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Members of the Baraca Class of the Trenton Street church in Harriman stand before a new bus presented to the church by members of the class in memory of Leonard E. Ladd, former teacher. The class has approximately 75 enrolled.

Belmont College Homecoming Slated For January 27

Annual homecoming observances for Belmont college in Nashville have been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27, beginning with registration in Massey Auditorium at 10:00 a.m.

A business meeting will be held at 11:00 for discussion of a new constitution, recognition of new officers, adoption of an operating budget, and election of a board of directors. Saturday afternoon alumni president Tommy Frensley will name the recipient of the association's annual Alumnus of the Year award, given in recognition of superior achievements and contributions made by an individual in his chosen field or to society.

Jim Cox, executive director of the association, will present recognitions to the first honorary members to be named by the association. Noel Loper, Hendersonville, will be installed as the new president of the association along with six additional new officers.

Other activities for the day will include a homecoming basketball game, a buffet luncheon, and class receptions, Cox stated.

Sunday School Class Presents Harriman Church With Bus

Members of the Baraca Sunday School class of the Trenton Street church in Harriman presented a bus to their church for use in work with bus ministry evangelism recently, according to George H. Lockett, teacher.

The presentation, made during the morning worship hour, was in memory of Leonard E. Ladd, former teacher of the men's class. Mrs. Ladd received the gift and then presented it to John L. Shepherd Jr., church pastor, to be added to the bus ministry of the church. The presentation enabled the church to begin a fourth bus route, which was started immediately.

Detroit Free Press Condemns State's 'Gambling Fever'

DETROIT—The Detroit Free Press has charged that some state officials in Lansing have been hit with a bad case of the "gambling fever" in the wake of legalized lottery and church bingo.

In an editorial, the Free Press said Michigan's House Speaker William Ryan has indicated he will propose a "Bell Telephone Company-type of monopoly" to run horse racing, dog racing and off-track betting in the state. (RNS)

Baptist Congregation Buys Acreage For \$2 Million

PHOENIX, Ariz.—A Southern Baptist congregation here has purchased for 12 million a 40-acre parcel of land on which it will build a new church.

The 3000-member North Phoenix Baptist church will begin developing the land immediately. It is a portion of what was once the estate of Dr. J. N. Harber, known as "the Homestead."

After Dr. Harber died in 1962 and his wife Mary, died the following year, the estate passed into the hands of their niece, Mrs. Irene Foley, of Phoenix. Mrs. Foley sold the property to RPR Enterprises, Inc., for about \$1 million in 1969, and the Southern Baptist congregation purchased it from Continental Homes, a subsidiary of RPR.

Pastor Richard A. Jackson and the congregation have already installed a sign and a Christian flag on the site. During the next two years, they plan to construct a church building a 4000-seat auditorium, Sunday school classrooms for 1500 or more, and a "Christian life center" that will include a gymnasium and outdoor sports facilities. (RNS)

'Share The Word Now' Conferences Begin Monday

"Share the Word Now" conferences will begin in Tennessee Monday, Jan. 29, at the Brownsville Baptist church in Brownsville, according to Wendell Price, state Sunday School Department secretary. The conferences will continue through February with material being directed toward associational Sunday School officers; superintendents of missions, moderators and missions committee chairmen; associational evangelism chairmen; and associational WMU councils. Baptist Men's presidents and Royal Ambassador leaders are invited to attend also.

The Brownsville meeting will be followed by a Jan. 30 meeting at the First Baptist church, Martin; and a Feb. 1 conference at First church, Pulaski. The Tennessee Baptist Convention building in Brentwood will be the site for a Feb. 2 meeting, followed by a meeting at First church, Cookeville, Feb. 19. The final February meetings are slated for First church, Cleveland, Feb. 20; First church, Greeneville, Feb. 22; and First church, Clinton, Feb. 23. Conferences will convene with all workers meeting together at 3:00 p.m. Sessions will include "Share the Word Now," "People to People Now," "Extend Now," and "Witness Now."

Evening sessions will be held by departments from 6:45 until 9:00. A music reading clinic at Brownsville, Jan. 29 at 3:00 p.m. and in Cleveland, Feb. 20, will be offered by the Church Music Department.

ONE IN CHRIST

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are one in Christ Jesus"—Gal. 3:28.

Not only does Christ save us from sin. He gives us the salvation or the basis of salvation of all our problems in personal relationships. In first century society the world was divided into Jews and Greeks or Gentiles. Each in turn scorned the other. There is no racial problem today comparable to that between those two groups then. Furthermore, the social order was made up of "bond", or slaves, and "free", or those who were not slaves. Also the chasm between male and female was deep and wide. For the most part, women were mere chattel belonging to men for their pleasure and service.

Thus Paul says that racial, economic, and sexual divisions disappear in a true Christian relationship. The reason being that all are one "in [en, in the sphere of] Christ Jesus."

The problems implied here are still with us: cf. racial conflicts, strife between capital and labor, and **woman's lib**. These problems will never be solved through legislation, economic pressure, or mere demands for equality. They must be solved through

Christian love. And they will never be solved properly until they are solved "in Christ Jesus."

Jesus never proposed to solve such problems **en masse** or by pressure from the outside. He sought to get at the root of the trouble—sin in human hearts. He proposes to change society by first changing men. Then through the Christian influence of changed people to effect change in every relationship of life.

One Christian may feel that he alone can do little to right the wrongs of the world. But he can see that his own attitude is right. If enough do this, then change will be forthcoming. We used to sing a song entitled "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire; I Only Want to Start a Flame in Your Heart". Christ has started that flame in the hearts of those who follow Him. If His people will let their little flames burn brightly, then the darkness of injustice, prejudice, and oppression will flee away.

The question, then, is what will you do? Rather than to be a part of the problem, you should through your Christian influence contribute to the solution to the problem. Then you will become a peacemaker, whom men will recognize as a child of God.



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Newspaper headline: "Vatican Revives The Devil."

At least, the headline writer is to be commended for one thing. He could have slipped up and written the words: "Vatican Raises the Devil."

But frankly, I was not aware that the devil needed reviving—he has been so spry and active of late.

And if the Vatican is just getting around to recognizing the existence of Satan, this, too, is surprising. There are so many who have known of his existence for some time, having struggled with him every day.

However, the Pope, in his statement did say: "Not only does Satan exist; but he is enemy no. 1." After all, I suppose it is only fair that the devil gets his due. And it is about time the devil received the recognition he so richly deserves.

I do know this: Many tell the devil to "get thee, behind me," but it seems he always gets behind and pushes.

Devotional

'To Increase Is To Decrease'

John 3:30

By Max Walker, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Newbern

A little country boy was out fishing with only a switch for a pole and a bent pin for a hook. However, he was catching fish. A city fellow who had one of the best reels and a shiny rod plus a tackle box full of lures was having little success. He asked the boy his reason for success. The boy said, "I keep myself out of sight."



Walker

John the Baptist was a great figure in God's announcement of Christ. He went before Jesus and paved the way for Him. His task in life was important but he knew it was not as important as the task of Jesus. As he viewed his life and the life of Jesus he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Thus he felt he was to keep himself out of sight and magnify Jesus. His own star was sinking beyond the horizon and the star of Bethlehem was to shine. He only proclaimed about the Lord. His own life was inadequate to do what Jesus would do. Thus, he called attention to Jesus and not himself.

Our section of the country is located in the Bible belt of the world. The gospel has been preached over and over. But to be effective witnesses for Jesus, we must decrease and Jesus must increase. We must learn to keep ourselves out of sight. We must draw attention to Jesus and not ourselves or our church buildings and programs. The very core of the Christian life is to lose one's life for the sake of Jesus. Thus, a good motto for our lives would be that of John's, "He must increase and I must decrease."

