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## Missionaries Who Will Evangelize Said Needed Now In Latin America

**RICHMOND**—Not the quantity but quality of missionaries appointed is the principal consideration among Latin American Baptists, according to a report filed with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board by six missionaries who studied Baptist work in Central and South America during the past four years.

The six filed their seven-page "Report of the Latin American Depth Study Committee" during a meeting of the full board here. They had been named in the spring of 1968 to learn all they could about factors affecting the growth and development of Baptist churches in Latin America.

While here for the board meeting, they participated in a panel discussion of their report. The document is a summary of a 132-page report presented to administrative officials of the board.

The committee found the "overwhelming viewpoint" of Latin American Baptists is that more missionaries are needed. But the "kind and quality of missionaries sent," not the number, is the principal factor in an increasing missionary force, they said.

### God-Called Personnel

"These missionaries should go only with the assurance of divine calling to the place of assignment," stated the report.

The current scene in Latin America calls for missionaries who will specialize in the establishment and development of local congregations, and "who will do the work of evangelism as well as recommend it to others."

While the missionary's role in denominational administration will continue to lessen in Latin America, he has "an open field" for starting new churches.

"Future missionaries will have to be increasingly flexible about their place of service and be willing to respond to places of pressing opportunities," the report added.

They must rely first of all on spiritual and not material resources. "The committee questions the attitude found among some missionaries and nationals that insists on providing the present mission force with adequate funds before sending out more missionaries. The missionary, with his redemptive experience in Christ, is the key resource for missions."

Although money is important, said the committee members, the priority must be for God-called personnel.

### Tabulated 1198 Questionnaires

Vast strides have been made in Latin America, but the committee members said

they "do not believe that the results thus far achieved are equal to the opportunities that have been presented."

In gathering information, the committee made an on-the-spot study in each country covered by the report, interviewing as many missionaries, pastors and laymen as possible. Members also talked with many non-Baptists to gain a wider perspective.

During the four years of study, the committee received and tabulated 1198 questionnaires, interviewed 1222 persons and spent 32 man-months in on-the-field research.

Separate reports were prepared on Baptist work in 13 countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. Separate reports were done on Brazil's three administrative areas.

Committee members were A. Clark Scanlon, chairman, William W. Graves, Donald R. Kammerdiener, James P. Kirk, Alan P. Neely and Vance O. Nernon. (BP)



James E. Threlkeld, left, general chairman of Union University Advancement Program, is shown here receiving a "letter of intent" for \$100,000 for the university at Jackson, Tennessee, from Robert E. Horrell, chairman of budget planning for Union Avenue Baptist church. Lee Prince is pastor of the 2400-member church.

The gift is the largest gift to date received from Shelby County. Goal of the 1000-student school is \$12,000,000 for development of a new university campus on 128 acres on the outskirts of Jackson. The university is owned and operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Dr. Robert E. Craig is president.



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**NEW OFFICERS OF THE FMB:** Elected recently were (l to r): Mrs. R. B. Carter of Richmond, recording secretary; Glen E. Braswell of Denver, Colo., second vice president; Austin W. Farley of Richmond, first vice president; and W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., president. Not pictured is Miss Elizabeth Minshew of the board's staff, re-elected assistant recording secretary.

# Paul And Peter

By Herschel H. Hobbs

But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed"—Gal. 2:11.

Peter had stood tall and firm in the Jerusalem Conference (Acts 15:10-11). But the rock softened in Antioch. Theologically he was sound, but his social practice was subject to question. In Antioch he was eating with Gentiles. But when some Jews from Jerusalem arrived, he ceased to do so (v. 12). It is a typical picture of Peter as we see him in the Gospels—both stable and unstable.

This created another crisis in the Jew-Gentile controversy. For other Jews followed Peter's example. Even Barnabas did so. Was Paul to win in Jerusalem, but lose in Antioch? The barrier between Jews and Gentiles which he had worked so hard to remove with respect to the gospel was in danger of being reared again. The word "dissimulation" (v. 13) means "hypocrisy." It was hypocrisy to demand freedom for Gentiles with respect to the gospel, yet hold them in social prejudice.

So in this crisis Paul "withstood" Peter "face to face." The word rendered "withstood" means to stand over against someone. Thus Paul resisted Peter's conduct in open confrontation. In Jerusalem Paul stood with Peter as an equal. But here he shows himself superior in character and work. Which

within itself shows that Paul did not regard Peter as a super-apostle.

Some interpreters see a continuing conflict between Paul and Peter. But the evidence does not support such a view. In Corinth it seems that the Judaizers sought to use Peter's (Cephas) name in opposing Paul (I Cor. 1:12). Paul did use Peter as an example of a married man, along with other apostles and Jesus' half-brothers (I Cor. 9:5) to show that he had the same right had he chosen to do it. But there is no evidence of conflict here.

Indeed, Peter refers to Paul favorably calling him "our beloved brother Paul" who wrote "according to the wisdom given unto him" (II Pet. 3:15-16). He recognizes the validity of Paul's gospel and his claim to divine revelation.

Peter and Paul had their difference in Antioch. But it was only for the occasion, but they still remain beloved brethren in Christ.

## Devotional

### 'A Life In Tune'

By Charles D. Earl  
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bluff City

One of the dearest ladies in our church had given our youth department an old piano. It was one of those huge, monstrous pianos. In the process of moving, it was jarred out of tune. There it stood, this huge, magnificent, beautiful mass of wood, glue, copper, and steel. In its present condition, however, it was useless, good for nothing.



Charles D. Earl  
Pastor

I was leaving the office one day when a piano tuner came. I decided I would stay and watch . . . and listen. He walked over to the piano and sat down. His experienced fingers ran over the keyboard. I don't think I have ever heard anything sound quite that terrible. Frankly, I didn't think it would ever be of any value.

But then a miracle took place. From his pack of tools, the piano tuner took several items: two little strips of cloth, another funny looking little instrument, and a wrench such as I had never seen before. He would hit a note, listen, and with his wrench he would turn a little "nob" at the end of the string. He would hit the note again, and smile. About forty-five minutes later he sat down and let his musical fingers dance over the ivories. But this time it was different! This piece of furniture (junk?) I was about ready to consign to the dump heap was now sounding about as well as the expensive piano we had in the sanctuary!

What was different? It was the same wood, the same glue, the same strings, but it was not the same sound! What made the difference? The answer is simple: the instrument had been attuned by someone who knew what he was doing.

Aren't our lives a great deal like that piano? Sometimes we get pretty much out of tune. When we hit the notes of our lives we hear a terrible dischord.

Well, what can we do about it? We have one of three choices open to us. First, we can just go on being out of tune.

Second, we can try to attune ourselves. We can make an effort at trying to set ourselves in tune. Just as the piano was helpless to put itself back in tune, so are we helpless in bringing ourselves in harmony with God and His world.

The third choice open to us is the one I would hope we would all make, namely, to call the "Master Piano Tuner." When He first runs His fingers over the keyboard of our life, we make a terrible sound. But He hits a note, listens, and turns. Soon we hear ourselves begin to make a melody.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A North Carolina couple was recently married on the mile-high swinging bridge across the peaks of Grandfather Mountain.

This was an unusual setting for a marriage ceremony. But one can imagine that the idea appealed to young people inasmuch as it could be described as a "swinging wedding."

And I can almost hear the groom saying to the bride: "See, I told you if you married me, you would move up in the world."

Of course, in this setting, from the vantage point of the mountain, the bride and groom could look down and say: "Darling, this is your world and this is my world." And they should get along all right if they don't spend the rest of their lives fighting for the world's championship.

Incidentally, one way they can avoid this is to decide at the beginning of their marriage that they are not going to fall into the bad habit of making mountains out of molehills.



