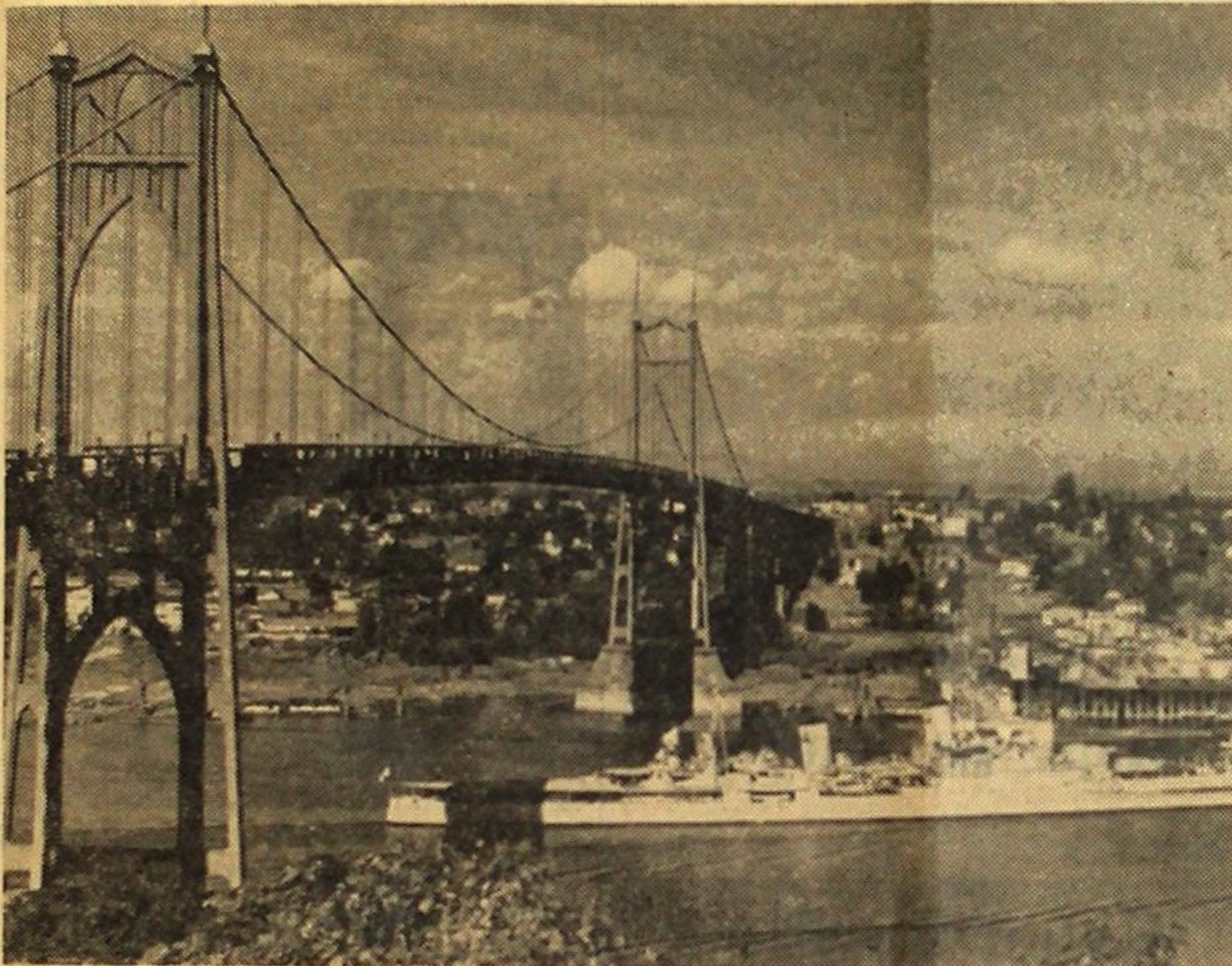


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ST. JOHN'S BRIDGE spans the Willamette River in the Northwest corner of Portland, Oregon, site of the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 12-14. One of the West Coast's first suspension bridges, it has been called one of the seven most beautiful in the world.

SBC Missionary Slain In Taiwan Residence

TAINAN, Taiwan—Miss Gladys Hopewell, Southern Baptist missionary to Taiwan for 19 years, was found slain in her apartment here shortly before 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. She apparently died of strangulation.

Miss Hopewell, 57, of Hopkins County, Ky., had been dead about three hours when the murder was discovered by her maid and a university student entering her locked and darkened apartment.

According to C. Robert Beard, Southern Baptist missionary associate in Tainan, the main electric switch on the apartment had been pulled.

Beard reported that the police were working on the case, but that details of the murder were not yet clear. The police were reported to be seeking the maid's missing husband.

Initial information, Beard added, indicates no evidence of forcible entry into the apartment or of robbery.

Funeral and burial arrangements were incomplete pending some decisions by Miss Hopewell's family. As soon as those details are made known, the body will be released to the U.S. Embassy in Taiwan.

Miss Hopewell's survivors include her

mother, Mrs. Bernice Hopewell and a brother, Joseph C. Hopewell, both of Talladega, Ala.

Miss Hopewell is the fourth Southern Baptist missionary to die by violence in 20 months. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Potter were beaten and stabbed to death in their Dominican Republic home in July 1971. In January 1972, Miss Mavis Pate was shot and killed in an ambush by Arab guerillas in the Gaza Strip.

The pioneer of Baptist student work in Tainan, Miss Hopewell had directed a student center located in the midst of the national Cheng-Kung University campus since 1954. She taught English conversation at the university as well as at the center.

Many non-Christians enroll in the centers classes for the opportunity to improve their English. Its program includes Sunday worship and special evangelistic programs. Miss Hopewell had been at the center on the afternoon of her death.

Her mission responsibilities included the publication of a Baptist student magazine and serving as adviser for a local church's Woman's Missionary Union.

The following year she went to Bangkok,

Dyersburg Pastor Dies

Of Heart Attack, Rites Held

Isaac Jones, pastor of the Southside Baptist church in Dyersburg for the past six years, died in Clarksville Memorial Hospital Thursday, March 8, of a heart attack.



Jones

Funeral services were held in Dyersburg Sunday, March 11, with burial in Clarksville March 12.

Jones had served as a pastor in Clarksville before coming to the Dyersburg position. He was associational clerk in the Dyer Association for the past several years, according to W. W. Shanklin, superintendent of missions. He was a native of Dyer County.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Wastille Jones; three daughters, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. Linda Mitchell, both of Clarksville, and Miss Debra Jones of the home; one son, Tommy, of the home; and his mother, Mrs. Dudley Jones, Dyersburg.

Thailand, where she directed religious education at Grace Baptist church until she transferred to Taiwan in 1954.

Miss Hopewell was graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., with the bachelor of arts degree and from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Baptist Theological seminary), Louisville, Ky., with the master of religious education degree.

Prior to missionary appointment, she was education director for First Baptist church, Talladega, Ala., and South Avondale Baptist church, Birmingham. (BP)



Gladys Hopewell

Don't Turn Up Your Nose At God!

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Gal. 6:7

This is exactly what the verb "not mocked" means. It means, literally, to turn up the nose at someone. "Be not deceived" means that one is doing it and should stop it. You cannot turn up your nose at God and get away with it. For what you sow, you reap.

To what does this refer? Paul has been stressing salvation by grace through faith apart from one's works. The danger is always that one will say that because of this he can do anything as a Christian, and not lose his salvation. Paul strongly warns against such an attitude. For if one sows to the flesh, of the flesh he reaps corruption. If he sows to the Spirit, of the Spirit he reaps life everlasting (vv. 7-8). Another way of putting this, supported by abundant scripture, is that while one is not saved by works, his works will show whether or not he is saved (Eph. 2:8-10). Good works are not the root but the fruit of salvation.

A man said that if he believed that one is saved by grace, and never can be lost again, he would get saved and then have the time of his life doing what he wants to do. Very well! But if you are saved, the

things you will want to do will be quite different from what the unsaved man is thinking. For he will be a new creation in Christ Jesus.

For that reason Paul says, "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (v. 9). The Christian, then, should be busy doing good works.

Every farmer knows that we reap, not just what we sow, but more than we sow. We reap in kind, but more in quantity. So be careful what you sow. For the harvest is certain to come.



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Devotional

Christian Influence

Matt. 5:13-16

By George W. Hill

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntingdon

I can see my Lord as He looks at the multitude which crowds about Him, with love and humility shining all about Him, and as he opens His mouth and tells the multitude how happy they would be in a new life. Then perhaps turning to the twelve, who were seated, Jesus described the tremendous impact that the disciples would have on the world then, and that we have as Christians today.



Hill

When Jesus said that a Christian influences the world like salt preserves the earth, He gave man an expression which we consider the greatest compliment that can be paid to anyone. When we wish to stress the worth of a person, we may say, "People like that are the salt of the earth." The Greeks called salt divine theion. In the days of Jesus I am told that salt was connected in people's minds with three special qualities: Purity, Preservative, and Flavor.

With all the meanings one can see here, we see that uselessness invites disaster. If a Christian is not fulfilling his duty as a Christian he is on his way out. Perhaps the most miserable person in the world is the person who is not going all the way for Jesus.

Then when Jesus commanded His followers to be the light of the world, He demanded nothing less than that they should be like Himself. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A light can be used as a guide to make the way clear. A light can be a warning light (such as a lighthouse).

If we really believe that we influence the world like salt preserves the earth and like light influences the darkness, then in Jesus' name let us live, talk, work and act like it.

Spring Youth Bible Conference Cancelled

NASHVILLE—The Spring Youth Bible Conference, scheduled for April 16-20, at Ridgecrest, N.C., Baptist Conference Center has been cancelled, according to Franklin Farmer, supervisor of the youth section, Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Because of unusual school situations, plus conflicting activities, it has been discovered that it is impossible for many youth to attend.