177-Year-Old Church Closes; Its Members Moved Away

LIVERPOOL, Eng.—A church that has played a key role in the revival of Roman Catholicism here since 1815 has closed.

St. Nicholas's served as the Liverpool cathedral—called the pro-cathedral—until the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King was opened in 1967.

The site of the church now reverts to the Liverpool City Council, which gave it to the church in 1912, and the church will be demolished as part of a redevelopment program. (RNS)

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Survey Team Going To Managua To Plan Church Reconstruction

RICHMOND—A three-man survey team will be sent by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Jan. 20 to Managua, Nicaragua, to formulate plans for Southern Baptists to help rebuild six churches destroyed in a Dec. 23 earthquake.

The team will contact Baptist leaders, determine what materials are needed for reconstruction, and work out details for a crew of about 30 Texas Baptist men to assist with the rebuilding.

Of the six Baptist churches in the Managua area, two were reported totally

destroyed and the others seriously damaged.

The approximate 2000 Nicaraguan Baptists are associated with the American Baptist Churches mission board. The Southern Baptist Convention has no formal work in Nicaragua, but it has 36 missionaries in neighboring Honduras and Costa Rica.

The three survey team members are W. Eugene Grubbs, the SBC board's consultant on laymen overseas; Adolfo Robleto, secretary of the general church materials department of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.; and Robert E. Dixon, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men.

Grubbs will co-ordinate efforts between the Southern Baptist constituency and the Foreign Mission Board.

Robleto, a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Managua, and a native Nicaraguan, is familiar with the country and culture and knows many of the Baptist leaders and their constituents. He contacted the Foreign Mission Board shortly after the earthquake occurred to offer assistance in whatever way possible.

Dixon will coordinate efforts to recruit Texas Baptist men for the rebuilding project and will appeal to Texas Baptists to send funds for relief operations to the Foreign Mission Board.

The construction team he organizes will be one of volunteers who provide their own transportation, food and lodging. They will probably live in tents pitched near construction sites.

The team will be made up of Texas Baptist men because they have indicated a desire to take responsibility for the project and live relatively close to Nicaragua, said Charles W. Bryan, the board's secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

It may be six weeks to four months before construction gets started, said Bryan. He added that the timetable for the project will be determined by where the Nicaraguan government decides to rebuild Managua, its capital. (BP)

Academic Intern Named At Carson-Newman College

Terry Portfleet, a graduate student in higher education at the University of Georgia, will serve as an academic intern at Carson-Newman college during the winter quarter, according to a recent announcement from John Fincher, the college's president.

The Michigan native is a doctoral candidate at the Georgia school. He has held research positions at Pennsylvania State university extension and the University of Georgia. His published research includes an article entitled, "Conference Summary and Evaluation on Higher Education: The Law and Campus Issues."

'Calling Nashville To Christ' Crusade Initial Meet Feb. 1

Churches representing various denominations throughout Nashville will host a "Calling Nashville to Christ" crusade, April 23-May 5, according to Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Consisting of four areas of emphasis, the crusade will be preceded by special training sessions for church leadership, house to house visitation evangelism, evangelistic mass meetings, and the Lay Institute for Evangelism.

The first inter-church meeting of leadership personnel will be held Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian church in Nashville. On Feb. 9-11, special training will be given to the leadership of churches who wish to establish instruction for new Christians within the individual church.

Visitation evangelism will be held April 23-28 with house to house contact. An evangelistic mass meeting will be at Dudley Field on the Vanderbilt campus, April 29. The concluding emphasis will be a Lay Institute for Evangelism to be held at First Presbyterian church, April 30-May 5. The principal speakers will include Bill Bright, Howard Ball, and Wally Bennett, all of Campus Crusade for Christ. The institute is intended for new Christians, church leadership, and laymen, Gilleland stressed.



Edwin McNeely, left, and Inman Johnson, are shown holding plaques presented to them by the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board for outstanding contributions to the church music scene among Southern Baptists. McNeely was music professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, and Johnson served as music professor at Southern Baptist Theological seminary. Both are retired. The awards were made at the state music secretaries' annual meeting held recently in Nashville.

BSSB Names Consultant To Work With Missions

NASHVILLE—Thurman W. Allred, former director of missions for North Carolina's Cabarrus Baptist Association, has been named pastoral ministries consultant in the church administration department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

His work will relate primarily to the nearly 1200 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Allred will be involved in providing information about the program resources of the Sunday School Board to superintendents of missions throughout the convention," stated Howard Foshee, secretary of the church administration department.

"This information will in turn help the superintendents in their consulting with pastors. Allred will serve in the church ministries section of the church administration department under the direction of Ernest Mosley, section supervisor," Foshee said.

Mosley pointed out that superintendents of missions frequently have expressed concern about lack of information regarding some of the board's projects and products. "As a result," he said, "they can't be as helpful to the pastor concerning these areas as they desire to be. We feel that Allred's prior seven-year experience as a director of missions will qualify him to help the board correct this problem."

Mosley also pointed out that Allred's responsibilities will not overlap with other assignments concerning associational administration or training of associational workers which are the responsibilities of appropriate departments of the SBC Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board.

"This new position was assigned to the church ministries section," explained Mosley, "because the ultimate concern of our section is to help the pastor be as effective in pastoral work as possible. Our work with superintendents of missions is an attempt to help them aid the pastor more than ever before. The superintendent of missions is the closest denominational worker to the vast majority of pastors; therefore he is in the best position to be most helpful." (BP)

Key 73-Year Of Evangelism

First Century Christianity grew as men who believed journeyed throughout the provinces of Asia Minor declaring their certain knowledge that Jesus was the Messiah. Their only hope of reward was that which came as people accepted Jesus the Christ as God in flesh.

This year special emphasis is being placed upon evangelism. Even this week, the state-wide Conference on Evangelism has emphasized anew the primacy of evangelism; as a necessity for reaching people and as a cornerstone for growth in and of a New Testament church. We have stated before, and declare again that there is no Biblical conflict, in our judgment, between evangelism and social action. To us, the two go hand in hand.

No real victory was ever gained without difficulty, travail, and often sorrow and discouragement. There are perhaps some, who, having taken a rather close look at the human race, decided there was little to work with and little to work for. Somewhere along the way we must shed some of the cynicism which appears to have engulfed too many Christians. We have let the world around us make us hardened to the needs—spiritual and physical—of people. We have become so wrapped up in our own little world that we fail to see the needs around the world—much less next door.

Therefore, it becomes necessary for us to keep reminding ourselves that this still is God's world, and that He still loves those who inhabit it. None of us is perfect. We are all sinners, saved by grace if at all. Surely, in this latter part of the 20th century we can come down out of our self-constructed ivory towers and with renewed zeal and earnestness preach without apology that without Christ and His shed blood, man is lost, damned, and going to Hell. We must, as Christians, do this if we are to keep faith with our own commitment. We must!

Is There An Answer To Violence?

We are fast becoming a nation of violent people. Perhaps not personally. But it is surprising to note that we have read and heard so much about violence, mass murder, hostages for ransom, other crimes of violence that to hear of yet other instances really doesn't seem to disturb us too much. We appear to have adopted a "so what" attitude. We express some regret and go our way.

Violence is changing the whole pattern of transportation in our nation—for example. Who would have

thought, even five years ago, that one would have to submit to a thorough search of person and luggage before even boarding a commercial airliner for even a short journey? We don't blame the air lines at all. In fact, some of the measures are perhaps overdue.

What we seek is an answer. We know the problem—and that problem basically is sin in the hearts of men. We know the solution—reconciliation. What we have yet to learn effectively is how to apply the solution to the problem. Maybe a little more time with the Word, and a little more time in specific prayer might provide the answers we need.