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## Wood Declares Church Must Engage In Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—Separation of church and state does not mean the separation of religion and politics nor the separation of religion and the state, declared a Baptist leader in a major address here.

"Furthermore," he continued, "normative church-state relations must include the right of the church to give expression to its witness and prophetic voice on all matters affecting domestic and foreign policy, war and peace, and the entire legislative and political process because of its concern for the sanctity of the rights of persons."

This broad definition of "public affairs" was spelled out by James E. Wood Jr., new executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, at a dinner meeting of the committee and representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths in the nation's capital.

Wood is the third executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee. He succeeded C. Emanuel Carlson who retired in 1971. J. M. Dawson was the first executive director.

Prior to his coming to the Baptist Joint Committee, Wood was for 17 years on the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., as professor of history of religions. At Baylor he was also chairman of the J. M. Dawson Studies in Church and State, and since its founding in 1958 he has been editor of the "Journal of Church and State."

In his first public statement since assuming the office on September 1, Wood explained his understanding of the mandate of the Baptist Joint Committee which is authorized "to act in the field of public affairs" by its nine sponsoring denominations, including the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Envisions Expanded Role

"To be true to its mission," Wood declared, "the church must be involved in public affairs because it seeks to minister to the whole man in the world, and no aspect of life can be regarded as outside of God's concern, dominion and power."

The new executive director refused to predict the future of the Baptist Joint Committee, but he did envision an expanded role in the life of the nation.

"New challenges will arise which call for different responses than those made in the past," Wood said. "It is likely," he continued, "that the agenda of the Baptist Joint Committee may well include altogether new areas of concern and action."

The direction of the new administration of the Baptist Joint Committee was made clear by repeating part of his letter of acceptance earlier in the year. At that time Wood wrote, "May no one fail to under-

stand that our commitment is first to rights, not interests; and to persons, not to institutions, as applied to all men, and not just a few."

Interpreting the care of the church for religious liberty, Wood declared that this "must necessarily include the concern of the church for all civil liberties as inalienable rights of all men."

In his inaugural address, Wood asserted that religious liberty, a free church in a free state, demands a secular state. "No establishment of religion," he said, "means a secular state, a limited state in which the people have excluded the authority and jurisdiction of the state from religious affairs."

"The secular state, as expressed in the free society," he explained, "is neither Christian, nor Buddhist, nor Muslim, nor religious, nor irreligious. To express it another way, the secular state seeks neither to promote nor to interfere with religion."

### "Fundamental Truths"

American civilization is based on a pluralistic society, the Baptist Joint Committee executive said. He explained:

"A pluralistic society is one in which minority rights are constitutionally guaranteed, and the free exercise of religion—freedom of religion and freedom from religion—is assured."

Wood attacked the "myth" that has evolved in the development of democracy in the modern world that the essence of democracy is simply majority or party rule. "In the free society," he said, "state absolutism is controlled by guarantees of civil liberties, which are, in effect, limitations on government and political authority.

"Civil liberties have no real meaning apart from individual and minority rights, which can be guaranteed only in the free society," he continued. "The totalitarian state allows and demands consent only, while the free society guarantees and requires the right of dissent as well as the voluntary consent of the governed."

"In this regard," Wood said, "it is necessary to realize that minority rights are necessary not only to sustain the principle of religion, but also to maintain a democratic form of government."

Four "fundamental truths" were enunciated as Wood explained the expanding role of the Baptist Joint Committee. They are:

"1. Involvement of the church in public affairs is an inescapable responsibility of the church. . .

"2. The church is not to be bound to the power structures of this world. . .

"3. The separation of the gospel from politics needs to be seen as an abdication of the Christian responsibility to advance justice and to serve the larger community. . .

"4. The ultimate basis of the free church idea is that which asks only for the right to be free in order to be the church. . ."

(BP)

## Large Underground Church Is Reported In China

A former missionary for the Baptist Missionary Society, William Upchurch, estimates there may be two million secret Christians in China today, "pursuing their faithful witness in an unobstructive way and belonging to a non-institutional underground church."

Upchurch's evaluation of the religious situation in China was reported in the "Baptist Times," weekly newspaper published in London.

The former missionary said that no formal church organizations exist in China today. The churches remain closed, but the buildings have not been destroyed.

No one can be sure, he said, of the exact number of Christians in China today, but 700,000 Protestant Christians and a million Catholics were reported before the institutional church was driven underground. There also are some strong indigenous Christian groups believed to continue, including a "Jesus Family" modeled after the communistic practice of New Testament Christians. "Freedom of belief remains," Upchurch said, "but freedom of propaganda is not allowed. China today is determined to be ruthlessly and puritanically patriotic, and Christianity is seen as something western."

He added: "We know that Christian broadcasts to China are listened to by Chinese Christians." (EBPS)

## Study Urges Retention Of North Carolina Hospital

ASHEBORO, N.C.—North Carolina Baptists will be asked at their annual meeting in Winston-Salem next month to reaffirm their commitment to the healing ministry and retain North Carolina Baptist Hospital as a vital part of the convention's work.

Retention of the hospital is the first of six recommendations made by a special committee of the convention after a year's study of the relationship between the hospital and convention.

The committee's report was unveiled at the fall meeting of the convention's General Board at Camp Mundo Vista, the state woman's camp, near here.

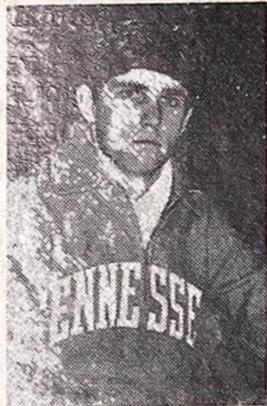
Other recommendations in the report asked for a new medical center board for the Winston-Salem hospital, designation of the Mother's Day Offering taken each year for the hospital to be used for charity care only, the hospital to match the offering with like value in hospital services, a new effort to communicate the hospital program to North Carolina Baptists, and full departmental status for the hospital's school of pastoral care.

The Winston-Salem hospital operates in cooperation with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, and has developed through the years into an academic medical center. (BP)

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# Annual Baptist Student Convention Scheduled In Johnson City Oct. 27-28

Tom Jensen, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives for the State of Tennessee; David Edgar, Gold Medalist in the 1972 Olympics and assistant coach at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and John H. Westbrook, consultant in the National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, will be among the featured speakers at the 44th annual state Baptist Student Union convention, Oct. 27-28, at Central church in Johnson City.



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Henry



Yarbrough

First church, Kingsport. John Tresch, pastor of First church, Greeneville, will lead a conference "Who's Got the Spirit?"

The Saturday afternoon period will be

## Apartments For Aged and Handicapped Sponsored By Bridgeport Baptist Church

**BRIDGEPORT, Conn.**—Washington Heights Apartment, a non-profit, rent-controlled housing project insured by the Federal Housing Administration, is sponsored here by the First Baptist church and the American Baptist Management Corporation.

In order to be eligible for one of the 119 apartments, tenants must be at least 62 years old, or a handicapped person 18 years of age or over. A family of two must have an income not in excess of \$7965 a year. Other income limits are \$6075 per year for one person, and \$7965 per year for a family of three. (ABNS)

highlighted with a missions presentation by Henry. Glen Yarbrough, secretary of the Student Department, stated that more than 500 students from BSU's across the state are expected to attend. Eddie Don Gambrell, president of the State BSU, will preside at all sessions. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. Friday.

## Royal Ambassador Week Is Scheduled For Nov. 5-11

Royal Ambassador Week will be observed in Baptist churches throughout Tennessee, Nov. 5-11, in observance of the anniversary of the Southern Baptist Missionary Education Organization for boys. Programs, activities, and displays will be utilized in individual churches to show the work of the Royal Ambassador and to provide special honor to the boys and their counselors for their contributions to missions, according to Roy Gilleland Jr., state Brotherhood secretary.