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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Declaring that "we may be in the trash business, but we want nothing to do with that kind of trash," the owner of a Lansing, Michigan, garbage collection agency has withdrawn his trash containers from three area movie theaters because they are showing X-rated films.

Motion picture producers take note! It says something when a garbage man finds trash too "trashy" for him.

And when you get right down to the heart of the problem, his attitude is understandable, to say the least. After all, he wants to operate a "respectable" garbage business.

And if nothing else, this garbage collector should be given a medal by the city for his determined stand against air and moral pollution.

When a garbage man turns up his nose, it is time to take notice. And in refusing to have anything to do with X-rated garbage, he has set a good example for the rest of America.

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Baptist Agency Confronts Key Church-State Issues

WASHINGTON—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in semi-annual session here, instructed its staff to develop study papers and strategies on a number of key church-state issues, including the history of tax exemption on church properties and IRS regulations exempting ministerial housing allowances.

The Baptist executive and representatives from six national Baptist bodies in the United States asked further that the Washington staff develop a strategy for launching an intensive educational program regarding religion in public education.

The committee expressed concern that among their constituencies misunderstand-

ings persist regarding Supreme Court decisions in 1963 and 1964 on state-supported prayer and Bible readings in public schools.

"The First Amendment and the Bill of Rights are under seige now more than ever," declared board member Foy Valentine, secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. Unanimously, the committee supported the need for a nationwide program to education Baptists concerning religious liberty and the danger in continued calls for state-supported and sponsored prayers and devotions in public schools.

The matter of tax reforms now being discussed in Congress was prominent on the agenda of the two-day meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee. Since committee members represent constituencies with varied viewpoints concerning ad valorem taxes on church properties and tax exemption for ministers' housing allowances, no position was taken on these controversial items.

Instead, the committee asked for an in-depth study of the history of these exemptions to be shared with their respective denominations.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist agency in the nation's capital, announced that he would testify before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives on federal income tax deductions of charitable contributions. The committee agreed with Wood that no position would be presented to the Ways and Means Committee concerning tax exemption for ministers' housing allowance.

Following one of the suggestions from that conference the committee asked the staff to work with member bodies of the committee to formulate a statement with reference to church-state relations "as they affect such matters as taxation, lobbying, petition of government and business activities of the church." (BP)

2000 Persons Observe BWA Sunday In Moscow Church

MOSCOW, USSR—In a manner much like Baptist congregations in all parts of the world that same day, the Moscow Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists devoted its evening service on February 4 to the observance of Baptist World Alliance Sunday.

Emphasis on the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance, was evident as Pastor M. J. Zhidkov led the service and read the World Mission's theme passage from 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 and as P. K. Shatrov preached on "Reconciliation Through Christ."

The worship service was attended by more than 2000 persons. It concluded with a prayer for reconciliation and for the relief, unification and fellowship work of the B.W.A.

Kenton First Church Is Destroyed By Fire

First church, Kenton, was destroyed completely by a fire which gutted the church offices, educational space, sanctuary, and fellowship hall earlier this month. Damage was estimated at nearly \$120,000.

Cause of the fire was attributed to an antiquated baptistry heater, according to church officials. The fire began some time after 8:00 p.m. on March 3. No one was in the building. Hoyt Wilson, pastor of the church, lost between \$3000 and \$4000 in books, and an undetermined amount of equipment.

Members are meeting in the Kenton High school gymnasium until the building can be reconstructed.

Dr. Annie Ward Byrd On Orient Assignment

Dr. Annie Ward Byrd of First Church, Nashville, left recently for a special assignment in the Orient under the Foreign Mission Board. She will work with the publishing agencies of the various missions, assisting in development of editorial policies and curriculum design. Her first stop was to be Korea, followed by Japan and Taiwan. April 1 she will arrive in Hong Kong.

Miss Valois Byrd also of Nashville, will join her sister in Hong Kong when school is out. They plan to return to Nashville about Sept. 1. Dr. Byrd is a retiree of the Baptist Sunday School Board and Miss Byrd is a teacher in the Metropolitan School System. Their address after April 1 will be 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong.



NASHVILLE—MRS. B. B. McKINNEY, widow of the first secretary of the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, visited the Board recently during the Hymnal Committee meeting, where work was begun to revise "Baptist Hymnal." With Mrs. McKinney here are William J. Reynolds (left), secretary of the church music department, and Charles Livingstone, leader of the church program organizations group.

Church Bus Bill Introduced In Tennessee Legislature

Representative Ken Crocker (R), Trenton, introduced a bill into the State Legislature recently which would protect church buses on Tennessee highways and streets. Under the bill, all vehicles approaching a church bus would have to come to a complete stop until the bus resumes motion or signals the vehicle to proceed. The bill would put church buses under the same protection law which school buses are now under.

The bill states, also, that each church bus must be marked on the front and rear that it is a church bus. Persons failing to comply with the law, would be punished under the bill, Crocker added.

Spanish Baptist Church's Radio Program Cancelled

ALCOY, Spain—A 15-minute radio program sponsored by the Baptist church of Alcoy, Spain, has been ordered off the air, according to a report in European Baptist Press Service.

Last September, it had been suggested to Spanish stations that they no longer accept programming by Protestants, and in November the network contracts for some other evangelical groups were not renewed, the news service reported.

The 15-minute variety format program produced by the Alcoy church was last broadcast on Feb. 18. Since April of 1972, the church had offered the program over Radio Alcoy for the area's Sunday listening audience. (BP)

S. B. C. REGISTRATION CARDS

The messenger registration cards for the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, 1973, are available now from the Program Services Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

A Tribute To Mrs. Gaines S. Dobbins

By Wayne Oates

On Friday, March 2, I received the sad news of the death of Mrs. Gaines S. Dobbins. She has been a vital part of the life of my family and me since I became a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville.

Dr. Dobbins was my teacher as an undergraduate student. He believed that a student should be given copies of materials that had been reduced to writing either in a book or duplicate copy form. The purpose of the class was to join minds with the students rather than to read by rote a set of notes to them. He believed that a teacher should show his students where and how he himself lived.

Therefore, Mrs. Dobbins was involved in the teaching process herself. His home was a place of learning and she made it that way. We were welcomed in his home by her whether we announced our visit there or not. She was vitally involved in our lives as persons. Our wives learned from her by her example of regal dignity that did not need protocol or affluence to support it. Her regal spirit made us at home, and our wives were known to her by name. As our children came, they were real persons to her. After the Dobbins' retirement from our Seminary, her first enquiry was about each of their well-being when we would see her.

I feel deeply the need to pay tribute to Mrs. Dobbins as the person who made life possible and free for one of the greatest teachers in my life and that of thousands of others. They shared sixty-three years of life together as husband and wife. The stability of their unfettered trust and devotion to one another gave stability and direction to the lives of their students. The joy and "givenness to hospitality" which filled festive occasions in their home fills my memory with excitement of the people and ideas they introduced to me as she served as the gracious and expert hostess who seemingly did massive preparations for large groups of guests with a sort of effortless-ness. All the while we knew that she had worked with her own hands to make dinners both delicious and beautiful events in our lives.

As a fellow professor with Dr. Dobbins two years after I finished my graduate work, I found Mrs. Dobbins to be a constant inspiration as I would call the home to discuss with "Mr. Dobbins", as she called him, the day-to-day problems of learning how to teach, managing difficult administrative problems, and opening up a whole new area of the curriculum. She had a way of catching one's state of mind quickly in the tone of voice and would speak "words fitly spoken" in a time of need. She was a guide to my wife, without trying to be, as

National Groups Hit Tax Credit Parochiad

WASHINGTON — Representatives of more than 50 religious, educational, labor and civil liberties organizations caucused here to plan ways to defeat state and national drives for public aid to private and parochial schools, especially through the means of tax credits to parents with children in such schools.

The two chief reasons given by these organizations for their positions were: (1) to preserve religious liberty and separation of church and state, and (2) to preserve "the integrity and viability of public education."

The group took initial steps toward the formation of a national committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). There are a number of state organizations under the PEARL banner, but prior to this there has been no national organization.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, presided over the session that approved a statement of purpose for the proposed PEARL organization.

Approximately 75 persons representing the 50 organizations met in the national headquarters building of the National Educational Association to discuss the current drive for tax credit aid to private and church-related elementary and secondary schools. (BP)

First Triplets Since '68 Born At Baptist Memorial

The first triplets to be born at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis since 1968 arrived Jan. 26 of this year. They were born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Korp.

The Korps said that they had hoped eventually to have a boy and two girls, but were surprised when their ideal family came so soon. The boy was born at 1:56 a.m. and weighed three pounds, 12 ounces. A girl, born at 2:02 a.m. weighed three pounds and 11 ounces; and the third little girl, who came at 2:05 a.m., weighed four pounds and one ounce.

A hospital spokesman said that triplets occur on the average of one in every 9130 births.

my wife learned the difficult task of being a seminary professor's wife.

Mrs. Dobbins made it "goodlier to live", as Santayana put it. She left her regal spirit, full measure, in all of us. Although life is lonelier without her, even the loneliness is made into solitude with Christ's Spirit as our companion because she mediated so much of Christ to us.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Oates is professor of Psychology of Religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.)

Vignettes Of History

By W. Fred Kendall

Macedonian Calls

In October 31, 1835 missionary Jeremiah Burns wrote a letter to R. B. C. Howell, editor of "The Baptist" which was the Baptist paper which served Tennessee Baptists at that time. He told of travelling through the Chickasaw nation of Indians in May of that year and preaching to many of them. He promised to return in a short time as many were interested in their salvation.

He became ill and then had illness in his family. After this came the State Convention and he had not had an opportunity to return. A man who lived along the Tallahatchie river became so concerned about his soul that he went to one of the brethren whom he knew. They travelled from thirty to forty miles to Brother Burns home in Fayette county. The man related his experiences and wanted to be baptized. The local Baptist church had preaching the next day. He made a profession of his faith in Christ and the church received him. He was baptized the next day.

