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## Committee Of Fifteen To Hold Hearing On SBC Restructure

NASHVILLE—A special Committee of Fifteen assigned to study the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold an open hearing here Feb. 21 to provide a forum for any Southern Baptist to present ideas on the structure and organization of the convention, according to E. W. Price Jr., chairman of the committee.

The open forum will be held at 3:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at the Southern Baptist Convention Building here following adjournment of the SBC Executive Committee meeting.

The Committee of Fifteen was appointed by the Executive Committee in 1970 to study the structure of the SBC and recommend any changes in organization it felt were needed. Price, pastor of Green Street Baptist church, High Point, N.C., is chairman.

"We do not know that there will be any individuals who want to present anything, but we wanted to give an opportunity for any Southern Baptist to present a point of view before the subcommittee before our study is complete," Price said. He added that the committee has already heard from several individuals and from SBC agency heads.

Price urged anyone desiring to appear before the committee to get in touch with him, or simply to appear at the meeting on Feb. 21. (BP)

## BSU Missions Committee To Meet This Weekend

The Missions Selection Committee of the state Baptist Student Union will meet Feb. 16-18 in Brentwood to interview applicants who are interested in summer mission work through the Student Department.

According to Glenn Yarbrough, state Student Department secretary, there are four places abroad and nine areas in Tennessee to be filled. Students selected will serve for ten weeks during the summer without pay. They will be housed with arrangements of the local career missionaries, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board. Expenses will be supplied from monies given by the BSU organization on 32 Tennessee college campuses.

John Johnson, chairman of the committee, will preside. State BSU president, Eddie Don Gambrell, Tennessee Tech; Yarbrough; and Bill Henry, associate in the Student Department, will serve as ex-officio members.



Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, signs a check in the amount of \$1,209,990.37, representing Tennessee's largest share in Cooperative Program and designated gifts. The check went to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and included \$908,567.06 which came through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Looking on is Mrs. Martha Grove, head bookkeeper, TBC.

## March Bible Conference To Be Held At Union

More than 2500 pastors and laymen from Tennessee and surrounding states are expected to attend a Spring Bible Conference at Union university, March 5-7.

Major speakers for the occasion will include H. Leo Eddleman, president, Criswell Bible Institute, Dallas; Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology, Southern Baptist Theological seminary; R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue church, Memphis; and J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus, First

church, New Orleans. The theme of the conference will be "Christ Above All" and will be climaxed by a sermon with the same title on the final day by Dr. Lee.

Eddleman will lead the studies in the Old Testament and Ward in the New Testament. Grey will deliver six sermons during the conference. Congregational music will be led by Carlys Scates, minister of music, First church, Jackson. Miss Joe Ann Shelton, Fort Worth, will present the special music at the sessions.

Lewis Sewell, dean of religious affairs at Union, will head the program and plans committee for the conference.



# Whose Children Are You?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free."—Gal. 4:31

To make his point against the Judaizers, Paul resorts to an allegorical interpretation of scripture (Gal. 4:24). The Judaizers were insisting that only Jews were children of Abraham. But by a clever comparison Paul shows that Abraham had two sons, Ishmael by Hagar and Issac by Sara (cf. Gen. 16:1-18; 15; 21:1-21). Hagar was Sarah's slave. So Paul likens her son and his descendants to those in bondage to law. Sarah was free, so he sees her son and his descendants as free, or representative of those saved by grace.

Paul then says that Hagar may be compared to the Mosaic or legal covenant at Sinai. Sarah he likens to God's covenant of grace. Hagar corresponds "to Jerusalem which now is." It was from Jerusalem that the Judaizers came; also Jerusalem was the center of legalistic Judaism. But Sarah is likened to "Jerusalem which is above" (heavenly Jerusalem) symbolic of the freedom in Christ. So he concludes that Christians are the true seed of Abraham through Isaac (freedom), and heirs of God's promise of salvation by grace through faith in Christ (see Gal. 3:16).

Paul also notes that he who was born

after the flesh (Ishmael) persecuted him who was born of the Spirit (Isaac). Then he says that the same was true as he wrote. This is his reference to the Judaizers who were persecuting him and all those who preached that Gentiles could be saved without first becoming Jews.

He concluded by drawing a parallel between Sarah's insistence that Hagar and her son be cast out. He would not be an equal heir of Abraham with Isaac. This was his way of telling his readers to cast out the Judaizers. He closed this allegorical interpretation by affirming that "we" (all who were saved by grace through faith) are children of the free or of Abraham through Isaac through Christ.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Valentine's Day always suggests certain rhymes.

*Pastor to Absentee Church Members:*

Roses are red, violets are blue.

I was in church, but where were you?

*To Non-contributing members of church:*

When it comes to faithful stewardship, let me reiterate,

"You put your two-cents in church conference and the offering plate."

*To Troublemaker:*

"You're just not the kind to stir up a church fuss," you repeat.

When you're peeved, you don't say anything—'cept to everyone you meet.

*To Those Who Stay Away From The Evening Service:*

You attend in the morning, but then you declare:

"I really cannot get out in the cool night air."

But to quickly reply, please don't think me, extraneous—

"Is night air at the movie or the church more dangerous?"

*To One and All:*

But Christians are human, you see—

So we're not bereft—

For I love you, as you love me,

In spite of myself.

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## Devotional

### Salvation Is Like A Check

By John P. S. Humphrey, evangelist, Clarksville

Jim received a check as a gift on his birthday for fifty dollars. The check was made out to Jim personally, it was dated for the day he received it, the amount of fifty dollars was written in, and the check was signed by the one giving the gift.



Humphrey

However, when Jim went to the bank and presented the check for fifty dollars in cash, the teller would not give him the money. Doesn't the giver have the money in his account? Isn't the account in this bank, and

with sufficient funds to cover the check?

Oh yes, all was in order with the check and with the account of the giver!

The problem, however, was that Jim hadn't really accepted the check. Jim had to endorse it, to sign it, thus signifying that he accepted the check. When he did so, he received the fifty dollars.

God has a check, and it is made out to you personally. It is dated "now." The amount is "salvation" which is worth more than all of the world and the universe. Further, this check has been signed by Jesus Christ with His own blood!

However, it will never be yours until you endorse it, until you thus accept it as your very own. Do so today, right now, as you have just read this. Lay this paper down for now and then lay yourself down before Christ and accept His check of "salvation."

### Brannon Becomes Baptist Book Store Manager

NASHVILLE—Kenneth J. Brannon, typing and transcribing section supervisor, management services division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Greenville, S.C.

A native of Great Falls, S.C., Brannon was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration and a minor in psychology.

In 1967 he became office supervisor in the board's Training Union department, and in 1968 became typing and transcription section supervisor for the board's typing pool.

The Greenville book store is one of 55 stores across the United States strategically located for the distribution of Bibles, books, audiovisuals, music, church supplies and other appropriate products to assist churches and individuals in their Christian growth. (BP)



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## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal—\$6,600,000

Tennessee Baptists have set a goal of \$375,000 during the week of March 4-11, as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention-wide goal of \$6,600,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering for home missions.

Home Missions Day in Sunday School will be observed March 11, with the theme, "Ask of me," serving to promote prayer, study, and support.

According to Arthur B. Rutledge, Atlanta, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, funds received in recent years have been sufficient only to maintain home missions work. He predicted that if the Annie Armstrong Easter offering reaches its \$6,600,000 goal, work can be expanded. Rutledge said that for the past three years, the missionary force has remained about the same—approximately 2200. "We have had to cut out some things

in order to pay our missionaries adequately in times of inflation. We had more than 100 potential missionaries on college campuses alone last year that we could not afford to appoint," he added.

**More than \$200,000 in new money is required each year to keep the same number of missionaries on the field according to the Home Mission Board head. He pointed to a 9.8 per cent increase in home missions allocations from the Cooperative Program and stated that if the Annie Armstrong Offering goal can be reached, the number of missionaries could be increased.**

The 1972 goal, which was \$6 million, was exceeded by \$59,603.10, a 13 per cent increase over the previous year. The funds made possible the preparations for a Home Mission Board-sponsored evangelistic variety show which will be premiered throughout the United States on television April 1. Thirty per cent of all the 1973 Annie Armstrong funds beyond \$6 million will be placed into buying time for the TV series.

Activities March 4-11 will be conducted on a churchwide level and by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood age-level organizations.

Distribution for the 1973 offerings will include language missions, church extension, Christian social ministries, associational services, evangelism projects, interfaith witness, chaplaincy ministries, student summer missionaries, US-2 missionaries, scholarships, and other special projects.

### Carson-Newman To Host Summer Science Program

A 1973 "Student Science Training Program in Biology and Chemistry" will be held at Carson-Newman college this summer, according to reports from the National Science Foundation, sponsor of the program.

Courses are offered to outstanding high school students anywhere in the United States who will complete the eleventh grade by June 1973. The program will last seven weeks, from June 18-Aug. 4, and successful completion of the required work will earn a student three semesters credit in both biology and chemistry. Included in the study will be interdisciplinary lectures in chemistry and botany, along with laboratory study periods, research projects, field trips, and library work.

### Talbert, Trotter Named To Methodist Posts

Two Californians, Melvin G. Talbert and F. Thomas Trotter, have been nominated to head major national program boards of the United Methodist church in Nashville.

Talbert, a black, is the nominee as general secretary of the Board of Discipleship; and Trotter, dean of the School of Theology at Claremont seminary, is the choice for general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Both men are subject to the approval of the United Methodist General Council of Ministries, slated to meet in March.