The first Royal Ambassador chapter in Tennessee was organized in May 1908. During that first year nine chapters were started. In 1972, 744 churches reported an enrollment of 11,858 Royal Ambassadors in 1283 chapters. Royal Ambassador Week was begun in 1957 as Focus Week. The name was changed to Royal Ambassador Week in 1960.

Bill Highsmith, state RA director, said that many churches would recognize RA boys during the regular weekly services of the church.

The Southern Baptist organization is the largest Christian organization in the world solely for boys. It is international in scope, with organizations in 47 countries and 50 states in the United States.

## Association News

### Lawrence County Renames Paul Tabor

Paul Tabor, pastor of First church, Lawrenceburg, was re-elected moderator of the Lawrence County Association at its annual meeting, Oct. 6-7 at the Bonnertown church. Elected to serve with Tabor as vice-moderator was James Harney, pastor of the Immanuel church, Lawrenceburg.

Mrs. Ludon Sandlin, a member of the Highland Park church in Lawrenceburg, was re-elected clerk, and Mrs. Jack Malone, First church, Lawrenceburg, was re-elected treasurer.

Messengers adopted a resolution expressing objection to state educational institutions permitting drinking on the college campuses, Tabor stated.

## Committee Named To Study SBC Retirement Benefits

**DALLAS**—Ten persons have been named to a committee to recommend a way of increasing retirement benefits paid by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board based here.

Donald E. Bowles, Dallas, chairman of Annuity Board trustees, said the committee appointments follow instructions given to the Annuity Board by the 1972 session of the convention.

John S. Rasco, Odessa, Tex., pastor, and another member of the Annuity Board's trustees, was named as chairman.

Harvey T. Whaley, a retired minister living in Charleston, S.C., who presented the motion that led to convention action, will also serve on the committee.

In line with Whaley's motion, the committee includes representatives of trustees of the Annuity Board, SBC Executive Committee, Baptist state conventions, annuitants drawing benefits from the board, and staff members of the Annuity Board.

Other members of the committee include: Ira D. Hudgins of Franklin, Va., and Rex Phillips of Spokane, Wash., (Annuity Board trustees); Norvell G. Jones of St. Louis and Steward B. Simms of Greer, S.C., (Executive Committee members); Ralph Bacon of Dallas (an annuitant); W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss. (Mississippi Baptist Convention executive secretary); and Baynard F. Vox and Mrs. Bernelle Harrison of Dallas (Annuity Board staff).

Bowles said the committee will have a report for presentation to the 1973 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Ore. (BP)

## Cursing Case Goes To The Supreme Court

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A case involving cursing on the street has gone to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal contending that a District of Columbia policeman's arrest of a man uttering curse words at him is "obnoxious" and "a serious and unlawful infringement upon the liberty of many citizens."

"We strenuously urge," ACLU's petition stated, "that this delegation of authority to police to arrest for speech on public streets should be reviewed and sharply curtailed by this court."

The case began in October 1969, when William Von Schleicher was arrested in the Georgetown section of Washington on a disorderly conduct charge—for using obscene language in public.

Von Schleicher, however, was later convicted of possession of heroin and sentenced to a jail term of 90 days. He was never prosecuted for disorderly conduct, having been brought to trial only on the narcotics possession charge. His attorney argued that the seizure of the heroin was illegal because it resulted from an arrest for disorderly conduct which was, he said, improper. (RNS)

## Associations Elect

### Bradley County Re-elects Wright As Moderator

Messengers to the Bradley County Associational meeting gathered at the Blue Springs church, the Calvary church, and the Parkway church in Cleveland Oct. 9-10, and re-elected Charles Reed Wright, pastor of the Candis Creek church, as moderator.

Re-elected to serve with Wright was vice-moderator Sam Brooks, pastor of the Big Spring church. John Paysinger, a member of the Valley View church, will serve as treasurer, and Rodney Van Dyke, pastor of First church, Cleveland, clerk.

J. W. Rymer, associational missionary, said that the Nuway church was accepted into the membership of the association. Bill Liner is pastor of the church.

### Trussell To Head Dyer For Coming Year

Messengers attending meetings of the Dyer Association recently elected Reuben Trussell, pastor of the Hillcrest Avenue church in Dyersburg, as moderator for the coming year. Elected to serve with Trussell was vice-moderator Max Walker, pastor of First church, Newbern.

Isaac Jones, pastor of the Southside church in Dyersburg, was re-elected to the post of clerk, and Guthrie Dotson, a member of First church, Dyersburg, was re-elected treasurer.

W. W. Shanklin, associational missionary, said that the Westside church in Dyersburg was accepted into membership of the association. Leonard Ballinger is the pastor. He reported that the church was one of the top 10 churches in the association in baptisms during the past year.

Meetings were held Oct. 9-10 at First church, Dyersburg and Hawthorne church, Dyersburg.

### Brown Is Selected By Hardin County

James Brown, pastor of the Hopewell church, Savannah, was elected moderator of the Hardin County Association at its annual meeting Oct. 9-10.

The meetings were held at the Southside church and the Double Springs church in Savannah. Marvin Suiter is the associational missionary.

Ernest Steelman, pastor of the Southside church, Savannah, was elected vice-moderator, and Billy Kerr, a member of the Mt. Herman church, Savannah, was re-elected treasurer. Another layman, Jesse Hunt, First church, Savannah, was elected to serve as clerk.

Suiter reported that the highest number of baptisms in the history of the association was reported by the churches. Nine churches had 235 baptisms during the past year.

### Delaney Is Renamed By Maury Association

William Delaney, pastor of the Highland Park church, Columbia, was re-elected moderator of the Maury Association at its annual meeting at First church, Columbia, recently.

Elected to serve for the first time as vice-moderator was James Prewitt, pastor of the Northside church, Columbia. Mrs. Cecil Judkins, a member of the Highland Park church, was re-elected to the post of clerk and treasurer. She serves also as associational secretary.

William R. Dunning is associational missionary.

### Tuten Is New Moderator In Weakley County

Robert L. Newman, associational missionary for Weakley County, reported that baptisms showed a gain of 365 throughout the association during the past year for a total of 635. Sunday School enrolment was up by 442, he said also.

At the recent annual associational meeting held at Gearin's chapel in Greenfield, W. C. Tuten was elected moderator, and Dwayne Ervin was selected assistant moderator. Wayne Perkins will serve as clerk, and Roy Auvenshine will be the assistant clerk. Huron Gallimore was elected treasurer.

### Turner Is Elected Seminary Professor

Paul Winston Turner, former Tennessee pastor and student, has been named professor of ministry and director of professional training at Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., according to an announcement by seminary president Harold Graves.



Turner

The appointment of Turner, who was serving as pastor of the East Baptist church in Louisville, Ky., is effective immediately.

A major function of the newly created dual-role position involves overseeing of projects in ministry and progress of students in the new doctor of ministry program.

A native of Arkansas, Turner grew up in West Tennessee and is a graduate of Union university in Jackson. He began his 30-year career as a pastor in West Tennessee and Kentucky. From 1948-58, he served as pastor of the First Baptist church in Clinton; and was pastor of the Brook Hollow church in Nashville from 1958-67. He earned the bachelor of divinity, master of theology, and doctor of sacred theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

### Baptist-Catholic Dialogue Examines Problems, Shortcomings

By Erwin L. McDonald

HOUSTON — Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists confessed their shortcomings and explored ways of helping each other and fellow Christians during the second annual Baptist-Catholic Regional Conference here at the Sheraton-Astro World Hotel.

