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Youth Evangelism Conference To Meet At Vandy Gym March 30-31



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The fourth Youth Evangelism Conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be held March 30-31 at the Vanderbilt Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville.

Featured on this year's program are Barry M. Wood, minister of evangelism at the First Baptist church of Van Nuys, Calif., and Rick Carreno, Modesto, Calif. evangelist and former member of Hell's Angels. Myrtle Hall, King's college, Briarcliff Manor, New York, and soloist with the Billy Graham Crusade, will be the soloist.

Included in the three sessions of the conference will be testimonies, special music, messages and personal witnessing conferences. Personal conferences will be held Sat-

urday morning from 10:00 until 11:30 and will be led by youth, pastors, and church staff members. Locations selected include. Belmont Heights church and chapel, Crievewood church; Eastland church, First church; Immanuel church; Inglewood church: Judson church, Massey auditorium, Belmont college; Woodmont church; and Van Ness chapel, Baptist Sunday School Board. A conference for college students will be led by Bill Lee, director, Baptist Student Union, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

The conference will convene at 7:00 p.m. Friday and conclude with the Saturday afternoon session beginning at 1:30. Tennesseans giving special testimonies at the sessions include: Jeff Lewis, all-American swimmer, University of Tennessee, Fulton Hartzog, Farragut High school, and a member of First church, Concord; Kim Williams, Central High school, Cookeville, and a member of First church, Cookeville; Miss Faye Blue, Nashville, Tim Townes, University of Tennessee football player; and Paul Forgey, member of the New Bethel church, Hamilton association.

F. M. Dowell, secretary of the Evangelism Department, stated that nearly 17,000 are expected to attend the two-day meet.



Approximately 125 Tennessee college students attending the recent Student Missions Conference at Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville gathered for an informal social hour sponsored by the Tennessee Club. From left to right are Tim Poole, Greenbriar; Jean Richardson, Cumberland City, Austin Peay State university; Debbie Howard, Rockwood, Tennessee Tech; John Johnson, Johnson City, East Tennessee State university; Dan Wood, Johnson City, and Ed Richardson, Kingsport, both students at the seminary.

'Baptist Hymnal' Study, Revision Committee Includes 17 Tennesseans

A 65-member committee which includes 17 Tennesseans has been appointed by the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville to initiate a study and devision of the Baptist Hymnal", published in 1956. The committee convened in Nashville last week for a three-day meeting to begin work on the revision

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the Church Music Department at the Board, will serve as chairman of the hymnal committee and general editor of the hymnal to be released March 15, 1975

Included from Tennessee on the committee are Elmer Bailey, associate pastor, Bellevue church, Memphis, Frank G Charton, state music secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Earl Holloway, minister of music, First church, Memphis, Sharron Lyon, organist-music assistant, First church, Nashville, Robert J. Norman, pastor, Belmont Heights church, Nashville; and Gordon Stoker of "The Jordanaires," Nashville.

Personnel from the Sunday School Board are James L. Sullivan, president; J. M. Crowe, executive vice-president, Allen B. Comish, director, church services and materials division; Charles R. Livingstone, leader, church program organization group; William J. Reynolds, Leroy McClard, Bill F. Leach, John Chandler, and Mrs. Alta Faireloth, Church Music Department; James W. Clark, director, Broadman division; and W. O. Thomason, director, book store division.

Mrs. Gaines Dobbins, Wife Of SBC Educator, Dies

BIRMINGHAM-Mrs. Gaines S. Dobbins, wife of one of Southern Baptists' most prominent religious educators, died here at age 86. She had been confined to a nursing home for several years.

Funeral services were held March 3, with burial in Birmingham. Survivors include a son, Austin Dobbins of Samford university, Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Sim Salter of Hazelhurst, Miss.; and her husband, who for many years taught at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. (BP)

"Bear ye one another's burdens . . . every man shall bear his own burden."—Gal. 6:2,

In these verses in English (KJV) Paul seems to contradict himself. In the former he says that we should bear each other's burdens, thus fulfilling the law of Christ. This would express Christ's law of Christian love. But then Paul says that every man shall bear his own burden.

When read in the Greek text there is no contradiction. For he uses two different words for "burden". The former (bare) denotes a crushing burden which one cannot bear alone. In such case, Christian love will lead others to get under the load with him. The latter (phortion) means a burden which one can bear himself. This word is used for a ship's cargo (Acts 27:10), the burden of the law (Matt. 23:4), and of a soldier's pack. But in each case it is a burden capable of being born by its carrier. In such case one should bear it.

Applying these truths, it is evident that some burdens of life are so heavy that without outside aid they will be a crushing load. They may be sorrow, shame, temptation or any other crushing load. In such cases Christians should help each other. Failure to do so is to be disobedient to Christ's law.

But there are some burdens that one must



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bear alone. There is a point beyond which others cannot go. So at that point the Christian is in the Lord's strength to measure up to the situation. Certainly one should not shirk his duty in bearing burdens which he can bear alone. He should not impose on others.

So Paul is talking about two different things. But both involve walking in the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:25). Those who do so will play the man/woman in bearing his own burdens. But when others see that they are crushing loads, they will lend a hand in Christian love.

TORONTO, Ont. — Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg has filed a \$1,750,000 suit against the Beth Tzedec Synagogue and eight members of its board of governors following a recent action by the board dismissing Rosenberg from his job. The rabbi is in Israel on a year's sabbatical leave. The suit, filed by his lawyers, gives the board 10 days in which to answer. It asks for unspecified damages from the congregation for "breach of contract" and for failure to perform all obligations under the contract signed in April 1970. Also named as defendants are the president of the congregation, the chairman of the board of governors, and six other members of the board.

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Our inflated economy being what it is and food prices being what they are, many American housewives must be once again considering meatless Tuesdays.

But if food prices continue to skyrocket, there will be some who will be forced to have "eatless Tuesdays and foodless Wednesdays."

However, in days of inflation, it's interesting to note that for so many people a dollar can look so big when you take it to church and so small when you take it to the store.

As one minister said to his congregation: "I have always said that the poor are welcome in this church, and I see by the collection plate that they have come."

But the truth is, almost everyone could contribute more to the church if they would heed the following timely injunction: "So now let each give freely, generously, and in accordance with what you reported on your income tax!"

Have You Been Tempted To Quit?

II Tim. 2:3

By George W. Hill, Pastor First Baptist Church, Huntingdon

In this scripture, Paul is imprisoned in Rome. Because he has heard what a time Timothy is having at Ephesus, he writes a



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word of encouragement to his heart. Paul tells him to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Have you ever come to the place when you thought you could not go any further, and you were tempted to just quit and get away from it all? Before you do, remember Paul said, "Be strong in

the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

It is not easy to be a good soldier of the cross. In fact it is most difficult, because serving Christ means involvement in one's life. The Greek word for service means involvement. If one is to serve Christ he must discipline his time, money, and energy. Serving Christ means to live and run for a purpose. That purpose must always be for His glory; not ours.

Jeremiah declared that he wanted to get away from it all (see Jer. 9:1-2). Jeremiah had been battered and persecuted until he, too, was face to face with the temptation of quitting. But God had other plans for Jeremiah's life. Yes, he wept and complained, but he could not quit, because God had called; and you see, this does make a difference. He kept on trying.

Remember Elijah in his cave of retreat (see I Kings 19). Elijah grumbled and complained and said that he was the only one left who loved God. God answered Elijah and said, "Not so, Elijah. I have seven thousand left who have never bowed their knee to Baal. But so what! If you were the only one left. Get out of your cave of retreat and get on with My business."

May we all remember that God is calling! It may not be easy, but it will be worth it all.

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Southwestern Seminary Board Approves Staff Reorganization

FORT WORTH—Approving a sweeping reorganization plan, trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here elected three vice presidents, two new deans and seven faculty members; and approved a new degree program.

The trustees also adopted a record budget, approved promotions and tenure for several faculty members, and honored a retiring dean.