Brother Burns appealed for missionaries and for help to organize a church in the Indian nation. He pointed out how white the fields were unto harvest and the hear hunger which would send a man forty miles to seek to find Christ and be baptized into the fellowship of the church. This story illustrates the great needs for missions and missionaries in that era.

(Editor's Note: In preparation for the Centennial Year in 1974, "Baptist And Reflector" has asked Dr. W. Fred Kendall, former executive secretary-treasurer, to prepare a series of historical vignettes. Dr. Kendall is presently writing the History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. These vignettes will appear periodically in "Baptist And Reflector.")

Missionaries Study Long-Range Planning

CUERNAVACA, Mexico—"There are nine times as many people in the world today who have not heard the gospel as the total world population when Jesus gave the Great Commission," 30 Baptist missionaries were told as they began a two-week, long-range planning workshop here.

"The year 1973 will end with 50 million more lost people than when it began," said Charles W. Bryan, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean.

The missionaries of Middle America and the Caribbean are committed to accelerating the process of bringing persons to know God through Jesus Christ in order to increase quantitative and qualitative growth in this area, Bryan told the workshop.

The meeting was designed to help equip one or more (in most cases two) missionaries from 13 countries of the area to lead their missions in long-range planning. (BP)

Mission Board Adjusts Support; Eulogizes Slain Missionary

RICHMOND—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here approved a \$158,250 adjustment of funds for emergency compensation for mission work in 31 countries, and eulogized a Baptist missionary slain a few days earlier in Taiwan.

The \$158,250 adjustment in missions support was a move to offset the most recent U.S. dollar devaluation and its resultant financial pressures on mission efforts.

Board action followed a report last month by executive secretary Baker J. Cauthen in which he explained the ramifications of dollar devaluation on the purchasing power of mission dollars overseas.

An atmosphere of sorrow and prayerful concern pervaded the March meeting of the board as it learned details of the murder of one of their missionaries, Miss Gladys Hopewell, in Tainan, Taiwan.

Much of the meeting was taken up with news of her death and prayers in behalf of her family and missionary colleagues in Taiwan. A memorial resolution was adopted which said in part:

"To her aged mother and her brother, Joseph, of Talladega, Ala., her home church, the Taiwan Baptist Convention, her missionary associates in Tainan and the Christians of Taiwan, we extend our prayerful sympathies and deepest concerns. May all know afresh the sustaining and strengthening grace of God in this time of overwhelming sorrow."

In his report, Cauthen eulogized the slain

missionary, saying, "Gladys Hopewell was a missionary of outstanding dedication and effectiveness. She demonstrated through the years of her service high qualities of devotion to Christ and concern for people with whom she was related."

He added that he hoped the witness of her life and death would impress upon the hearts of many people "the love of Christ which he demonstrated in going to the cross to die for our sins."

Cauthen added: "We also pray that many hearts may become aware of the fact that a comrade has fallen in Christian service and that others need to step forward to fill the place left vacant."

In other reports to the board, Winston Crawley, director of the board's Overseas Division, said, "for six straight years the amount of Southern Baptist giving used for mission purposes (local, state, home and foreign) has increased at a lower rate than total giving."

Crawley's statement made made in the larger context in which he said that as resources increase, a larger and larger proportion is being used to maintain home churches (the base) rather than being used to increase mission outreach.

"According to common methods of reporting," Crawley continued, "Southern Baptists devote a total of about 17 per cent of their giving to 'mission causes.' Much of this, however, goes for preparing, maintaining and strengthening the mission base through denominational organization, services to the churches and training programs."

Crawley added that foreign missions, aimed at 95 per cent of the world's unevangelized receives not quite four per cent of the funds and less than that percentage of personnel resources. (BP)

SBC Business Officers Praise Media POW Coverage

DALLAS—The Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference commended the national news media for its "compassionate and considerate coverage" of the homecomings of the prisoners of war.

In a special resolution the business officers, praised the news media for enabling "all of us to share the tender moments of reunion but at the same time preserve the privacy of the individuals involved."

Leon P. Spencer, Raleigh, N.C., representing the North Carolina Baptist Convention, was elected general chairman. He succeeds John H. Williams, financial planning secretary, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. (BP)

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Cooperative Program Day Scheduled April 15 In State

Cooperative Program Day will be observed in Tennessee Baptist churches on Sunday, April 15, according to the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The day is observed by churches of the SBC as a midyear emphasis which stresses the importance and need for the Cooperative Program. This year's theme will be "One Lord, One Mission, One People."

Special materials designed to involve men in the promotion of Cooperative Program Day have been prepared by the Stewardship Commission. The aim will be to inform members and challenge them to personal mission commitment and prayer for the people and causes supported by the Cooperative Program.

The Cooperative Program was initiated by Southern Baptists in 1925. During its 47

Premiere Of 'Joy' Set For Belmont College Production

A premiere performance of "JOY", an exciting Christian musical, will be presented Saturday, March 24 at 8:00 P.M. in Belmont College's Massey Auditorium.



Mulloy

The music for "JOY", which deals with a Home Missions theme, was written by ex-Nashvillian and Belmont graduate Bill Cates; book and lyrics by Ed Seabough, staff member of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta. It presents the exciting challenge of involving youth with Home Missions projects. It is a Broadman publication.

This premiere, co-sponsored by Belmont college and Broadman Music of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be directed by Robert E. Mulloy, Associate Professor of Music at Belmont. Jack W. Shannon, admissions counselor at Belmont is assistant director working closely with Broadman music representative, Jeff Jeffrey.

The 125-voice "JOY" Choir features some of the "cream of the crop" among youth from choirs of high school and college age in churches from the Nashville-Middle Tennessee area, plus Belmont students.

The five main characters will be played by Miss Julia Cummings, senior from Nashville, Mike Fawcett, sophomore from Gibbsboro, N.J., Scott Shepherd, senior at Antioch High School, Roger Dyer, junior from Gallatin, Tennessee, and Shirley Dyer, junior from Nashville.

This production is free and open to the public. Curtain time is set for 8:00 P.M. Ministers of Music desiring block reserve sections should call or write Bob Mulloy, 615-383-7001 or write c/o Belmont college.

year history, Baptists have given nearly 14 billion dollars. The highest percentage of giving through the Program occurred during the war years of 1941-45.

Major work supported by the Cooperative Program dollar includes: 39 Baptist hospitals; six seminaries; 43 senior colleges and universities; The Brotherhood Commission; The Radio-TV Commission; the Public Affairs Committee; The Foreign Mission Board; the 33 state conventions; the Seminary Extension Department; the Home Mission Board; the Annuity Board; the Baptist Children's Homes, and the Executive Committee.

The Cooperative Program is an agreement between the Southern Baptist Convention and the 33 state conventions and embraces all work done by the convention in missions, evangelism, education, and benevolence.

Trivette Honored By Knox Baptists

Baptists in Knox County Association honored Lawrence Trivette at a recognition service recently following his retirement as superintendent of missions for the association.

Lawrence, who served the association for 28 years, is a native of Butler. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and attended Southwestern Baptist and Southern Baptist Theological seminaries. In 1966 he received the Carson-Newman Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Since beginning his work in 1944, the association has grown from 95 churches with a membership of 41,104 to a present figure of 151 churches with a membership of 87,721. Other highlights of his tenure of service include the establishment of a juvenile rehabilitation program in 1951, the acquisition of the Baptist building in 1956, the construction of Ridgecrest Lodge in 1957, the raising of over \$100,000 for a California church in 1959, and the initiation of a child care program at Western Heights in 1972.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1925 and has served in numerous church positions since that time. He held the post of associate pastor at the Central church, Johnson City; associational missionary, Holston Association; associate pastor, First church, Kingsport; and pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, Mountain City.

Former Drug Users Hold A 'Bestseller' Wedding

EATONTOWN, N.J.—After an engagement of almost four years strung out because of involvement in the drug scene, Frank Schrorr and Kathy Wadlow were married here, but it took a Southern Baptist sponsored coffeehouse to bring it about.

The couple had become engaged in their hometown of Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1969, but they drifted apart after becoming heavily involved in the drug scene.

While stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J., in the Army, Frank began attending the "Bestseller" coffeehouse, sponsored by Monmouth Baptist Church in Eatontown.

"There, he became a Christian, and a few months later he got together with Kathy and led her to the Lord," said the church's pastor, Marvin Haire. They also forsook the use of drugs, with the help of their new-found faith and encouragement at the coffeehouse.

When they finalized plans to be married, the couple wanted to hold the ceremony in the coffeehouse. Haire performed the ceremony during an intermission between performances of the band, The Master's Guitars.

Afterwards, The Master's Guitars continued their performance, while the audience ate wedding cake in addition to drinking the regular fare of the house—coffee and soft drinks. (BP)

RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

DALLAS—Mrs. Gene H. Wise, 49, missionary to Brazil for nearly 23 years, died in Dallas after a long illness. She and her husband, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1950, lived and worked in Rio de Janeiro until 1962 and then moved to Campinas, Brazil. They returned to the States early in 1971 due to her health. Funeral and burial were in Irving, Tex.

BRUSSELS—The Belgium Mennonite Council recently chose Jose Gallardo as its president. The new leader is of Spanish nationality and is studying currently in Brussels. Of the five Mennonite congregations in Belgium, three are French-language and two are Spanish speaking.

NASHVILLE—Melvin G. Talbert of Long Beach, Calif., was nominated officially here to head the new United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Final endorsement is expected soon by the Church's Council on Ministries. Talbert, a district superintendent in California, is the first black to be general secretary of a denominational general board.