During the conference's opening session, Thomas Starkes, secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of interfaith witness who presided over the meeting, pointed out the importance of the dialogue session.

**"It is imperative that we as representatives of 30 per cent of the nation's total population come together to get better acquainted and to have dialogue on problems of mutual concern,"** said Starkes, pointing out that Baptists and Catholics number more than 60 million.

Both a Catholic bishop and a Baptist pastor shared the podium in the opening discussion on "Living the Faith in Today's World."

James Flamming, pastor of First Baptist church, Abilene, Tex., suggested that Southern Baptists could teach Catholics a few things about stewardship, how to get people to study their Bibles, Christian fellowship, and methods of evangelism.

Flamming told the 80 Baptist and Catholic participants that Catholics, on the other hand could teach Southern Baptists a lot. "Christians of all communions must eventually come to grips with the Church.

**He listed as some of the "warts" of the church, including both Catholic and Protestant church, such things as: preaching more than we practice, more often reflecting the culture rather than the person and work of Christ, and getting so bogged down in traditions and mechanics that we lose the joy of the gospel.**

The church, he added, often suggests more mercy that we are prone to mete out; it stresses more urgency than our daily habits allow; it declares more love than we practice; it preaches more forgiveness than we in reality forgive; and it declares more dedication than our weekly schedules permit. "We are, in fact, perennial hypocrites," he confessed.

Flamming argued that facing these problems should not cause church members to quit their churches, but rather should challenge them to give of themselves in seeking solutions.

Bishop William W. Baum of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Catholic Diocese deplored another conflict which he said had divided both Protestants and Catholics in recent years—debate between those who emphasize social aspects of the gospel and those who emphasize personal salvation. (BP)

## SBC Televangelism Slated Feb. 11 On 20 Stations

ATLANTA—"Spring Street USA," Southern Baptists' first attempt at presenting the gospel in a variety show format through television media, will premiere Feb. 11, 1973, on 20 television stations across the nation.

The half-hour color program, first of a 13-week series, will feature evangelism leader Kenneth L. Chafin as host. Producer of the program is Truett Myers of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, located at 1350 Spring Street, N.W., here, had been responsible for content of the show, while the Radio-TV Commission located in Fort Worth is cooperating with the production and distribution of the programs.

Although the premiere of "Spring Street USA" is not a major network showing, it will be broadcast over 20 stations mostly in the southern states, with plans to triple the number of stations by the end of the year.

The format includes music, interviews and a message by Chafin, former director of the Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism who is now pastor of South Main Baptist church in Houston.

Guests for the program include such notables as Norma Zimmer, soloist for the Lawrence Welk television show.

The Spring Street Singers, a newly formed musical group, will appear regularly. Music by Beryl Red, president of B-R Productions and Generic Music Co., in New York City, one of Baptists' best-known composers and arrangers, will be used for the telecasts.

Chafin said that the show attempts "in music, interviews and in message to com-

municate Jesus Christ and invite men to a personal relationship with him."

Fred B. Moseley of Atlanta, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board and acting director of the Evangelism Division, said that before the year is out, the program will be broadcast on 75 or more stations throughout the nation.

Expansion of the program to additional stations depends partly on financing, Moseley said. He added that Baptists who would like for the program to be broadcast in their area and who would provide financial support toward purchase of time should contact the board.

The half-hour program and the singing group derive their names from the 1350 Spring Street address of the Atlanta-based Home Mission Board. (BP)

### Religious Presence At Conventions Hailed By Miami Beach Chief

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Historically, police are suspicious of everybody, especially religious groups." Miami Beach Police Chief Rocky Pomerance said here, but his experiences during the political conventions in his city this summer changed his attitude.

Appearing on a panel before the United Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society here, the police chief (who jocularly referred to himself as a "pantheistic mystic") gave high praise to Religious and Community Leaders Concerned (RCLC), which was formed to act as a mediating group between the police and demonstrators and Miami Beach residents during the Democratic and Republic Party conventions.

He paid special tribute to the Rev. John Adams, a chief organizer of RCLC, who worked closely with him during the conventions. Mr. Adams is director of the Department of Law, Justice and Community Relations established in 1968 within the Division of General Welfare of the United Methodist Church.

"John's relationship with the police, the 'movement people,' and the community was one of integrity," Chief Pomerance said. "He never revealed any confidences of any group to any other . . . The role played by John was very important."

The most significant thing about Religious and Community Leaders Concerned to the police chief was that it was there before a potential crisis, and didn't come on the scene after a situation gets out of hand.

"I would recommend that this type of involvement be continued and encouraged," he said. "Churches and other groups like churches must become more deeply involved," the police chief said. "You have the potential: you're already in every community in the country."

What Religious and Community Leaders Concerned proved at Miami Beach is that it can be done, he held. (RNS)

## Foundation

### Foundations And Associations

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation enjoys a happy and healthy relationship to the associations in Tennessee. The response of our people to a cooperative effort has produced varied results.

One association is located in an area where a government project took over the territory of several of their churches. Selling their property the churches placed the proceeds with the Foundation as trust funds. These churches dead? Never! They are now witnessing around the world through the earnings from the trust and will this year pay over \$4000 into the association's treasury. This will continue until Jesus comes.

Another association has begun a memorial trust fund. When a member dies the church gives the association \$100 to be added to the memorial fund with the Foundation. Each year the association receives the income. The deceased members' names are carried each year in the association's minutes.

Several wills have included trust funds whereby income will be paid to the association each year for all ages to come. They loved the Lord and wanted to keep the home base strong.

One retired Superintendent of Missions has set up a trust fund with the income being paid to the association that meant so much during his active ministry. He will be serving that association long after he has gone to heaven.

Your Foundation is happy to advise Christian stewards about how to strengthen their associational programs through a trust fund now or to be provided in their wills. Write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

### Anglicans Recommend Ordination Of Women

Anglican churches should ordain more women who have a call to the ministry. And men and women should have an equal ministerial partnership.

These recommendations were published recently in a report from the doctrinal commission of the Anglican Church in Wales.

The report says that if the ordination of women is acceptable then every form of ministry should be open to both sexes throughout the world-wide Anglican communion.

The report continues: "Maybe not many women are called; maybe social conditions will continue to limit the number who respond; undoubtedly ingrained prejudice will disappear only slowly." (EBPS)

### Dreucillar Fordham Becomes First Woman Pastor In SBC

NEW YORK—Mrs. Dreucillar Fordham here has become the first woman to serve as pastor of a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association accepted into full membership the Christ Temple Baptist church, a black congregation which Mrs. Fordham has served as pastor since the church was founded in 1953.

The church, also affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., is now affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention by virtue of its membership in the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

During its annual meeting at nearby Greenwich, Conn., the association voted unanimously to accept the Christ Temple church, along with a Chinese church located in Chinatown, a Ukrainian church in Brooklyn, and an American Baptist Convention-affiliated congregation in Montclair, N.J. (BP)

# SBC Annuity Board Shifts Health Plan To Aetna Life

**DALLAS**—A new health benefit plan, featuring a change in insurance companies, has been announced here by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board.

The new plan will cover pastors and other church staff personnel in the 11.8 million member convention.

Darold H. Morgan, board president, said the medical insurance program will be moved from Blue Cross-Blue Shield to Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company, effective Jan. 1, 1973.

The change responds to feelings expressed at the 1972 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, Morgan said.

**There, the convention adopted the motion of a Knoxville, Tenn., pastor who asked the Annuity Board to consider finding another health insurance company. Ray O. Jones of Knoxville made the motion.**

There are 12,771 pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music, and other church employees taking part in the present health benefit plan, which offers hospitalization and medical insurance coverage.

