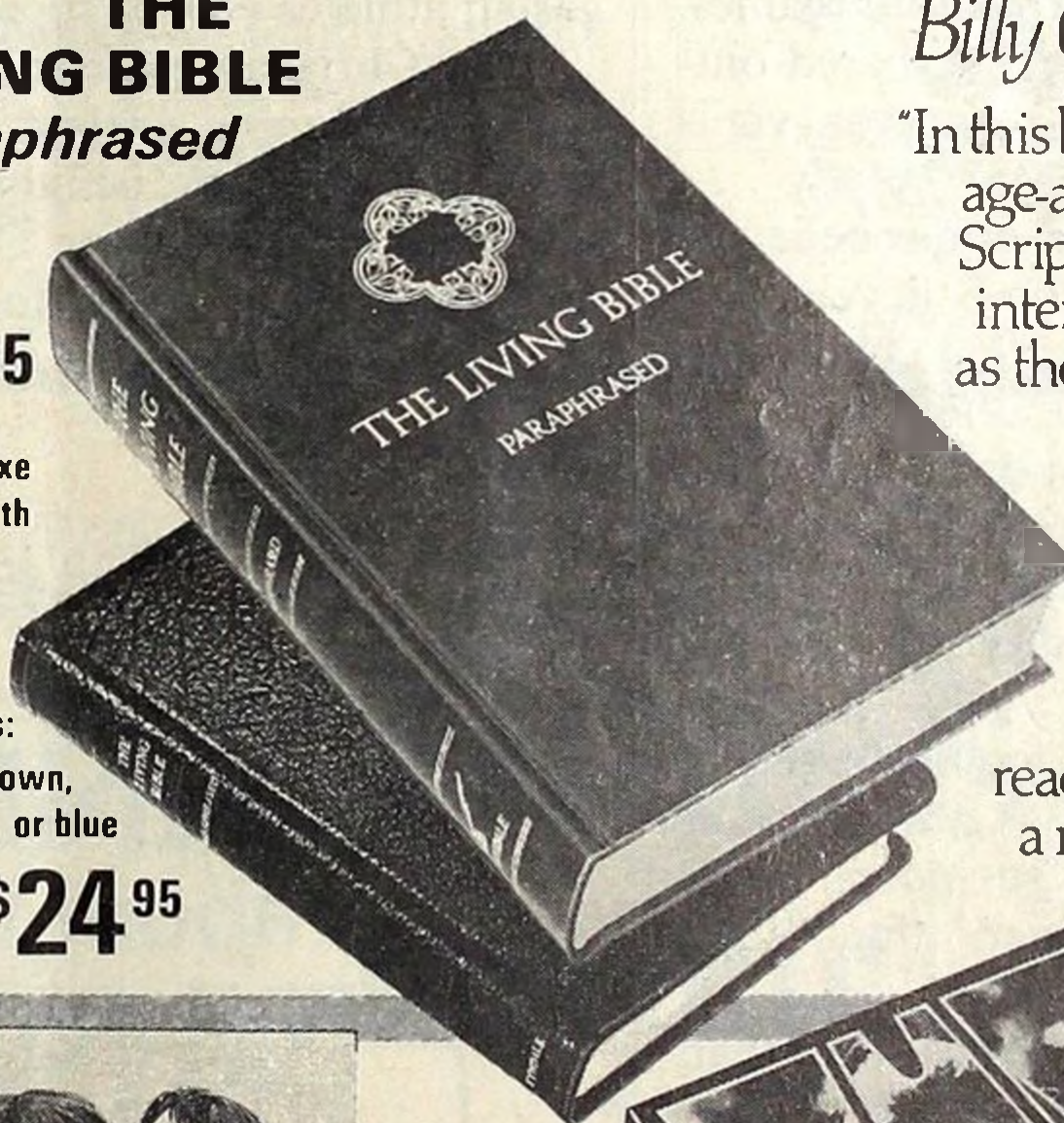
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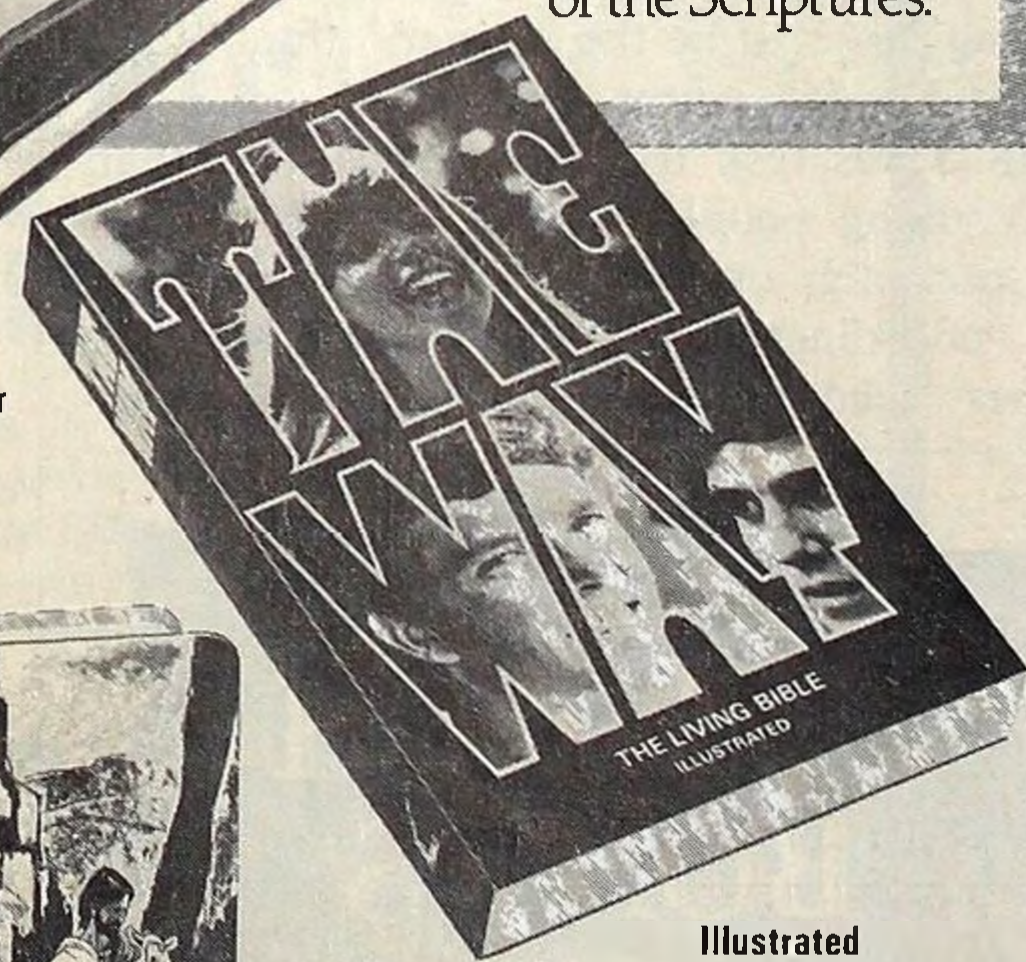
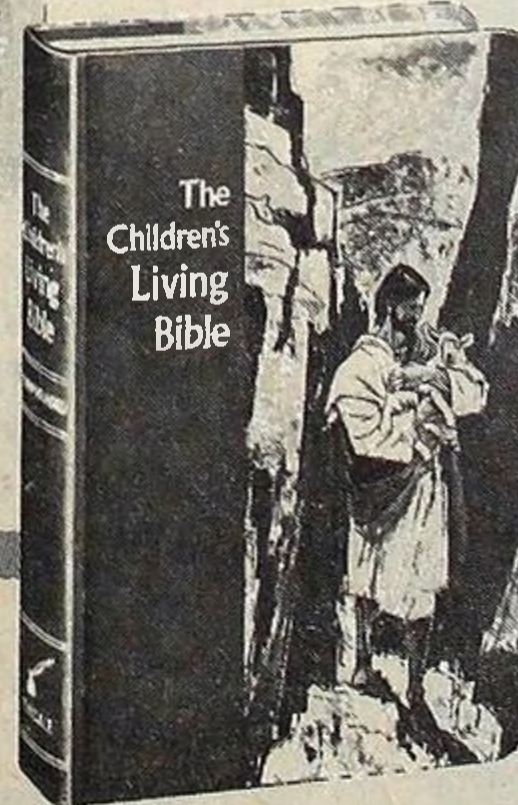