Make Your Will Month

**By Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Tennessee Baptist Foundation**

January is designated in the Southern Baptist Convention calendar of activities as "Write Your Will Month". This is an area of stewardship too long neglected. Baptists have developed a commendable program of giving by their usual stewardship emphasis. It seems that it would be well for us to begin a serious effort to educate our people in the stewardship of estate planning. Total estate planning includes a properly prepared will for most people.

It is estimated that a tithe of estates owned by Tennessee Baptist church members who are now living would be more than one billion dollars. Such an amount designated in wills to be placed in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation would produce more than ten million dollars annual income for each of our schools, the children's homes and for each major mission emphasis.

This does not seem to be any more than should be expected when church members are properly informed. Pastors and other leaders would do their people and the Lord's work a great service by encouraging them to prepare a Christian Will. This is not something for the aged alone. Families with young children may profit more by a will than their elders.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been designated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention as the Agency to contact for information and help in estate stewardship education. Each of our institutions can also furnish helpful materials.

Foundation Trustees Elect Batts President, Hear Report

A. E. Batts of Nashville is the newly-elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Batts was elected during the group's annual meeting at the office building of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, on Jan. 15 and 16. Jonas L. Stewart serves as executive secretary-treasurer of the Foundation. Batts succeeds John Ellis of Nashville.

Other officers elected to serve with Batts were: Thomas W. Pope, pastor, First church, Somerville, first vice president; George H. Lockett, Harriman, second vice president; and George W. Logan, Mt. Juliet, secretary.

In his annual report Stewart told the board that total assets of the Foundation as of Oct. 31, 1972, was \$5,965,182.24, an increase of \$512,259.64 over last year. He also indicated that income distributed amounted to \$306,979.58, an increase of \$36,857.61 over last year. This distribution was as follows: Cooperative Program and State Missions, \$73,752.57; schools, \$100,620.82; Children's Homes, \$7556.93; churches, individuals, etc., \$30,166.13; and miscellaneous distribution, \$94,883.13.

Stewart also noted that total income distributed since 1938 stands at \$2,700,627.05, with \$1,229,140.62 of this amount distributed during the past five years.

The report also indicated that some assets are held by the Foundation that produce no income at the present time because of the nature of the trust agreement or assets.

The 15-member board is made up of the following: Batts; Judge Bernie W. Cobb, Brownsville; James A. Canaday, Johnson City; J. Ben Carson, Kingsport; William E. Crook, Nashville; George B. Jones, Memphis; Dr. Stephen A. Lamm, Memphis; Lockett; Logan; C. LeRoy Norton, Jr., Nashville; Pope; T. L. Seeber, Clinton; John C. Stophel, Chattanooga; Homer H. Waldrop, Jackson; and Jack B. Wyatt, Nashville.

Members of the board's executive committee elected during this meeting were: Batts (re-elected); Pope; Lockett (re-elected); Logan (re-elected); Cobb; and Crook.

The group re-elected Batts to the investment committee as well as electing Wyatt and Crook to this committee.

An orientation session was held on Monday night, Jan. 15, for the purpose of informing new members of the board of the Foundation operational procedures. New members present were: Canaday; Carson; Norton; and Stophel.

A luncheon was given for the board in the dining room of the convention's office building on Tuesday. During the luncheon, Stewart presented inscribed plaques to retiring members: John Ellis, Nashville, outgoing president; O. Wyndell Jones, pastor Highland Baptist church, Florence, Ala.; A. Bruce Coyle, pastor Highland Heights

church, Memphis; and in absentia, Floyd Delaney, Chattanooga.

Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, addressed the board.

David L. Durham Selected As Manager For Camp Carson

David L. Durham, Nashville, has been elected to serve as manager of Camp Carson in East Tennessee for the 1973 summer session, according to James McDonald, business manager for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



Durham

Durham, who is a member of the Belmont Heights church, is employed as a staff ecologist in the Environmental Science Department of the Metropolitan Public Schools. At the Belmont Heights church, he serves as director of the fourth grade Sunday School department and director of the four-year-old Training Union.

Durham is a graduate of Grand Canyon (Baptist) college in Phoenix, Ariz., and received a master of arts degree from George Peabody college in Nashville.

Catholic Agency To Aid Parish Religion Centers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The director of a program for Catholic religious educators said here that the National Catholic Educational Association is stepping up its efforts to aid parish religion centers and expand its service for religious development.

Father Alfred McBride, who heads the NCEA's National Forum for Religious Educators, emphasized that the association does not confine itself to serving schools, services are available to parish religious education centers.

"The forum is deeply interested in aiding parish religion centers and is making special efforts in 1973," he said. "This is a follow-up of requests from participants in the total educational planning workshops and seminars sponsored by the NCEA in the past two years."

Noting that educational consulting services and several publications are already available, Father McBride said that early in 1973 seminars in total parish education will be conducted in several U.S. dioceses. The seminars will focus on the recent U.S. Catholic bishops pastoral, "To Teach as Jesus Did."

He added that the NCEA is also planning a study on the training of religion teachers, both at local levels and in graduate programs. (RNS)

'Dialogue' With Christians Ended By Czech State

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—A dialogue between Marxists and Christians, an idea which was popular in the late 1950s, has come to an abrupt end in Czechoslovakia which used to be one of the principal proponents of such exchanges.

According to the principal organ of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, Rude Pravo, "religious views and the influence of religious ideology must be decisively rejected." The article described the past dialogue between Marxists and Christians in Czechoslovakia as "harmful," since in 1968, before the USSR-led invasion, "the very idea of a dialogue, whose intent was to weaken the Communist movement to the benefit of Christianity, was given the blessing of the Vatican in a document entitled 'Dialogue With Non-believers.'"

In the Rude Pravo article, Jiri Loukoutka criticized "theoreticians claiming to be Marxists" for not having seen through the tactics of the Churches and for having ignored the Marxist-Leninist basis of the dialogue. He said that matters had gone so far during the dialogue that "the criticism of religious ideology which we expect from Marxist theoreticians had gradually changed into an apology for it."

Loukoutka also criticized sociological research into "religiousness." He said that sociologists in Czechoslovakia expected such research to help them to increase the effectiveness of scientific-atheistic propaganda. But they had found, especially in the Slovak region, that religion "is deeply rooted in the people, and that every form of atheistic propaganda is rejected."

Prof. Loukoutka reproved the sociologists for having drifted too far away from the activity of the Communist Party and the Socialist state. He wrote that their research had tended merely to register certain facts, instead of "furnishing the theoretical foundations for a more successful struggle against religious ideology through a Marxist-Leninist analysis of these facts." (RNS)

Prelate Rebukes Practice Of 'Communion In Hand'

ST. LOUIS—In a pastoral, Cardinal John J. Carberry of St. Louis has rebuked Catholics and priests who receive Holy Communion in their hands.

Cardinal Carberry, noting that the practice of receiving Communion in the hand "has been introduced in various areas of the archdiocese," reminded priests and laity that the U.S. bishops have neither requested nor received permission from the Vatican to allow such a practice.