In approving a recommendation to reorganize the structure of the seminary's administration, the trustees voted to create four new vice presidential posts, heading up four new divisions—administrative, academic, business and student affairs.

Named to fill three of the posts were John Seelig, assistant to the president, who becomes vice president for administrative affairs; Jesse Northcutt, dean of the seminary's School of Theology, who becomes

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SINS OF THE MIND

By T. B. Maston
Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Matt. 5:28, RSV).

This statement by Jesus should give to you and me a deepened sense of sin in our lives. Most of us may be relatively free from the grosser sins of the flesh but what about the sins of the mind or the meditations of the heart? What Jesus said concerning adultery applies to many other sins. Many can be sins of the mind without being overtly expressed.

It should be said that the look referred to by Jesus was not a passing glance. It was to look "at a woman so as to have an evil desire for her" (Wm.). That "evil desire" was the desire to commit adultery with her. There might be many reasons why one would not actually commit adultery but if the desire is there it is sin. There can be psychological as well as physical adultery.

A pastor when I was a teenager used an old saying to distinguish between temptation and sin. The saying was, "You cannot keep birds from flying over your head, you can keep them from building nests in your hair." Only the latter is sin.

Will you not agree that many of us have difficulty keeping the birds from building nests in our hair? An appropriate daily prayer for all of us, women as well as men, would be the words of the Psalmist:

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer (Ps. 19:14).

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vice president for academic affairs; and Wayne Evans, business manager, who becomes vice president for business affairs.

Named to succeed Northcutt as dean of the School of Theology was Huber L. Drumwright, professor of New Testament for more than 20 years.

Jack D. Terry, assistant professor of principles of philosophy of education since 1969 was named new dean of the School of Religious Education. He will succeed Joe Davis Heacock who retires in July after serving the seminary as professor and dean for 29 years.

In another major action, the 36-member board approved a record \$3.4 million operating budget for 1973-74. Included in the budget were salary increases for all personnel and the strengthening of all programs, according to seminary president Robert Naylor.

New professors named to the faculty included Theodore H. Dowell, assistant professor of psychology of human relations; Clark Dean, assistant professor of social work; Alva Parks, assistant professor of education administration; Yandall Woodfin, professor of the philosophy of the Christian religion; and Darrell Watkins, assistant professor of social work.

Granted faculty tenure were Bert Dominy, assistant professor of theology, and Douglas Ezell, assistant professor of New Testament.

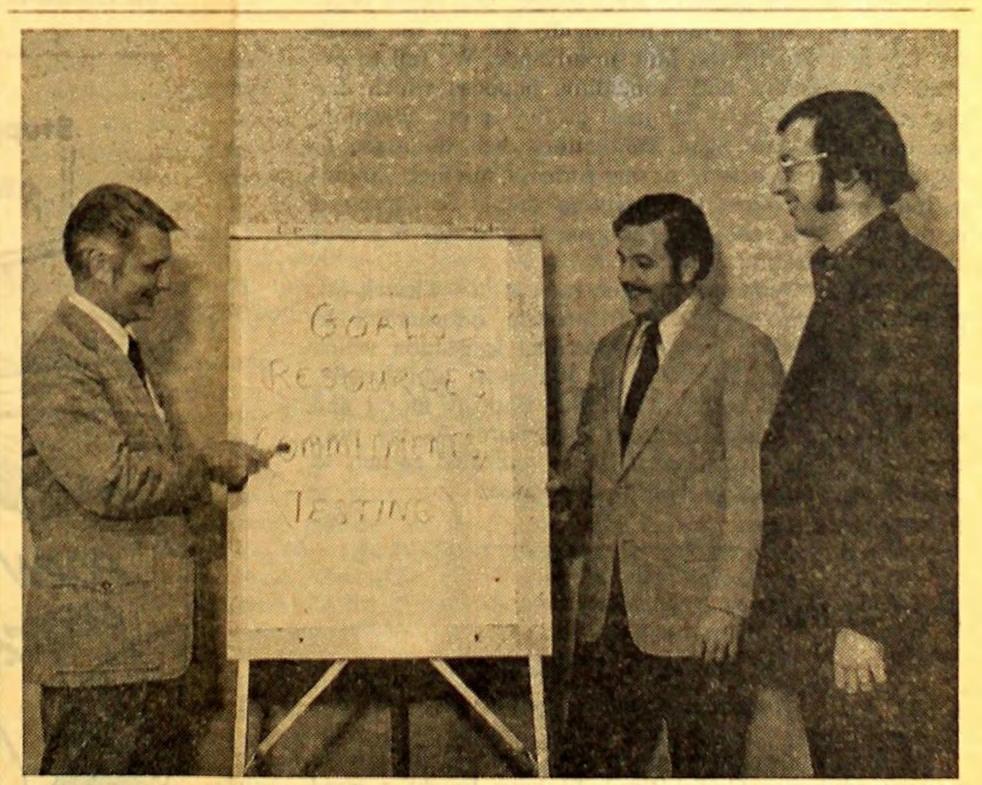
In a major revision of the School of Church Music curriculum, the trustees approved a new degree program and revised two other degree programs.

A new master of music in church music degree program, designed as an advanced program of scholarship and performance, was approved by the trustees

The current master of church music degree was revised to be a terminal degree to prepare students exclusively for the music ministry in a local church in related action, the bachelor of church music degree was removed from the curriculum, with termination to be completed by July, 1976.

In another action, the trustees voted to permit holders of the former language bachelor of divinity degree to exchange that degree for the current master of divinity. Graduates who have earned the non-language bachelor of divinity degree will be permitted to exchange it for the master of divinity upon completion of one year of Greek and one year of Hebrew language study.

At a faculty-trustee dinner, trustees paid tribute to the retiring dean of the School of Religious Education, Joe Davis Heacock, for his 29 years of service to the seminary. (BP)



NASHVILLE—Dan D. Haskins, Jr. (center), Baptist Student Union Director, Austin Peay State University and Ira Peak, right, director of Baptist student work for three Nashville area colleges, visit here with Art Driscoll, consultant for National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board during a personal and professional growth seminar held at the Sunday School Board in Nashville recently. Seminar participants discussed ways to enable them to be more effective in personal contact with other people.

MINITORIALS

Legislature In Session

The 88th general assembly of the Tennessee legislature convened recently, meeting early in January for organization, then a time for recess for studying budget proposals

and other legislation.

Pressure will continue to be brought to bear upon the legislature by the liquor industry, which pressure has resulted in 58 municipal option elections being held since 1967. In 35 of these, the vote was against the legal sale of whiskey on a local option basis; 23 voted for the sale of whiskey. Additionally, five liquor by the drink elections have been held resulted in liquor by the drink sales in Shelby and Davidson counties and in the cities of Knoxville and Chattanooga.

As the legislature meets this year in session, those responsible for legislative processes which affect every level of Tennessee life and which have impact upon Tennessee Baptist life should be remembered in prayer by Tennessee

Baptists.

Additionally, the legislators should be reminded by Tennessee Baptists of their prayerful support for them; and where convictions are evident in areas dealing with liquor by the drink, local option elections, or issues vital to the moral and spiritual welfare of our state, these views

should be expressed.

Our representatives listen to Baptists when Baptists speak just as they listen to other groups and other interests. Our problem is that historically we say too much too late and usually too little in advance. We fail to express our opinions until something happens which displeases us, and then we are most profuse in our objection. We may anticipate again that efforts will be made to legalize on track betting in one form or another. Anticipating this we believe that opinions should be expressed in this area now, not after the general assembly has concluded its session.

The United Tennessee League Inc., at 804 Church St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203, will provide information to churches and other groups concerning legislation which affects Christians. Baptist And Reflector, additionally, will seek to keep before Tennessee Baptists moral and spiritual issues which confront legislature. As we pray for our representatives, we need, as indicated earlier, to express our opinions to them in these areas.

Fred L. Bell

By Gene Kidd, President Baptist Hospital, Nashville

To have known and served with Fred L. Bell is to understand better God's Word, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Indeed, this scripture, chosen by Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, in eulogy bespeaks of the Christian character and characteristics reflected in the life of Fred L. Bell.