Talbert's nomination was announced by the chairman of a committee seeking a chief executive for the discipleship board.

### Bible Nuggets

#### One Human Race

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

From the one man he created all races of men, and made them live over the whole earth (Acts 17:26, TEV).

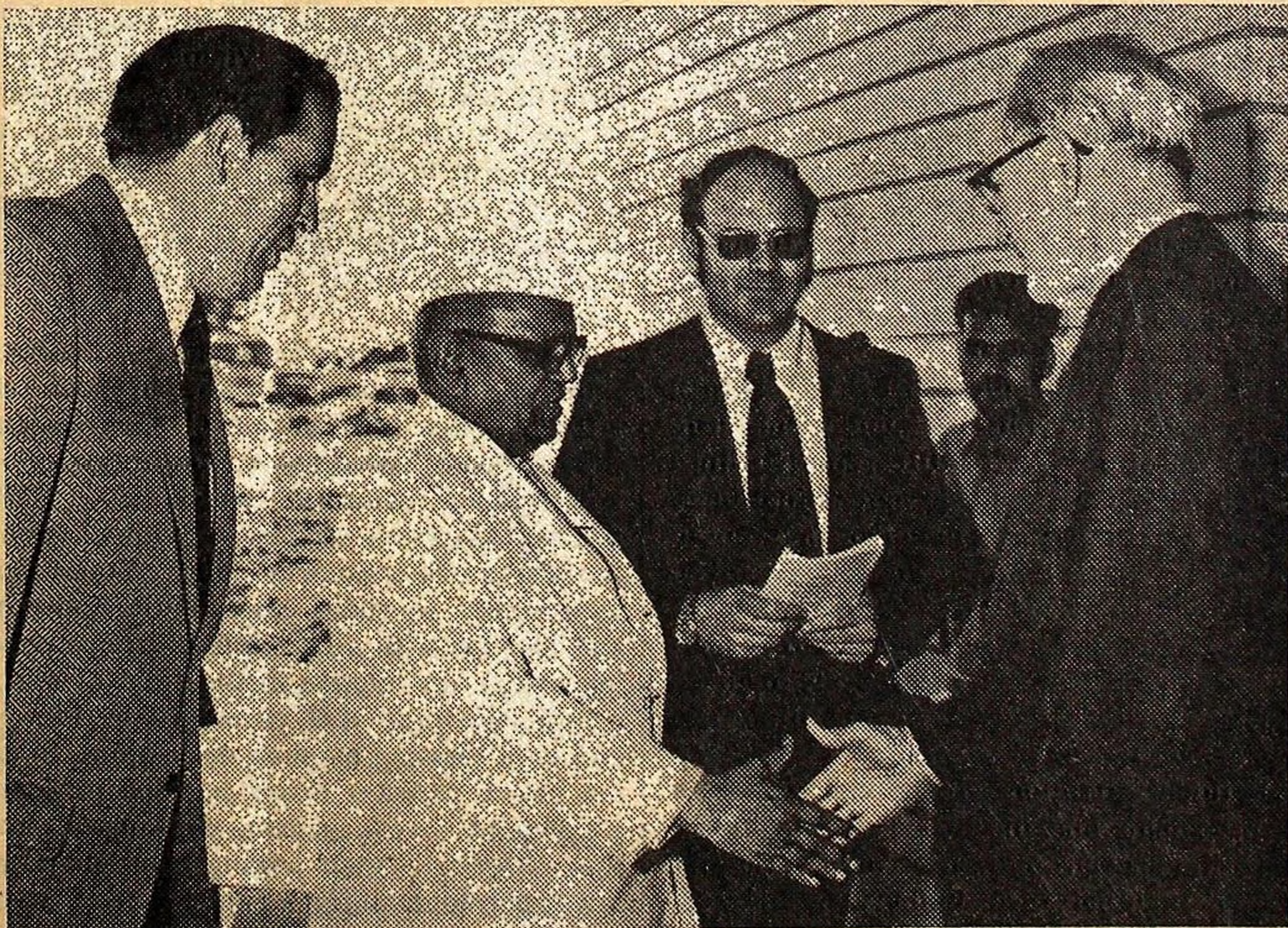
These words were a part of Paul's message to the proud Athenians. As he walked through their city he had observed an altar erected "to an unknown God." He declared unto them that this God, unknown to them, was the true God who "made the world and everything in it." He was Lord of heaven and earth. He gave "life and breath and everything else to all men."

This same God "created all races of men." This was true of the proud Greek and as equally of the proud, self-conscious Jew. They and all other men were and are descended from the same forefather. We are "of one" or "from one." Men of all races belong to one human race.

The attitude of any man or group of men cannot change the preceding fact. One may have a brother or a sister whose lifestyle he does not approve. This, however, does not change the relationship. Such a one is still a brother or a sister. So it is in the human family.

The same is also true in the Christian family. All of us who are Christians are of the family of God. We have the same Father regardless of color, culture, or condition of life. Our Father is impartial. We show our kinship to our Father by being impartial in our treatment of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As human beings we have all descended from "one man" or "one forefather." As Christians we are one in Christ; we have one Father. We can sum up by saying, "We are one human race and one Christian family."



H. Siddaveerappa, minister of health for the State of Mysore, India, shakes hands with Baker J. Cauthen (far right), during ceremonies dedicating the Bangalore Baptist Hospital. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board, is shown with two missionary physicians at the hospital, John Wikman Jr. (left) and Richard H. Hellinger (center).



# What Is Key 73?

By Arthur B. Rutledge  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer,  
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

A knowledgeable Southern Baptist pastor asked me a few days ago, "What is Key 73?" His inquiry underlined the fact that probably we have not said enough about this year-long emphasis upon evangelism.

A simple, direct answer is this is a 1973 project involving many Christian denominations and groups. Its central purpose is to deal with the need for spiritual awakening by seeking to confront the people of North America with the call to follow Christ in faith and obedience. Each participating group will use its own methods and approaches, though some general plans and materials have been developed.

## Other Denominations Participate

It all began in Washington, D.C. in the late 1960's, with a meeting called by Carl Henry with Billy Graham serving as chairman of that session. The purpose was to explore the possibility of Christian denominations doing something together in seeking a spiritual revival. The name came from the fact that the first planning meetings were held in a motel which had in its name the words "Key Bridge." A recent list names 115 church bodies, evangelistic associations, and other types of religious organizations in the United States and 19 in Canada as participants. Three Roman Catholic dioceses in Missouri are listed.

Southern Baptists were in the initial meeting and have been involved ever since. C. E. Autrey represented Southern Baptists in the first three meetings. Since then we have been represented by Harold E. Lindsey, Kenneth Chafin, John Havlik, and C. Wade Freeman. Freeman, Texas evangelism secretary, is the Southern Baptist representative on the central committee. Chafin, formerly director of the Division of Evangelism, served as a member of the Key 73 executive committee for two years.

An HMB tract titled "Key 73" (which may be secured from any state evangelism office or from the HMB) reported this: "From the beginning it was agreed that there would be no doctrinal statement or even an attempt to define evangelism. It was agreed that America needs Jesus Christ; that no group of evangelicals can evangelize America alone; and that the evangelicals involved in Key 73 would undertake some project in evangelism in 1973."

National attention will be called to Key 73 in Canada and the U.S.A. by a series of television specials as well as by a variety of printed materials. On January 6, the first of these television programs, "Faith in Action," was beamed into almost every community within the two nations. This will formally launch Key 73. I hope you get to see it and possibly arrange for groups to view the program followed by dialogue

and prayer. Other television specials will be aired during Easter weekend and in late December.

Many participating groups were to observe a noon call-to-prayer from December 15 through January 7. Every concerned individual could participate by pausing during this period to pray for continental revival in 1973.