"Accordingly, therefore, the practice of receiving Communion in the traditional way (placed on the tongue of the communicant) is to be observed," he said. (RNS)

Tennessee Churches With Highest Number Of Baptisms For 1972

Listed below are the top 25 churches in Tennessee in baptisms for the past year. Included with the number of baptisms is the total membership of the church, along with the pastor's name. The listing is compiled each year by the Evangelism Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Church	Assn.	Baptisms	Total Membership	Pastor
Temple, Kingsport	Holston	301	1497	William W. Pennell
Park Avenue	Nashville	196	4112	Robert Mowrey
Leawood, Memphis	Shelby	185	2738	Jerry L. Glisson
East Park, Memphis	Shelby	179	865	W. Wayne Allen
Bellevue, Memphis	Shelby	162	8739	Adrian Rogers
Tennessee Avenue, Bristol	Holston	144	2073	Willard Tallman
Mount Olive, South	Knox	133	1352	Lewis D. Gourley
Trinity, Memphis	Shelby	132	2734	William A. Smith
Two Rivers	Nashville	128	1418	James B. Henry
Trenton Street, Harriman	Big Emory	125	1356	John L. Shepherd
Belmont	Holston Valley	121	330	Boyd Roberts
South Harriman	Big Emory	117	1238	Charles Works
Sinking Creek	Watauga	113	547	Reece Harris
Southside	Hardin	112	445	Ernest Steelman
Clarksville, First	Cumberland	104	2663	John D. Laida
Jackson, First	Madison-Chester	101	2577	Trevis Otey
Alcoa, First	Chilhowee	101	1196	Doug Sager
Alpha	Nolachucky	101	583	John W. Rayburn
Tumbling Creek	Weakley	101	268	Jerry Dunn
Leaclair, Memphis	Shelby	100	1336	Hugh Callens
Millington, First	Shelby	98	1546	H. A. Hunderup, Jr.
Bethel View	Holston	96	973	Warren Johnson
Mount Olive, East	Knox	94	923	W. T. Crutcher
Alta Loma	Nashville	92	1180	Lloyd O. Bardowell
Hendersonville, First	Nashville	91	2074	Courtney Wilson
Rockwood, First	Big Emory	89	1367	Robert W. Campbell
Highland Heights, Memphis	Shelby	88	3648	A. Bruce Coyle
Southland, Memphis	Shelby	87	1419	Bobby S. Douglas

Paul Ruhle To Receive Radio-TV Commission Award

Paul Ruhle, general manager of Nashville's WSIX Radio, will receive a distinguished communications recognition award from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for his support and work with the commission as it began its creation and production of "Country Crossroads."

The award will be presented Feb. 8 in Fort Worth at the fourth national Abe Lincoln Awards banquet honoring broadcasters across the nation. Julian Goodman, New York president of the National Broadcasting Company, will speak before the group.

The Abe Lincoln Awards are the broadcasting equivalent of the Oscar and the Emmy, according to Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission.

Other major awards to be presented will include the distinguished communications medal, which will be presented to Goodman; and the Christian service award, which will go to James B. Irwin, the first Southern Baptist to walk on the moon.

Student Conference Slated At Southeastern Seminary

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be one of the featured speakers for the 1973 Student Conference on Mission and Ministry, Feb. 23-25 at Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. The conference, planned by Southeastern students, is designed to provide seminary contact and an introduction to missions and ministries. Cooper will speak on "The Role of the Layman in the Local Church."

Other features on the program will include author Lyman Coleman; musician Robert Bradley, Music Department of the National Baptist Convention; and Richard Meyers, senior minister of the University church in Charlottesville, Va. Devotional and seminar leaders from the Baptist Sunday School Board will include Frank Hart Smith, Church Recreation Department, and Bill Clemmons, Vocational Guidance Department.

Professors and students at the seminary will lead some of the 13 conferences also.

Americans Concerned About Parochialism

The Christian Science Monitor national political correspondent Godfrey Sperling revealed in a recent column that Americans of both political parties and in all geographic regions are concerned about President Nixon's insistence on providing tax aid to parochial schools. This concern was articulated by many citizens to Mr. Sperling during his recent travels around the country. Sperling questioned this dangerous political policy employed by the President and asked "How can you find a constitutional way for doing something which is essentially unconstitutional—the bridging of church and state?"

American United executive director Glenn L. Archer reacted to the Sperling column: "Mr. Sperling's experience confirms the results of recent state referendum elections in Michigan, Oregon, Maryland, Nebraska, and Idaho, as well as public opinion surveys, which show that a clear majority of Americans oppose the diverting of public funds to sectarian institutions." Archer continued, "It is imperative that the President and Congress heed the will of the people and follow the Constitution on this vital issue."

Bitter Church Controversy Ends In North Carolina

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Three years of bitter controversy over leadership have ended for a small Carolinas sect that believes the end of the world is at hand.

Two factions of the True Light Church of Christ claim somewhat of a victory in a protracted legal controversy that ended when the North Carolina Supreme Court upheld lower court rulings that congregations, or societies, are self-governing and do not constitute a connectional Church.

During the conflict, national attention focused on the sect as its preachers announced the end of the world at the close of 1970.

A series of meetings to prepare for the apocalypse led some members to quit their jobs or sell their businesses. About 150 new members joined, but most left when the calendar moved into 1971.

True Light spokesmen say the legal conflict did not seriously affect membership, although one sizeable family group left the Rocky River society, according to Elder H. Flake Braswell of Union County, N.C.

Braswell was the loser in the suits. A 1969 claim to be the True Light bishop was challenged by J. Rommie Purser, a retired Charlotte builder who is minister of Shiloh church near Mint Hill. (RNS)

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Personal Accountability Before God

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

Background Scripture: Ezekiel 18

Focal Passages: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Solidarity Of Human Life A Reality

Every person is a part of the mainland. No one is a fragment unto himself. Israel was especially conscious of this solidarity.



Darby

Descendants of one man, Abraham, Israel was one family. Inheritors of the covenant with Yahweh, the one God, they were one nation. God dealt with Israel as a whole. They sensed it. They believed it. Their laws reflected it. They saw iniquity and mercy as extending unto three and four generations. (Ex. 20:5) God is seen as

doing this directly. This was their view of life. If it happened, God did it. An almost total fatalism characterized their outlook.

There is a very real sense in which we are all one. We sense this. We experience it. There are many ways in which this solidarity causes us to share the same fate.

Good and bad are powerful and long lived forces. When either one is set in motion, the effects are strong and far-reaching. Both can endure and permeate from place to place, person to person, and generation to generation.

Israel was too conscious of this solidarity at the time Ezekiel was ministering to them in Babylon. If Israel and Jerusalem were doomed because of the sins of the people, particularly preceding generations, then it was of no use for them to bother about their personal righteousness. All were to share the same fate anyway. This was their mood. This mood reflected itself in the popularity of a common proverb, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." They assumed that the guilt of the fathers would outweigh any righteousness on their part.

Not so, said Ezekiel. The righteous few may share the fate of defeat at the hand of the enemy and all the sufferings of war, but the righteous will not bear the guilt of the wicked. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:20)

Righteousness And Wickedness Are Not Inherited Traits

One cannot count on the righteousness of his forebearers. On the other hand, one does not share their guilt. Righteousness or wickedness are personal choices each one makes for himself. (Ezekiel must be interpreted in context. He is not dealing with

any theory of the imputation of sin.)

A righteous background gives one some advantages but does not assure one's personal righteousness. A wicked background may give one some handicaps but does not doom one to personal unrighteousness. Influences for righteousness can be ignored. Wicked influences can be overcome. The personal choices one makes can overcome any background. One's background is never so bad that personal efforts for righteousness are wasted or impossible. (Ezek. 18:20)

Ezekiel defines wickedness and righteousness as things we do. Worship of idols, adultery, robbery of the weak by legal means, committing violence, refusing to do acts of charity, and failure to uphold justice are samples of sins Ezekiel condemned. Their opposites are called acts of righteousness. (Ezek. 18:5-13)

Having a father who does these evil things does not mean you have to do them. Having a father who does the righteous things is no guarantee that you will do them. By the same token, one need not fear the guilt and judgment that is due his father. At neither can one expect the rewards that belong to his father. God weighs and rewards every life singly. (Ezek. 18:14-20)

One May Not Be Able To Shun The Consequences Of Wickedness On The Part Of The Whole, But He Does Not Have To Share The Guilt

There are ways in which we can share in the guilt of our nation, our generation, our race, or our society. There are also ways in which we can, by personal righteousness, not share in that guilt. Consequences may come to our nation, our generation or our society that we cannot escape, but God does

YOU SHALL BE HOLY

By T. B. Maston

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"You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2, RSV).

Many terms are used in the Scriptures to describe the nature and character of God. None is more central or more inclusive than his holiness.