NASHVILLE—Gerald H. Anderson who resigned as president of Scarritt college in late 1972, will become senior research associate at Cornell University at Ithaca, N.Y. Anderson will head a Southeast Asia Program at Cornell after he leaves Scarritt in June.



Religious liberty is not to be taken for granted. When church facilities in the United States stand in the path of a superhighway or urban renewal, compensation is usually made and the church relocates. This is not the case in Yugoslavia. Josef Horak, Yugoslav Baptist Union president, views the rubble as demolition begins on Belgrade Baptist church. An urban renewal project caused the congregation to vacate the building. The church has been offered a maximum of \$50,000 compensation. It is doubtful they will be given a new building or lot on which to relocate. It is reported that no building permits for churches have been granted in Belgrade since World War II.

GOD CARES

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

Background Passages: Psalms 103:8-14; Hosea 11:1-9; John 3:16-17; Ephesians 1:3-10

Focal Passages: Psalms 103:8-14; John 3:16-17

The two preceding lessons have pointed out that man is a responsible being who has gone astray. He has failed to measure up to his responsibilities and has squandered his opportunities. Man is pictured as the victim of his own deeds, but he is, nevertheless, a victim. Man has done terrible things to himself, others, and to his environment. The consequences are not pretty nor pleasant.



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This lesson teaches us that in spite of all this God cares. This lesson assures sinful man that a holy God loves him.

The Nature of God Is the Basis for Our Conviction That God Cares

Man is not loved because he is lovable. He is not loved because of his accomplishments. He is not loved because of his potential. He is not loved because of his intrinsic worth. The only reason man is loved is because God is love. That is His nature.

This is the reason worship within the Christian religion is unique. The pagans believe in a God who is like man. He can be angered. He can be petty and vindictive. He is powerful and is capable of inflicting great hurt if he is angered or annoyed. Therefore one must give him gifts and appease him in various ways. Life is lived in fear of the God. Worship is to appease God.

The Christian believes God is love. He also believes that God is spirit or unlike man. It is a marvel we do not understand, but God loves us. We fear when we do wrong because God is just. But his punishment is redemptive, not punitive. "We love Him because He first loved us." (I John 4:19) Worship is designed, not to appease, but to adore and praise. Service is not motivated by fear but by gratitude.

Believing That God Cares Is Not a Matter Of Reason but of Revelation

The Christian has been accused of creating his God. God, say some, is no more than man's projection of his own selfish and personal desires or a figment of man's imagination which serves as an emotional crutch for those not strong enough to face life realistically. The man-made gods are the pagan gods. They are gods who are like men and react to life like men. They are

gods who are vindictive and temperamental. This is the only kind of god man can think of unaided by revelation. The God of love and concern must reveal Himself before we can know Him. The author of Isaiah fifty-five invites the wicked and the unrighteous to forsake his ways and turn to God. He promises mercy and pardon to those who will. He knows this sounds too good to be true so he reminds his hearers, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16) The cross reveals not only the depth of man's sin, but also the extent of God's love. A love that would not stop short of the cross will not stop. The love of a father that does not stop short of the giving of the son will stop at nothing. That is what Paul was thinking in Romans when he asked, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" He answered his own question by concluding that nothing known or imaginable "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35-39)

The New Testament Phrase, the Kingdom Of God, Conveys the Manner in Which God Is Expressing His Love in the World

In Ephesians 1:3-10 Paul talks of God's purpose. He declares that God's purpose preceded the universe and was unconditional. His purpose originated in Himself. It was not a response to Satan, man, or man's plight. ". . . according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself." (Ephesians 1:9)

Paul understands God's purpose in terms of the reign of Christ. ". . . the mystery of his will . . . he might gather together in one all things in Christ." (Ephesians 1:9-10)

In the following chapter Paul reminds his redeemed readers that God has saved them that they might be made fit to share in God's purpose.

God's purpose is the Kingdom of God with Christ as King. In Christ God extends Himself and His love to man. In responding to God's love and receiving Christ as Lord one can share God's Kingdom and purpose.

God cares more than we know. God's love is more than we can understand. In receiving God's love we share in more than we can ever hope to understand, the eternal purpose of God in history. There are two things about God's love we can know. God's love is real. God's love is available.

A School's Dilemma

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dollars by the millions are available for our Baptist schools but we can't get most of them because of the peculiarity of our positions.

Federal funds are there for the asking but we will not sacrifice our convictions on separation of church and state to accept them. Our freedom cost too much to be sold so cheap.

Tuition charges could be raised to provide a projected income as high as we want to go. We know, however, that each time we increase cost we lose students. This defeats our purpose.

Individuals and churches across our state give lots of money to charity. If all of this could be given to our schools they would have money to spare. This is impossible because of the multiplicity of Causes that must have support.

There is a way to generously support our Baptist schools. It can be done and should be seriously considered by our people. The money could be provided through the last will and testament of the Lord's people. They can use their money, real estate, stocks and bonds as long as they live and use it to undergird Christian education until Jesus comes. Some have provided that at their death all of their estate is to go for this purpose. Others have placed this Cause in their will for as little as ten per cent of their estate.

Make a Christian Will! Remember your schools. For further information about preparing a Christian will, write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

'Day Of Recognition And Prayer' Asked To Honor War Dead

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A "National Day of Recognition and Prayer" to honor those Americans killed in the Vietnam conflict has been advocated in a joint resolution introduced in the House of Representatives.

A spokesman for Rep. Joseph J. Maraziti (R-N.J.) who submitted the measure, said the Congressman was concerned that such an observance be more than just a patriotic gesture, but that it also be a day of religious significance.

May 11 has been selected as the day for the observance because during that week in 1968, the highest number of Americans (562) to die within a seven-day period, during the whole war, lost their lives. (RNS)

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Tennessee News Briefs

Mrs. Lillie M. Galloway, 89, a member of the First Baptist church of Lake City for over 75 years, died in that city earlier this month. She was the widow of the late A. T. Galloway, who died in 1968. He had served the church as a deacon for more than 50 years. Mrs. Galloway's grandmother and her great-uncle were among the eight charter members of the church. She was active in the Clinton Association of the WMU and served as the state chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary for the State of Tennessee. M. K. Cobble and Paul Moody officiated at the funeral. Burial was in Lake City.

First church, Greenbrier, licensed Ricky Lane, John Norris, and Jerry Grubbs to preach the gospel. Kerney L. Bailey is pastor of the church.

In the Holston Association, Mount Zion church has begun work on a new sanctuary. Approximate cost of construction will be \$80,000, according to pastor Burl Sluder.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Thomas N. Bruce, a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville, is serving as minister of music at First church, Oak Ridge. He is a native of Louisiana. David R. Young is pastor.

Jerry Harris, minister of recreation and youth at First church, Chattanooga, will become minister of activities for First Baptist church of Clarksville April 1. He is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State university and Southern Baptist Theological seminary. John David Laida is pastor.

In the Big Hatchie Association, W. J. Clayton has resigned as pastor of Eastland church to accept a church in Missouri. Paul Godsey is the new pastor of Mt. Lebanon church. He comes from a position at Victory Heights church in Memphis.

Marvin Youngblood is serving as interim pastor for the Broadview church, Duck River Association. In the same association, Wallace Rowland resigned as pastor of Center Grove church, and Arthur Burcham is serving as interim pastor.

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"Inward Journey to Jerusalem," a sermon by James L. Goodson, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, is included in the current issue of "The New Pulpit Digest," a magazine featuring sermons by representative leaders of the contemporary Protestant pulpit.

Ardmore church, Memphis, ordained George A. McFadin to the gospel ministry on Sunday, March 4.

REVIVAL RESULTS

A revival team from Union university led services in the Carroll-Benton Association for the McMoresville church. Students participating in the services included Mark Howard, Steve Hopkins, Sheila Murphree, Diane Armour, and Becky Pitt. Allen Grant, pastor, reported that there were 36 professions of faith and 41 other decisions.

McCalla Avenue church in Knoxville recently concluded a revival with Eddie Martin serving as evangelist and Norman Messinger leading in a program of personal witnessing. Messinger is a converted Orthodox Jew and is a member of First church, Jacksonville. Pastor John Buell reported that there were 39 additions to the church including 34 by baptism and five by letter. V. Gilbert Bailey, minister of music for the church, led the special music.

Baptist Agency Files Brief On Tax Credit Parochialism

WASHINGTON—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief asked the Supreme Court of the United States to rule that "tax credit for tuition paid to parents to nonpublic schools" is a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The brief, prepared by the research department of the Baptist Joint Committee, was filed by Joseph B. Friedman, attorney for the committee as amicus curiae.

John W. Baker is the associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee in charge of research services. Rosemary Brevard is his assistant.

The Baptist Joint Committee, of which James E. Wood Jr. is executive director, earlier authorized its staff to file amicus briefs on matters on which the committee has taken positions when they consider the subject to be of sufficient import.

At its semi-annual meeting the first week in March the Baptist Joint Committee further authorized its staff at its discretion to identify the committee with a possible brief in the Billy James Hargis case that may be considered by the U.S. Supreme Court. (BP)

WMU Summer Conference Leaders Announced For SBC Assemblies

Mrs. Richard Allison, Knoxville; Mrs. Bob Peek, Athens, and Miriam Robinson, Nashville, were selected as conference leaders for the Woman's Missionary Union national summer assemblies to be held this summer in Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

Mrs. Allison will lead a conference for mission study group leaders in Baptist Women at both the Ridgecrest and Glorieta conferences. Mrs. Peek, president of the Tennessee WMU, will conduct a conference at both assemblies for the mission support chairmen in Baptist Women. Miriam Robinson will lead a conference at the Ridgecrest assembly for the Baptist Women prayer group leaders.

The Glorieta assembly will be held July 26-Aug. 1; and Ridgecrest will conduct its assembly Aug. 9-15.