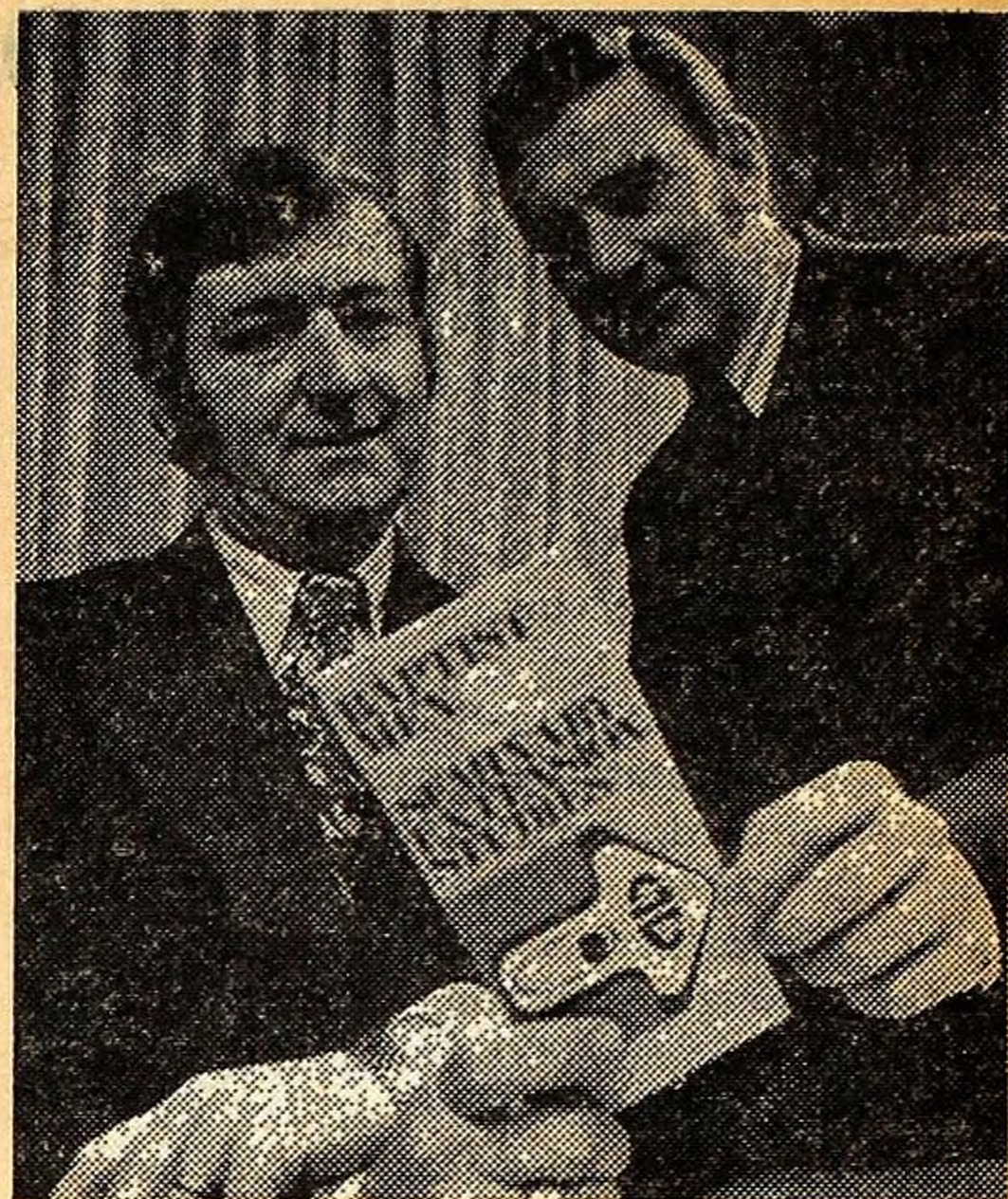
A committee was appointed "to correlate the Key 73 emphasis with the evangelism projects and strategies of the SBC." With C. Wade Freeman as chairman, the committee consists of Kenneth Balthrop, New Mexico pastor; Irving Childress, Arizona secretary of evangelism; Roy Collum, Mississippi secretary of evangelism; and John Havlik, associate director, HMB evangelism division staff.

## Priority Given To Evangelism

The committee has developed suggested plans for Southern Baptists, growing out of consultations with the state evangelism secretaries. Southern Baptists in 1973 are to give priority to lay evangelism schools, renewal evangelism, youth evangelism, and student evangelism. SBC promotional plans for the year include three emphases which are supportive of the Key 73 stress on evangelism: People to People, Extend Now, and Witness Now.

This broad effort brings together most of the organized Christian denominations and evangelistic organizations in the United States and Canada. Whether Southern Baptists use the phrase Key 73 extensively or not, I trust that we will give all possible encouragement to every Key 73 effort. I trust that we shall see our SBC evangelism efforts during this new year as a part of a continent-wide effort to press the claim of Jesus Christ.

Before the kick-off meeting, Southern Baptists had shown interest in such an effort. In the 1967 and 1968 Conventions the body considered the matter and in 1968 approved a statement which said, "We believe Southern Baptists, without compromising convictions or polity, should seek opportunity to share evangelistic concerns and insights with all Christian groups seeking to express interest in the field of evangelism. We pray that we might be blessed and be a blessing by such discussions. Since the Home Mission Board has the program assignment in evangelism, we suggest that they, through their evangelism division, might consider calling a conference of evangelism leaders of various Christian denominations of the United States, seeking to discover ways and means that there might be a resurgence of spiritual power in the nation to the end that men might be brought to God through Jesus Christ." Since others



**NEW TRACT**—Ben J. Connell (left), director of the Baptist Men's Mission Support Department of the Brotherhood Commission, and J. Ralph Hardee, director of the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute, examine a newly-published tract "Baptist Men and Seminary Extension Studies." Produced by the Brotherhood Commission, the tract is available in quantity from state Brotherhood offices, the Brotherhood Commission, and the Seminary Extension Department.

took the lead in calling such a conference, the Home Mission Board did not do so, but has cooperated fully in the development of plans for 1973.

## World Mission of Reconciliation Approved

In addition, Southern Baptists have become deeply involved in plans for a worldwide Baptist evangelism project under auspices of the Baptist World Alliance. With Kenneth Chafin strongly advocating such an effort in 1970, the Evangelism and Missions Commission of the Baptist World Alliance approved a "World Mission of Reconciliation" for the years 1971-1976, with particular stress on "action for reconciliation" 1973-1975. Joseph B. Underwood of the SBC Foreign Mission Board staff is general chairman of this movement and Kenneth L. Chafin is co-chairman of the effort in North America.

The rising tide of evangelism concern within the Christian ranks in North America and around the world is encouraging. These plans come at a time when there seems to be a fresh openness to the gospel and an increasing interest in the Bible by hosts of people in our nation and around the world.

This is an opportune time for every Baptist and every Christian to pray for revival, work for revival, and give his best witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ.

(Editor's Note: Reprinted from the January, 1973 *Home Missions* magazine.)



# Sunday School Board Trustees Respond To Convention Actions

**NASHVILLE**—Trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board in their annual meeting here responded to two Southern Baptist Convention referrals, acted on several personnel and organizational matters, and authorized future construction at Nashville and at the conference center at Ridgecrest.

In two matters of reference from the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, the trustees reaffirmed present Sunday School Board policies.

A resolution urging all writers to use Scripture in all published materials pertaining to "salvation, the church, and the Christian life" was found to be based largely on materials the board had been asked to publish by the Convention, the trustees were told.

A study committee reported that Scripture references have been included without exception in all materials pertaining to the three designated topics.

**The trustees pledged that the Sunday School Board "will continue to exalt the Bible as God's Book of Revelation," and will continue to seek by many different means "to get the Bible known, read, and heeded by all men."**

A second referral called for the board "to study the possibility of making available to all Southern Baptist Convention mission churches up to 75 Sunday School and Training Union books quarterly without charge."

The trustees agreed that the present method of supplying one quarter's materials to new Sunday Schools, Training Unions, and choirs, is strongly preferred from the standpoint of polity, economics and incentive.

In other actions, the titles of executive secretary-treasurer and associate executive secretary-treasurer, referring to the operating head of the agency and his associate, were changed to president and executive vice president.

The title of the head of the elected trustees was changed from president to chairman, and the designation of vice-chairman of trustees was added to the task of the chairman of the 18-member local executive committee which meets monthly.

Similar changes in titles had been taken within the past year by the SBC Annuity Board and Radio and Television Commission.

President Sullivan reported on behalf of the administration concerning sales and earnings during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1972.

Sales for the year totaled \$44,043,000, and an increase of \$2,261,000 over the previous year. Earnings for working capital, fixed assets, and reserves were \$2,407,000.

**All other funds over and above operating costs were used in assistance to Southern Baptist churches through efforts such as field services and educational program development and promotion. A total of \$958,458 was provided to state conventions for their promotion in areas of Sunday School Board program responsibility, Sullivan said.**

A vote of appreciation was extended to Leonard E. Wedel, director of the office of personnel, whose early retirement effective March 31 was announced at the meeting.

The trustees voted to merge the office of personnel and the manpower development department into one unit to be named the personnel department. The new department will be placed in the Management Services Division at a future date.

Donald Moni, presently acting manager, was elected manager of the San Antonio Baptist Book Store.

**The group approved the appointment of a committee to formulate procedures for the election of a new president upon Sullivan's retirement in February, 1975. John Jeffers of Auburn, Ala., was named chairman. Also named to the committee were Presnall Wood, Houston, Grover Kagy, St. Charles, Mo., trustee chairman Scott Tatum, Shreveport, La., and vice-chairman Devaughn Woods, Nashville.**

In building authorizations, the trustees agreed to the addition of two stories to the West Wing building in Nashville for meeting, dining, and training rooms, plus offices if space permits.

An addition of 32 apartments for the Royal Gorge building at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center also was approved.

A Baptist Book Store was authorized for El Paso, Tex. The trustees agreed to the purchase of the Bible Book Store there on July 31, 1973.

They further urged that the Book Store Division continue to work with the Foreign Mission Board to assume retail distribution of all Spanish language materials in the United States by Oct. 1, 1973. (BP)

## Mid-America Bible Conference Scheduled



**Taylor**

**Robbins**

**Henry**

**NASHVILLE**—More than 4000 persons are expected to attend the Mid-America Bible Conference at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., March 26-29, 1973.

The meeting, a sequel to the nation-wide conferences held early in 1972 in Denver and Richmond, is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Principal speakers for the conference will be Jack R. Taylor of San Antonio, Ray F. Robbins of New Orleans, and James B. Henry of Nashville.

Taylor, pastor of the Castle Hills Baptist church, San Antonio, Tex., will present four evening messages to adults on "The Spirit-Filled Life." He is the author of "Key to Triumphant Living" and its sequel "Much More", published by Broadman Press.

Robbins, professor of New Testament

and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary, New Orleans, La., will present three morning messages on "The Challenge to Maturity" from the book of Hebrews.

Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will speak to young people in four evening messages on "The Spirit-Filled Life."