It is consistently revealed in the Scriptures that God wants his people to be like him. What is said here concerning holiness could be said concerning every other quality that is used to describe God. In other words, it could just as properly be said, "You shall be righteous; for I the Lord your God is righteous." So it could be of his justice, love, mercy, and faithfulness.

To be holy basically means to be separated or to be set apart. When the term "holy" is applied to people the idea has both negative and positive aspects. A verse in Leviticus sets out clearly these two aspects of holiness: "You shall be holy to me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine" (Lev. 20:26). "Separated you from the peoples" is the negative aspect. "Holy to me" and "that you should be mine" set forth the positive aspect of holiness.

Peter admonished those to whom he wrote: "As he who calls you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct," and then quoted Leviticus 19:2. How thoroughly are we separated from the world and the things of the world? How much are we separated unto God and his purposes in our lives and in the world? The answer to these questions will reveal how "holy" we are.

not hold us as being guilty for what others may do. We are, however, always held responsible and accountable for what we do.

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Tennessee News Briefs

Concord church in Brentwood ordained **Bill Albright, Larry Jones, and Mark Stephens** recently. The church's pastor is **Harlan F. Reynolds**.

George N. Hammond, former Baptist minister, died suddenly Dec. 17, 1972 in Memphis. **Hammond** had served as pastor of the Eastland church, Shelby Association; and the Shady Grove church, Fayette Association. He was a graduate of Mississippi college in Clinton. He is survived by his widow, **Lanelle Martin Hammond**.

East Athens church in Athens held "**J. L. Stafford Day**" recently in honor of the former pastor. The recognition service included a financial love gift to the couple. **Robert Peek** is the present pastor of East Athens.

Clark Street church, Johnson City, dedicated the new **Jeff Whitehead Memorial Children's Library** recently. Over \$500 was given in memory of this young man, active in the church program, who died at age 12 last year.

The annual "Miss Union University" pageant will be held in the Jackson Junior High auditorium, March 3, according to **Miss Carolyn Brown**, general chairman of the 1973 event. Contestants for the Miss Union title are selected on the merits of talent and beauty and are sponsored by various campus organizations.

J. R. Covington, pastor of the Calvary church in Knoxville, was elected president of the Knoxville Ministerial Association. The association is an inter-denominational ministerial fellowship designed to strengthen the spiritual life of the community.

Lawrence Trivette, former superintendent of missions of the Knox County Association, is serving as director-manager of the Knox County Lodge at Ridgecrest, by request of the association. In the new position, **Mr. and Mrs. Trivette** will work with churches in the association to encourage conference attendance and to provide personal counseling.

Ozone church, Cumberland Plateau Association, ordained **Robert D. Cox** and **Glen Gibbons** as deacons. Assisting in the ordination service from other churches in the association were **J. R. Clabough, Mont Hooper, Ronald Harris, Ronald Speich, and W. Guy Cooke**. The late **K. B. Rodgers** was pastor.

Maurice Graham was ordained into the gospel ministry by the Southside church, New Duck River Association. **Robert Mizell**, superintendent of mission, preached the ordination sermon. The Shelbyville Mills church ordained **Doyle Landers** as a deacon recently. **Shelton Smith** is the church's pastor.

K. B. Rodgers, pastor of Ozone church, Cumberland Plateau Association in 1971 and '72, died at his home in Kingston Sunday, Dec. 17. He is survived by his widow and five children.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Roger Jennings has accepted the call of First church, Pulaski, to serve as director of music and youth. He will begin his new field of service last this month. **Clarence Stewart** is pastor.

First church, McEwen, has called **Jack Self** as pastor. He served formerly as associate pastor at First church, Portland. He is a senior at Belmont college in Nashville.

James L. Gouge Jr. was called as minister of music by Oakwood church in Chattanooga. **Gouge** is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. **Lester L. Hall** is pastor.

Catherine Nenney church of Whitesburg has called **Richard M. Long** as pastor. He is the former associate pastor of First church, Whitesburg.

Tim Alexander has resigned as executive director of the Ted Padgett Evangelistic Association to surrender to preaching. He will begin classes in February at the Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla.



Smothers

Oak Grove church in Covington has called **Jerry Smothers** as pastor. A graduate of Union university, **Smothers** served most recently as pastor of Oak Grove church in Milan.

Reuben L. Trussell has resigned as pastor of Hillcrest church in Dyersburg to accept the call of First church, Fayetteville. **Trussell** is a graduate of Memphis State university and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. He was moderator of Dyer Baptist Association previously. He will be on the field Feb. 18.

P. B. Tinker has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Hill church in Sequatchie Association.

Slate Springs church, Cumberland Plateau Association, has called **J. R. Clabough** as pastor; and Haleys Grove church has called **Wayne Benson** as pastor. He was a former pastor of the same church.

Max Wheat has been called as pastor of Bethlehem church, Weakley Association.

Retired Baptist Worker, Mrs. Edith Walker Dies

Mrs. Edith Walker, a Sunday School Board employee for over 24 years, died Wednesday, Jan. 17 in Caracas, Venezuela of a heart attack.



Mrs. Walker

A member of the Belmont Heights church in Nashville, Mrs. Walker had just arrived in the country to begin a period of volunteer work for the Foreign Mission Board.

She served 23 years in the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board and 11 years in the Training Union Department. She took an early retirement in 1968, and was active in work at the Nashville Madison Street Mission where she served as pianist for several months. Before joining the Sunday School Board in 1934, she was employed by the Executive Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

Religion Around The World

Reverend and Mrs. Wayne B. Mills and family, Memphis, are serving in evangelistic work in Schweinfurt, West Germany, where Mills will serve as pastor of the English-speaking church. He is a graduate of Frayser High School in Memphis and received a master of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary in 1969. Following his graduation, he did pioneer mission work in the Pacific Northwest. Their address is West Germany is Schweinfurter Strasse #6, 8721 Gerldersheim, West Germany.

TAWAU, Malaysia—Isaac Yim Yee Sart, pastor of the Tawau Baptist church, has become the first pastor to be ordained in the state of Sabah, where Baptist work is new. Yim is a recent graduate of the Malaysia-Singapore Baptist Theological seminary in Penang. Three Southern Baptist missionaries, G. Harold Clark, Carl F. Yarnell, and Bobby D. Evans, participated in his ordination service.

First church, McKenzie, has called **Ken Chandler** as minister of music and education. A native of Jackson, **Chandler** is presently attending Union university where he is scheduled to receive a B.A. degree in music and a certification in music education in June. He has served Parkview church, Jackson, and Gracey Avenue church in Clarksville. **O. M. Dangeau** is pastor of the McKenzie church.