Baptists In 84 Countries Vote To Participate In Evangelism Effort

Ninety-five Baptist bodies in 84 countries have voted to participate in the program of the Baptist World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, an evangelistic outreach and special ministries of the Baptist World Alliance.

According to Joseph B. Underwood, general chairman of the program, this is the largest evangelistic outreach ever attempted by Baptists. The program will be divided into two major outreaches: proclamation of the gospel and special demonstration of Christian love.

Underwood said that churches in many countries observed Baptist World Alliance Sunday last month as a day of prayer and spiritual renewal.

Awards Given Twins

Twins Gary and Larry Holt, Newport, have completed the Ministry Royal Ambassador Service Aide Award, the third award for both of them.

Both boys will receive, along with the award, a scholarship to any one of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee.

Gary and Larry, 16, are members of the Northport church in Newport and attend Cocke County High School. Larry is an active member of the school's baseball team and serves as assistant RA counselor at his church. Gary is an RA counselor and is also a member of the school baseball team.

The award is part of the Royal Ambassador program for boys ages 15-16 and is sponsored by the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

POWs Created 'Living Bible' From Memory, Baptist Pilot Says

By Larry Jerden

CONROE, Tex.—When Capt. James E. Ray and other American prisoners of war held captive in Vietnam were permitted to live in groups rather than solitary confinement, one of their major activities was the creation of "a living Bible."

Theirs was not the paraphrase version which was becoming a best seller back in the United States. Few of them even knew of its publication.

They were busy creating their own "living Bible," reconstructed from verses memorized years before, mostly in Sunday School, plus occasional use of a Bible their captors would allow them to see.

"Under a lot of pressure, the Vietnamese decided to let us have a Bible one hour a week," Ray recalled in an interview with the "Baptist Standard" shortly after his return to his home on Conroe, Tex.

As a special project, the POWs had decided to try to copy and memorize the entire Sermon on the Mount, Ray said.

"The project did fine for about three weeks, and then the 'V' (North Vietnamese) would start throwing a 'monkey wrench' into it.

Bible Removed

"For example," he said, "you would go out to copy (the Bible) for one hour, and the interrogator would put his elbow on the Bible for the first 15 minutes. Then after he let you start copying, he would ask you mundane questions and try to distract you.

"After five weeks, the program fell through completely, and we didn't see the Bible again," he added. But during that time the prisoners had copied and memorized the entire Sermon on the Mount, and several other passages.

"We had our own 'living Bible' walking around the room," Ray said.

Like several other returning POWs, Ray said he felt that his faith, and the prayers of his family and church, were major factors bringing him through his ordeal.

"Growing up in a Southern Baptist church, having parents who not only taught the Christian disciplines but set the example, the tremendous fellowship in First Baptist church, Longview (Tex.) where I grew up and in First Baptist church, Conroe, established a training and a discipline which were great sustaining forces," Ray confided.

Ray mention specifically the training he received as a child in the Sunday School, Training Union, Royal Ambassadors and Vacation Bible School, with their emphasis on Bible study and memorization.

Saying he never realized at the time the depth of meaning of memorizing those verses, Ray stated: "In reality, the fullest depth of their meaning was not discovered until I was in prison and understood that you have to have something that is meaningful taken away to value it and appreciate it."

"The enemy tries to deny you anything to occupy your mind and time," he pointed out. "Your only resources are your mental resources. What you have in your mind is what sustains you."

A prisoner for nearly seven years, Ray, like other POWs, spent the first couple of years of his imprisonment in solitary confinement.

Despite the "physical and mental duress" applied by his captors, the loneliness and depression of that solitary confinement often would disappear, he recalled.

Depression Disappeared

"For some reason, I suddenly felt I wasn't alone," he remembered. "I don't know whether it was the power of prayer or an intervention by God. There is nothing physical you can document but when you experience something like that, it is real to you."

If it was the power of prayer Ray felt, it came as no surprise to the members of First Baptist church here. They had been praying for the 31-year-old Ray ever since they received word that on Mother's Day of 1966, Ray's F-105 had been shot down over Vietnam and exploded 30 seconds after he ejected.

Ray was captured immediately. For three years, he was listed as missing in action until his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray Sr., of Conroe, were notified he was alive.

Their faith never wavered. "We believed James was coming home from the beginning," they said. During weekly Monday morning prayer sessions, Sunday worship services, and daily periods of prayer by countless members of the church, Ray's name was mentioned.

"When we got the Bible for the first time in December of 1970, we stood up and read portions of it aloud. As time was running out I slipped through to I Cor. 13 and read through it. I got it memorized because we weren't sure if we'd ever see the Bible again."

His first roommate was a Mormon, and while they did have irritations between them and Ray could not accept Mormon beliefs, he noted that their times of Bible study together and their common belief in Christ kept their differences at a far lower level than was common among others in the camp.

After the men were allowed to meet together in large groups, the prisoners organized worship services, Sunday School groups to study scripture, and general discussions of religion and differences between denominations.

"It was during those discussions I found that we have so many common denominators with other Christian groups that the areas where we do differ are minor," Ray observed. "And even though some of the differences are fairly important, I think the common denominator we have in Christ should be emphasized," he added.

Ray, who helped organize Sunday night fellowships at First Baptist, Conroe, and had even preached at youth revivals and at Student night at Christmas, used his past experience to help organize the worship services at the POW camp in North Vietnam.

Meaningful Services

At the Thanksgiving season of 1970, the North Vietnamese decided for security reasons to put the prisoners together into large rooms. Ray was in a room with 57 POWs.

"Those Thanksgiving and Christmas services were the most meaningful I had ever been a part of," Ray recounted. "The beginning of the group religious activities was a major factor in maintaining morale among the prisoners," he added.

One Easter, the men were able to piece together enough scripture about the Last Supper to have a communion service, using orange and rice wine. Ray helped write the order of service for that first Easter worship experience, and Capt. Tom Curtis of Houston presided.

Once something of a "routine" was established, regular church call was held every Sunday. The service was divided into patriotic and religious parts. The patriotic segment included use of a clandestine U.S. flag and a cross placed on one wall, the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and the singing of a patriotic song.

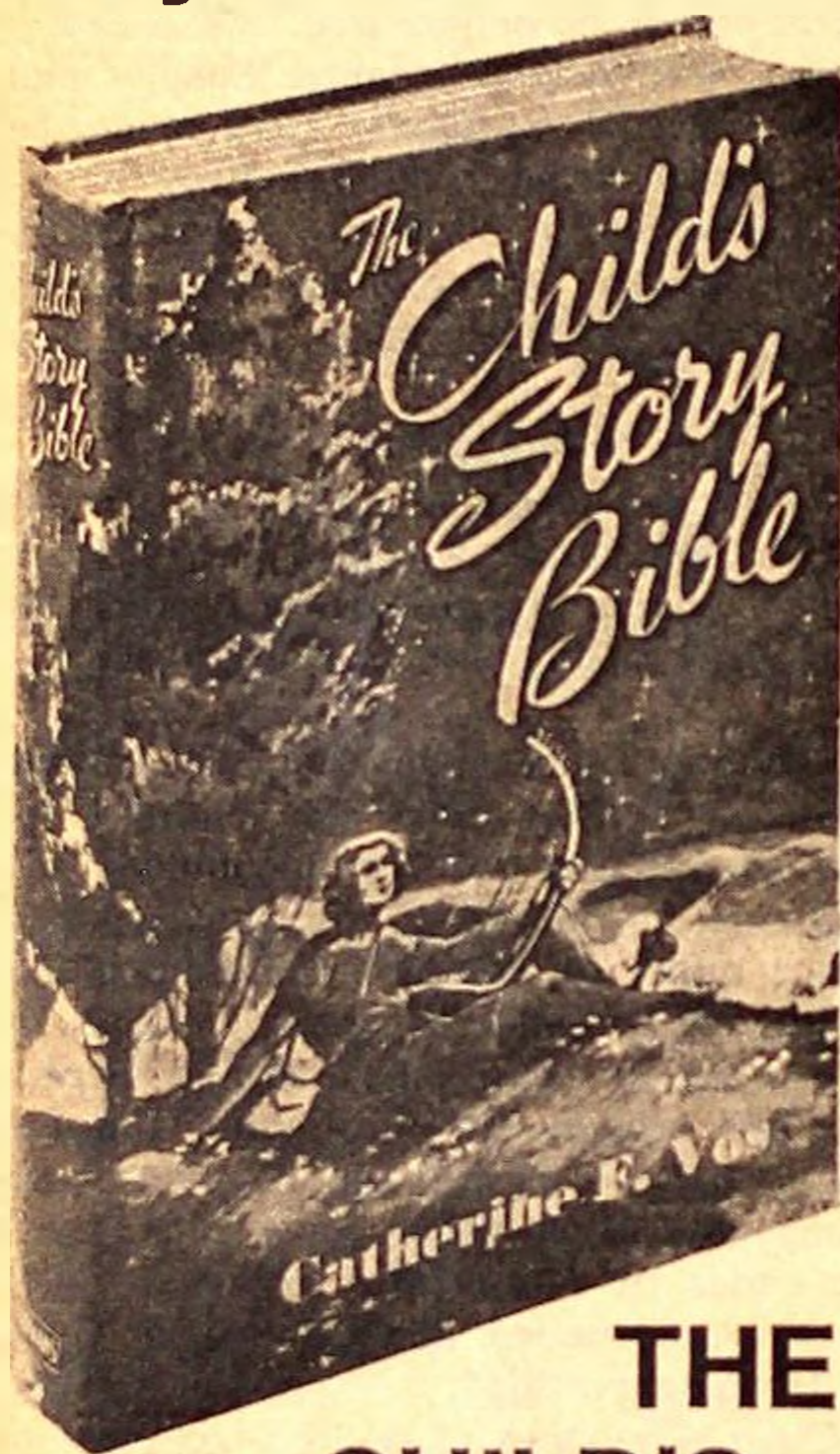
The men would sing the Doxology, pray, sing one or two hymns, and listen to a devotional talk. Ray gave several of the "sermons," including one on why Southern Baptists feel a public profession of faith should be an integral part of one's Christian experience.