"Both Lord and Christ" is the theme of the conference. The purpose is to lead Christians toward a deeper commitment to Jesus, the Lord and Christ and to challenge Christians to express their submission to the lordship of Jesus by becoming effectively involved in God's efforts to redeem men.

Individual conferences on Old and New Testament books of the Bible also will be offered. (BP)

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# Nine Prayer Bills Introduced In 93rd Congress

Nine bills calling for prayer in public schools have been introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives during the first two weeks of the 93rd Congress, according to recent reports.

The bills, which would cover prayer in public schools and/or public buildings, were introduced as a result of "public support of the school prayer amendment being at an all-time high." Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.) made the statement as he introduced a joint resolution on behalf of himself and Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.).

Senator William Lloyd Scott (R-Va.), introduced a joint resolution calling for a constitutional amendment "relating to the participation in nondenominational prayers

in any building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds."

Others introducing similar bills included Representative Robert Price (R-Texas), Congressmen Jack Edwards (R-Ala.), Tom Beville (D-Ala.), Albert W. Johnson (R-Pa.), and

Joe D. Waggoner Jr., (D-La.). Representatives John J. Flynt Jr., (D-Ga.), and L. A. Bafalis (R-Fla.) mentioned only public schools in their bills.

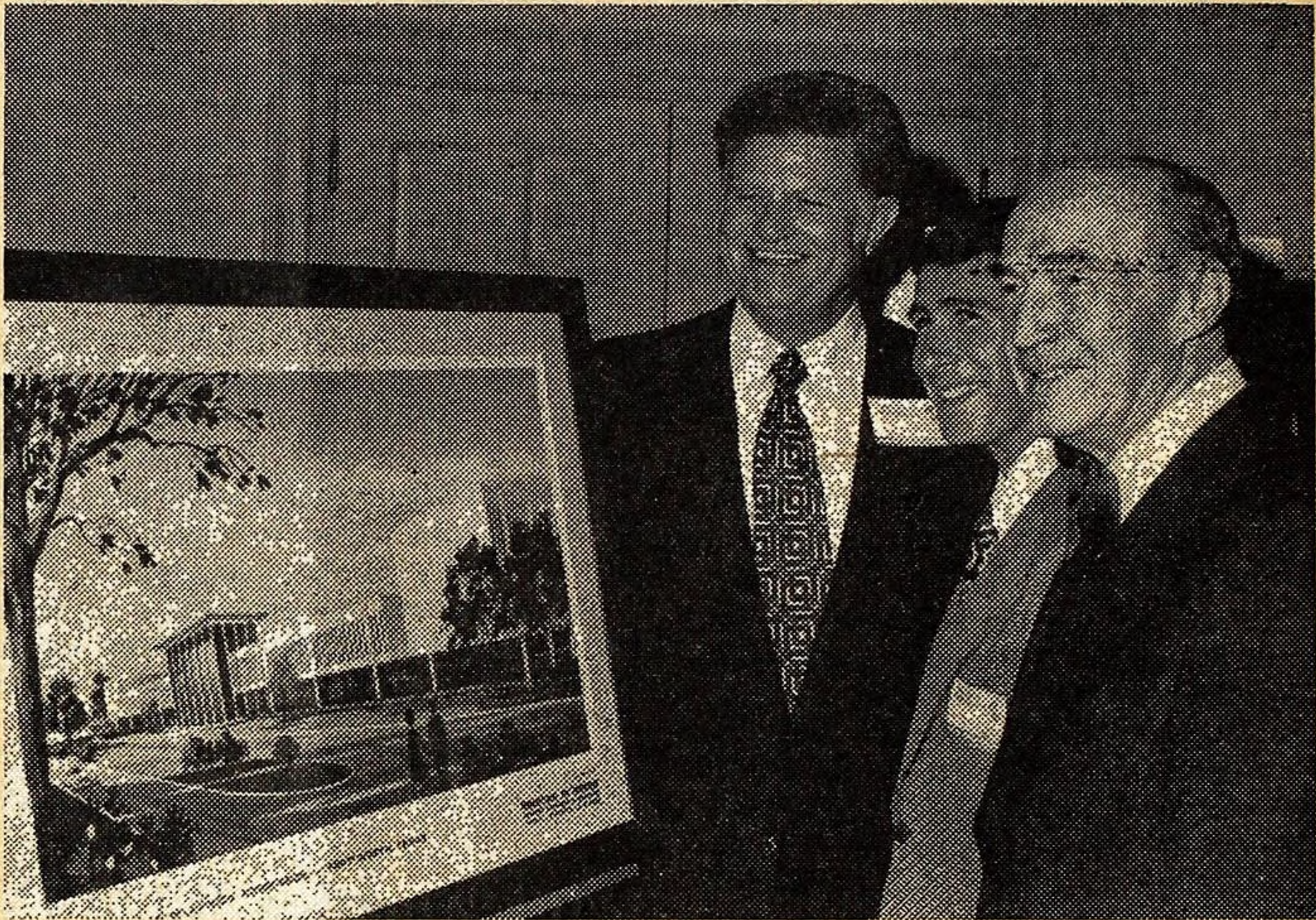
During the last Congress, the House came within 28 votes of the two-thirds vote required to adopt an amendment which would have permitted prayers in public schools.

## Homecoming Activities Slated At Union University

Ten special class reunions, ranging from classes of 50 years ago to five years ago, will be held at Union university at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, as a part of "Homecoming '73" activities.

Other activities will include a Friday night barbecue and jamboree, a musical production of "Love and Marriage," homecoming basketball game, special art and educational exhibits, and open house of all campus facilities.

Classes holding special reunions include: 1923, 1928, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968. Alumni of other years are encouraged to attend the reunions of the classes in close proximity to their own class dates.



Paul M. Stevens (left), Radio and Television Commission president; Col. James B. Irwin, (USAF ret.); and A. L. Scott, chairman of the Fort Worth campaign for funds, look at an architectural drawing of the proposed new television production studio for religious broadcasting following a fund-raising planning dinner in Fort Worth recently. The dinner was the commission's "Second Step Campaign" in the effort. Broadcasting at the studio would be under the direction of the Radio and Television Commission.

## Top Twenty-Five Churches For 1972 By Percentage Of Total Receipts Given To Cooperative Program

Church and Pastor	Association	C.P. Gifts	% of Total Receipts To C.P.
1. Sevierville, First Rev. Grant Jones	Sevier	\$44,294.21	33.53%
2. Brighton Rev. Pat Landrum	Big Hatchie	16,888.50	29.70
3. Lenoir City, First	Loudon	25,726.44	26.41
4. Madisonville, First Rev. James Hutson	Sweetwater	19,350.60	26.05
5. Mt. Carmel Rev. E. Donald Dorris	Robertson	10,449.75	25.65
6. Bethel Rev. Frank Evans	Robertson	11,975.54	25.42
7. Oak Grove Rev. Rodney Travis	Robertson	10,298.26	24.99
8. Maryville, First Dr. J. William Harbir	Chilhowee	60,134.08	24.58
9. Donelson, First Rev. W. L. Baker	Nashville	44,167.85	23.89
10. Beulah Rev. Luther Reed	Holston	4,792.33	23.83
11. Ridgely, First Rev. Thomas Pirtle	Beulah	9,048.55	23.57

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12. Bluff City, First Rev. Charles Earl	Holston	11,776.87	23.39
13. Lincoln Park Dr. Charles Ausmus	Knox	33,924.53	23.32
14. Glenwood Rev. James H. Winter	Clinton	25,648.72	22.85
15. Wallace Memorial Rev. James McCluskey	Knox	49,266.92	22.48
16. Siam Rev. John Crawford	Watauga	9,626.57	22.22
17. Corryton Rev. Damon Patterson	Knox	10,239.00	22.04
18. Prosperity Rev. James Hutchings	Wilson	4,087.02	21.67
19. Kenton, First Rev. Hoyt Wilson	Gibson	11,136.70	21.65
20. Mt. Lebanon Rev. Eugene Leamon	Chilhowee	13,715.00	21.60
21. Robertsville Dr. Lee Morris	Clinton	31,257.72	21.50
22. Piedmont Rev. James Kinser	Jefferson	6,996.41	21.27
23. Central, Fountain City Dr. Charles Bond	Knox	65,020.00	21.03
24. Paris, First Rev. Carroll Owen	Western District	36,798.74	20.80
25. Clinton, First Rev. Hayward Highfill	Clinton	28,579.46	20.25
Total		\$595,199.77	



# God Works Through His People

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

**BACKGROUND PASSAGES:** Zechariah 1:1-6; 4

**FOCAL PASSAGES:** Zechariah 1:1-3; 4:1-10

## Contemporaries in Encouragement

Haggai and Zechariah were contemporaries. The first verse of each book places both in the second year of Darius or 520 B.C. Haggai began his prophetic work in the sixth month. Zechariah began his labors in the eighth month.

Haggai was straight forward and sometimes blunt. His speech was direct and to the point. In contrast, Zechariah's work abounds with subtle approaches. He uses graphic and colorful illustrations. Both, however, have the same motive. Both attempted to motivate Israel to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple.

More than these two played a role in the rebuilding process. We know the names of a few but their number is small. Two things should be noted about these men. First, a great number of encouraging voices was not needed. One spark can ignite a forest. Second, the role of those who wielded the hammers and laid stones is not to be minimized, but the most vital role was that of those who sparked the mind and imagination of the people and gave them the spirit to work and rebuild.