Employees of denominational agencies and institutions are not affected by the changes, since they are in group health plans for agencies.

Morgan pointed out that Blue Cross-Blue Shield, which has provided health benefit insurance to SBC churches since 1965, increased rates in the SBC plan 36 per cent in 1971 and another 36 per cent in 1972. At the same time, the board received complaints about slow payment of claims.

Claims against Blue Cross-Blue Shield in 1971 exceeded premiums, however, by about \$500,000 according to the board's report to the convention at Philadelphia.

With Aetna Life and Casualty, the Annuity Board believes it has gained improved benefits, service, and stability, Morgan said.

Aetna's contract bars any rate increase until July 1, 1974.

**Another new feature of coverage under Aetna classifies insured persons by age and geographical locations. There is a very direct relationship between the costs of medical insurance with area and age," Morgan explained. "The only fair way is for each of us to assume his share of the cost."**

To be most effective, group hospitalization and medical insurance must include 75 per cent of the individuals in the group to be insured, Morgan said. Under Blue Cross-Blue Shield, less than 50 per cent of church-employed personnel in the SBC signed up.

Churches, being autonomous, are not required to use the health benefit plan offered by the Annuity Board, Morgan said, and

thus, are different from commercial business and industry, which can make employee participation mandatory.

"We will make a renewed and determined effort to convince churches of the value of the plan for their staff," Morgain said, "and try to enrol 75 per cent."

In some cases, change of companies will mean the individual will pay more, in others less, than he has been paying for Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Morgan continued.

The Annuity Board had three courses of action open to it for its health benefit plan, according to Morgan.

One, the plan could operate without change. Two, the board could close the plan, and quit offering hospitalization and medical insurance. Three, it could change the plan and the company, Morgan said.

**"To leave the health benefit plan without change would violate the spirit of the SBC action at Philadelphia," Morgan said. It would also lead to increased complaints about service.**

To close the health benefit plan would expose too many ministers to "no health coverage" status because of restrictions due to their health conditions, Morgain said. It would also remove needed protection for ministers and their families who would have to start over in some other type health plan.

"The only feasible alternative was to change the plan and change the company," Morgan said.

"Aetna has agreed to insure all employees and dependents now insured by the health benefit plan without evidence of good health, if application is made on or before Jan 1, 1973," he added. (BP)

## **11 Hawaiian Denominations Form Coalition To Oppose Gambling, "Erosion Of Morals"**

**HONOLULU**—A newly formed Coalition of Clergy and Laity, composed of the heads of 11 Churches in Hawaii, has urged Gov. John A. Burns to reconvene the State Legislature specifically to consider repeal of the highly controversial "social gambling" provision of the new Penal Code which will become effective on Jan. 1.

The leaders of Hawaii's religious community headed by Roman Catholic Bishop John J. Scanlan—called a press conference at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace in downtown Honolulu. It marked the first time in island history that the heads of various denominations had joined together on a solid front for any reason.

The basic purpose of the group, as announced at the conference, will be to deal with what they consider the erosion of morals in Hawaiian society and, by combining forces, marshal a political voice to make themselves heard. (RNS)

## **Billy Graham Association Files For Radio Station In Hawaii**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has filed with the Federal Communications Commission for a license to build a radio station in Hawaii having the capability of sending programs as far as Indonesia.

A spokesman for the Graham association in Minneapolis said the purpose of the non-commercial station would be to transmit the Gospel of Christ to the 20,000 islands of the South Pacific.

"No one is reaching the South Pacific with this type of program," George M. Wilson, the spokesman said.

He said the station would operate on long, medium and short-wave and provide 24-hour programming in up to 10 languages. Part of its range, Wilson said, would be the populous islands in the Indonesian Republic.

There are up to 75 similar stations already licensed around the world, Wilson said.

The Graham association's interests include Stations KAIM in Honolulu and WFGW in Black Mountain, N. C. The evangelist serves on the board of both stations.

Wilson said the application to build the new station does not indicate this type venture will be a new thrust by the Evangelistic association. (RNS)

## **World Population: 3,782,000,000**

The 1972 World Population Data Sheet covering 160 countries has been released by the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., in Washington, D.C. The summary sheet gives the mid-1972 estimate of world population at 3,782,000,000.

In terms of population growth Kuwait leads with an 8.2 per cent growth rates, while Luxembourg has a 0.1 rate. Several Latin American countries show a 3.4 rate.

In per capita Gross National Product the United States leads with \$4240, with Kuwait running second with \$3320. Twenty-six countries show less than \$100 as per capita GNP. (EBPS)

## **Spanish Authorities Permit Blessitt To Carry Cross, Distribute Leaflets**

**SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain**—Overruling an action taken by frontier police, Spanish authorities authorized U.S. evangelist Arthur Blessitt to take up his cross again and make a missionary journey through Spain.

Blessitt, 31, who is making what he calls a "Round-the-World-Jesus-Trip," carrying a ninety-pound wooden cross, was detained for questioning by Spanish customs authorities when he arrived from France at the border station of Irun on Oct. 3.

The police confiscated his cross, pending a decision by higher authorities.

The evangelist arrived in a Land Rover, with his wife and four children and a fellow American evangelist, Gary Davis. (RNS)

# Tennessee News Briefs

The Lincoln Avenue church in Newport ordained **Paul Turner** and **Charles McNabb** as deacons recently and elected **Bill Chambers** as the "Layman of the Year" for the church. The runners-up for the layman award were **Jim Maloy** and **McNabb**. **S. E. Loxley**, former pastor of the church, preached at the ordination sermon for the deacons. **Robert Dennis Walker** is pastor of the church.

Hermitage Hills church, Nashville Association, ordained **Wallace Everett** as a deacon. **George C. Becvar** is pastor.

**Herman E. Callahan**, pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, Hixson, reported that the church has installed a deacon rotation system and ordained **Burke C. Combs**, **Ralph G. Fine**, **Dan L. McGrew**, and **Lawrence B. Miller** as deacons.

An area Bus Clinic and Homecoming activities will be held at the Avondale church, Chattanooga, Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 5, according to Pastor **James H. Walker**. The guest speaker for the morning service of Homecoming Day will be **Ralph Feild**, one of the church's former pastors. The clinic will be in session Nov. 2 and 3 with special speakers including **Ray Sadler**, minister of evangelism, Park Avenue church, Nashville; **J. J. Wolf**, **Barton** and **Janice Barrett**, Total Evangelistic Concepts, Nashville; **William A. Powell**, Home Mission Board; and **Gardner Gentry**, Beth Haven Baptist church, Louisville, Ky.

Black Oaks Heights church, Knoxville, had **Robert G. Lee**, as guest speaker for "Round-up Day," Oct. 1. The 26-year-old church had the largest Sunday School and worship service attendance in its history. **J. C. Parvott** is pastor.

**Clay Brooks** was ordained as a deacon in the Glenwood church, Powell. **Charles M. Sharits** is pastor.

Members of the First Baptist church in Philadelphia have sent their pastor and wife, **Dillard** and **Maxine Hagan**, for a 15-day tour to the Holy Land, Oct. 23-Nov. 6.

**Tommy King** has been ordained a deacon at the Fairview church in the Clinton Association. **Jimmy Parker** is the pastor.

The Grandview church in Nashville held note-burning and homecoming services recently, marking the final payment of a \$150,000 debt on the Gray Memorial Education Building. **Ted Ingram**, pastor, said that the final payment was made more than two years before the scheduled date.

**Joseph L. Dobson**, **James W. Henry**, and **J. Barry Richards** were ordained as deacons at the Brainerd church in Chattanooga. **J. Ralph McIntyre** is pastor.