Speakers were recruited by the room chaplain, a voluntary post which rotated every two to four months. Ray served in that capacity as well as doing a four-month stint as choir director.

"We picked a time when the guards weren't around," Ray explained, "but if they heard our singing they would knock on the door. So we kept the volume down and didn't flaunt it."

Ray said that some of the more "irreverent" pilots—the "eat, drink and be merry types"—took part in the services. "When the chips were down and somebody was in trouble, some of them were the first to jump in and help." (BP)

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What Are Missionaries Paid?

By Jesse C. Fletcher

The Scripture says the servant is worthy of his hire. How much hire is the foreign missionary worth? Actually, the Foreign Mission Board that represents Southern Baptists has never attempted to establish that fact.

A review of the sacrifices and contributions of the men and women scattered throughout the world for many years, makes it obvious they have done that which money cannot buy.

Perhaps a biblical answer is the best response to the biblical question. "Of these the world is not worthy."

The Foreign Mission Board has attempted to provide support rather than salary for its foreign missionaries through the years. As the monetary situation around the world fluctuates, so does support fluctuate.

The average Southern Baptist is not able to stay abreast of the changes and what they really mean. Because of this, he is highly susceptible to misleading statements, i.e., the missionary couple receives only \$4000 a year; or the missionary couple receives \$14,000 a year. In fact, a missionary family with three children receives an average of \$8,521.76 plus housing while on the field.

Of course, there are other support dimensions. The missionary receives additional help on medical costs. He is provided transportation for his work. When his children are ready for college, Southern Baptists have a resource called the Margaret Fund to help.

He receives transportation to the field and an outfit allowance. When he goes back to the field after a furlough, he receives a refit allowance.

After a missionary serves 10 years, he receives an increment of \$300, and for each five-year period after that an additional \$150. This means of a couple serves 25 years, they receive an increment to their support of \$1500 annually.

A couple's retirement is \$4500 a year and the head of a family receives a \$20,000 life insurance benefit.

Of course, where the cost of living is high, a missionary with a large family may receive local currency pegged as high as \$13,000 or \$14,000 a year. In addition, he is provided housing.

But the money has to be translated into terms of US purchasing power to be understood. For this reason dollar devaluation

has severely hurt the individual missionary family. Anyone who has lived in Alaska can understand the difference between a \$10,000 salary in Alaska and a \$10,000 salary in Georgia. The same is even more true for the Ivory Coast or Japan.

Recognizing this, the Foreign Mission Board effected several measures for all fields during 1972. Additional strengthening awaits added resources through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The big question then: Is this missionary support enough? It's certainly not sufficient to motivate people to go. More than one missionary has said, "You can't pay me enough to move my family to another country and to accept the risks that are a part of leaving family and friends and my own environment." But the same missionary says, "Christ constraineth me."

In summary, missionary support is just that. Support. It is not a salary. It is not meant to compete with salaries paid at home either in local churches or in Baptist institutions.

It is meant to enable a person to move his family, to provide for it, to do the work God has called him to do, and to meet financial responsibilities as his children grow up. If a man's financial goals are beyond that, overseas missions is not for him.

Religious Expression In White House Fought

Garry De Young, St. Paul, Minn., atheist leader, has filed suit in Federal Court against President Nixon and others, seeking to ban from the White House and Congress any religious expression. His suit was filed following a similar petition by Madalyn O'Hair, American atheist.

De Young is chancellor of the Minnesota Institute of Philosophy, which he operates in his home. In his suit he charges that the President, the chaplains of the Senate and the House, and sergeants-at-arms of those bodies are involved in religious services that violate the Constitution.

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By
Darold H. Morgan

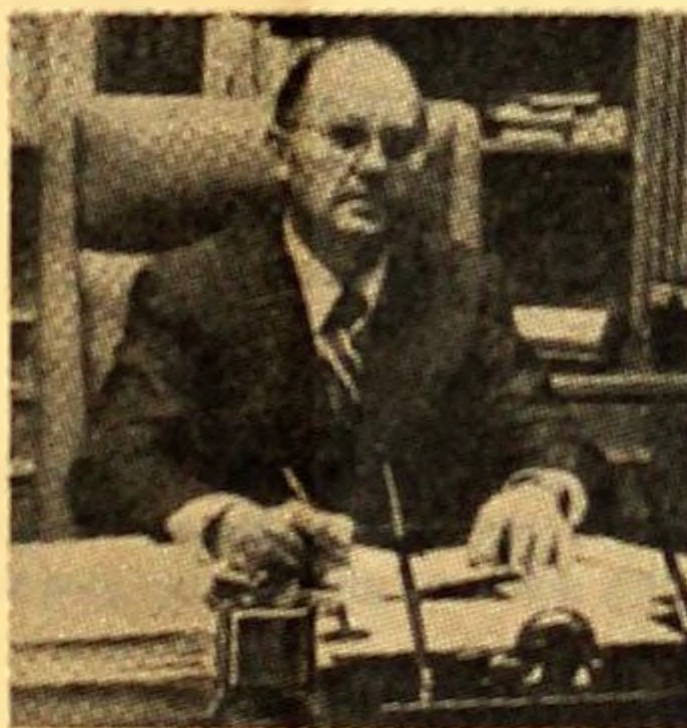
"Changes, changes, changes. You make so many changes I can't keep up." For a moment I thought one member of our Protection Program was complaining until he added: "But don't stop. Each change you make ups my benefits!"

I must confess we have made numerous changes in recent months, each one resulting in greater benefits for our members. Not only have benefits been added to make Plan A more valuable but extra credits have been given since 1970 to push retirement benefits to an all time high. The latest increase as of January 1 boosts accrued retirement credits 10% for most members in Plan A. This is the largest single increase to date and it simply means more income for each member when he retires. The increases have been made possible because of the superb performance of our investment division.

Yet, other changes are coming very soon in Plan A. All we need is approval from each state convention, since Plan A is a pooled plan among the state conventions which we administer here.

The new benefits, recommended by a special Plan A study committee, include increasing the widow benefits for members who retire after January 1, 1973 to 50% of the potential retirement benefit, and adding a Temporary Income Benefit. The latter is payable upon the death of the member during active service. It can mean as much as \$12,000 extra, depending on the age of the member at his death.

Plan A is the workhorse plan. It provides early retirement (prior to age 65), normal retirement at age 65, disability, widow (currently 40%), dependent parent, child, and education benefits. Add all these benefits, then check the cost, and it becomes apparent why Plan A must lead the way when protection is involved.



This report is the second in a series of informal messages by Darold H. Morgan, President of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the agency designated to administer the retirement and insurance programs for all ministers and employees of churches and agencies.

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Providing as much retirement protection as possible is our single intent. Our commitment to you is openness and fairness.

We continue to have difficulty explaining the complex, technical details of the various plans we administer. But we pledge to keep seeking a way to let each member know just what he holds and that every dollar which can be credited equitably will be given him.

We know that many ministers have protection only in Plan A. This grieves us when we realize that Plan A, great as it is, will be inadequate by itself. However, we are encouraged by the increasing number of ministers and church employees who gain extra retirement benefits through Plan B (money accumulation plan) and Plan C (variable plan built around common stocks). This is a hopeful sign, and it is taking place because more laymen are accepting in behalf of their ministers the more realistic 10% of total salary base of participation we advocate for retirement purposes.

Our efforts in the years ahead will be aimed toward informing all laymen of the need to accept a 10% total salary concept as a minimum. Only then will their pastors and church employees have adequate protection. More will be said in a future report about this.

A sage once said: "There's no hope for the satisfied man." Though we rejoice in what we have been able to do to date, we are far from being satisfied. Our objective is adequate protection for all who serve the Lord in a salaried post in a church or agency. At the same time, we will continue doing everything we can through comprehensive and extensive research to increase benefits for all plans just as we have been able to do with the pacesetter, Plan A.

If you have any question concerning Plan A or any part of our ministry, write me. We at the Board want to do our very best at all times to serve those who serve the Lord.

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Sioux Catch Christian Missions In Crossfire

By Sandy Simmons

PINE RIDGE, S.D.—Christian missions with the Oglala Sioux Indians appears caught in a crossfire between the American Indian Movement (AIM) and free-thinking independent Indians who follow elected tribal leadership.

The future existence of churches on this reservation and others as well, is in question.

One goal of AIM, according to Baptist missionary A. L. Davis, is to get the churches off the reservations all together.

AIM leaders have demanded the removal of Christian churches from the reservations.

Davis said, however, they are largely concerned with the removal of the institutionalized, longer established churches such as the Catholic and Episcopalian.

When Baptists first went to the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1966, fifty per cent of the 11,000 people were Catholic and 40 per cent were Episcopal. Since then, other churches have begun work, such as the Wesleyan Methodist, Mormon, Pentecostal and two Indian originated churches—the Native American Church and Body of Christ Church.

"We smaller groups just sit and wait now. We are in the middle," Davis said. "We don't agree with the violence but have sym-

pathy for the demands that Indian rights be recognized."

Davis said that hopes for the smaller churches remaining on the reservation rest on the friendships developed with the Indian people there. "If you have friends out there on the reservation, then you have hope of staying," he said.

Davis said he hopes the federal government will bring order, but not without dealing with the grievances expressed by the demonstrators.

Southern Baptists have two mission churches in the area, one at Pine Ridge and another at Sharp's Corner. The Oglala Baptist Chapel at Sharp's Corner is housed in a mobile unit on a property controlled by an individual, but the Sioux Baptist Chapel at Pine Ridge meets in a building leased by a permit issued by the town.

Between the two mission points is the beleaguered Wounded Knee where AIM Indians have taken over the Catholic church building.