Pastors, teachers, layworkers in churches and others who seek to deal with people on the level of spirit and intellect often yearn for some more tangible evidences of success. It is impossible to see the first quickening of a mind or the first stirring of a human spirit, but those who work in these areas must know that their contribution must precede any tangible expression.

## The Lessons of the Past.

Ezekiel had told Israel that the sons need not fear the punishment due the fathers. Zechariah tells them that the same judgment that came to their fathers will come to them if they commit the sins of their fathers. "Be not as your fathers . . ." (Zech. 1:4) The fathers had those who encouraged them to faith and righteousness, but they chose not to respond. The fathers and the prophets are both dead, but the truth taught by the prophets is still true. Now the sons must face up to this truth as did the fathers. You do not have to follow the steps of your fathers. If you do, you will share their fate. Do differently! Respond to the encouragement given you and you will be blessed.

The past teaches us that unrighteousness must fail. It always has failed in the past. The future, however, does not have to be like the past. It can be different. It can be characterized by righteousness. The personal choices we make will decide the issue.

## Assurance for the Present.

Zechariah sought to assure them by using a picture that probably meant much more to his hearers than to us. The picture is difficult for us to understand. Zechariah's hearers, no doubt, understood it much more clearly.

The picture is a seven-branched lampstand of gold, with a bowl at the top from which runs seven pipes to seven lamps. On either side is an olive tree. It seems that Zechariah meant for the lampstand to symbolize the presence of Yahweh. To the ancients the number "seven" indicated completeness. The number "three" probably suggested a man, a woman, and a child. The best and most heavenly thing man knew was home and family love.

To the ancients the earth was flat with four corners. There were four winds. There were four directions. The number "four" came to symbolize earth. "Three" plus "four" came to indicate heaven and earth or the universe. The number "seven" suggested wholeness and completeness. The lampstand with seven lamps which "are the eyes of the Lord" (Zech. 4:10) was probably intended to symbolize the all-seeing and all-knowing presence of the Lord. It was Zechariah's way of reminding Israel that the Lord was in her midst and knew everything.

God is not to be relegated to the past. He is in the present just as He was in the past. This is a reason for fear for the unrighteous, but a reason for encouragement for the faithful. God is in the present and actively supports the righteous in his efforts. This is the secret of spiritual and moral success—the active presence and support of the Divine.

Zechariah was telling Israel that God was with her. Because God was with her, she could rebuild. In faith and righteousness Israel had the assurance of God's presence and because of his presence, success.

## The Secret of Success

The presence and help of the Lord was the secret of man's success in the spiritual and moral realm. All man can do alone is not enough. Man's best is insufficient. Unless God helps, man will fail. Man must know that ". . . not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," is the secret of success. Man must do his best and then God must make up what man lacks. (Zech. 4:6)

The human skill and energy that lays the

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## What The Lawyer Said

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A prominent lawyer was in a tragic car wreck. His traveling companion was killed instantly. The lawyer was confined to a wheel chair for months after a prolonged battle between life and death.

During his convalescence I visited him often. During one visit he asked for special spiritual counsel. He began the conversation with the following: "I always thought I was doing enough good by helping people with their family, financial and legal problems, but when I looked over that 'river' I realized that my good works were not enough. I don't have much time left here. Tell me how to make it count for the most after I am gone."

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stones and fits them together in rebuilding the temple is a tangible expression and necessary. Just as vital is the integrity and character of the workman that causes him to strive for perfection in construction.

More vital is the awareness that as God's creature he has the privilege of building a house of God and in worship can share in the divine enterprise. More vital than all was the influence that prompted and the moment when the choice was made. That time was when the workman saw himself as belonging to God and chose to give himself to God in service and righteousness. Without that moment and that choice, nothing would have been accomplished. Stones can be purchased and labor can be hired, but such choices and commitments cannot be coerced or bought.

Christian workers must realize that success must not be limited to what we can coerce or bribe people into doing with cheap, dishonest, and shallow emotionalism. We can embarrass and harass and harangue and seemingly accomplish something. Willing choices and wholehearted devotion, however, can only be accomplished in the lives of people by the working of the Spirit of God. May we be used of Him, but may we learn we cannot do His work.



# Tennessee News Briefs

First church, Jonesboro, **Samuel Dean**, pastor, closed the Limestone mission Dec. 31.

Central church, Johnson City, ordained **William Jenkins**, **Charles Willingham**, **Victor Feathers** and **William Kennedy** as deacons. **James Canaday** is pastor.

Wynnborg church, Beulah Association, voted to buy a new GMC 20-passenger bus.

Bethel church, has resumed services after being inactive for some months. **David Phillips**, Hickman, Ky., has been called as pastor. This church is located in Beulah Association.

**Danny Jones**, son of **Rev. James R. Jones**, pastor of Walnut Grove church, Ripley, surrendered to the gospel ministry. **Danny** is a Bible major and holds the B.A. degree from Belmont College. He has done lay speaking for six years and has conducted revivals and served as interim pastor of Forest Park church, McMinnville. Presently he is employed with the Fayette County School System.

Two deacons at Brainerd Baptist church, Chattanooga, received honors recently. They are **Glenn C. Stophel** and **Dr. I. Lee Arnold**. **Stophel** was awarded the Young Man of the Year award by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. **Dr. Arnold** was elected to the office of president-elect of the Hamilton County Medical Society. **J. Ralph McIntyre** is pastor.

Oak Grove church, Chattanooga, is in the process of erecting a new educational building. **Todd Zeiger** is pastor.

Westover church, Madison-Chester Association, licensed **Dr. William Hedspeth** to the gospel ministry. **John L. Gunter** is pastor.

Indiana Avenue church, LaFollette, **Fred H. Garner** pastor, ordained **Hobert McCreary** to the gospel ministry. He has been called as pastor of Alder Springs church, Campbell County Association.

**Mrs. Nelle L. Robinson**, mother of **Mrs. Joseph Nickell**, wife of the pastor of First church, Crossville died recently of a stroke. Services were held at First church, Lenoir City, where she has been an active member for 61 years.

**Clarence E. Jackson Sr.**, **E. Clifton Warren** and **James Bender** were ordained as deacons at Bordeaux church, Nashville. **Truman Durham** is pastor.

Lakeview church, McMinn Association, purchased eight acres of land to start a new building. A nice home on the property is being used as a home for pastor **James B. Cranfield**.

White Oak church, Chattanooga, voted to demolish the present pastor's home at 2230 Ashmore Avenue and pave that area for parking. The church voted also to give the pastor a monthly housing allowance to enable him to buy his own home. **Ray E. Fowler** is the pastor.

**Rev. and Mrs. Mont E. Hooper** of Oak Hill church, Cumberland Plateau Association, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 18.

Clearwater church, Athens, ordained **Paul Estes**, **Charles Kincaid** and **Danny Hughes** as deacons. **D. A. Womac** is pastor.

**Donnie Elkins** was licensed to the gospel ministry by Idlewild church, Athens. A remodeling program has been completed. **David Lyles** is pastor.



The Bluegrass church, Hendersonville, ordained **Robert Lewis** to the Gospel Ministry. The request was made for his ordination by the Goshen church at Sinai, Ky. **Lewis** serves the Kentucky church as pastor and is also attending Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**Mrs. Beatrice C. Gardner** is the new office secretary for McMinn Association. She served for the past several years as secretary of Central Baptist church. **Dillard Brown** is the missionary.

**W. L. Shipman** is the new missionary for Polk County Association. He was pastor of Benton Station church in the association before assuming his new duties recently.

**Harold Firestone**, pastor of Zion Baptist church, Benton, resigned to accept a call as pastor of Poplar Spring church, Ringgold, Ga. **Firestone** was also moderator of the Polk County Baptist Association.

**Ruble Price** has resigned as pastor of Barnards Grove church, Grainer County, effective Mar. 1.

**Lloyd Henry** has resigned as pastor of Byerley's Chapel church, Mascot. He has accepted a church in Knox County Association.

In Gibson Association, **Lowell Meade**, layman of Louisville, Ky., has accepted a call as full-time minister of evangelism at First church, Milan. Mt. Pleasant church has called **Bill Smith** of South Fulton as pastor. **Marlon Stephens** is the new pastor of Fruitland church. He came from Northern Chapel, Rutherford.

## Bomb Kills Two Boys Near Philippine Seminary

A World War II Japanese bomb exploded less than 300 yards from the campus of the Philippine Baptist Theological seminary in Baguio recently killing two 13-year-old boys carrying the bomb and injuring two others.

The four boys discovered two bombs in a creek and were carrying one after heating it over a small fire. According to **Todd C. Hamilton**, president of the seminary, the freak accident occurred on a Saturday afternoon when no classes were being held. After the explosion, one 20-inch fragment rocketed from the hillside, penetrated a window and thick plywood door of the seminary chapel, and crashed against the far wall of the vestibule.

Music classes are conducted in the chapel each weekday afternoon.

## Allen to Head Search For Texas Executive

**DALLAS**—**Jimmy R. Allen**, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, has been elected chairman of the 14-member committee to nominate a new executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Executive Secretary **T. A. Patterson** will retire at the end of 1973, after 13 years service.

Other committee officers are vice chairman **W. E. Norman**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Quanah, Tex., and Recording Secretary **Browning Ware**, pastor of Calder Baptist Church, Beaumont, Tex. (BP)

**Houston Baggett** has resigned as pastor of Grace church, Sequatchie Association, to become pastor of First church, Soddy. **Albert Hamby** is serving the Grace church as interim pastor.