The Sharon church in Knoxville has ordained **Arthur Davis**, **Shelby Huff**, **Fred Owenby**, and **Gerald Satterfield** as deacons. **James Robertson** is pastor.

**Thomas E. McLemore** has been appointed associate medical director for Baptist Memorial Hospital's Lung Station in Memphis. In this capacity he will work with **William Potter** in all areas of the station including the Pulmonary Physiology Laboratory, Pulmonary Rehabilitation Unit, Respiratory Therapy Department, and the School of Respiratory Therapy. **McLemore** received his premedical and medical training at the University of Georgia and the Medical College of Georgia. Prior to coming to Baptist Memorial, he was director, Respiratory Therapy and Respiratory Physiology Laboratory and associate chief, Respiratory Diseases Section at the V.A. Hospital in Memphis.

The Mt. Hermon church, Murfreesboro, dedicated completely new facilities on Sunday, Oct. 8. The new building consists of the sanctuary, a baptistry, pastor's study, choir loft and two classrooms. The ground level contains 10 classrooms and a store room. Pastor **James Davis** stated that a kitchen would be added at a later date. The auditorium seats 225. Members of the church presented their pastor with a money tree and a gift of a trip to the Holy Land on the occasion of the dedication and in appreciation for his service to the church.

Park Avenue church, Nashville, reported the greatest number of people in Sunday School on Sunday, Oct. 1, in the 85-year history of the church. There were 1467 who attended. **Bob Mowrey** is pastor.

The Isoline church, Cumberland Plateau Association, had homecoming and revival services recently with **Robert Hopkins Jr.**, Morristown, as evangelist. **Ronald Harris** is pastor of the church.

**Edmond Lowell Anderson** was ordained a deacon by the Ridgedale church in Chattanooga recently. **Johnny Gray** is the church's pastor.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wakefield, missionaries to Southeast Asia, may now be addressed at 39 Jalan Ampang, Singapore 10. Wakefield, who became a field representative for Southeast Asia on Sept. 1, is a native of Missouri. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, he was Baptist Student Union director in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Annie Sue Clift, missionary to Japan, was scheduled to arrive this month for a six-month furlough in the States. She may be addressed at Rt. 2, Newbern, Tenn., 38059. When she was appointed by the

## Choral Clinic Planned

### At C-N College Oct. 26-27

Donald Neuen, director of choral activities at Georgia State university and assistant to Robert Shaw with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, will conduct a choral clinic at Carson-Newman college, Oct. 26-27, according to Frank Charton, TBC Church Music Department head.

Under the direction of Professor Charles Jones, veteran director of the C-N a cappella choir, Neuen will conduct the a cappella choir and the men's and women's choruses in a series of clinical type rehearsals in which suggestions for both choral techniques and interpretive procedure will be made.

Neuen is a graduate of Ball State university and has served as conductor of the Indianapolis Symphonic Chorus. In 1967 he sang professionally in the Robert Shaw Chorale, and prior to coming to Atlanta, he served as director of choral activities at the University of Wisconsin.

## Union Valley Marks

### Centennial Observance

The Union Valley church in Knoxville marked its centennial observance on Sunday, Oct. 15, with special services at the church. **Jim Wilcox**, pastor of the church, moderated the day's program, and **Tommy Thomas** led the singing and directed the choir.

The oldest living pastor of the church, **S. H. Clark**, was a featured speaker on the program. He spoke for the first time to members of the church on March 7, 1915, the occasion being the ordination of several deacons. **Grid Henry**, pastor of the church from 1928-30, spoke on the program also. Other pastors present included **Henry L. Ruth**, **Dewey S. Loveday**, **J. T. Helton**, and **William G. Jackson**, now associated with Harrison-Chilhowee academy, who gave the church history.

Union Valley was organized on the second Saturday of October 1872. The church was a charter member of Little River Association and also of the Chilhowee Association. It is now a member of the Sevier Association. Members elected a messenger to go to the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1973.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**Ronnie Drake** has resigned as minister of music at the Hermitage Hills church in Hermitage, Nashville Association. The church has called **Don Witt** to assume the position. **George Becvar** is the pastor.

**John La Prairie**, minister of music and education at the LaBelle Place church, Shelby Association, has resigned to accept the call of the East Toledo Baptist church in Toledo, Ohio. **Benny Jackson** is the pastor.

Foreign Mission Board in 1961, she was a staff nurse at a Dyersburg hospital. She is a native of the Newbern area.

# Freedom Under Authority

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

**Background Passage: II Chronicles 10:1-6.**

**Focal Passages: Romans 13:1-7; I Peter 2:11-17.**



Darby

The desire of man for absolute freedom is as old as the Genesis account of the fall of man, which reflects the human yearning to be free even of divine restraint. One of the popular terms of our times is "liberation." The ladies talk of "woman's lib." Young people insist upon "doing their thing." Psychologists talk of "liberated" personalities. Much of the talk against the "system" and the rebellion against our institutions stem from the idea that the "establishment" is oppressive. We insist that all men are born "free and equal."

However intense the desire for absolute freedom, the idea is an illusion. To be "free and equal" politically is a worthy purpose, but no person is free absolutely. We are limited in so many ways. We are limited by the essence of human existence. We are limited by the nature of the universe. We are limited by the day in which we live. We are limited by environment and heredity. No one is completely free.

## The Danger Of Uncontrolled Human Behavior.

In one sense, it is good that we are not completely free. Human beings are capable of terrible things. Unbridled and uncontrolled baser human instincts can be very hurtful and destructive. Man's capacity for evil is too real and too great for absolute individual freedom.

## History Reveals That Human Behavior Requires Restraint.

Paul, in Romans 13:1-7, seems to accept the premise that there is evil in society that must be restrained. The principle of authority, or government, is a recognition of this fact and must be seen as being in keeping with divine will. Rulers, then, are to be seen, not in terms of abrasive and abusive restraints, but in terms of protection. Paul suggests that we should understand the necessity for government, respect its representatives, and have no fear of rulers or government unless we have evil intentions.

## The Christian Response To Government.

Historically, Christians have varied in attitude and response to government. Some have viewed government as a part of an evil worldly system that is hopelessly lost and beyond redemption. It is, therefore, to be avoided. No oaths are to be taken, no civil

office is to be held, no church member shall serve in the military, and no vote is to be cast. Complete separation, as far as possible, is seen as the ideal. Others have taken the opposite view. Ministers have held civil office, served in armies, and Christians in general have been an integral part of government. The apostle Paul appears to encourage an understanding for the necessity of government, a willingness to cooperate with government, and a proper respect for it.

## The Problem Of Imperfect Government.

Divine sanction does not imply perfection. Government is a very human institution and very tainted with human imperfection. The Christian may respect government and have a proper attitude toward it; at the same time, however, he may have a problem of conscience. How far should a Christian go in cooperating with a government with which he disagrees? If one feels that by being obedient to the government he is contradicting sound judgment, violating his conscience, or actually denying his faith, what is he to do? What is the Christian response?

Our young people, and others, are asking such questions today. "Shall I pay taxes to support a war that I feel is immoral?" "How can I respect the principle of government when the representatives and agents of it are sometimes evil and criminal?" "At what point is the Christian justified or obligated to revolt?"

## The Christian And Revolution.

Revolution is not a new thing. When Solomon died, his son and successor, Rehoboam, refused wise counsel. He increased taxes and other government demands. The people rebelled and Jeroboam became King of Israel with ten tribes. Rehoboam was King of Judah and Benjamin only. From this point, the descendants of Abraham were known as Israel of the North and Judah of the South. Second Chronicles 10:1-6 tells the story. First Kings 12 implies that such was in the providence of God because of the sins of Solomon.

When is revolution justified? Who can know? Judgments will certainly vary. In facing the question, at least five factors must be taken into consideration.