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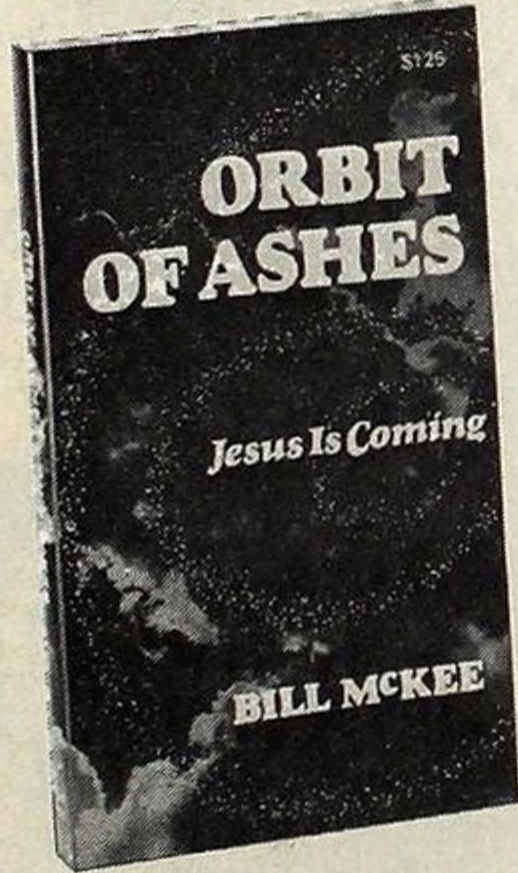
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Youth Christian Witness At Olympics Held 'More Spectacular Than Games'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—More than 2000 young Jesus people from the U.S. and Europe staged a massive evangelistic campaign during the Olympic Games in Munich, which in some ways was "more spectacular than the games," according to a "Christianity Today" report.