Associational Evangelism Conference Dates And Representatives

Association	Date	Representative	Association	Date	Representative
Alpha	Feb. 12	H. Eugene Cotey	Judson		
Beech River	Feb. 19	Courtney Wilson	Knox	Feb. 19	
Beulah	Feb. 12	Howard S. Kolb	Lawrence	Feb. 5	Roy J. Gilleland
Big Emory	Jan. 29		Loudon	Feb. 9	
Big Hatchie	Feb. 6		McMinn	Feb. 5	Raymond Smith
Bledsoe	Feb. 12	W. C. Summar	McNairy	Feb. 5	A. Bruce Coyle
Bradley	Feb. 5		Madison-Chester	Feb. 6	Ralph E. Norton
Campbell	Feb. 12		Maury	Feb. 5	
Carroll-Benton	Jan. 29	A. Bruce Coyle	Midland	Feb. 12	
Central	Feb. 12		Mulberry Gap		
Chilhowee	Feb. 28		Nashville	Feb. 5	Ralph E. Norton
Clinton	Mar. 1, 2		New Duck River	Feb. 5	Robert J. Norman
Concord	Feb. 5	Donald Owens	New River	Feb. 12	
Copper Basin	Feb. 5		New Salem	Feb. 6	F. M. Dowell
Crockett	Feb. 15		Nolachucky	Feb. 26	
Cumberland	Feb. 24		Northern	Feb. 2, 3, 4	F. M. Dowell
Cumberland Gap	Feb. 12		Polk	Feb. 5	John J. Buell
Cumberland Plateau	Feb. 13		Riverside	Feb. 19	
Duck River	Feb. 13		Robertson	Feb. 19-22	
Dyer	Feb. 6		Salem	Feb. 12	Donald Owens
East Tennessee	Feb. 9	F. M. Dowell	Sequatchie Valley	Feb. 16	F. M. Dowell
Fayette	Feb. 5	Jerry L. Glisson	Sevier	Feb. 12	William L. Palmer
Gibson	Feb. 6	A. Bruce Coyle	Shelby	Feb. 19	
Giles	Feb. 8	Robert J. Norman	Stewart	Feb. 12	Roy J. Gilleland
Grainger	Feb. 12	John J. Buell	Stone	Feb. 5	Robert W. Campbell
Hamilton	Feb. 6		Sweetwater	Feb. 5	James G. McCluskey
Hardeman	Feb. 5	F. M. Dowell	Tennessee Valley	Feb. 5	John L. Shepherd
Hardin	Feb. 12		Truett	Feb. 12	Ralph E. Norton
Haywood	Feb. 5		Union	Feb. 6	
Hiwassee	Feb. 13	F. M. Dowell	Watauga	Feb. 13	
Holston	Feb. 12		Weakley	Feb. 13	
Holston Valley	Feb. 5	William L. Palmer	Western District	Feb. 13	
Indian Creek	Feb. 5		William Carey	Feb. 12	F. M. Dowell
Jefferson	Feb. 6	James G. McCluskey	Wilson	Feb. 12	

Lutheran World Relief Names Nicaragua Relief Director

NEW YORK—Gerald A. Aaker, an experienced organizer for Lutheran World Relief, is directing U.S. and Nicaraguan Protestant operations in earthquake devastated Managua.

A native of Minnesota who assisted with earthquake relief in Peru in 1970, he has been dispatched to lead the personnel and programs of Church World Service. (RNS)

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Tupelo Layman Gives Tithe Of \$480,000 Stock To Church

TUPELO, Miss.—A Baptist layman who believes in tithing his income gave \$480,000 in stock to the Harrisburg Baptist church here, indicating it was a tithe of stock gained in recent merger of his company.

Lawrence D. Hancock, 56, head of the Hancock Fabric Stores with chain outlets across the nation, asked that the stock be used in the construction of a new church auditorium.

Pastor of the church, Robert Hamblin, said that Hancock was very modest and "doesn't want any credit or glory. He is a tither, and is just doing what God has taught him to do."

It is not the first such big gift to the church by Hancock, who was born in a log cabin and grew up in New Albany, Miss.

Two years ago, he contributed \$350,000 to build a recreation center at the church called the "Family Life Center." His gift paid for the entire building.

The more recent contribution of \$480,000 in stock is more than the entire church budget for one year.

Describing him as a "good church member," Hamblin said Hancock "has recognized that the Lord has blessed him, and he has tried to honor the Lord with his tithes."

Hancock has been a deacon for several years, and is a former chairman of the church's finance committee. His entire family is active in the church, the pastor said.

The new auditorium his gift will finance is slated for construction next fall, with completion in about two years.

Until the funds are needed for the construction, dividends amounting to about \$15,000 a year will be used to benefit Baptist missions work in Montana and Oregon, Hamblin said.

"It's an inspiring thing," the pastor commented. "It inspires me as much as anything I've ever seen in my years in the ministry," he added. (BP)

Adventist College To Broadcast Programs For City's Schools

TAKOMA PARK, Md.—A radio station, operated here by a Seventh-day Adventist college, will allocate 2½ hours five days a week to the District of Columbia public school system for a special radio project aimed at inner city school children.

Beginning Jan. 15, the daily program will be heard in 1500 classrooms throughout the city through the facilities of WGTS-FM, licensed to Columbia Union college, a small liberal arts institution. (RNS)

Larry W. Jeffrey Named Music Program Specialist

Larry W. Jeffrey, has been named music promotion specialist in the Broadman Trade Sales Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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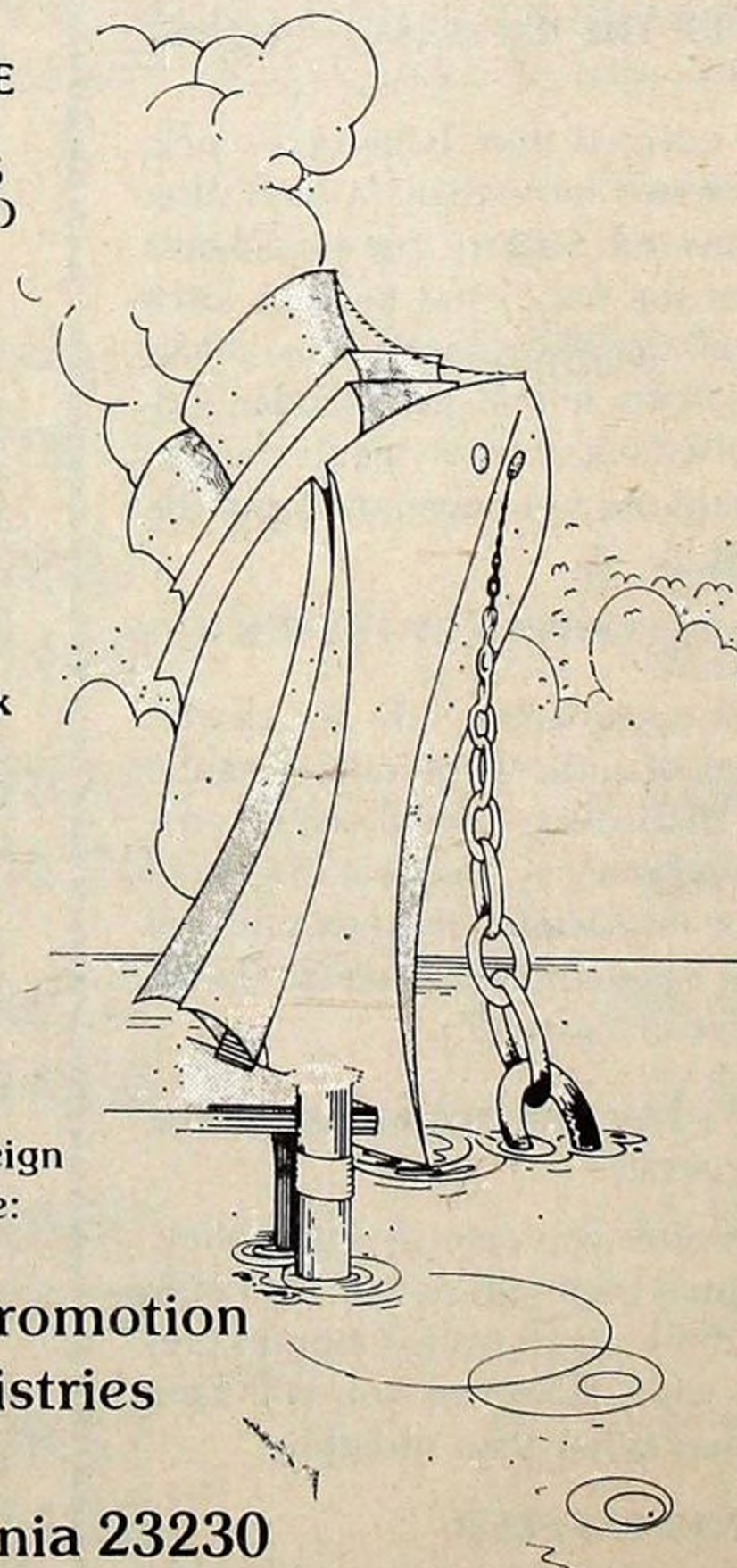
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By
Darold H. Morgan

*W*hy did you get out of the ministry to handle an insurance business?" a friend asked me shortly after I came with the Annuity Board. His question shocked me. I'd spent hours agonizing, debating and praying before making the change. Was he right? Was the Board just a business rather than a ministry?