(1) An individual should be certain that he is not being motivated by an unrealistic idealism.

(2) One must be certain that he is not being used by enemies of his country. Every country has enemies who, for reasons that are seldom holy, are seeking the disruption and destruction of orderly process.

(3) One should be aware of the risks of defiance. To revolt is to risk severe consequences. One should be willing to pay the full price before he acts.

(4) One should be certain that he has the wisdom and sufficient information upon which to base a decision.

(5) In spite of the realities of life and the problems involved, one should see responsible citizenship as an expression of Christian faith. Peter encouraged the "elect strangers" of the first century to submit themselves to the ordinances of civil rulers as an example for others and as the Christian expression of liberty. Citizenship by choice rather than coercion. The Christian ideal is to "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." (I Peter 2:17).

## California Church Council Opposes Bid To Restore Death Penalty

**SACRAMENTO**—The California Church Council is urging opposition to a proposition on the November election ballot that would give the state legislature the power to establish mandatory death sentences for certain crimes.

In its September "Legislative News Alert," the Council reviewed decisions made in February and June of this year by the California Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court, respectively. It noted that the California court ruled that capital punishment violated the "cruel or unusual punishment" prohibition of the state constitution and that the federal court ruled that some applications of the death penalty, as administered, were unconstitutional. (RNS)

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# Centenarians Prove To Be Blessing To Huntingdon Church Ministry

Can elderly Christians be a blessing to their church? Can they have a vital part in the on-going of Christ's message? Members of First Baptist church of Huntingdon think so. They have two members who have shared their witness and been an influence in the church for a number of years—and they are both over 100 years of age.



**J. E. "Pappy" Pickler**

According to George W. Hill, the church's pastor, Mrs. J. C. McAuley and J. E. "Pappy" Pickler have been a definite asset to the church and its program. Mrs. McAuley celebrated her one hundredth birthday on Sept. 26. The pastor related that because of the love of the church mem-

bers for her and for what she has meant to the church, the Sunday bulletin was dedicated to hear on that occasion. She was presented with a special plaque from the church also. Up until her birthday she had lived by herself, done everything for herself, and attended church services regularly, rarely missing a service, he stated. On her birthday she sustained a fall which resulted in a move to a local rest home to recuperate.

Mrs. McAuley was born near Halls, Tennessee on Sept. 26, 1872. She became a Christian when she was 12 years of age and joined the Methodist Church. When she was 17, she became a Baptist. She has had her membership in the following churches since 1889: First church, Halls; Elon church, near Halls; Union church, Benton County; Westport church, Westport; and First church, Huntingdon. She has been active in church work and was a deacon's wife for many years.

"Pappy" Pickler was born Jan. 30, 1868 in Buena Vista, Tennessee—he is 104 years old. He was saved when he was 29 years of age and was ordained a deacon in the Mt. Nebo church in 1912. He has been a member of only two churches in his life: the Mt. Nebo and Huntingdon churches. He joined

the Huntingdon church Aug. 25, 1945 and served as a deacon there also. He was church clerk at Mt. Nebo from 1910-1938.



**Mrs. J. C. McAuley**

Pickler attributes his old age to "always trying to be home at roostin' time, working hard, and the good Lord being good to me." Pickler appears to be correct in his assessment: he was married for over 70 years before his wife died; he had 11 children and raised nine of them; seven are living at the present time. He is the grandfather of 18, the great grandfather of 28, and the great great grandfather of one. Between the ages of 24 and 60, Pickler worked as a contractor, construction superintendent, and road commissioner. He recalls voting in 19 presidential elections and has plans to vote in the twentieth one coming up next month.

The Huntingdon members do not forget their ministry to these two elderly people nor to others of their church who are shut in. Each week approximately 30 members of the church receive a "Sunday School Letter Lesson" which the office has mailed out for a number of years. The mail-out consists of a few words from the pastor and a study and explanation of the current Sunday School lesson. Also, visits and other personal contacts are made in order that the elderly and shut-ins unable to attend regularly will still realize how much they mean to the fellowship of the church.

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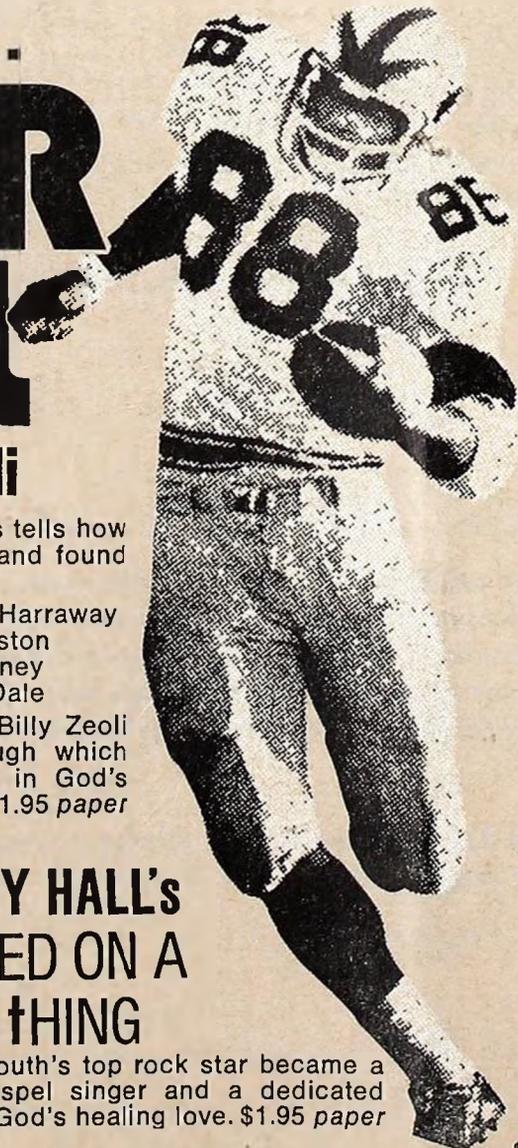


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From an address by Baylor University President Abner V. McCall at the Convocation of the 125th annual session of the University, September, 1969.

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# The Self-Sufficient Man

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**Basic Passages: Genesis 25:21-34; 27:1-40**

**Focal Passages: Genesis 25:21, 29-33; 27:1-4, 19-22, 30-32**

There is no such thing as the self-sufficient man though there are many who think and feel that they are. So often they consider



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that they are self-made and self-sufficient. This assumption is false, self-deceiving and dangerous.

In this day of wide-spread education and technology many men are climbing to heights of great achievement very rapidly. It too often goes to their heads and takes over their hearts.

Then they no longer feel any need for God and take seriously His claims no more. They change their standards of human behavior and their concepts of value are greatly revised.

Certain proprieties are observed for the purpose of maintaining outward respectability. Yet their hearts are set on perilous possessions and positions. They do not realize how ephemeral and frail are all the things that absorb their lives. They have much that they can lose and little that they cannot lose.

## Unusual Providence Gen. 25:21

In answer to Isaac, his barren wife was made productive. This reminds us of Abraham's experience with Jacob's mother. That time twins resulted.

Rebekah was puzzled at the situation before the birth of the boys. She went to the Lord to inquire about the matter and the Lord informed her that she carried in her womb the progenitors of two nations.

He told her that the younger would rule over the older and would enjoy the place of the elder brother.

## Brother Takes Advantage of Brother Gen. 25:24-33

Esau came home one day famished for food. He was a man of the fields and forests. Jacob was cooking what was evidently his favorite food. He wanted to eat some of it immediately.