"Thousands of Bibles, gospels and tracts in Eastern European languages were gobbled up by athletes and tourists from Communist bloc nations," news editor Edward F. Plowman said in the Sept. 29 issue of the evangelical fortnightly. "Millions of pieces of literature were handed out."

He said Jesus groups literally stormed the city, staging music festivals, witness marches, manning coffee houses and rapping about Christ. They were allowed to enter the well-guarded Olympic Village "almost at will," where they participated in Bible studies with athletes and witnessed to others.

But the young Christians were perhaps at their best during and immediately after the tragic bloodbath that marred the games, the editor observed. "Clusters gathered outside the Olympic Village in prayer vigils as a somber mood settled over the city . . . Guitars and tracts were laid aside; believers sought quietly to comfort non-believers."

Mr. Plowman reported that two days later, Olympic officials canceled the free entertainment featuring nude acts which had been going on in the main amphitheater at the Olympic site, and gave the Christian group free use of the facility for the last four days of the games.

"It all led an Australian journalist to observe that sports had failed as a medium of world unity but that the Jesus people were proving Jesus to be the answer," the "Christianity Today" editor said.

The Jesus task force involved more than 2000 young people, representing 37 Christian outreach organizations. The campaign was coordinated by Herbert Muller, a former accountant and now business ad-

ministrator of New Life Evangelistic Association near Stuttgart, Germany.