Brookhill church, Etowah, has called **F. H. Patterson** as pastor. He has served as pastor of Pond Hill, Marshall Hill, McMahan Calvary, and Lamontville churches, all in McMinn Association.

**Frank D. Spurling** has resigned as pastor of South Whitwell church where he has served six years.

Central church, Athens, has called **Harvey Tallent** as minister of music.

**M. W. Little** has resigned as pastor of First church, Decatur, after 22 years to become pastor of West Cleveland church, Cleveland. **Burch Cooper** is serving as interim pastor.

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# Cooperative Program Gifts Top \$3 Million First Time

**NASHVILLE**—For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention, contributions through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget exceeded \$3 million in one month.

A record \$3,194,938 was contributed to support all national SBC mission causes through the Cooperative Program during the month of January, 1973.

It marked the second month in a row that Cooperative Program gifts had reached a new record high. December, 1972, Cooperative Program contributions was the previous top month of giving, with \$2,968,131.

Cooperative Program contributions for January, 1973, represented an increase of 14.3 per cent, or \$399,230 over the month of January for 1972.

For the first four months of the 1972-73 fiscal year, Cooperative Program gifts totalled \$11.2 million, an increase of \$773,612 or 7.42 per cent over the same four months' period last year.

**Porter W. Routh**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee which receives and distributes to SBC causes the budget funds, was elated at the news of the \$3 million milestone of giving in one month, and the big increase for both the month of January and the entire year.

"The 14 per cent increase in Cooperative Program receipts for January represents a healthy condition in the churches," Routh commented on learning of the increase.

"But more important," he continued, "it represents a concern in all that Southern Baptists are seeking to do on the part of deacons, Sunday School teachers, and just the average church member who doesn't say much, but has a deep conviction about his stewardship."

Concerning the 7.2 per cent increase in receipts for the first four months of the fiscal year, Routh observed that if the current trend continued, Southern Baptists will be able to meet the 1972-73 operating budget and make a substantial reduction in the current capital needs program.

The 12 million-member convention is currently operating on a budget of \$31.8 million, plus an additional \$1.2 million for capital needs. The total combined 1973-74 budget is just over \$33 million.

**John H. Williams**, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the Executive Committee, attributed the big 14.3 per cent increase for January to big increases in giving by about half-dozen states, including one state which sent in a Cooperative Program check that should have been received the previous month.

Williams said the really significant figure is the 7.42 per cent increase in Cooperative Program giving for the first four months of the fiscal year, since it is not inflated by any big checks which should have come in during other months.

In addition to almost \$3.2 million contributed through the Cooperative Program unified budget during January, Southern Baptists gave an additional \$5.18 million to specific designated mission causes during the month, making a grand total of \$8.38 million for the month of January.

Of the \$5 million in designated gifts, \$4.7 million went to foreign missions through the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Just over \$6 million has been given to designated causes during the first four months of the fiscal year. January, obviously, was the biggest month of designated giving for the year, primarily because of the special mission offering. Designations for the year are up 4.69 per cent, or \$272,983 over designations for the same period last year.

For the four month period, grand total mission gifts (both Cooperative Program and designated contributions combined) reached almost \$17.3 million, an increase of more than \$1 million or 6.44 per cent over combined gifts last year during the same period.

The missions gifts reflected in the tabulations include only amounts given to support national and world-wide Southern Baptist causes, and do not include gifts to local and state Baptist mission efforts.

In Tennessee contributions for January 1973, amounted to \$1,803,517.25; of this amount Cooperative Program was \$795,145.92 and designated gifts \$1,008,371.33.

## Ground-Breaking Is Held At West Shiloh Baptist

West Shiloh Baptist church, Stantonville, held special ground-breaking ceremonies last month for the construction of a new educational building.

The building, to consist of 2625 square feet, will contain nine classrooms, storage area, a pastor's study, kitchen, and four restrooms. Provision will be made for a fellowship area through the use of folding walls. According to the pastor, R. Wesley Pitts, the building will be centrally heated and air-conditioned.

Owen Qualls serves as chairman of the building committee. Other members include Ed McDaniel, Franklin Martin, James Spears, and Lael Gray. Jewell Fenney of Adamsville is supervisor of the construction.

## Sunday School Board Names New Information Associate

**NASHVILLE**—Charles Willis, an information specialist in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's office of public relations, has been promoted to information associate, according to Gomer R. Lesch, office director.

A native of Clinton, Tenn., he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Willis. During the summer of 1967, Willis served as feature writer for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He joined the Sunday School Board as an information specialist in 1968.

In his new position, he will assist in planning, conducting and evaluating the information services of the office of public relations, and will be responsible for planning and coordinating production of office publications and advertisements. He also has been named associate editor of "Facts and Trends," a monthly publication of advance news and information sent to pastors and other vocational denominational workers by the Sunday School Board.

Willis holds the bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic society; the Nashville Chapter of Religious Public Relations Council; Baptist Public Relations Association; and The Associated Church Press.

He is married to the former Nancye Miller of Nashville. They have one son, Jason. (BP)

## World Missions Conferences Slated In 10 Associations

Statistics released by the Home Mission Board indicate that the Tennessee Baptist Convention held World Missions Conferences in 10 associations with 276 churches involved during 1972.

Approximately 83,791 persons attended the programs at which 33 professions of faith and 986 other decisions were made. The conferences brought 216 state, home, and foreign missionaries to the participating associations.

The convention has a quota of 10 World Missions Conferences for 1973, and all 10 have been scheduled, according to Leslie Baumgartner, secretary of the state Missions Department.

Associations holding conferences throughout 1972 included: Nolachucky, McMinn, Bradley, Polk, Carroll-Benton, Weakley, Beulah, Robertson, Midland, and Northern.

Central Association will host its 1973 conference March 25-April 1. Other conferences will include New Duck River, March 18-25; Big Hatchie, Oct. 28-Nov. 4; Hardeman, March 25-30; Beech River, April 1-6; Gibson, March 18-23; Indian Creek, April 15-18; Hardin, April 19-22; Duck River, March 18-25; and Hamilton County, Nov. 25-30.



# Corman And Archer Address 25th National Conference On Church And State

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Congressman James C. Corman of California and Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, were speakers at the 25th National Conference on Church and State, sponsored by the organization. Sessions were held in St. Louis at the Chase-Park Plaza, February 5-7.

Congressman Corman, member of the House Ways and Means Committee, discussed tax credits for the benefit of parochial schools, defining them as "the device (which seeks) to accomplish the contradictory objectives of providing federal aid to non-public schools and at the same time not violate the First Amendment prohibition against establishment of religion." More than 75 bills providing tax credits for non-public elementary and secondary education were introduced in the 92nd Congress.

Rep. Corman charged that the near billion dollar loss in federal revenue that could be anticipated from the proposals would be compensated by a reduction in aid to public schools. He said: "I questioned both Secretary Schultz and Mr. Weinberger on whether they would look at programs other than federal aid to public schools as a possibility for diverting funds to the tax credit program. I received no such assurances." (George P. Schultz is Secretary of the Treasury and Caspar Weinberger served as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Congressman Corman declared that any such program for aiding parochial schools would encounter a serious constitutional problem. He charged President Nixon and others with overlooking the issue: "We see the President of the United States and far too many members of Congress promising legislation to provide financial assistance at the federal level to nonpublic schools. Study groups have been appointed and legislative proposals have been carefully devised to try and circumvent the Constitution of the United States."

Not only is the tax credit proposal unconstitutional, it is also fiscally irresponsible, Rep. Corman charged. He said: "If this tax credit proposal were enacted, not only would it result in substantial revenue loss, but it would open the floodgates for a myriad of similar proposals."

## Archer Decries Church Drive For Public Subsidies

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church

and State, speaking at a session of the National Conference on Church and State, said: "Americans simply do not comprehend either the scope of the drive for coercive taxation for church schools or the dire consequences of the passage of such taxes. These campaigns now rock every state legislature in the country, inundate the Congress, frustrate federal administrators, tarnish ecclesiastical leaders, dismay parishioners, jeopardize the future of politicians, and cut inroads into the ecumenical spirit . . . Could it be that aggressive church leaders desire power, wealth, and perhaps even preferential position with the state? If this be the case, these men may need something more than money. They may need something money cannot buy—a sacrificial commitment to a vital and vigorous faith, and a full reliance upon the God they seek to serve." (C/SNS)

## Union Given \$10,000 To Fund Campus Consultant Services

Union university in Jackson was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant given to the school from the Educational Facilities Laboratories in New York, according to an announcement from Robert Craig, Union's president. The grant was given for the funding of consultant services in the planning of the new campus and community in northwest Jackson, Craig stated.

Harold B. Gores, EFL president, said that the grant was made because of the opportunity that Union university has to create a new concept of academic setting and to be a positive force in the development of its region. The laboratories, established by the Ford Foundation in 1958, provides grants to institutions for planning in order to lift innovative and experimental projects from the conventional to the prototypical. Since its organization, it has given grants of more than \$2 million.

Craig related that the grant would be used for special consultant services in areas such as land use, marketing and economic analysis, recreational and commercial facilities, and housing for the elderly.

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## Gill Resigns Fund-Raising Post For Private Business

**NASHVILLE**—Ben Gill, director of endowment and capital giving service for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, has resigned to enter private business with Resource Services of Nashville, a private fund-raising firm Gill has organized.