"Personal memories" recalled of many years of close

association by Baptist Hospital Chaplain William C. Mays, no doubt were shared recollections of the many family, and friends, and fellow Christians who paid final respects to the life of Fred Bell.

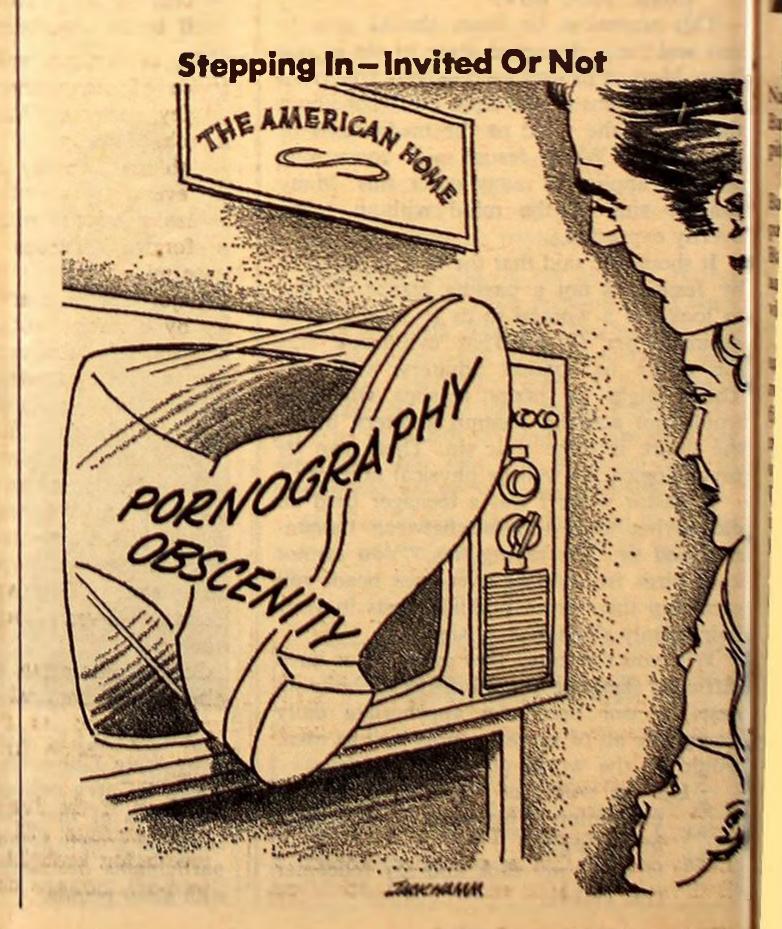
The final rites of March 8, 1973 at the beloved Church home claimed by Fred L. Bell were a loving tribute to the "personal religion" so demonstrated to hundreds of people who had come in contact with the Rev. Mr. Bell during his many years of Christian service and especially during the more than 22 years of affiliation with Baptist Hospital. As chaplain, director of religion and personnel, director of personnel and administrative—employee consultant, he was an example of dedication and human understanding. The Baptist Hospital "family" owes a great debt to Fred L. Bell, true servant, wise counsel, loyal friend.

His personal and professional contributions were manifold to all phases of the Tennessee Baptist and Southern

Baptist denominational work.

"A day well-lived is a dream of happiness... to-morrow a vision of hope," this prose used in eulogy, by Dr. Franklin H. Paschall, pastor of First Baptist church, was indeed an appropriate final tribute to Fred L. Bell. May we all continue to draw inspiration from our deceased friend's wonderful and constant example of Christian living.

(Editor's Note: this editorial was written by Mr. Kidd at the request of the editor.)



SBC Program To Emphasize Theme, 'Share The Word Now'

PORTLAND, Ore.—Carrying out the theme "Share the Word Now," the program for the Southern Baptist Convention's 116th annual session here June 12-14 will conclude with a "Share-the-Word Celebration" featuring an address by Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield.

The proposed agenda for the three-day

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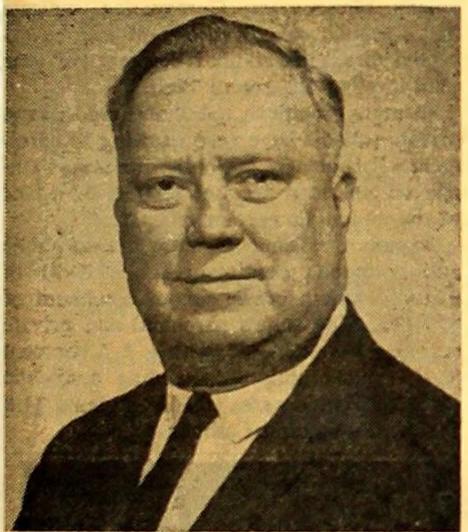
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Fred L. Bell

Fred L. Bell, 218 Mockingbird Road, Nashville, administrative staff member at Baptist hospital died March 6 at the hospital after a brief illness.

Services were held March 8 at First Baptist church with H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, officiating. Assisting Paschall were Baptist Hospital Chaplain William C. Mays. and Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Nashville's Immanuel church.

Born in Dadeville, Ala., Bell was a graduate of Centre college, Danville, Ky., and received his masters of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary. He did further graduate work at Duke university, Union Theological seminary, University of Kentucky, and was interned in clinical pastoral education at North Carolina Baptist hospital.

During World War II he was a U.S. Army chaplain. In 1951 he came to Baptist hospital as chaplain. In 1966 he became director of religion at the hospital and in June 1969 became director of personnel. Bell began his most recent duties, as the hospital administrative-employe consultant in August 1970.

He is survived by his widow, the former Lois Jane Heaton; a daughter, Mrs. John H. Webb, Houston, Texas; a son, Robert Lewis Bell, Nashville; a brother, Robert D. Bell, St. Louis, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

convention, which begins Tuesday morning and concludes Thursday night at the Memorial Coliseum, was released by the chairman of the convention's committee on order of business, Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The "Share-the-Word Celebration" during the closing Thursday night session, will be coordinated by the SBC Sunday School Board, with Louisville entertainer Grady Nutt as master of ceremonies.

Designed to call messengers and visitors "to a more frequent and deeper sharing of their Christian experience now," the celebration will be presented in three parts "The Word We Share," "The Way We Share," and "Our Commitment to Share."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, will begin the first part, emphasizing the urgency of "sharing the word now."

Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of Today's English Version of the New Testament, will present sketches of New Testament scenes as portions of the scripture are read.

The second part will consist of testimonies by famous individuals, including Sen. Hatfield, along with a prominent entertainer and an outstanding sports figure whose participation is still being negotiated.

The celebration will close with a brief service of commitment led by Ralph H. Langley, pastor of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston.

Both the Tuesday evening and Wednesday evening convention sessions will emphasize missions, with the focus Tuesday on foreign missions and Wednesday on home missions.

Major addresses are scheduled on Thursday by a black Baptist minister, Frederick Sampson of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit; and by a seminary ethics professor, William M. Pinson Jr., of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Other major addresses include the annual convention sermon, scheduled Wednesday morning, by Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham; and the annual president's address, slated Tuesday morning, by SBC President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss,

Cooper, chairman of the board for the Mississippi Chemical Corp., and the first layman elected as SBC president in 13 years, will preside throughout the three-day convention.

Each of the five morning and afternoon sessions will open with a theme meditation brought by Sullivan, whose lead-off message during the Thursday

'Right To Die' Policy Is Adopted By Council

The Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ has adopted a policy statement affirming the right of persons whose death is imminent to choose the method and time of death. The statement was drawn up and approved at the winter meeting of the council in Washington, D.C.

The statement, affirming the right of choice of persons whose death is imminent, did not express an opinion concerning terminally ill patients whose death is not imminent. Questions raised by the council members included. What is death, and how can we determine when it has occurred?; Are there distinctions to be made between prolonging life and artificially delaying death? Are there occasions when affirmative steps should be taken to hasten death as a way of relieving suffering?