About half the youths were imported from America, including gospel rock groups and the 50-voice Bethesda Singers from Wenatchee, Wash. They were among the groups performing at the amphitheater to crowds of more than 3000, who gathered to hear testimonies and sermonettes in several languages.

"Converts came from scores of nations; among them were Arabs and Israelis who discovered togetherness in Jesus, several athletes and at least two Communist journalists," Mr. Plowman said.

He said literature distribution teams working aboard trains bound for Iron Curtain countries were ejected several times upon complaints from Communists.

In the Olympic Village, Eastern Europeans were the main target of the Jesus crusaders, Mr. Plowman said. "Many, especially Rumanians, eagerly secreted away Bibles and other literature. Soviet and Bulgarian athletes eluded supervisors.

The "Christianity Today" editor explained that the Olympic project "capped" a Summer of evangelistic activity in Europe "that saw thousands of young Christians involved in Jesus festivals, door-to-door evangelism,

Cates Is Brotherhood President For New Year

Paul R. Cates, director of Upward Bound Program at Carson-Newman college, was elected state Brotherhood president for 1973 at the recent Brentwood meeting.

Elected to serve with Cates were Wendell W. Crews, Athens, vice-president; John Lewelling, Jackson, recording secretary; and G. Leon Brown, Union City, life president.

Regional vice-presidents serving the state include Harvey Wyatt, Jackson, and Luther Carlisle, Memphis, both serving the southwest region; James Willoughby, Dyersburg, and Gerald Arnold, Humboldt, northwest region; Malcolm Barrett, Nashville, and Howard Broadbent, Woodlawn, central region; and Harold Dillon, Columbia, south central region.

Working in the north central region are Harold Stockton, Jamestown, and Morris L. Frank, Smyrna; north east region, Roy V. Hopkins, Morristown, and Stanley Johnson, Kingsport; south east region, Ernest Neal, Cleveland and Leonard Brannan, Chattanooga; and eastern region, R. H. Filler, Knoxville, and Hubert Smothers, Seymour.

coffee house ministries and the like." Follow-up programs are now being prepared. Meanwhile, "the Gospel has apparently gone out from Munich to the ends of the earth," Mr. Plowman concluded. (RNS)