Jacob bargained with him for his birthright. Esau was so under the mastery of his appetite that he traded with him. With a full stomach he went on his way seemingly satisfied. He treated his birthright very lightly. He has many descendants and we refer to them as those who are mastered by their appetites and passions—yes, those who trade

the advantage of the years for one fleeting moment of pleasure.

Jacob was a cunning trickster. He took advantage of his brother's weakness. There are plenty of people who will exploit human weakness for personal profit.

## Subtle Deception Overruled Gen. 27:1-4, 19-22

Both Jacob and his mother took advantage of aging Isaac in a most subtle form of deception to obtain his blessing for Jacob instead of Esau, the firstborn. This poses a serious problem but the Lord seems to have condoned what had been done.

We would call attention to the larger perspective. Esau had traded his birthright to Jacob with his eyes wide open. Yes, it was a time of weakness but Esau yielded to his appetites and passions. He pursued very low values as paramount in his life. He did not value his birthright very highly.

God did not actually condone their behavior. He overruled it for ultimate ends. He foresaw the final response and fruitage of both Esau's and Jacob's lives.

He gave Jacob plenty of headaches and heartaches as a transforming chastisement. He taught him the folly of his methods the hard way. He fed him a good dose of his own medicine. Rebekah obviously suffered many hours of painful anxiety.

If history is to come to a desirable end and a final triumph for good, there must be an omniscience and omnipotence that can overrule without condoning the frailties, follies and depravity of human nature to achieve His goal.

We are not in possession of a large enough perspective or stock of human knowledge to resolve all the problems here but we trust we have thrown some light on the difficulties.

## Russia Calls For New Drive Against Religion

In a front-page article, the Soviet newspaper, "Pravda," calls for a new drive against religion and accuses some Communist party members and officials of attending religious services. This practice must be "combated," it declares.

The article calls for a vigorous attitude to stamp out all religion, which it describes as "one of the tenacious survivals of the past" and an intolerable obstacle in the path of the atheistic Marxist society.

It adds that a more militant attitude toward religion is needed in Russia, and that atheistic education of young people must be increased.

The article says that every Communist must be a militant atheist and that the party will not tolerate members attending religious services. (EBPS)

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# From the Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Next Tuesday our Convention year will close. This will be the last year of my administration as Executive Secretary. It is highly gratifying that it has been a good year. It is so difficult to measure spiritual growth and progress. We have so many false standards of success. But we have to depend to a certain extent on reports and statistics for some degree of measurement. These are outward results of many inward thoughts and purposes. A thermometer is but an instrument but it is a most useful one for a physician to use. It means "a heat measure" and it reveals the temperature of the patient's body.



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So statistics are useful also. Accurate records are important if the true picture is to be obtained. We are grateful that our churches and our denominational organizations all keep such accurate records and through education and training as to the best methods of keeping records, we have made great improvement in the last few years.

We have set a new record in giving this year. Our total given through the local churches will reach a new high. The total given to world missions through the Co-operative Program and through the special offerings will also reach a new high. This reflects the splendid economy that our state has had during the year. Even though it is an election year and the political speakers have often sounded pessimistic, the reports have shown that our state has been above the national average in the rate of employment and in the economic growth and progress.

Reports indicate that we have had a good year in so many other ways. Giving always reflects the condition of the churches spiritually. It also reflects something of the maturity and growth of the individual Christians. Witnessing has resulted in many thousands being won to Christ during the year. Many churches have many ministries which are ministering to the spiritual needs of many thousands of people. They are not making a loud noise about their work but are following the teachings of Christ in not doing their "righteousness before men to be seen by them."

Ours is a sinful world and there is so much need that it almost staggers the imagination. The problems could all be solved if Christ would be taken to all of the people. If His teachings could be accepted and believed and practiced it would bring the real revolution we need. So many today are talk-

ing about revolution but they want to destroy the very foundations upon which our nation is built. The revolution we really need is within the hearts of men. It is the regeneration which will make new men and women and which will give us truly a new world in which Christ truly lives and reigns as Lord.

## Historically:

### From the files

#### > 50 YEARS AGO <

At the meeting of Ocoee Baptist Association Executive Board in Chattanooga, the following resolution was offered and passed unanimously: "That we invite the State Baptist Convention to locate its headquarters with the State Mission Board and all related interests in Chattanooga." E. H. Rolston reported that the resolution was passed without a dissenting vote.

Editor J. D. Moore stated that the young people in the state working in the **Baptist And Reflector** subscription campaign had achieved a success much greater proportionately than that of their associates in any other state. Goals achieved were much greater than expected.

#### > 20 YEARS AGO <

Miss Mary Northington, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union, announced plans for her retirement at the meeting of the Executive Board.

Announcement was made that the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting would convene in Memphis' Highland Heights church where Slater A. Murphy was pastor. Sessions were scheduled to be held Nov. 11-13.

#### > 10 YEARS AGO <

Royal Ambassadors from throughout Tennessee and the nation were saving toward a goal of \$5000 for a monument to be erected to Luther Rice during their annual Congress meeting. The monument was to be a statue of limestone, 10 feet in height, and placed on the grounds of the then new Luther Rice Memorial Baptist church in Washington, D.C.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee was celebrating its 75th anniversary. Mrs. Barbara Drake Johnston, a member of Bellevue church, Memphis, wrote the words and music to the anniversary song, "Laborers Together With God."

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### Poll Results Hold Child's Home Life Chief Cause Of Failure In School

Many professionals in the field of education accept school reformers' contention that the teachers and schools are responsible for children's school failure, but results of a Gallup poll indicate that most parents and children don't agree.

More than half (54%) of parents interviewed in the course of the Annual Survey of the Public Schools 1971 conducted by Gallup International and CFK Ltd. placed the "chief blame" for children's poor school performance on "the children themselves for academic failure. Only 8% blamed teachers; only 6% thought the schools were responsible.

Even the high school juniors and seniors surveyed did not leap at the chance to place responsibility for school failures on schools or teachers. More than half (51%) blamed students for their own poor performances in school and 25% felt that "home life" was the root of school difficulties. Eleven per cent placed the blame for school failure on teachers; only 5% felt the schools were at fault.

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South Carolina Association Refuses To Readmit Church

GREENWOOD, N.C.—Abbeville Baptist Association, which two years ago voted to withdraw fellowship from First Baptist church of Greenwood because of its policies on baptism, refused here to reinstate the church.

A motion at the annual association meeting here to "suspend all rules and reinstate First Baptist church of Greenwood to full fellowship in the association" was defeated by a vote of 34 to 129.

In 1970, the association by a slim margin voted to exclude the church because the church accepts members by transfer of letter from churches of other denominations, even though they have not been baptized by immersion. The 1970 vote was 154-76, barely surpassing the necessary two-thirds margin.

Although the Greenwood church is not affiliated with the Abbeville Association, it continues to contribute through the Cooperative Program to state and SBC causes, and to send messengers to the South Carolina Baptist Convention.

Last year, the state convention rejected a motion which would have denied seats to the Greenwood church's messengers, but the convention will face the matter again in November of this year.

A constitutional amendment, introduced last year to be voted on this year, would limit seating of messengers only to those churches which require "baptism by immersion of professed believers in Jesus Christ."

At the time the amendment was introduced, several Baptist observers noted that it was apparently aimed at barring the Greenwood church, and any others which do not require immersion of all members.

Policy of the Greenwood church requires immersion of all who seek membership on profession of faith. The church explains the Baptist view of baptism and recommends immersion of members coming from other denominations who have been baptized by some other method, but immersion is optional at the discretion of the new member. (BP)

Albert Tibbs, Former Furman, Seminary Professor, Dies

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Albert Elias Tibbs, 71, dean emeritus at Furman University, died at his home here.

A former president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, Tibbs had taught at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Tulane University before joining the Furman faculty. (BP)

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