Issued as a study document, the statement will be presented later this year to the congregations of the two million member denomination

night session will conclude the meditations on the theme, "Share the Word Now."

For the second consecutive year, music will be under the direction of William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department for the SBC Sunday School Board.

Seven musical groups have been scheduled to sing during the sessions, providing music for inspiration, Reynolds said

The groups include The Celebration, trom First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark; The Spring Street Singers, organized for the SBC Home Mission Board's television program "Spring Street USA;" The Revelation Singers of Arapahoe Baptist Church, Littleton, Colo; the Lower Columbia Singers of Longview, Wash; The Free People and The Trouveres, both of California Baptist College, Riverside; and the Chapel Choir of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.

In addition, solos will be presented by Russell Newport, businessman from Springfield, Mo, and Randall Veazey, concert soloist from Foley, Ala. A duet will be sung by Mr and Mrs. James Yates of Yazoo City, Miss Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, and his wife will sing just before layman Owen Cooper brings the presidential address.

Most of the convention program, as usual, will be devoted to conducting the business of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

During the three-day meeting, a total of five hours, 40 minutes will be devoted to miscellaneous and special business. An additional six hours will be devoted to hearing reports on the work of 22 agencies, institutions and organizations related to the convention. (BP)

Lord's Day Alliance Requests Bi-Centennial Stress On Religion

ATLANTA—The Lord's Day Alliance of America will call upon the national Bi-Centennial Commission to "plan for celebrations stressing the spiritual foundations of our nation's life on Sunday, July 4, 1976."

This was one of four major objectives adopted by the Alliance at its 84th annual session here. The other objectives, announced by the Rev. Marion G. Bradwell, executive director, are:

—"Enlarging the denominational base of our ecumenical structure beyond the 14 bodies it now includes.

—"Planning for a second 'consultation on the Lord's Day in Contemporary Structure,' similar to one held in Valley Forge, Pa., in 1968 which brought together representatives of business, labor and the church to discuss the 'Sunday' problem.

—"Production of another series of radio 'sports' and TV 'commercials' stressing the importance of Sunday as 'The Lord's Day'

in the life of an individual."

The Alliance's board of managers also studied the problem of increased retail business being conducted on Sunday. The Alliance said it was primarily concerned about the effect of an "open Sunday" law on the

Sectarian Medical Codes Conflict Cited by Archer

A recent federal district court decision in Montana requiring two Roman Catholic hospitals to perform sterilization operations has resulted in a conflict over sectarian medical codes in hospitals receiving public funds.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State has issued a statement declaring that the whole question of sectarian medical codes in hospitals needs to be re-examined. The Montana decisions required the two hospitals, St. Vincent's in Billings and Holy Rosary in Miles City, to perform sterilization operations which had been deemed necessary to protect the life and health of female patients.

The decisions were based on the fact that the hospitals not only were supported by public funds, but performed "a basically public function," since there were no viable alternative hospital services in the neighboring community. The hospitals in question provided the only maternal and obstetrical services in the geographic area. The Court held that provisions of a sectarian hospital code could not be invoked to deny needed therapy to these patients.

Glenn Archer, Americans United executive director, stated, "Sectarian medical codes may be appropriate to sectarian hospitals, but they are an affront to civil and religious liberty when applied to hospitals which serve the entire community and are supported in any degree by public funds."

spiritual welfare of individuals, families and the church.

The 14 bodies now represented on the Alliance board are: Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission; the Churches of God; the Wesleyan Church; Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern); Assemblies of God; Episcopal Church; Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.); Reformed Church in America; Evangelical Congregation Church; Christian Reformed Church; Evangelical Convenant Church; Reformed Episcopal Church and United Brethren in Christ. (RNS)

New Books

The Little White Book by Johannes Facius, Johny Noer, and Ove Stage, Harold Shaw Publishers, 79 pp., paper, 75¢.

Hereafter—What Happens after Death? by David Winter, Shaw, 91 pp., paper. \$1.25.

God in Action: Mark's View of Jesus by Chuck and Winnie Christensen, Shaw, 127 pp., paper, \$1.45. Twenty-seven stimulating studies in Mark's gospel for neighborhood, student and church groups.

Private Schools Grow In Enrolment

Public school enrolment, Catholic school enrolment, and the total number of schoolage children in the United States is declining, according to a report from "Church and State" Magazine. Enrolment in private schools, however, is on the increase, the reports states.

In 1970-71, there were 51,175,000 children enroled in all U.S. schools compared to 51,318,000 in 1969-70. The figures indicate a drop of 0.28 per cent.

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Catholic school enrolment in 1970-71 totalled only 8.5 per cent of the total school enrolment, down from 9.1 per cent in 1969-70. Studies for the President's Commission on School Finance and for Governor Rockefeller's Fleischmann Commission indicate that Catholic school enrolment can be expected to slip by about 7 per cent per year until leveling off around 1980.

In many Southern states, the report says, private schools have been growing in enrolment. Particularly in Southern states, Catholic schools now account for less than half of the nonpublic enrolment.

Figures for Tennessee show a total public and nonpublic enrolment for 1970-71 of 934,630 with a public school enrolment of 899,893. The state's parochial and private enrolment was 34,737 with a 3.7 per cent of the state's children attending nonpublic schools. There were 16,461 students (1.8 per cent) attending Catholic schools.



NASHVILLE—FIVE WRITERS FROM TENNESSEE were among 35 writers from 16 states gathered at Henry Horton State Park near Nashville recently for a Youth Writer's Conference, sponsored by the Sunday School department youth section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Shown here with Lynn M. Davis Jr. (right), manuscript analyst in the church services and materials division office, are (1 to r) Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Godwin, First Baptist, Hendersonville; Mrs. Cleatus Moorehead, Woodmont Baptist, Nashville; Mrs. Irene Bennett, South Gate Baptist, Antioch; and James Goodson, First Baptist, Nashville. Not pictured are Mrs. Shirley Stephens, Belmont Heights, Nashville, and Bill Blackwell, First Baptist, Nashville. Writers attended the meeting to receive instructions and outlines to use as guidelines for writing in youth materials for the 1974-1975 year.

Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, March 18, 1973

MAN HAS GONE ASTRAY

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

Background Passages: Genesis 3:1-19; Psalms 14:1-3; Jeremiah 10:23; 17:9-10; Romans 1:28-2:24

Focal Passages: Psalms 14:2-3; Jeremiah 10:23; 17:9-10; Romans 1:28-2:1

All Men Have Gone Astray

The purpose of the Genesis account of the fall of man is not to give a historical record but to fix responsibility. It is like



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the account of creation in that sense. The Genesis account of creation was not intended to explain how the world was created but to insist that Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, did it.

The purpose of the account of the fall is not to explain how sin originated but to insist that man is responsible. Sin

is what man did and does. Creation is what God did. Sin is what man did. Sin is not one man's doing but all men sin. That was the observation of the Psalmist, "They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no not one." (Psalms 14:3)

The Genesis account of the fall of man is not so much a historical document as it is a psychological insight. Man is responsible for sin. All men are responsible for sin because all men sin. The fall of man is something that is re-enacted in the life of every man. This is not just what ancient man did. It is what all men do!

Man Had Opportunity For A Much Greater Life Than The One He Lives

Like a bird born in captivity which cocks his eye at the cloud and senses that he was not meant to be bound by bars but rather to soar with the winds, earth-bound man senses that he was intended for something greater than the endless struggles of life. He has potentials and aspirations he cannot realize. He has ambitions he cannot fulfill. He senses that something has happened to cripple and hamper him.

The Hebrew insight of the Genesis account pictures man as having prostituted his potential and having lost his opportunity. Man was made for more than he knows. He does, however, sense that he has lost something. There was a paradise, but man lost it.

We Cannot Describe What Man Lost. We Can Only Describe What He Experiences

The Genesis account of man's fall only hints at what was lost. It majors upon man's plight after experiencing the loss. The ac-

count reflects ancient man's view of life and the Hebrew understanding of it. The simple problems of everyday living for ancient man had theological implications for the Hebrews. The danger of poisonous snakes, the pain and dangers of primitive childbirth, the subservient position of women to men, the calamities of nature that made it appear that the earth opposed man's efforts to wrest a living from it, and the ever present fact of death were seen by the Hebrews as a reflection of the disorder caused by man's sin.