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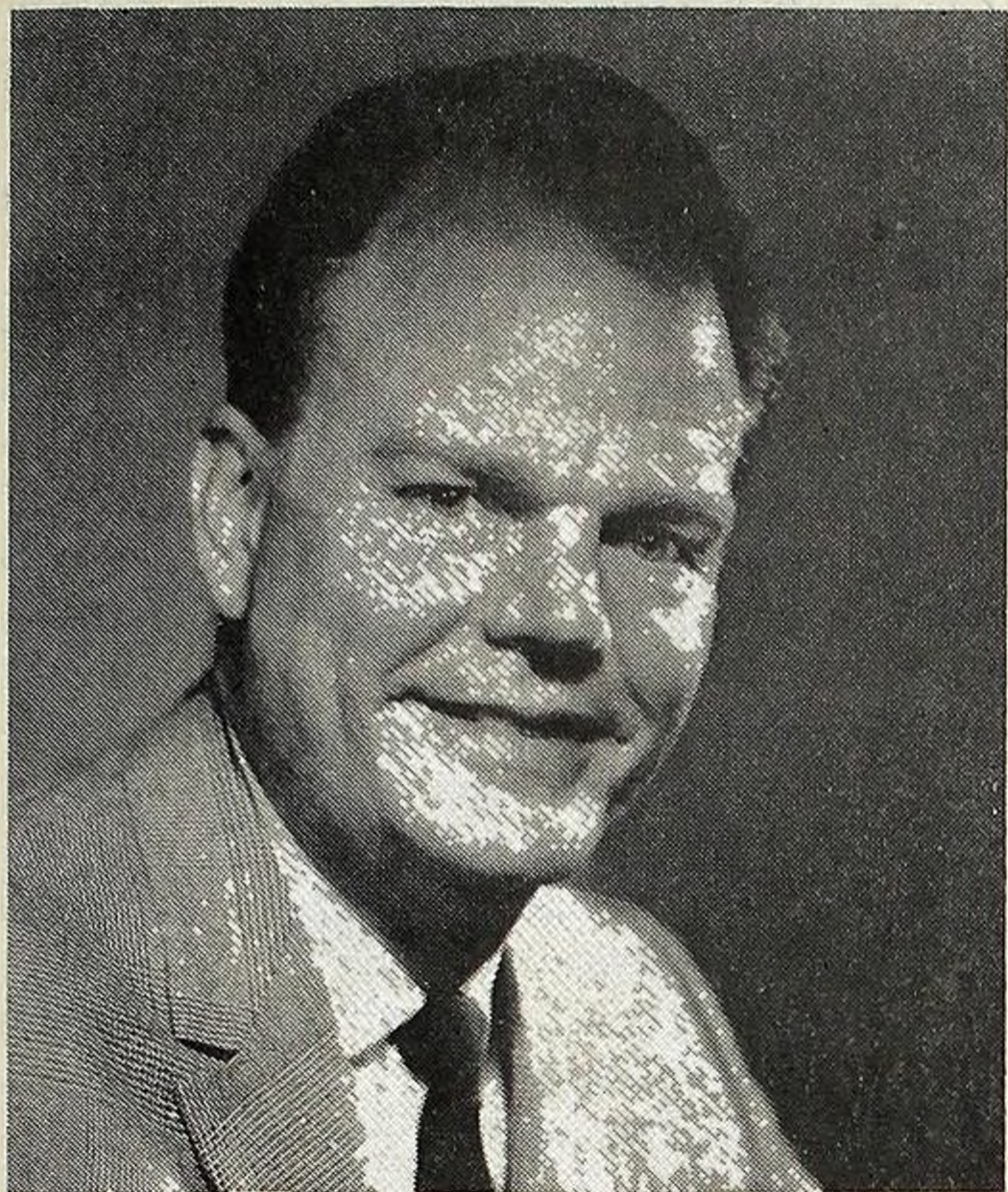
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Harvey To Be Featured Speaker At Union



Paul Harvey, ABC news commentator, author, and lecturer, will join in with Union university next week in celebration activities for the Sesquicentennial of Jackson.

Sponsored by the Alumni and Parents Association, Harvey will be the featured speaker at a noon luncheon program at the college, Oct. 14. A "Salute to Higher Education" program will be held in Union's field-

Campus Day Slated At Union On Oct. 6

The annual Fall Campus Day at Union university will be held Friday, October 6, according to Dr. Milburn W. Blanton, director of admissions at the Baptist college.

"We are planning a full day of activities for visiting high school seniors from throughout West Tennessee," Blanton said. More than 250 are expected to attend the event.

house and will highlight Harvey as well as alumni recognitions and special music presentations.

A parade will be held in Jackson Saturday morning and will be followed by a luncheon for alumni and friends of the school. A private reception will be held following the afternoon activities.

Harvey's broadcasts and newspaper columns have been reprinted in the "Congressional Record" more than those of any other commentator. He is a recipient of nine honorary degrees. He will speak on "The Good New Days."

A museum, sponsored jointly by the alumni and parents of Union, will be set up in Jackson also. The exhibits will feature scenes from the past 150 years in Jackson's history.