Wounded Knee, a sparsely settled community with a museum and trading post, is the site of an 1890 massacre in which more than 300 men, women and children died. (BP)

New Books

'Twixt Twelve and Twenty by Pat Boone, Revell, 160 pp., \$1.25, paper. A realistic and frank guide to growing up that tells it like it is.

The Answer is God by Elise Miller Davis, Revell, 271 pp., \$1.25, paper. The inspiring personal story of Dale Evans and Roy Rogers and the miracle that changed their lives.

Move Ahead with Possibility Thinking by Robert H. Schuller, Revell, 220 pp., 95¢, paper.

Man, Have I Got Problems by David Wilkerson, Revell, 93 pp., 95¢, paper. The author deals in desperation; in the desires, the frustrations, the emptiness that often drive man beyond hopelessness.

College To Participate In 'Super Summer '73'

Six college campuses throughout the South will participate in a "Super Summer '73" emphasis for Baptist high school students, June 17-August 21.

Sponsored by the youth evangelism office of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, the program will give high school students the opportunity of going to one of the six colleges for a two-week period to give instruction in witnessing, sharing groups, and today's issues. More than 1200 students are expected to participate.

Direction is under Barry St. Clair, head of the youth evangelism office and six volunteers on his staff.

Schools participating this summer will include Furman university, Greenville, S.C., July 8-24; Richmond university, Richmond, Va., June 17-July 3; University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., June 21-July 6; Baylor university, Waco, Tex., July 6-22; William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., Aug. 5-21; and Bethany college, Oklahoma City, Aug. 5-21.

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Home Mission Board Elects Two New Staffers

ATLANTA—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected two new staff members and created two new planning and coordination staff positions during the mission agency's spring meeting here.

Elected as new staffers were Joseph A. Gatlin former Foreign Mission Board volunteer to Africa, as secretary of purchasing services, and Maxie Burns Jr., a native of Jenkins County, Ga., as secretary of records processing.

The board did not elect a new director of evangelism, a post that has been vacant since the resignation last year of Kenneth Chafin, now a pastor in Houston.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, said the evangelism director will probably be elected at a special called full board meeting before the June session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gatlin, Rockdale County, Ga., native has served for two years in Nairobi, Kenya, where he worked as customs and immigration representative, business manager, and director of the Baptist Mission of East Africa. Prior to working in Kenya, he was director and business manager of the community center in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.

In his position at the Home Mission Board, Gatlin will be responsible for arrangement for materials, supplies and facilities necessary to conduct activities of the board. He will assume his position Aug. 1.

Burns will be replacing William Ard as secretary for records processing. A graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, he has been working part time in the board's department of planning service in the programming of calculation system.

Burns will be responsible for programming and operation of data processing and the design and supervision of a systematic procedure for records retention and control relating to microfilm.

The board members voted to eliminate the department of planning services from the planning and coordination section and two new staff positions, research consultant and planning consultant, he added. (BP)

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Baptist Layman Arrested For Trailer Park Visiting

CROWLEY, Tex.—A 37-year-old volunteer youth director for an independent Baptist church was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct here after police ordered him and other church members to leave a trailer park where they were attempting to conduct a visitation program.

The pastor of the Rendon Baptist Church near Fort Worth, Lonnie Echols, said the congregation plans to continue the visitation program despite the arrest, and to fight for their freedom of religion in court.

It all started when the youth director and volunteer choir director for the church, Willie G. Rutledge, took a church bus with several members to the Chalet City Mobile Home Park at Crowley to visit for the church and share their faith.

Echols said that the wife of the manager of the trailer park yelled at the group, telling them they could not solicit door-to-door at the park, and ordering them to leave.

Rutledge responded, "We're not soliciting, we're witnessing." Echols added the 37-year-old layman who volunteers his time as youth and choir director told the woman they would pray for her.

"Lock Me Up"

The woman and her husband called the police.

When the police arrived, Rutledge and the others agreed to leave, with plans to go to the city hall and get a solicitor's permit. City hall, however, was closed.

According to Echols, Rutledge told the officer he was willing to leave, but that he could not stop him from witnessing for Jesus Christ.

"The only way you can stop me from witnessing is to lock me up," Rutledge reportedly told the officer.

"Okay, we'll just take care of that," the

officer replied, according to Echols. "They put handcuffs on him and hauled him off like a criminal," Echols added.

Objecting to the way Rutledge was treated, the pastor said he was all for law and order, and he knew the police have a job to do, "but so do we." He said that freedom to share their faith was the principle at stake, and argued that church groups should not be classified as solicitors.

Echols said that when the case comes to trial (March 13), the church would file a motion that would exempt church groups from the solicitor's permit requirement.

Solicitor's Permit

A report on the incident in a Fort Worth newspaper indicated that the group came to the trailer court at about 8:30 p.m. on a Tuesday evening, and started visiting without permission from the management.

Echols said there was one family living in the trailer court who had indicated an interest in joining their church and had asked for a visit.

Managers of the park were quoted as saying they had nothing against the church members, but there is a strict rule against door-to-door solicitations in the mobile home park.

Crowley Police Chief Cecil Sorrells said the 37-year-old layman, a student at Bible Baptist Seminary in nearby Arlington, Tex., pleaded not guilty to the disorderly conduct charge, and was released on his own recognizance.

Sorrells said that church groups are required to have a solicitor's permit before going door-to-door in Crowley. "It doesn't cost anything for a church group," he said. "If these people had bothered to go by and pick one up, this wouldn't have happened."

Echols said the church, an independent Baptist congregation, is located in the rural community of Rendon a few miles outside Crowley in Tarrant County about 20 miles south of Fort Worth. Crowley has a population of less than 1000. (BP)

Roman Catholic Bible Published In Soviet Union Republic

VIENNA—Lithuania has published its first new edition of the "Roman Catholic" Bible in more than 50 years.

Religious sources said the publication was an apparent Soviet gesture of goodwill toward the Vatican.

TASS news agency announced the publication of the new edition. It said it was translated at Vilnius, the republic's capital, by two Lithuanian priests and issued for "Catholic clergy and believers."

Religious sources confirmed that it was the first new edition published since 1920. The granting of "publishing permission" in the officially atheistic Soviet Union, where religion is considered a "serious ideological adversary" of the state, seemed to reflect the government's steadily improving relations with the Vatican, they said.

TASS said the edition would be also available to Lithuanians living abroad. (RNS)

Native Tennessean Named Promotion Supervisor At Board

NASHVILLE—Jerry C. Wolverton, youth director at Woodcock Memorial Baptist church here, has been named supervisor of the promotional materials section at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A staff member of the central support group in the Church Services and Materials Division, Wolverton will be responsible for coordinating development of the division's advertising and sales promotion.

Prior to joining the board's staff, Wolverton was a field underwriter for New York Life Insurance Company in Nashville. Earlier, he was executive vice president of Wyatt Chemical Company in Franklin, Tenn., and for six years was regional sales manager at Dart Industries, Los Angeles, Calif. A native of Old Hickory, Tenn., he was graduated in 1960 from Belmont college, Nashville. (BP)

Dedication For Missionary Home Held In Sequatchie Valley

Dedication ceremonies were held Sunday, March 4, in Whitwell for the Sequatchie Valley Associational missionary home.

Leslie Baumgartner, secretary of missions for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was the principal speaker. Associational missionary James P. Keener was host for the occasion. The associational Woman's Missionary Union supervised the open house held that afternoon.

The home is 87 feet long and 30 feet wide and contains a full-sized basement and two-car garage. Total property and construction is valued at \$45,000. It was estimated by associational officers that two-thirds of the labor on the home was provided by Baptist laymen in the association.

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In Fellowship At The Lord's Table

By W. R. White

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Basic Passage: 1 Corinthians 11

Focal Passage: 1 Corinthians 11:18-29

The church at Corinth had all the problems you could imagine a church would have. Among the problems was the improper observance of the Lord's Supper.

They misunderstood its meaning and purpose completely.

They seemed to think it was a social meal instead of a memorial ceremony. Many people consider it to be a fellowship meal instead of a gospel symbol, even today. The word, "communion" is often used to refer to it. The Bible



White

does not refer to it as either open or closed communion. It is referred to as the communion of the blood and body of Christ, not as a communion of disciples so far as the Bible is concerned.

They assembled in a church capacity to worship and to observe the Lord's Supper. At the very outset there was the problem of division, heresy or contrary beliefs. The inspired apostles condemned this.

They started off abusing this sacred ordinance. It seemed that each provided his own bread and wine. The affluent ate and imbibed excessively. The poor went away hungry and both conceived it to be a meal. They should have had their meal which was for physical nourishment at home.

The purpose was to honor the body of Christ. Those who did not were eating unworthily and bringing condemnation upon their heads. They were to examine themselves as to motive and purpose.

Paul seeks to show the proper way to observe the Lord's Supper. He recites the account of the way the Lord set forth its process of observing and the true meaning of the ordinance.

Improper Observance

1 Cor. 11:18-22

Minor diversions are present in most every church. Evidently there were slack and hurtful diversions in this church. Slight

differences of belief can be found in the average church yet in the Corinthian church they obviously had clashing contrasts in beliefs. This disturbed fellowship and prevented proper observance of the Lord's Supper.

The church was permitting a perversion of the Lord's Supper from a memorial meal into a selfish family repast. For some it was a dissipating orgy. To others it was a forced abstinence producing hunger. Distinct class discrimination was fostered and the whole observance was a travesty.

The Supper's Institutions

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Paul affirms that he has been given an authoritative delineation of the institution of the Lord's Supper. He is describing it exactly as he has received it.

Christ gave thanks and broke the bread. He told His disciples that the broken bread represented His mutilated body. He bade them eat it in remembrance of Him. In like manner He took the cup which represented His blood which had ratified the New Covenant. They were to drink it in remembrance of Him. He affirmed that as long as they ate the bread and drank the cup, they showed remembrance of the Lord's death until He came. The observance was therefore, retrospective and prospective.