The consequences were not limited to nature. Man himself became characterized by guilt and shame. He is pictured as wanting to hide and cover himself. Man experiences disorder without and within.

Life is characterized by pain, danger, struggle, and disorder. Man's best efforts leave him with hopeless riddles. In addition to this he lives with the constant awareness of the curse of the clods. He will die and become dust.

This is the life of man. This is paradise lost. This is sin, and it is man's doing.

What Did Man Do That Has Resulted In Such Hurt And Chaos?

In Romans 1:19-28 Paul teaches that man had knowledge of God but did not value it. Man chose his own wisdom rather than the knowledge of God. Man's best is much less than the knowledge of God which was rejected. In rejecting the higher knowledge man perverted himself and all of his life reflects that perversion. Man rejected knowledge of the true God and exchanged Him for gods like things he knows which he made by his hands. The instincts and impulses of human life became misused and abused. Finally, Paul says God permitted man to live by the choice he had made and "gave them over to a reprobate mind . . ." (Romans 1:28) This is a mind which is incapable of moral judgments.

Man over-reached himself. In trying to become more than he was he became less than he could have been. In turning to his own mind, he placed himself at the mercy of his own limitations. He became helpless in his self-made plight. But this is not the end of the story.

The Story Of The Fall Of Man Is The Preface To The Larger Story Of God's Redemptive Grace

God has reacted to man's sin in mercy and redemption. The destructive processes

MISSIONARY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. Don Bilbary, missionary associates in Guyana, are the parents of a third child, Daniel Boyce, born Dec. 20. The Bilbarys may be contacted at Box 60, New Amsterdam, Berbice County, Guyana. He is a native of Texas, and she is the former Carolyn Boyce of Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Lusk, missionaries on leave from Hong Kong may now be addressed at 134 Rooks Dr., Brownsville, Ienn. He is a native of South Carolina; and she is formerly Ida Bennett of Humboldt.

Dr. and Mrs William J. Bickers, missionaries on leave from Paraguay, may now be addressed at 4992 Minden, Memphis, 38117. Dr. Bickers was born in Baton Rouge, La., and reared in Ripley, Tenn. Mrs. Bickers, the former Annette Clark, was born in New Orleans, La., and grew up in Humboldt, Tenn When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968, he was completing a residency in internal medicine at a veterans hospital in Memphis.

Dr and Mrs Dwight L. Baker, missionaries, have completed a brief assignment in Iran and returned to Israel. They may be addressed at 40 Abbas St., Haifa, Israel, Baker is a native of Missouri. She was born in Virginia, and lived in Bristol and Milligan College, Tenn while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950.

Dr and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries to East Africa, are engaged currently in language study in Kenya Their address is Box 32, Limuru, Kenya Dr. Bethea was born in Hattiesburg, Miss, and reared in Memphis, Tenn Mrs. Bethea is the former lizette McCall of Memphis Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he practiced obstetrics in Memphis for eight years.

Miss Martha Ann Blount, missionary to Brazil, arrived in Nashville recently for a short turlough. Her address is 404 Eatherly Drive, 37220. Prior to her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966, she taught in a Nashville elementary school.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Golmon, missionaries to Taiwan, may now be addressed at #1 Lane 142, Ren Ai Rd., Sec. 3, Taipei 100, Taiwan. She is the former Angelyn Deaton of Jackson, Tenn., and he is a native of Mississippi.

can be reversed. Forgiveness is available. Much of that which was lost can be recovered.

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Judson Memorial church in Nashville has dropped the word Memorial from the official name of the church. It will be known in the future as the Judson Baptist church. Raymond Langlois is pastor.

Lucy Hoskins, editor of "Church Administration" magazine at the Baptist Sun-

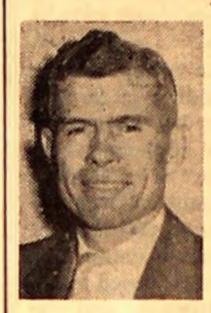


Miss Hoskins

day School Board, has been named church administration consultant specializing in church secretary work. The new position was designed primarily to serve church secretaries and was added to the BSSB recently. According to Reginald McDonough, staff member in the department, the board is trying to provide additional help

by adding this new position. He reported that there are approximately 15,000 church secretaries in the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Hoskins is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and received the master of religious education degree at Women's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville.

Mrs. W. G. Cobb, mother of Grainger County superintendent of missions Clyde Cobb, died Feb. 25 in Dyersburg. Mrs. Cobb was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held in Newbern.



Jett

Clarence Jett is the new superintendent of missions for the Knox County Association. He comes from serving as pastor of the Jefferson Avenue church in East Point, Ga. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and served as minister of education at the Lincoln Park church in Knoxville.

A total of 808 students enrolled at Union university for the spring semester, according to figures released from G. Wayne Brown, vice-president for academic affairs. Of this number, 210 are freshmen, 154 sophomores, 176 juniors, and 242 seniors. The accumulative enrolment of 1104 for the summer and fall of 1972, and winter and spring of 1973, is one of the largest in recent years, Brown stated.

Wood Hits Federal Guidelines On Religious Discrimination

WASHINGTON—A Baptist leader here vigorously condemned recent Department of Labor guidelines prohibiting religious discrimination in the nation's church-related colleges that have participated in federal contracts or that have received federal subsidies.

James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, charged that the Department of Labor guidelines "must be seen as a direct invasion of government into religion and private education in the most sensitive area of school administration decision making."

Wood made his attack in an article appearing in the March Issue of Report from the Capital, monthly bulletin of the Baptist Joint Committee. He also made identical charges in a special report to the semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee.

The guidelines (otherwise known as rules and regulations) took effect on February 20, 1973. They tell how to comply with requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, for promoting and insuring equal employment opportunity for all persons employed or seeking employment with government contractors and subcontractors without regard to religion or national origin.

"To take the position that denominational or religiously oriented schools may no long-

er discriminate on the basis of religion in the selection of their faculty is, in effect, to deny the right of such schools to preserve their religious character."

Wood charged that the department of labor policy on contract compliance is "seriously defective" because (1) "it is far too sweeping in its application" and (2) it fails to distinguish between schools that have federal contracts for services rendered and "those institutions which are partially supported or subsidized by federal funds for the construction of buildings and the general operation of their school program.

"It is to call into question the meaning and substance of the First Amendment: to limit the authority and power of government over religion. For the termination of religious discrimination in church schools inevitably will bring the elimination of the rights of church school to their religious identity."

In response to this report of the executive director, the Baptist Joint Committee voted to offer the services of its staff to any church-related Baptist institution to help clarify the guidelines for Executive Order 11246. The Committee also voted for its staff to express its deep concern to the highest governmental officials "about the unfairness of the guidelines, especially in regard to contracts that do not involve subsidies." (BP)

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Ken Morris, associate pastor of Robertsville church in Oak Ridge, is the new pastor of First Baptist church of West Jefferson, N.C. Lee Morris serves the Oak Ridge church as pastor.

R. G. Huff has joined the staff of First Baptist church of Kingston and will serve as minister of music and youth. David Sharp is pastor.

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In the Hamilton County Association, Central church, Chattanooga, has called Don Barfield to serve on the staff as business administrator and director of education. The church plans to begin a kindergarter this fall. William Hartley is pastor. In the same association, Robert S. Tucker resigned as pastor of the Eastdale church to accept the call as pastor of Woodlawn church in Rome, Ga. Jack McEwen resigned as pastor of Lookout Mountain church and will continue his work at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. At Northside church, Allie Broom resigned as music director. Hillard Goode is pastor. David Coffee resigned as minister of education and youth at Oakwood church to accept a similar position with Lakewood church of Birmingham, Ala, L. L. Hall is pastor.

