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Belmont Heights Honors Dr. John D. Freeman On Church Anniversary

By Eura Lannom

Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville, observed "Dr. John D. Freeman Day" May 6 in connection with its 53rd anniversary.

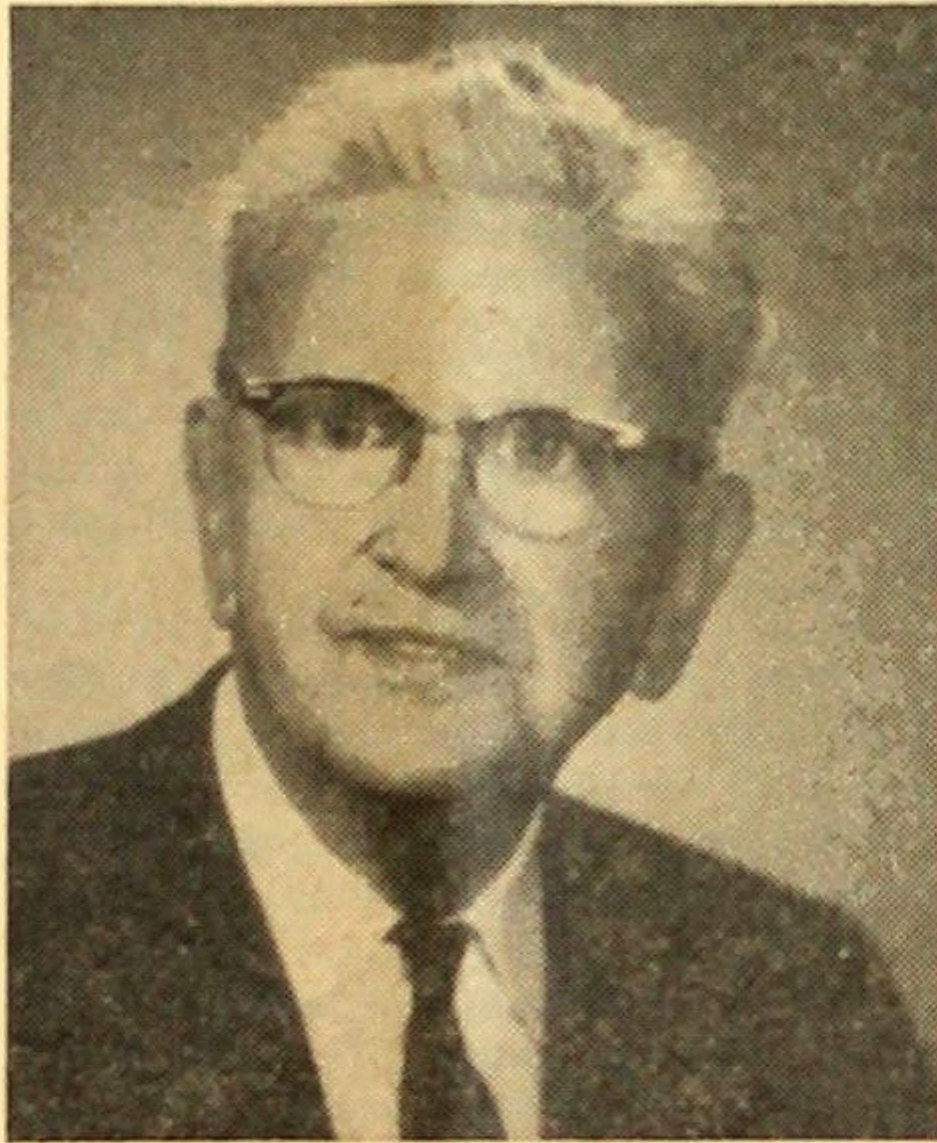
Dr. Freeman filled the pulpit at the morning worship service. The church through a special offering increased his endowment scholarship for needy ministerial students at Belmont college to \$20,000.

As a part of the church anniversary the men did their part of the celebration by having their annual cake-bake. All cakes were baked by the men and boys.

Dr. Freeman, now 89, came to Nashville 50 years ago on May 1 to become pastor of the Nashville church which was celebrating its third anniversary. He served the church as pastor for two years.

Dr. Freeman moved on to other churches and assignments such as editor of the "Baptist And Reflector," executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, and editor of the "Western Recorder" of Kentucky.