This would ever be a reminder of the most liberating event of the past and would focus expectancy on the most consummating event of the future.

Missing the Mark

1 Cor. 11:27-29

Those who eat and drink unworthily pro-

Children's Homes

'I Grew Them Out'

By James M. Gregg

Executive Director-Treasurer

My four-year-old granddaughter, Jennifer, went shopping with my wife and me recently. In one of the stores, she picked up a beautiful pair of little shoes and said, "Papa, I used to have shoes like these, but I grew them out." She meant, of course, that she outgrew the shoes. With God's help and yours, we are growing the children out. They come and live with us, some for a short time and others live with us throughout their childhood. There always comes the time, however, when they "outgrow" us and move on.

Every time, even three months, in a child's life is important. We realize this and give each child our best attention and loving care.

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fane the body and blood of Christ. This is a fearful guilt. Obviously it refers to a voluntary deliberate act.

To be sure of not missing the mark or the whole purpose is to focus the mind and heart on the body of our Lord which was sacrificed on our behalf.

It should be a moment of intense focusing of our meditation on Christ, our suffering Redeemer. Our hearts should be profoundly grateful for every drop of blood and every anguish of His body.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

It was my privilege last week-end to participate in an effort in the William Carey Association where twenty-four of the twenty-nine churches were emphasizing the importance of the Cooperative Program in special services with a guest speaker in each church. This was a very meaningful experience for each church as it provided an emphasis on our total mission effort. We are grateful for those who participated as well as those who attended these services. Michael L. Prowse is the Associational Missionary.



Norton

Other important activities being planned for the near future need to be called to our attention. The Youth Evangelistic Conference for the last week-end in March will be of great interest to all of our churches as both adult leaders and young people become a part of the evangelistic effort by participation in this conference. We hope this will be a real blessing to all of our churches as well as to the people who attend.

Vacation Bible School conferences are getting under way throughout our state. This is always an important phase of our churches' preparation for the summer Vacation Bible Schools. We feel sure that as many of our workers as possible will be able to attend the conference when it is held in their area.

We would like to ask a favor of retired ministers in our state who are available for pastoring on an interim basis. Would you take time to write to us, giving a brief biographical sketch and any other pertinent data which might be helpful, so that we might have the information to pass on to churches who are in need of this service.

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Shaking Pretoddlers May Damage Brain

Some, perhaps much, of the brain damage and mental retardation in babies now attributed to prenatal infection, congenital malformation, birth injury and genetic diseases "undoubtedly" is the result of shakings administered by a frustrated parent during the first weeks or months of a child's life.

The unadmitted but apparently common practice of shaking babies under a year old out of rage at the infant's "misbehavior" is a major public health problem. Dr. John Caffey, Visiting Prof. of Pediatrics and Radiology at Univ. of Pittsburgh, told the A.M.A. Section of Pediatrics. Brain injuries and retardation are often the result of cumulative, chronic, recurring shaking incidents that are part of the parent's pattern of child-rearing.

"A massive, nationwide educational campaign" on the danger of shaking babies is warranted on the basis of circumstantial evidence suggesting that thousands of infants may suffer serious injury this way and tens of thousands be subjected to milder damage that goes unrecognized, said the physician.

During the first year of life and the first 6 months in particular, an infant's brain is immature and vulnerable, he pointed out. "Infants, particularly their heads, should be handled and jolted as little as possible under all circumstances."

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From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The semi-annual session of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was held in Nashville. Business included the appropriation of \$1850 for missionary pastors and \$9500 for church buildings; the election of Theo. W. Gayer, Orlinda, as Stewardship secretary; and the acceptance of the resignation of S. E. Tull, who had accepted the call of First church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

20 YEARS AGO

Union university engaged in a "Making Union Known" campaign throughout West Tennessee and adjoining states. Emphasis focused upon interviews, entertainment programs, and special programs in music and drama.

Stone Association's new missionary, John W. Pearce, Cookeville, reported an attendance of 404 in the first associational Training Union study course in that association. He said that 179 awards were given.

10 YEARS AGO

The 45-voice a capella choir of Carson-Newman college was issued a special invitation to sing at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City that year. Louis O. Ball was director of the group.

First church, Hixson, had suffered a \$60,000 fire and members were in the process of making plans for reconstruction. The fire did not damage the educational building, and according to pastor C. E. Blevins, the church members were unified solidly and high in spirit.

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Occasionally I hear about a pastor of a Southern Baptist church who attempts to withdraw his church from the Southern Baptist Convention in order for it to function as an "independent" Baptist church. They use the term, "pulling out of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)." I have some observations to make about that.

(1) First, I have deep sympathy with anyone who wants to cooperate with some other body of Christians. That is his privilege. I am confident that most of these are good men with high motives. Anyone who wants to be a Baptist other than one cooperating with the SBC should find and unite with the group best representing his beliefs and practices.

"A Misunderstanding"

(2) But it is a misunderstanding of Baptist church polity to teach that a church may "pull out of the SBC," having never joined it in the first place. The constitution and by-laws of the SBC define what the SBC is as follows: "Article III. Membership. The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches...." The churches send these messengers to the Convention, not to speak for the individual churches as such, but to vote their own convictions during the several sessions.

The messengers through the years have voted their wishes, thereby bringing forth both institutions and agencies to accomplish our world-wide tasks. These agencies offer various services to and for the churches, plan and print the literature, and lead in our various mission enterprises.

The church may cooperate or not and may use the literature or not. There is no hierarchy that determines polity. What a dissident pastor actually does is to lead his church away from cooperation with the SBC and its agencies of work. The church is then not recognized as an SBC church.

(3) Some will misuse—because he doesn't really understand—the word "independent." I must assume in such a case that one means he or his church is therefore independent of the SBC. Actually, all our Southern Baptist churches are independent bodies. We have

no hierarchy to assess a church any amount for it to pay, what missions it must support, nor sermon subjects a pastor must preach. Our churches are autonomous and can do what pleases them since there is no organization to control them.

Baptist churches not cooperating usually align themselves either loosely or organically with some other fellowship or body. These churches sometimes help support missions of their choice, or students from their churches in the name of missions. Some put the money to more local uses and do little or nothing toward carrying out the Great Commission. Real Southern Baptist churches voluntarily and in good faith vote to cooperate with others of the SBC, but that doesn't make them any less "independent" than those who choose to go in some other direction.

(4) I chose a good many years ago to be a Southern Baptist because of my convictions. I believe in a personal God and a personal devil, and that all men are sinners. I believe the Bible as the divinely-inspired Word of God, and in its teachings. I believe in the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ. His crucifixion, death, and resurrection, the bodily ascension, and the atonement. I believe furthermore that Jesus is coming bodily and that only those who have received Him as Lord and Savior will inherit the Kingdom of God. I believe there is a place called heaven and another place called hell.

These beliefs and others related to them make up what we call our Baptist faith and message. Occasionally we have someone in our fellowship who does not see everything precisely that way, but I do not quit the larger body because of that. As some say, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!" By far the vast majority of our Southern Baptist pastors and leaders hold to these great principles of faith.

(5) I am further convinced that the Cooperative Program is the best means yet discovered to promote a sound, world-wide missions program, beginning in our own state. Much of the opposition to the Cooperative Program and also to our SBC literature is based on misinformation. In all honesty, when a man of God sets out to divert his congregation's loyalties as some have done, he ought to become more widely informed. He should start by contacting the executive secretary of his state board of missions, asking any question in mind, even asking to see the books if that is relevant. Letters, pamphlets, booklets, or papers may come from critics who are uninformed or misinformed. Accepting as fact partial or distorted information is not worthy of one who is called of God and therefore expected to find the truth.

I have no bone to pick with my fellow preacher brethren, nor personal animosity

World Missions Conferences Involve One Million Baptists

ATLANTA—Baptist world missions conferences last year involved more than a million Southern Baptists in studies of the denomination's mission efforts.

According to a report prepared by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, 178 Baptist associations conducted conferences involving members of 3390 churches last year. A total of 1,157,668 persons attended the programs.

The conferences, in which an entire church congregation studies missions in classes and hears messages from visiting missionaries, brought a total of 2257 state, home and foreign missionaries to the participating associations.

During the programs, 807 professions of faith and 5284 decisions for church-related vocations were made, according to the report compiled by Kenneth Day, secretary of the department of promotion for the board which last year had administrative responsibility for promotion of the conferences.

Administrative responsibility for promoting the conferences is being shifted this year from the Home Mission Board to the SBC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

"These conferences," said Day, "have proved to be the most popular method of securing reports from mission fields. They provide fact-to-face contact with missionaries, and we feel no comparable substitute exists as a basis for mission education."

One of the contributing factors to the popularity of world missions conferences is their economic feasibility, Day explained. Although every church involved hears five missionaries, the cost per church in 1972 was less than \$60.

Associations, in cooperation with the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and state conventions, annually sponsor about 175 world missions conferences across the United States.

Due to the number of missionaries available from the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board, state conventions are usually limited to twenty per cent of their associations participating in these programs during the year, Day said. (BP)

toward them when they honestly choose not to serve as a Southern Baptist. They have their right of choice.

But I deplore their dealing in misinformation, or their speaking without all the pertinent facts while they throw unmerited suspicions upon the Southern Baptist Convention and its work.

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Texas Church Records

400 Converts In One Night

NEDERLAND, Tex.—Nearly 400 professions of faith in one evening at First Baptist church here have prompted the Nederland church's leaders to wonder if it's a new record for a single night of a church revival.

More than 900 decisions were recorded during the one-week revival including a total of 609 professions of faith.

The evangelist, David Stockwell, of Baton Rouge, La., is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, and a former linebacker for Rice university, Houston. (BP)