Don Bouldin, associate pastor of Two Rivers church in Nashville, has accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist church, Columbia. He is a native of Oklahoma, and received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Baylor university. He later received a B.D. degree from New Orleans seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana before coming to Tennessee.



Mulling

Westover church of Madison-Chester Association has called Allen Mullins as minister of music. Mullins is a junior voice major at Union university and has served as minister of music at Mount Zion church in Hernando, Miss. John Gunter is pastor of Westover church.

In the Beulah Association, First church, Troy, called Richard Howard as part-time music and youth director. He comes from Oak Grove church in Covington.

First church, Cleveland, extended a call to Marvin Gibson, Fort Worth, to come as pastor. He will begin his duties there Sunday, April 22. He is a native of Maryville and is presently completing his dissertation for fulfilling requirements for a doctor of theology degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. He received his undergraduate degree from Carson-Newman college.

Faith In God Sustained Him, Ex-POW Tells Congregation

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A Navy prisoner of war elected by his fellow prisoners as their chaplain returned to First Southern Baptist church of Clairemont here after being released to thank those who prayed for his freedom.

"I was able to sustain life and hope through the faith I have in God," Captain Howard Rutledge told the packed congregation of more than 700 persons.

"I am here today also because of the prayers of Christian people while I was in

prison," he added.

He urged everyone to place their trust in God because, he said, there is no other place to put it.

For almost five minutes, the congregation applauded the former POW's remarks as he stood beside Pastor Charles W. Foley, who had asked Rutledge to speak to the church.

At the close of the service, Capt. Rutledge came forward to move his membership to the church. Foley reported that five other persons in the congregation, moved by the captain's testimony, made professions of faith in Christ.

Promise To Join Church

While imprisoned, Capt. Rutledge said he made a promise to God that on the first Sunday that he was in San Diego, he would join First Southern Baptist Church of Clairemont. He said he was converted as a boy of 14 in Oklahoma, but had never moved his membership to the church his family attends in California.

The last time he attended services at the church was just prior to going overseas when his son, John, was baptized. He said he lamented the fact that he did not move

his membership at that time.

Capt. Rutledge, 44, had been imprisoned for almost 7½ years. Although he did not refer specifically to his experiences in prison in his brief testimony to the Clairemont church, a Navy spokesman said that his

Gaddy Is Appointed To Christian Life Post

C. Welton Gaddy has been appointed to serve as director of Christian Citizenship Development for the Christian Life Commission, according to Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer.

The new position carries with it the responsibility of aiding Southern Baptists in relating personal faith in Christ to the civil realm. Gaddy will assist in developing pro-

grams for Christian citizenship.

A "Christian Citizenship Sunday" will be observed in the Southern Baptist Convention on July 1, 1973. The day is designed to move Baptists toward a more effective involvement in Christian citizenship responsibility.

fellow POWs had selected Capt. Rutledge as their prison chaplain.

At the church service, Capt. Rutledge wore his khaki uniform, and sat with his mother, his wife, his two teenage daughters, his married daughter and his grandson. His family belongs to the church, according to Foley.

After the service, Rutledge met with members of his family at the home here which his wife, Phyllis, had purchased while

he was in prison.

Almost all the returning American POWs are testifying, like Capt. Rutledge, to the power of prayer and faith in the prison camps, according to an American Baptist Navy chaplain stationed in the Philippines where most of the POWs first land.

Deep, Abiding Relationship

"The key to their survival and to their mental and emotional health was a deep, abiding and growing relationship with God," said Chaplain Alex B. Aronis, an American Baptist involved in a ministry to returning POWs at Subic Bay Naval Air Station, the Philippines.

"The story of the religious experiences of these men is inspiring beyond words," Chaplain Aronis wrote in a letter to the director of American Baptist Chaplaincy

Services in Valley Forge, Pa.

"Without God, I would not have been able to survive," one returning POW told Chaplain Aronis. Asked if he meant that God really helped him, the ex-POW replied: "No, not merely helped. I mean it when I say I could not have made it without God pulling me through."

Another news report, carried by "Christianity Today" magazine, indicated there was apparently a spiritual movement that swept through the ranks of the POWs at the so-called "Hanoi Hilton" prison camp.

"Everything else was stripped from us,

and we were left with only our faith in God," one POW was quoted as saying. "I couldn't have made it if it were not for Jesus Christ and being able to look up and see him in some of the trying times," another said.

Held Worship Services

Many of the POWs told of holding worship services, organizing choirs, and studying the scriptures, mostly from memory, in the POW camps. The men reconstructed whole sections of scriptures out of their memory, due to unavailability of Bibles.

The most meaningful passages to the POWs, Chaplain Aronis wrote, included the 23rd Psalm, the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount, Romans 12, and I Corinthians 13.

Their favorite hymns had been, "In the Garden," "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and "Holy, Holy, Holy," he noted in a report carried by American Baptist News Service.

Their by-word, Chaplain Aronis said, was "God Bless You," a greeting used even to those who professed to be agnostics or atheists

"The religious experience was so significant and so beneficial for some," Chaplain Aronis wrote, "that two that I know of said they were glad they had the prison experience because of what they learned in terms of life, values and priorities."

One POW told the chaplain he uniquely felt God's presence "The moment my feet touched down on North Vietnamese soil, God was standing next to me," the POW told him "He was three buildings tall, and the tip of his shoes came to my forehead, and he said to me, 'I'm going to be with you and I'm going to take care of you."

Chaplain Aronis added that in his conversations with the returning POWs, "the stories just kept coming, not because I was pumping but because they just had to be told. It was the spontaneous sharing of Good News that is apparent in the New Testament." (BP)

C-N ROTC Sponsor Corps Entertains Returning Prisoners

Sixteen female members of the Carson-Newman college Army ROTC Sponsor Corps traveled to Denver earlier this month to entertain returning prisoners of war and recuperating Army patients at Fitzsimmons United States Army Hospital.

The Sponsor Corps is an all-girl social service organization designed to promote and provide local and national service.

The entertainment was comprised of individual and group musical members containing precise choreography as well as one-line comedy increments. They were accompanied by Col. Robert I. McElroy, professor of Military Science at Carson-Newman.

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Key '73 Emphasis Cited By Executive Head

"Key '73," an interdenominational attempt to present every person in North America with the gospel some time during 1973, will focus on "The Power of His Resurrection" during March and April. The resurrection theme will serve as the third phase of the program, designed to carry through December.

According to the organization's executive offices in St. Louis, "Easter is at the heart and core of Key 73 and of the entire Christian faith," and Christians witnessing during this period of time will seek to revive in the twentieth century the first century emphasis on resurrection witness.

T. A. Raedeke, executive director, pointed out that Key 73 must give witness to both a founder (Christ) and a resurrection. No other religion, he said, has a resurrection event.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

EL PASO, Tex.—Thomas W. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary and director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House here, has been elected president of the international Spanish Evangelical Publishers Association (SEPA). Founded in 1970, SEPA represents major publishers of evangelical books in Spanish. As the largest publisher of evangelical materials in Spanish, the Baptist house published 806,175 copies of 102 books in 1972, bringing its stock to 700 titles. These are distributed in more than 40 countries.

VIENTIANE, Laos—Jerald W. Perrill, one of four missionaries in this relatively new mission field, is teaching a class on the life of Jesus to 10 to 15 Buddhist monks. The class was begun following a visit by Perrill and fellow missionary J. Murphy Terry to the Buddhist temple, Wat Ban Fay.

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The remaining phases of the Key 73 emphasis will deal with: "Calling Our Continent to New Life," "Calling Our Continent to Proclamation," and "Calling Our Continent to Commitment."

Southern Seminary Receives Two Gifts Totalling \$265,000

LOUISVILLE—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here has received two gifts for use in student aid totalling \$265,000.

The late Mrs. Carrie Hobson Joyce of Jacksonville, Fla., left to the seminary an estate in excess of \$220,000. Mrs. Joyce was a 1920 graduate of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, now merged with Southern Seminary.