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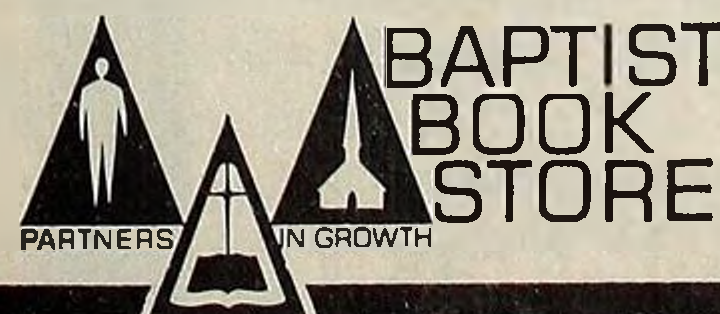
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FAITH UNDER FIRE

By W. R. White

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Basic Passages: Genesis 12:8-10; 13:1-12; 14:17-24

Focal Passages: Genesis 12:8-10; 13:3-6, 8-9, 11; 14:19-20

Any faith that is really significant will run into trouble sooner or later in our kind of world. This is particularly true of a virile, religious faith. Like great upheavals that have taken place in the past which have thrown our physical world all out of kilter geologically and otherwise, there has been a great convulsion in the moral and spiritual world, leaving many adverse problems.



White

Even worthy causes that run contrary to the grain of fallen human nature will encounter strange difficulties and problems. We who have ventured into a crusade of change will run into this sooner or later.

Abraham's daring faith which carried him into a strange country and new situations subjected that faith to many tests and trials. The greatest moral and spiritual thrust of all time was the Christian faith. It met plenty of trials by fire.

The Test Of Adversity Gen. 12:8-10

Abraham came to the land of Promise. Here he built an altar to Jehovah, the true and Living God. Everything was working out well.

Alas, a famine arose in the land. After Abraham had obeyed God in making the adventure and after reaching the land of his dreams, he had shown his devotion and gratitude by building an altar and adversity set in. Something had to be done.

Abraham turned to human methods and devices strictly instead of trusting in God. In the fuller Scripture we learn that he decided to go to Egypt for supplies. The problem of a beautiful wife disturbed him. He was afraid that the Egyptians would kill him to get her. He resorted to deception in trying to make the Egyptians think that she was his sister.

The plan backfired. It had the opposite effect to what Abraham had thought. Seeing her unusual beauty and being told that she was the sister of Abraham, they presented her to Pharaoh as a potential wife.

God intervened and Pharaoh realized that something was wrong. He discovered he was holding Abraham's wife. He reprimanded him and sent him and Sarah away out of the land.

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Evidently Abraham learned a great lesson by trial and error. Straightforward frankness with a steady faith in God is the superior course to follow. Trusting in God instead of questionable human devices is better.

Test Of Conflict Gen. 13:3-5, 8-9

The flocks and herds of both Abraham and Lot, his nephew, grew to be very large. The area where they were dwelling was too small for the increase. This created a serious competitive problem.

An inevitable clash developed between the employees of Abraham and of Lot. The conflict grew serious and the situation had to be faced and resolved.

Abraham was big enough to meet the crisis. He said to his nephew that there was no need for this strife for the country was open to them. He gave Lot his choice as to the direction he would take. Lot turned his eyes toward the well watered plains of Jordan. Abraham chose another direction.

The Test of Success Gen. 14:19-20

Lot fell into captivity and Abraham by a clever strategy rescued him from some petty kings of the area.

Abraham did two noble things; he refused to keep any of the spoils of his victory for himself and he made presentation of his tithe to Melchizedek, the high priest of the most high God.

He saw to it that his success did not ruin him but that it actually turned out to be a help to him, a means of spiritual gain. He did not become richer in the things that perish but in the things that last and cannot be lost.

Foundation

My Most Enjoyable Investment

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

She loves her Lord. He has blessed her and her gratitude shows in many ways. With a portion of her resources she has established a living trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as trustee. The income will be paid to her as long as she lives. At her death the income will go to one of our Tennessee Baptist Schools for all ages to come.

A recent invitation to visit her revealed a desire to add to the trust fund and to make liberal changes in her will to increase the fund at her death.

When her check was written and discussion about the will was complete she made an observation that is echoed by many others. She said, "The most satisfying part of my investments is what I have in the Foundation. I know it will carry my testimony for Christ where I cannot go and accomplish what I cannot do."