Gill has been instrumental in developing both a consultant-led, and a do-it-yourself fund-raising service available to Southern Baptist churches and institutions through the SBC Stewardship Commission, according to James V. Lackey, executive director of the commission.

More than \$11 million has been raised for church and institutional capital needs projects through the service, Lackey said. Gill has held the position for nearly four years.

"Gill has been largely responsible for the fantastic growth of the only fund-raising service provided Southern Baptist churches and institutions by the denomination," Lackey said. "He has served with great effectiveness."

Lackey said each of the assistant directors in the endowment and capital giving service will assume additional responsibilities until a new director is elected. Lackey is serving as interim director of the service. (BP)

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## Only Dumb, Ignorant Mess With Drugs, Mercer Told

MACON, Ga.—“You’ve got to be dumb and ignorant to mess around with drugs and alcohol,” comedian and anti-war activist Dick Gregory told students at Mercer University here.

“The use of reefers and alcohol can turn a healthy body into a sick, degenerated, weak body,” Gregory declared. “It is just like borrowing money from the bank—one day you have to pay it back.”

Gregory who spoke at the Baptist school during Mercer’s “Insight” lecture series, drew numerous rounds of applause and standing ovations during the two-hour speech.

He complimented the students and all today’s college youth, describing them as “the most morally honest, ethical group of people in this country.

“Today’s youth have dared to question the morality of the war, and because of youth’s protests, the war is ending,” he exclaimed.

Gregory said he felt Kissinger’s “peace with honor” is more like “a peace of exhaustion, of compromise and necessity.

“Violence is not the answer now, nor has it ever been,” the black comedian said. Instead young people ought to be out “campaigning against the conditions which cause war—poverty, hunger, ignorance,” he emphasized. (BP)

## Baptist Layman Named To Federal Reserve Post

Alvin Huffman Jr., executive vice president of the Radio and Television Commission for the past seven months, was elected chairman of the board of the Memphis branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis recently.

He was appointed as a member in 1967 by the Board of Governors in Washington, and has represented industry on the board.

Before joining the staff of the Radio and Television Commission, he was director of Higher Education Development for the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

## Children’s Homes

### A Real Person

By James M. Gregg  
Executive Director-Treasurer

One of my fellow child care workers told me the following story, “A four-year-old girl and her parents were having dinner one evening at a restaurant. The waitress gave special attention to the child and asked her to give her order personally. Later the little girl said, “I like her, she thinks I’m a real person.”

We far too often look down on children and forget they are real persons. My staff and I constantly seek to deal with every child under our care as a separate individual with a personality all his own. This gives the child identity, confidence and a sense of worth.

This could be our greatest contribution to these children who often feel that nobody loves them or cares for them. When they once see that we do really care and believe in them, they respond, and ambition and purpose develop in their lives.

Your love, prayers and support make this possible. Thank you, Tennessee Baptists.

## New Books

**Bible Guidebook** by William N. McElrath, Broadman Press, 144 pp., \$4.50. Clear and basic help on what the Bible is and how to use it. Illustrated.

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## Churches And Parents, Not Schools, Should Teach Prayer

ST. LOUIS—Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, who wrote the court's opinion banning compulsory prayer in public schools, said here that churches and parents are to blame, not the courts or schools, for lack of religious training for children.

Clark was major speaker at the 25th anniversary conference of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

"Why cannot the churches teach the young people not only to pray, but also what prayer is about?" Justice Clark asked the 2000 persons attending the conference.

Prayer in schools usually consists of forcing young people to mumble in unison over a prayer at the beginning of the school day, Clark observed.

"A child who prepares and gives grace at the family dinner receives more benefit from those few words of his own than from all the prayers that others write and he

chants in school," the former Supreme Court justice said.

Clark traced the history of conflict between religion and the constitution, and concluded that the Supreme Court decisions on prayer in schools "has proven to be constructive."

### Earl O. Harding Honored

During the same session, American United honored Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, as "a champion of religious liberty" for many years. Harding was presented the organization's annual Religious Liberty Award.

Porter W. Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, and Hugh Wamble, professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological seminary in Kansas City, paid tribute to Harding. Wamble described Harding as "Missouri's leading defender of First Amendment principles," marshalling Missouri Baptists and others to persuade public officials against sacrificing First Amendment principles on political altars.

Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist church of San Antonio and president of Americans United, closed the conference with an appeal for "reestablishment of an understanding of religious freedom." (BP)

## Gambrell Joins Baptist Book Stores: Ridgcrest, Atlanta

NASHVILLE—Thomas L. Gambrell, long-time university administrator, has been named manager of the Baptist Book Store at Ridgcrest Baptist Conference Center, N.C., and assistant manager of the Atlanta store.

According to W. O. Thomason, Book Store Division director at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, Gambrell will be responsible for supervising the conference center store operations and for assistance in the parent store. His work will include buying, selling, maintaining adequate inventory, order processing, and personnel selection and training.

A native of Muskogee, Okla., Gambrell is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth.

Since 1963, Gambrell has served Ouachita Baptist university, Arkadelphia, Ark., as professor of religious education, field representative in development and dean of students. Previously, he was minister of education at South Side Baptist church, Pine Bluff, Ark., and minister of religious education for churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Louisiana and Georgia. (BP)

## Virginia Senate Passes Death Penalty Bill

The Virginia State Senate has passed a bill which would make capital punishment mandatory for persons convicted of first-degree murder in two separate instances. The penalty, however, would not apply if two first-degree (premeditated) murders occurred as part of the same incident.

The measure, which was sent to the House of Delegates, is one of several that are currently under consideration by the Virginia legislature in the wake of last year's Supreme Court ruling on Capital punishment.

Action was deferred on another bill that would impose a mandatory death penalty for someone who intentionally commits an act of violence against a law-enforcement officer in the line of duty that results in the officer's death.

## Texas Baptist PR Group Deplores News Media Attacks

SAN ANGELO, Tex.—Efforts to "choke off the free flow of information" in the public media and in the denominational press drew stiff opposition here at the annual meeting of the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association.

In a resolution, the association called attention to recent jailings of reporters for "refusing to supply confidential information and records demanded by prosecutors, grand juries, judges and others."

The Association said further "the need to protect such confidences is as essential to the reporter as it is to the ordained minister in the faithful discharge of their respective duties to the public and to individuals."

The resolution said the association "deplores measures taken on anyone within the Southern Baptist Convention at national, state, or local level to cut off the free flow of information in the denomination's own media, or to discredit them in responsible performance of their duties."

The 84-member group, which includes personnel serving churches and denominational agencies in public relations activities within Texas, said it "supports the media as they engage in responsible investigative and interpretative reporting and the balanced presentation of diverse, controversial, and often unpopular viewpoints and facts." (BP)

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# Returning Prisoners Need Understanding, Fite Says

By Robert O'Brien

**FORT WORTH**—When David Fite sits across the breakfast table from his eight-year-old son, Mark, he often thinks, "I wonder what you were like when you were a little boy?"

That silent question is part of the heartache of a former Southern Baptist missionary snatched from his family to spend four years in a Communist prison in Castro's Cuba.

And it's only part of the trauma and turmoil that Fite realizes will face men returning from dehumanizing years in North Vietnamese prison camps.

All the POWs, he says, will struggle to adjust—caught in a mind-dizzying culture shock, buffeted by internal forces which they may not know how to verbalize and which will mystify and perhaps even annoy family, friends and employers.

Many, if they are as fortunate as Fite, will return to normalcy and ability to cope with life and assume useful roles. Others may not.

A large measure of their success, Fite says, will depend on the love and patience of those closest to them.

During the four years, 1965-68, which he spent in the Cuban prison, Fite says he had it easier than the men now returning from North Vietnamese prisons.

## Fite Had Some Advantages

"I had some advantages. I was not a combatant, and I had lived in Cuba for quite a while and understood the culture and language. During most of my imprisonment, my father-in-law, Herbert Caudill, was there with me, along with imprisoned Cuban Christians.

"That fellowship, the abiding faith I had in Christ and brief monthly visits from my wife, Margaret, helped me bear up under the pressures."

But the physical and mental cruelty of his Communist captors, coupled with severe "brainwashing" techniques and daily management of his every move, took their toll on Fite.

"In a prison environment," he explains, "every decision is made for you—hour-by-hour, day-by-day. They tell you when to get up, when to eat, what to eat, whether or not to eat, what to wear, what to do, when to sleep.

"One of my major adjustments involved re-learning the process of decision-making.

"For a long time," he explains, "my life was complicated by the fact that I had to spend a lot of time making little decisions that most people make automatically."

Fite says he would stand in a supermarket, caught in the dizzying swirl of fast-paced American life and take 20 minutes to decide what shaving soap to buy.

Not only may returning veterans face

a "decision crisis", but family and friends may expect them to reweave the threads of their lives too quickly, Fite says.

"I hope the rehabilitation program planned by the military may solve that," he says.

"In my case I found that a period of moratorium, in which I was not immediately thrust into major responsibility, helped me readjust."

During the moratorium, he spent time with his family and earned a doctorate in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, before assuming his current full-time job as director of continuing education for ministry at the seminary.

## Strain On Family Relationships

Return from a long absence in prison puts a strain on children and husband-wife relationships as they readjust roles, Fite says.

A father, removed from his children's formative years, experiences a gap in his understanding of their development.

Mark was one month old when Fite went away and nearly four when he returned.

His other two boys, were six and eight when he left; and 10 and 12 when he returned four years ago.