Two years have passed. Not once have I regretted making the change. Although this question bothered me then, I feel very much a part of the Southern Baptist ministry because the Annuity Board ultimately serves people in Christ's name.

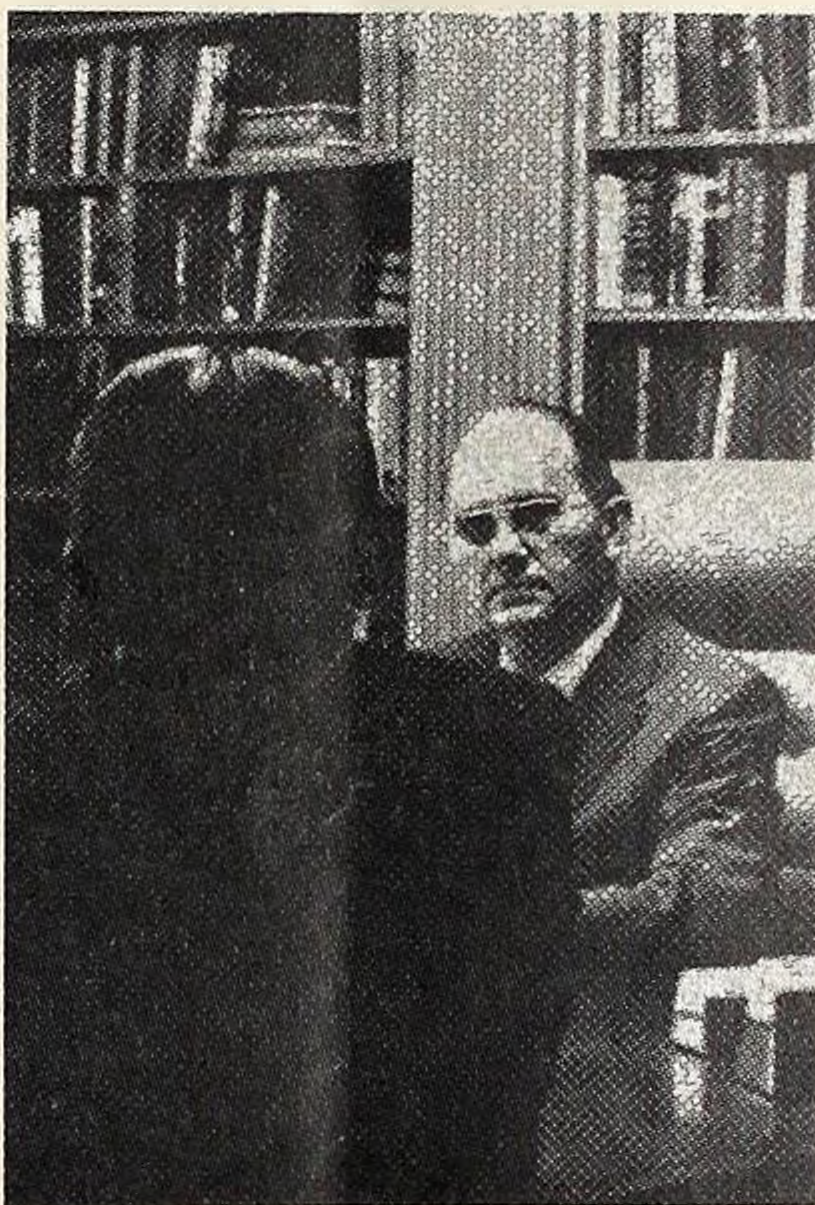
Since coming with the Board, I learned how varied are the different services it performs. I have discovered it is really difficult to communicate to our Baptist family the exciting services the Board has to offer.

As a pastor, I always yearned to reach more people with the good news of the gospel. Something of that same spirit is mine when I want to tell Baptists what the Annuity Board can mean to ministers, church and denominational employees. *You need to know* what the Board can do in strengthening the efforts of these noble Christian servants with the personal and family protection the Board can provide.

This is why we plan to let you know what is going on at the Annuity Board through a series of informal reports, such as this.

There have been numerous successes, several trials and a couple of disappointments during this past year. Yet, overall, 1972 was a very exciting year.

From the denominational point of view, we feel there has been a healthy moving-forward effort with definite spiritual and inspirational emphases.



On March 1, Darold H. Morgan begins his third year with the Annuity Board. This is the first in a series of informal reports he plans to give on the Annuity Board, the agency designated to administer the retirement and insurance programs for ministers and employees in Southern Baptist churches and agencies.

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From the Board's point of view, we see progress being made in strategic services. On the surface, the results may look business, but underneath they are ministry.

As a business, our investment performance was good enough to provide another double "13th Check" (16.67 per cent of the annual benefit) to those people who get retirement benefits.

As a ministry, one 92-year-old said it best: "I have had the joy of serving the Lord until I was 90. Then the people began to think I was too old. We are so thankful for our annuity and what the '13th Check' means. It means a lot."

As a business, we were able to share with about 6,000 of our retired persons another six per cent increase in monthly benefits as of January 1. One retired person wrote: "I am conscious and aware that every monthly check is more than the original contract promised. Thank God for your ministry."

Several crises have been faced with our insurance program for churches as we strived to stabilize it. More will be said specifically about this in a later report, when we can report also on early results of our efforts.

Also, the Seminary Student Insurance Program was expanded; a 10 per cent credit was added as of January 1 to all accrued retirement credits for many plans; and some new benefits for Plan A were recommended to all state conventions.

More will be said in the next report concerning these new benefits and what they mean to the members.

Meanwhile, if you have any question concerning this ministry, write me. I'll see that you get an answer as quickly as possible. All of us at the Annuity Board are trying our best "to serve those who serve the Lord."

WHOM DO WE SERVE?

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 4

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 4:1-10

Do we serve self or God? Whom should we serve? Some would say we should serve others then we would be serving God but this is not necessarily true.

We may serve others when serving God but we may be serving humanity and ignoring God at the same time. In fact we may be rendering service to others but doing it to exalt ourselves or promote selfish interests.

We need to let our lights so shine that all will see our good work in a way that will reflect glory on God. If we give a cup of cold water in Christ's name, we point toward Him who can give the water of life everlasting. Thus we render a double service to the benefactor and society.

The Priority Is Faithfulness

1 Cor. 4:1-2

All of us are not affluent or gifted yet all of us can be faithful in what we are and have. It is not what we do not have for which we are responsible to God and humanity but for what we have.

If we are faithful in little, we are faithful in much if our portion in life is little. Peter said to the lame man, "We do not have silver or gold but what we do have, we share with you—the healing power of Christ. In His name, rise up and walk". Access to the riches of Christ by faith is a great trust.

The Final Judgment of Service

1 Cor. 4:3-5

We are prone to judge the quality and nature of service. In some cases we judge too critically and in others too generously.

We have been too severe with some and too flattering with others because of outward

appearances and the look of full knowledge. We are to judge nothing prematurely. That is before the final revelation at the coming of Christ when all things will come to light. Then the full picture will be revealed, even the secret intents and natures of the heart.

We so often heap praise and honor sky-high on some people when the revealing fire of the judgment throne of Christ will give them a pile of ashes. Others who were minimized or discounted will have a towering monument of golden glory.

We Owe All to God

1 Cor. 4:6-7

We never have any reason to be puffed up over our achievements or generosity. We have no basis for making invidious comparisons between each other.