She will live on in Christian testimony until Jesus comes. For information about a living trust for the Lord's work or about preparing a Christian will write: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Suits Challenge Laws On Aid To Schools

The Americans United Research Foundation and individual plaintiffs have filed suits in Washington, D.C., with the Washington State Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of two state laws to provide public aid to parochial schools and church colleges.

In Weiss v. Bruns, plaintiffs are contesting a 1972 appropriation of \$200,000 designed to provide state aid to parochial schools by means of grants to individual students for tuition and other school costs. The second suit, Weiss v. O'Brien, challenges a 1971 statute designed to aid church and privately owned colleges through tuition assistance.

Attorneys in both suits are John D. Blankinship and Jerry W. Spoonemore.

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From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

October is the month in which the Cooperative Program is given emphasis throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.



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el of work.

The Cooperative Program was created to enable the churches to work in a great united effort to carry out the work of world missions and to meet the great challenge of the Christian faith to meet man's spiritual needs in a world gone mad. After World War I our nation emerged as one of the great world powers. Southern Baptists had emerged as a major denomination. The leadership felt the challenge for launching a great world mission program which would begin at home and reach around the world. A great campaign was launched to raise 75 million dollars in five years. Actually 92 million was pledged.

In the year 1925, which was the final year of this great campaign, the Cooperative Program was adopted as a unified budget method which would unite the churches, the associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention in one budget system. This would enable every church to give to the whole program of work from the local church to the ends of the world.

Through this budgeting method priorities were established, all of the programs were studied as to needs, budgets were planned according to needs and priority of importance to the whole program of work. Through the years the wisdom of this method has been demonstrated over and over. Southern Baptists have grown to be the largest evangelical denomination in America. We have the greatest mission programs at home and around the world. We now have more than 2500 foreign missionaries in 75 countries. We have a similar number of home missionaries carrying on a multiplied number of programs in all 50 states.

The Cooperative Program has enabled Tennessee Baptists to accomplish much more for Christ through the years. Our work has continued to grow every year. All of our institutions are doing first class work.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Many Runaways Driven By Sexual Abuse At Home

A shocking number of the million runaway children who will be wandering U.S. roads in the next 12 months will be running away from someone in the household who abuses them sexually, Pulitzer Prize winner and former Christian Science Monitor newsman Howard James warned.

"We never ask why a child is running away. We assume he or she is wrong and send him back to his home," reminded the author of "Children in Trouble: A National Scandal."

"One third of the girls are in detention homes because they've been frequent runaways and are victims of incest in their own homes."

Sometimes the innocent victim of incest is placed in a reform school and thus is punished for the sin of the parent, he pointed out.

"Sexual abuse is 50 to 100 times more prevalent than the physical abuse producing the battered child."

Statistics on incest hold true from Maine to California and cut across all cultural and racial lines, James stressed.

Our state mission programs have continued to grow.

This year we shall set an all time record in giving through the Cooperative Program. It has been the goal to get every church to give through our budget to support all of the work. We still have many churches which do not give anything at all. We pray that every church will make an effort to give before the year ends. Every church can help no matter how small the amount. When it gives through the Cooperative Program it gives to all the work which Tennessee Baptists and Southern Baptists are doing. Make October a month of real prayer for all of the causes supported by the Cooperative Program budgets and for all of the millions of people whom it will touch and for the thousands it will help to find Christ.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

At press time on October 1, 1922, **Baptist And Reflector** reported 7500 new subscribers, 4500 over its goal of 3000. The campaign was to continue through October 15.

Union university opened its eighty-first session in 1922 with the largest student body in history. At the close of the first week of classes, the enrollment stood at 850.

20 YEARS AGO

A check for \$50 was sent from Germany to the Immanuel church of Nashville for use in home missions. It was a gift from Mrs. L. M. Nelson and the German Sunday School class she taught.