But probably the most severe readjustment facing the Vietnam returnees, Fite believes, will involve overcoming the emotional scars of brainwashing.

"They to destroy a person's sense of self-worth," Fite explains. "They underscore all the negative feelings one has . . .

try to destroy your morale so you will become putty in their hands for propaganda purposes. Then they use you and throw you away like a piece of old tissue.

"They abuse you physically, make you fear for your life, treat you nicely one moment and badly the next, reward you for doing things that go against your sense of values, punish you for standing firm.

## POWs Need Patience And Understanding

"Wives and families must understand these internal pressures and show patience and understanding and help reaffirm these men's sense of personal worth," Fite emphasizes.

Fite says a person without a sense of self-worth is an emotional cripple. "If you don't love yourself, you can't give love to others," he says.

"I hope each one who returns will have an understanding family and an understanding group of friends like I did—people who accepted me and loved me as I was.

"Families facing these strains," he said, "should not be ashamed to call on all available resources—personal resources and community resources such as counselors and pastors. That would not be a sign of weakness, but one of hope," he said.

"The return will be much worse for these men than it was for the Caudills and Fites," he said. "They probably will not get heroes' welcomes as we did. They will be misunderstood. People will expect too much.

"Documented experiences have shown that men with a sense of meaning in their lives hold up better under duress. To the Christian, that meaning is Christ, who gave me my sense of personal worth and the strength I needed." (BP)

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# The Case For Sexual Purity

By W. R. White

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

**Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

There was a time when the code of sexual morality was accepted as a standard of conduct among all advanced people. The power of passion and the weakness of the flesh have required struggle and strength of character through the ages, yet the ideal has been retained by choice people since ancient times.



White

Today we have to fight not only to be true to the ideal but we have to fight for the validity of the ideal itself. There is a so-called new morality

being widely practiced and defended unblushingly. Permissiveness by parents and society, rebellion against all accepted standards and general moral breakdown have contributed to a new ghastly breakdown of morals made more respectable by this new intellectual defense.

The highest development in moral and ethical concepts is to be found in the great Judeo-Christian manifesto. This is corroborated by the most excellent disclosures of other great faiths. The teaching as to personal morality forms the strongest foundation for loyalty and stability.

Promiscuity eats like an acid into the very vitals of loyalty and enduring well-being.

To give one's self to promiscuous indulgences without regard to others who are inevitably involved is a gross injustice that will have devastating repercussions in time, as sure as there is a law of sowing and reaping.

**The Higher Concept Of The Body**

**1 Cor. 6:13**

Some have a very physical concept of the body. To them it is merely a physical

entity with only a material function. That phase of its existence and function will come to naught in time.

God and the body have a sacred relationship and God has a higher function and a higher form for the body. It can be used to project the soul on its way. There is a very high ultimate outcome for the body.

**Glorious Future For The Body**

**1 Cor. 6:14**

God will save the body from the devastation of death. He will raise it up in a new and enduring form of existence and significance.

It will be raised up from weakness to power and from materiality to spirituality; from mortality to immortality; from humiliation to glorification. This vile body will be fashioned into the exalted likeness of the glorious risen body of Christ by the operation of the power by whence He brings everything under His sovereign sway.

**Awesome Choice Relating To The Body**

**1 Cor. 6:15-16**

The body of a really redeemed person is related to the mystical body of Christ in a vital way and whatever we do with or to our bodies involves that bond. It is an awesome consideration which should be kept in mind at all times.

If we commit fornication, we become a part of the other party and the other party becomes a part of us. Sex involves not only the body but the mind, emotions and spirit. It does something deep to both participating parties. It is not just a physical fact as in the case of animals. It includes the whole personality. It is indelibly a curse or it is

## Religious Broadcasters

### Re-elect All Officers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—All of the officers of National Religious Broadcasters were re-elected at the organization's 1973 meeting here.

Eugene R. Bertermann, executive director of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Whittier, Calif., was re-elected president.

Continuing as first vice-president is Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Springfield, Mo., and president of the World Pentecostal Assembly.

Re-elected as second vice-president was E. Brandt Gustavson, director of broadcasting of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. (RNS)

a blessing. Unsaved people can harden themselves or rationalize until they are insensitive to guilt just as they can sear their consciences to habitual murder but the damage is stored up in the unconscious.

**New Status Of The Body**

**1 Cor. 6:17-19**

The new birth and redemption give a new status to the body. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit—the holy place for the very presence of God.

If we commit immorality, it is against our body and against the very presence of God in us. It should cause us to shudder just to think about it!

**The Highest Function**

**1 Cor. 6:20**

We are not our own. We have been bought with a great price to God and Christ Jesus—yes to the whole Trinity. We are not to do with it whatever we please but whatever He pleases.

The highest purpose for our whole being is to glorify God. This includes our body. Magnify and reflect honor and credit on His name that whatever exalts Him we may do.



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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

It is always a thrilling experience when an honor is bestowed upon a servant of God who has given long and faithful service to Tennessee Baptists. It has come to our attention that Dr. R. G. Lee's famous sermon "Pay-Day, Some-Day", which has been preached over 1400 times and which most of us have heard, will be presented in music and drama by the Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga.



Norton

This brings to our mind quite vividly the facts of his ministry not only as pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, but to Tennessee Baptists and to the entire Southern Baptist Convention. It will be my privilege to be present at the premiere of this sacred opera on Sunday evening, February 18, and as I enjoy it, I will again give thanks to God for a servant whose sermon and life has blessed so many hearts and lives.

It has been my privilege to be in several churches during the past few weeks, participating in some SHARE THE WORD conferences, as well as some Association Evangelistic Conferences. These have been well attended and much interest is being shown by pastors and leaders in our associations. It has been a real joy to visit with many of these capable leaders and to share in the work which they are doing.

If I can be of service to others in our state, I hope you will feel free to call me. It is my desire to visit in as many churches as my schedule will allow, and already I am receiving invitations to participate in various programs and services. Please know that I look forward to serving your needs any way that I can.

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### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Robert Humphreys, Bearden, warned attendants at the state Pastor's Conference held in Knoxville of the dangers of too much church organizational machinery. He emphasized the danger of overorganization stifling spirituality, assuming too much authority, and becoming an end instead of a means.

Six thousand copies of a sermon by Professor J. L. Campbell of Carson-Newman college were sent to missionaries in China in an effort to counteract a modernist movement on that mission field.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Tribute was paid to Robert Emmett Guy, pastor of the West Jackson church for more than 33 years, who was resigning. Under his leadership, the church group grew from a membership of about 100 to a family of over 2000. He became pastor in May 1919.

Editors of all the Baptist state papers set circulation goals for 1953 as a result of an emphasis at the 1952 Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist And Reflector set a goal of 60,000 which it hoped to attain by the 1953 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston. Its circulation at that time was 57,575.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, signed a check for over a half million dollars to go to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Cooperative Program, foreign mission program, and home mission program. Kendall said it was the largest amount from Tennessee churches for the Southwide Cooperative Program for any one month.

Members of the Highland Heights church in Memphis entered a new \$800,000 educational building. Their pastor of 20 years, Slater Murphy, said that it was the largest educational facility under one roof in the city.

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## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## Find Child Abuse Equally Prevalent Among Affluent

"It is very difficult to become a good parent if one has a bad childhood, regardless of one's intellectual talents," Dr. Brandt F. Steel, prof. of psychiatry at Univ. of Colorado Medical School, told the first New England conference on child abuse.

Denver researchers' finding that there's the same incidence of child abuse among affluent suburban parents as among the urban poor indicates that unhappy childhoods abound at all socio-economic levels, he pointed out at the regional meeting sponsored by local social and welfare organizations. The belief that child abuse occurs only among the "so-called lower classes" is a myth, he stressed.

## Jacksonville Seminary Is Licensed By State

The Luther Rice seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., has been granted a license by the State of Florida, according to the school's president, Robert Witty.

Witty said that the seminary has been an approved school by the State Approval Agency for Private Schools for more than eight years, and was approved, also, by the Selective Service as a seminary, and by the Veterans Administration as an institution for G.I. benefits.

Forms are now being completed for application from the Luther Rice seminary to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Witty announced.

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## Cauthen Returns, Cites Needs, Calls for Growth

RICHMOND—Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, returning from visits to three mission points in the Middle East, has called for new impetus in the advance of mission work overseas.

He emphasized that additional funds and personnel are imperative to meet new opportunities and needs in the areas he visited and in other parts of the world.

Cauthen delivered the dedicatory address at the opening of Bangalore (India) Baptist Hospital. Then he and his wife participated in a church dedication in Teheran, Iran, and visited Baptist-supported reconstruction work in Bangladesh.

While in Bangladesh the Cauthens met with President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury who expressed appreciation for past Southern Baptist assistance. Cauthen assured him of continuing support.

Impressed by opportunities he saw typified in the work he visited, Cauthen said that, "opportunities such as we have in India and invitations such as the one we are now considering from the Republic of Niger are too significant for us to turn away."

Currently the Foreign Mission Board is considering action on an invitation to project work in Niger. This West African nation would become the 77th foreign country where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned.

Cauthen added that, "the call for 800 new missionaries in our existing 76 fields dramatizes the current open door."

In answering that call he stated, "such advance depends on funds to fight off the foreign inflation factor on the one hand and support the new personnel needed on the other."

Pointing toward a projected increase in missionary appointments, Cauthen said, "we are expecting to process well over 200 missionary candidates in 1973 with faith that Southern Baptists will continue to express their missionary convictions through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." (BP)

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