What do any of us have that we did not receive from God? Ultimately all things come from Him. He either provided it or enabled us to do it.

There is a sense in which everything we are and have depends upon God and others. Think of our parents, neighbors and a functioning society without them. Where would we be since we live and move and have our being in God. Suppose He should suddenly suspend the operation of all His laws, even natural laws. What right do we have to be arrogant and boastful?

The Spirit of True Greatness

1 Cor. 4:8-10

The humility of Paul and other apostles has been used of God to bless greatly the early Christians and yet their benefactors are appointed unto death while the beneficiaries reign in strength and joyful victory.

Home Mission Board Names 26 Missionaries, Consultant

ATLANTA—A national consultant in "new town" planning, James Hamblen of Columbia, Md., was among 26 missionaries and missionary associates appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during a board of directors meeting here.

Since 1968, Hamblen has been pastor in Columbia, Md., one of 127 "new towns" throughout the nation. A "new town" is a city, planned from its very beginning to be self-supportive—providing the full range of resources and services including social, spiritual, industrial and educational.

As "new town" consultant, Hamblen will represent the board as a member of the interreligious New Communities Coalition of the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC). He will also be working to provide data concerning relationships with the developers of new towns with other religious groups, alternatives for congregational development and potential forms of ministry in new towns.

Hamblen, a native of Fort Worth, is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin, and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. He is a former pastor of several Texas churches. He and his wife, Beverly, are missionary associates jointly supported by the board and the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Ten other full missionary appointments were made in addition to two promotions and 12 other missionary associate appointments. They join a missionary force of more than 2200 working throughout the nation, Puerto Rico and Panama. (BP)

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

The East Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference which met recently was attended by approximately 100 pastors, staff members and associational workers. We believe this meeting was of tremendous value to all who participated either by questions or comments during the question/answer period, or just by listening. We feel that our lines of communication must remain open at all times, that you should feel free to ask questions or share any comments which you might have in relation to our overall program as Baptists in Tennessee. Please help us achieve this goal.



Norton

Next week we have four SHARE THE WORD NOW Leadership Training Conferences in the following areas: Southwestern Region, Brownsville, First; Northwestern Region, Martin, First; South Central Region, Pulaski, First; and Central Region, TBC Building, Brentwood.

Department leaders of TBC will share future dates and plans with many of our associational leaders. If you are an associational leader in any of the above regions, please plan to attend. These will be of tremendous value to all of us.

January Bible Study appears to be in full swing throughout the churches across our state. We hope you are taking advantage of this opportunity to study the book of Galatians and that the combined efforts to teach the book will be a rewarding one for our churches. I was privileged to teach the book at the First Baptist church in Franklin and enjoyed the periods of study and fellowship very much.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Hyperactive Most Likely To Get Parental Abuse

The child most likely to be the target of parental abuse may be the hard to love and hard to live with "hyperactive" youngster, warns Harvard Medical School pediatrics professor T. Berry Brazelton.

Hyperactivity, a basic behavioral disorder, may become obvious at the age of 3 months, a time when other babies generally settle into the family living pattern but the hyperactive infant continues to react erratically and disruptively to even familiar faces and routines.

It is this point, says Dr. Brazelton, that parents need outside recognition that they have a problem and a tough one. Given understanding, emotional support and practical advice from the first, they're more likely to be able to keep a grip on themselves and to resist the combined pressure of desperation and guilt that can trigger abuse of this "impossible" child.

Hyperactive infants are definitely hard to live with and love, emphasizes the baby specialist. They give little of the emotional satisfactions provided by the average baby. "They can develop into intense, hyperactive children who cannot calm themselves down, cannot concentrate long on any one thing, and who overact to every intervention from the outside as if it were a challenge to more violent activity. Their excessive demands produce angry, guilt reactions in young parents, who must almost 'force' themselves to like them."

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The Baptist church at Charleston, Tennessee, was destroyed completely when a fire began above the ceiling. Pastor T. R. Waggener said that the church members were gathering to initiate construction plans.

Alumni of Union university launched a project at their annual meeting for the construction of a new chapel at the school. The chapel was to be erected in honor of G. M. Savage who served the school for 33 years.

20 YEARS AGO

C. F. Clark, a Tennessee native, was the first missionary appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953. A native of Cleveland, he was educated at Carson-Newman college and Vanderbilt university in this state. He and his wife, Pauline, were to serve as a doctor and nurse team to Japan.

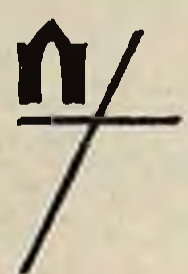
Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis received full approval for its new School of Medical Technology. Specialized training was offered for laboratory technicians, under the accreditation of the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association. Frank Groner was hospital administrator.

10 YEARS AGO

Calvary chapel, a mission of First church, Murfreesboro, began a full program under the leadership of Pastor Bill Hamrick. A Training Union was organized, and the first study course was offered that month.

Two Memphis churches led the state in baptisms during the 1952 convention year, with a Nashville church placing third. The churches included the Cherokee church with 187 baptisms and the Bellevue church with 174 baptisms in Memphis. In Nashville, First church led with a figure of 147.

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Mission Volunteers Await Funds For Appointment

ATLANTA—Enlistment of mission volunteers is no longer the greatest mission problem. Rather, the shortage of monetary mission support keeps volunteers from being placed, Cecil Etheredge, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary personnel secretary, said here.

"In the decade of the 70s the appointment of new home missionaries should have high priority; however, the basic need is no longer enlistment, but increased mission support," he stressed.

During 1972, the board made 366 new appointments, 36 fewer than 1971. Although the number of career missionaries appointed increased by 13 and the missionary associates increased by three, the number of US-2ers dropped from 39 to 27. Another big drop was the number of mis-

sion pastors receiving pastoral aid, from 140 to 96.

The drops were not for lack of interest. More than 100 young college or seminary graduates applied for the US-2 program for 1972, volunteering to spend two years either beginning new work or continuing work on the mission field. It was the highest number of applicants ever.

Volunteers in all areas of home mission work far exceeded the monetary support making new appointments possible, according to Etheredge.

"Our primary frustration relates to appointment, not recruitment," he said. "How do you realistically encourage candidates for appointment, not knowing if and when funds will be available?"

Although the Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering topped its \$6 million goal and set an all-time records, costs were also rising, Etheredge said.

At the end of 1972 there was a joint increase of \$782,611 over the previous year from the Easter Offering and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget.

However, there was also a much-needed salary increase granted to missionaries, and an increase in the cost of group insurance, paid for missionaries and their families by the board. Thus salary increases and increased cost of group insurance, totaling \$572,470, accounted for 60 per cent of the combined increase from gifts, he added.

During 1972 the total number of missionaries dropped from 2237 in 1971 to 2208. However, 155 mission volunteers qualified as mission pastors and home missionaries, but were unable to be placed on the field because of lack of funds.

Twelve qualified as language missionaries. But Oscar Romo, secretary of the board's language mission department, said that is only part of the problem.

"We have 12 waiting for appointment but we have the need for 50 more," Romo said. (BP)

ABC Minister Finds Youth Interested In Religion During Soviet Visit

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—Despite the popular view that Christianity appeals primarily to older people in the USSR, the strength of young Soviet Christians is also quite evident, according to an American Baptist minister here who recently visited the Soviet Union.

"I have heard that only older people went to church," said the Rev. Roland G. Metzger, regional representative for Africa and Europe of the American Baptist Board of International Ministries.

"But in every church in the cities I visited there were young people—younger than 25 and even children—in some of the services. In one church, more than half of the congregation were under 25."

However, Metzger reported that there were restrictions imposed on youthful church members. "No one under 18 can become a member of the church, so baptized believers in the statistics represent adults beyond the age of 18 at least," he said. (RNS)