The second gift came from A. P. Stone Jr., judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Springfield, Mo. Judge Stone established a trust of approximately \$45,000 in memory of his father, A. P. Stone Sr., an 1895 graduate of Southern Seminary and a Baptist minister from Edgerton, Mo. (BP)



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SBC Mission Gifts Continue Increase

NASHVILLE—Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget continued to climb, with a 16.75 per cent increase during the month of February.

During the first five months of the fiscal year, October through February, gifts through the Cooperative Program had reached \$14,153,106, an increase for the year of almost \$1.2 million, or 9.24 per cent.

A six per cent increase is necessary to meet the convention's budget for the year, SBC officials said.

In addition to the \$14.1 million in Cooperative Program gifts, a correspondingly big increase in designated giving to specific mission causes was noted in the report, prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here.

A total of \$15,135,157 has been given to designated mission causes, primarily home and foreign missions, so far during the fiscal year. It is an increase of \$1.7 million or 12.83 per cent, for the year.

Grand total mission gifts (Cooperative Program and designations combined) climbed to \$29,288,263, an increase of \$2.9 million or 11.07 per cent.

Big increases have been reported for the last three months. December and January were record months of Cooperative Program giving, with an all-time high of more than \$3 million contributed through the Cooperative Program in January.

In February, Cooperative Program gifts were just short of the \$3 million mark, with \$2.9 million given through the denomina-

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tion's unified budget that is similar to the United Givers Fund approach.

Designations were also up in February, when \$9 million was reported for specific mission causes, most of it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. February, always a heavy month for designated gifts, noted a \$1.4 million or 19.07 per cent increase.

For the month of February, a grand total of almost \$12 million (\$11,998,691) was given through the Cooperative Program and special designated offerings, an increase of \$1.8 million or 18.5 per cent over February gifts of 1972.

The financial report reflects only contributions to world and nation-wide SBC mission causes, and does not include amounts given to support local and state missions. (BP)

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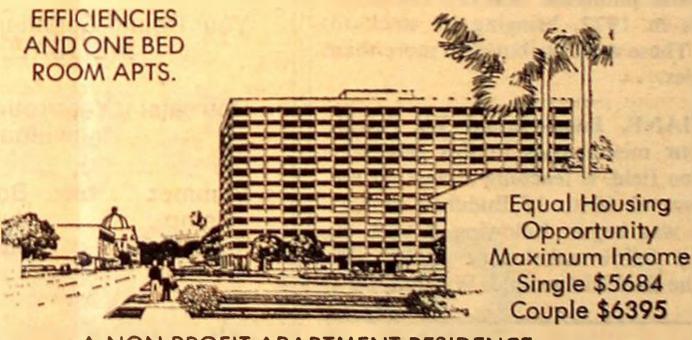
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Glenn Yarbrough To Lead Campus Bible Conference

Glenn Yarbrough, secretary of the Student Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, will lead a series of studies on "The Epistle to the Colossians" during the Campus Bible Conference, March 27-29 on the Middle Tennessee State university cam-

Seven study leaders have been enlisted to assist in the three-night emphasis at the Baptist Student center. Following Yarbrough's study, students may elect to attend one of two different conferences each night.

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Milton Hughes, consultant in campus evangelism, National Student Ministries, will lead an inquiry into "The Gifts of the Spirit," and Tom Henry, pastor of First church, Lebanon, will provide assistance in devotional Bible study. Wednesday evening sessions will include "Eschatology—the Last Things," directed by Jerry Buckner,

Enrolment Again Open In Annuity Board Plan

Pastors and other church staff members may once again enrol in medical, disability and life insurance plans administered through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Darold H. Morgan, president, said there have been more than 5000 inquiries concerning participation in the new insurance plans, which are underwritten by Aetna Life and Casualty.

The Annuity Board calls the new medical-disability-life insurance a "package concept of designed insurance protection."

Morgan said prospective participants may select one of four different plans of medical benefits with costs scaled to meet the benefits of the plan chosen. For the first time, a \$5000 term life insurance is included in the coverage for medical or disability insurance.

All applicants enroling are required to provide information on current personal health conditions.

Morgan said more than 9000 participants in the previous Health Benefit Plan, underwritten by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, transferred to the new Plan with Aetna before the deadline for enroling without having to show proof of insurability.

He said any minister or church employe enterested in the new program may secure information by writing Insurance Services, SBC Annuity Board, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Fiber Glass Baptistries Repair Old and Build New Call 292-4029 or Write Ashbaugh Fiber Glass P.O. Box 894, Nashville, Tenn. 37202 consultant in campus ministries National Student Ministries; and "Tools for Bible Study," led by Bill Dunning, BSU director at Columbia State Community college and superintendent of missions, Maury association. Old Testament studies to be featured Thursday night will include: "Messianic Prophecy—Christ in the Old Testament;" led by Eugene Cotey, pastor of First church, Murfreesboro; and "Genesis—Chapters One and Two" presented by Jere Plunk, pastor of Immanuel church, Murfreesboro.

The conference is under the direction of Virginia Simpson, student chairman, and Ircel Harrison, director of BSU ministries at MTSU.

Radio-TV Fund Campaign Exceeds \$150,000 Goal

ROANOKE, Va.—A "Second Step" fund drive to benefit the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here has exceeded its campaign goal of \$150,000, and campaign leaders said they hope to raise as much as \$200,000 to \$250,000 here.

Roanoke is one of 34 cities in the country where the SBC Radio-TV Commission will conduct "Second Step" fund campaigns this year. It is the first to reach its goal.

Already, pledges have reached \$150,200 in Roanoke, and that amount was pledged by less than 20 per cent of the prospective givers in the campaign, according to Reginald M. Wood, Roanoke's campaign chairman. The leaders decided to continue the campaign to challenge others to participate

Other similar campaigns are currently being conducted in Fort Worth, Shreveport, La.; and Knoxville, Tenn.; and are being organized in Jackson, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala.

Purpose of the campaign is to raise \$2 million to build a major television production studio and broadcast training center for the commission based in Fort Worth. The campaign is for capital funds only.

In Fort Worth, the campaign has passed the \$661,000 mark, with plans to raise another \$1 million. Amount pledged in the Shreveport campaign has reached \$84,500 toward that city's \$150,000 goal. (BP)

Baptist Towers Fire Probed

A two-day hearing of the U.S. Senate subcommittee in Washington, D.C. recently, tocused on the investigation of safety standards in high rise buildings, and gave particular attention to the fire at Baptist Towers in Atlanta last November in which 10 persons died.

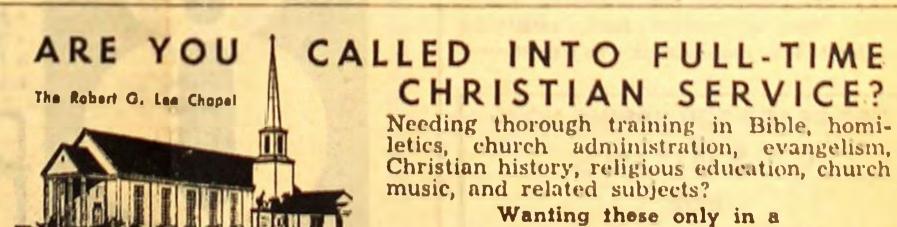
Sen Harrison A. Williams (D-N.J.) declared, "Iragedy was not avoided in Atlanta, and this subcommittee wants to know why." He questioned the possibility of a special system of fire safety in housing for the elderly, a stronger and stricter code for federal housing programs, and the cost problem in constructing a new building 100 per cent according to code.

Emphasis was given on why the ten persons died in the Baptist Towers fire. A Elwood Willey, fire record department of the National Fire Protection Association. cited several factors as contributing to the deaths. His observations included a delayed alarm system; the door to the apartment of the fire remaining open; the design of the ventuation system, the use of corridor carpeting with fire hazard characteristics; and the origin of fire on the windward side of the building "A study by the fire protection association indicates that most of the factors significant to the Baptist Towers fire are all too common in other residential losses," he testified

Several recommendations for future safety presented to the committee included, fire safety education in housing for the elderly. door closers on apartment entry doors, early warning detectors, the climination of the use of corridors as "supply plenums" to reduce the smoke and toxic gases exposure to other apartments; and automatic sprinkler

Baptist Towers opened its doors as a non-profit retirement center last April It was started by seven Georgia churches which supply trustees for the corporation which manages it.