First services were held in the new \$100,000 auditorium of the Sylvan Heights church in Memphis. The church was begun eight years prior to that time and membership had grown to 700. Freeman W. Gillespie was the pastor.

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Vinnie Ream Bishop, 91, the last charter member of the Glenwood church, Knox County, died. She had served as clerk of the church for over 25 years, and the library was named in her honor.

The cornerstone for the new Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville was laid during the meeting of the SBC Executive Committee. Ceremony participants included SBC president, Herschel Hobbs and the executive secretary of the Executive Committee, Porter Routh. Construction was nearing completion.

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Three Carson-Newman graduates were honored last week as recipients of the school's Distinguished Alumni Award which recognizes their accomplishments and contributions to the college and their chosen professions.

Those honored were Glenn Foust of Norton, Va., a 1911 graduate; Mae Iddins of Jefferson City, a 1926 graduate; and Henry Lambdin of Madison, N.J., also a 1911 graduate.

Foust, an honor member of his class, graduated from the University of Louisville Medical School in 1915 and started medical practice in 1916 at Dorchester, Va.

Miss Mae Iddins, a 1926 graduate, returned to Carson-Newman in 1928 to teach physical education women, the first full-time woman physical education director in the history of the school. One of her main interests was the establishment of a major in the physical education curriculum. In 1940 she wrote the "Workbook of Physical Education." She received the Honor Award from the Tennessee Physical Education Association in 1959 for her achievements.

Registration Cards

Registration cards for messengers to the annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Nov. 14-16 are available in the office of Wallace E. Anderson, Recording Secretary, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Please save this issue of "Baptist And Reflector" and bring it with you to the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville Nov. 14-16.

—The Editor

Following his graduation from Carson-Newman in 1911, Lambdin received his M.A. from New York university, a B.D. degree from Drew university, and a Ph.D. from Drew in 1935.

He has served as a minister in New Jersey and New York and was a professor in homiletics at Drew. A Methodist clergymen, he is the author of "The Methodist Church" and has written articles for the magazine "Together," "The Christian Advocate," and "Drew Gateway." In 1954, the Doane Foundation gave \$25,000 to Drew Theological School in recognition of the work of Lambdin.

'Obsession With Secondary
Matters' Held Cause of
Church Unrest

ATLANTA—The moderator of the Presbyterian church, U. S. (Southern) said here that unrest in the denomination was in part the result of "an obsession with what many people term secondary matters."

"The basic warfare of the Church is not against poverty, the Vietnam War, race, housing, population explosion, gun control, law and order, drugs and what-have-you," Dr. L. Nelson Bell told the denomination's General Council.

"These are symptoms of the disease, not the disease," he said. "The disease is sin in the human heart."

Dr. Bell, a conservative who has opposed the decision of some conservative groups to withdraw from the denomination, said part of the unrest was caused by personalities. "Some folks just can't get along with others," he said.

Dr. Bell pleaded with liberals and conservatives not to be "hypercritical" of one another. But he said that he believed "the great majority in our Church want to be unified" despite the existence of "a few in both groups who just can't be reconciled."

Listing other factors he considered responsible for the unrest, Dr. Bell declared, "We are spending too much time on organization: church union, which offers no solution to the basic problem; restructuring of synods and presbyteries, which only adds to the confusion; reorganization of boards and agencies, which so far has little to commend itself for efficiency; and a growing identification of the Church with worldly standards—situation ethics, the new morality stand on abortion, to mention a couple." (RNS)

Homecoming Services
A First At Big Springs

Homecoming services were held at the Big Springs church in Elizabethton, Sunday, Sept. 3, the first time in the church's 31-year history a celebration of that type has been held.

The church was organized Sept. 2, 1941 following a revival meeting in the area. Hampton C. Hopkins served the church for some time as a part-time pastor. The first full-time pastor to be called was Gordon Greenwell. There were 15 charter members.

In 1947 Big Springs established the Rio Vista mission under the leadership of Major Arrowood. The mission later became the Happy Valley church.

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