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The Danger Of Self-Trust

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

Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 10

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A measure of self-confidence is essential but too much confidence in ourselves is dangerous. Yet all men are prone to trust in themselves too much, at times.

Clear-cut achievement tends to breed self-trust beyond justification. It is a normal reaction and must be watched diligently.

The acquirement of affluence inspires both subtle and obvious self-sufficiency. This is one of the most dangerous forms of over-confidence. Too many people are swept off their feet by it. It has wrecked many lives and homes.

Invidious comparisons will foster too much self-trust. Because we excel others in some obvious aspects, our ego becomes inflated.

The flattery of others often causes people to think of themselves more highly than they should. The praise of men may deceive and entrap us.

Certain gifts, both natural and spiritual tend to give us pride and a very exalted opinion of ourselves. It seems at least paradoxical if not contradictory that spiritual gifts should inspire a sense of superiority. The responsibility going with it should greatly humble us. We see that in the Corinthian church. A sense of having spiritual gifts inspired pride of unthinkable proportions.

All Greatly Blessed 1 Cor. 10:1-5

All on the trip toward the Promised Land were wonderfully blessed. They were wonderfully provided for with meat, drink and bread.

They were miraculously delivered in the deliverance through the Red Sea. It is an impressive symbol. While passing between the two congealed walls of water a cloud covered them. It is described as being baptized unto Moses in the cloud and sea.

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Israel's Sowing and Reaping Warning to Us 1 Cor. 10:6-11

We have listed here a catalog of Israel's major sins. They were guilty of idolatry, fornication, tempting God and murmuring. The consequences were appalling but there were remedies and exceedingly gracious mercy upon repentance.

It has been faithfully recorded for our benefit. We are to learn the grave lessons taught and the admonitions given. We can commit every one of these sins in principle and essence. Our plight can easily be theirs.

We May Avoid Their Plight 1 Cor. 10:12-13

The temptations that came to them beset us on every side. The form and the setting may be different in some instances but the substance is there. God has provided a way of escape that is more obvious and articulate in many respects for us. We have so much more light. The Messiah has come and has shown us the way to victory over the subtle temptations of the evil one. Therefore we have less excuse and will face more severe judgments.

We are seriously warned about overconfidence in ourselves just because we have advantages in definite ways. It is so easy to feel too secure without proper justifica-

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She Didn't Know What To Do

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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tion. The provisions of victory are available but they must be appropriated.

Three things should encourage us: our temptation is not unique; we will not be tempted above that which we can bear and for every temptation God has made a way of escape.

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Parental Cigarette Smoking May Affect Asthmatic Kids

There is evidence that smoke from parents' cigarettes can trigger or worsen symptoms in their asthmatic children, two physicians reported to the Allergy and Pediatric Sections of the American Medical Association.

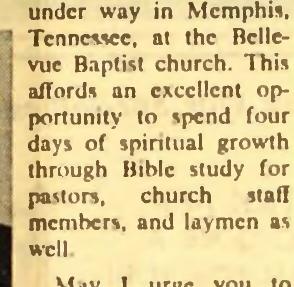
"We advise parents not to smoke in their child's bedroom, in the car with the child, or in any room where the child is sitting," said Dr. Edward J. O'Connell and George B. Logan of Rochester, Minnesota, at the 120th annual conference of the AMA.



From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

A choice opportunity for in-depth Bible study is scheduled for March 26-29 when the Mid-America Bible Conference gets



Norton

May I urge you to make every effort possible to attend as many sessions as your schedule

will allow, and that you will pray for this period of concentrated study led by dedicated teachers that all Christians may be led toward a deeper commitment to Christ and become challenged to become more effective witnesses.

Recently there has been expressed a growing interest in encouraging laymen to attend our Southern Baptist and State Conventions. It is felt that their involvement in these conventions would be of significant value to our churches and that personally they would feel that they are a vital part of the convention and are needed to share this conviction with other church members.

We believe this is a worthy suggestion and deserves our serious consideration as to what the church can do in an effort to assist in paying the expenses of laymen to attend these conventions.

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George J. Burnett resigned as president of Tennessee College for Women in Murfreesboro after having served in that position for over 16 years. He was one of the state's leading Baptists.

Members of the Watertown Baptist church came in buggies, cars, and on horses to give their pastor a "pounding" for his birthday. They presented him with food, gifts, and a wallet full of money. Later the young people of the church gave him a pounding also.

20 YEARS AGO

Baptist And Reflector announced the retirement of Miss Mary Northington, Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union executive secretary since 1923. The year before her retirement the state reported 5206 WMU organizations and an enrolment of 70,607. Gains were registered in all phases of WMU work in Tennessee.

Thomas McCage Jr, a Union university student, was declared the Tennessee winner in the men's division of a voice contest at George Peabody college in Nashville Competing were singers in the Student Musicians division of the National Federation of Music Clubs His voice teacher at Union was Alton Harvey.

10 YEARS AGO

Hillcrest chapel in Lebanon was organized into a church with 285 charter members. The total value of of the church property was approximately \$100,000. Hugh L Callens served as pastor.

Dedication ceremonies were held for the new educational building and entire facilities of the Central church in Hixson. Organized in November 1951, the church had 448 members when the dedication was held. J. Lloyd Brown was pastor.

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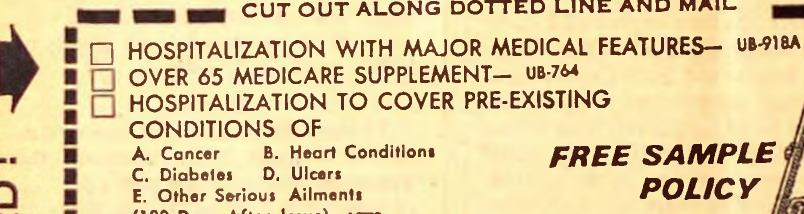
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'Persuasive Invitation, Not Coercion' Graham's Method For Evangelism

MONTREAT, N.C.—Evangelist Billy Graham has described the Gospel's method of evangelism as "persuasive invitation, not coercion," in a statement issued here to ease tensions that have arisen in Christian-Jewish relations over Key 73.

He declared that although the right of sharing a belief with others is "implicit in any belief," he frowns on proselytizing that "seeks to commit men against their will."

The evangelist also pointed out that in his evangelistic efforts, he has never singled out Jews or any other groups for special attention.

Full text of Mr. Graham's statement follows:

"The reports about a growing misunderstanding in Christian-Jewish relationships over Key 73 have become a source of concern to me. In order to help ease some of these tensions, I want to explain my own position.

"While I have not been directly involved in the developing organization of Key 73, I have from the beginning publicly supported its concept.

"First, as an evangelist. I am interested in establishing contact with all men concerning personal faith in Jesus Christ. Implicit in any belief is the right of sharing it with others. The message that God is love prompts any recipient of that love to declare it to others.

"Secondly, just as Judaism frowns on proselytizing that is coercive, or that seeks to commit men against their will, so do I. Gimmicks, coercion, and intimidation have had no place in

my evangelistic efforts, certainly not in historic Biblical evangelism. The American genius is that without denying anyone an expression of their convictions all are nevertheless partners in our society. The Gospel's method is persuasive invitation, not coercion.

"Thirdly, along with most evangelical Christians, I believe God has always had a special relationship with the Jewish people as Saint Paul suggests in the Book of Romans. In my evangelistic efforts, I have never felt called to single out the Jews as Jews nor to single out any other particular groups, cultural, ethnic, or religious.

"Lastly, it would be my hope that Key 73 and any other spiritual outreach program could initiate nationwide conversations which would raise the spiritual level of our people and promote mutual understanding." (RNS)



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