After retirement in 1960, Dr. Freeman returned to the Belmont Heights church. Harold D. Purdy, pastor, where he has served on the staff as senior minister. Bob



Dr. John D. Freeman

Norman is the present pastor.

Serving on the John D. Freeman Scholarship Fund Committee were Theron Hodges, chairman, Haden Cooksey, John M. Lewis, Morton G. McLean, Jim Crumpler and Dr. Richard H. Sullivan.

Baptists Support Federal Family Planning Programs

WASHINGTON—James A. Langley, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention here, urged Congress to enlarge the federal commitment to family planning services.

Langley testified before the subcommittee on Health of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. Sen. Alan Cranston (D., Calif.) is chairman of the committee which is considering a bill to increase funds for research and several other areas related to birth control and family planning services.

Citing resolutions adopted by both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Langley sought in his testimony to communicate the stance of the 12 million and two million member conventions' statements on the issues involved.

The resolutions, Langley said, pointed out the problems of overpopulation, malnutrition and starvation in many parts of the world and the right of parents to determine the size of their families. Both resolutions support the need for birth control methods and information for parents who desire these.

The resolution on family planning was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1967. The statement by the Baptist General Convention of Texas was approved in 1968.

"There is no thought or desire to impose by force or government action our convictions in these matters," Langley testified. "At the same time each married couple desiring information concerning family planning ought to be able to obtain it."

Langley said that the availability and use of safe and effective means of birth control "would go far toward eliminating the profoundly disturbing questions and problems relating to abortion in many instances."

The view he represented on birth control and family planning, Langley said, grew out of Baptists' understanding of the nature of man. In elaborating on this he said that "every child has the right to be wanted, and cared for, for his or her own sake . . ."

"Is it rational, to say nothing of compassionate, not to exert the most determined effort through research to provide effective means of determining whether a child shall be born with hope for something of the fuller life, and safe means of contraception in order that the mother's life may also be safeguarded?" Langley asked. (BP)

Illinois Men Build Church in West Indies

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A small Baptist congregation on St. Kitts Island in the West Indies now has a new church building. That will serve several villages on the Atlantic side of the island.

Five villages the church will serve already have mission Sunday Schools, and three have worship services. They meet in empty stores or dwellings, and one meets under a large tree.

The nine Illinois Baptist men went to St. Kitts, not to build the church for the congregation, but to work with the members, side by side, as they constructed the building together.

"Whatever we did, someone from the church worked at also—carpentry, digging, concrete mixing, etc.," said John Whitman, associate editor of the "Illinois Baptist" and Baptist Men's consultant for the Illinois Baptist State Association who served as team coordinator.

Three pastors and six laymen, including

two carpenters, were recruited by Charles L. Chaney, church extension director for Illinois Baptists.

Arrangements for the work crew were made by Eugene Grubbs, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board consultant for laymen overseas, and William Womack, Southern Baptist missionary in the Windward Islands. Materials were purchased partly from funds given through the 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

The group included three pastors, an airlines pilot who flew six of the men in a private plane, a vocational shop teacher, a mechanical maintenance supervisor for a public school, a lumberyard worker, and a carpenter for an Air Force base.

Before the nine Illinois men arrived, members of the St. Kitts Island church had dug by hand the 45 by 80 foot basement, carrying the dirt out in bucket and wheelbarrows. (BP)

God Works For Good

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel"—Philippians 1:12.

As Paul dictated this letter we was a prisoner in Rome. Though living in his own rented house (Acts 28:30), he was chained to a Roman soldier day and night. Note Colossians 4:18. "Remember my bonds." If ever a servant of Christ had reason to complain, Paul did. Yet not one sour note is sounded in this epistle. It is a song of joy.

One reason for this is that even his imprisonment God was using for furthering the gospel. While in bonds he won Onesimus to Christ (Philemon 10). Paul's bonds are manifested "in all the palace" (1:13). The word rendered "palace" is *praitorioi*. It could mean either palace or the Praetorium Guard. In view of Paul being chained to a soldier constantly, it probably means the latter. Evidently as soldier after soldier was chained to the apostle, he preached the gospel to them. Talk about a captive audience! And apparently many had been won to Christ. In addition, others coming in contact with Paul contributed to the "furtherance" of the gospel. It would seem also that due to his zeal, this one prisoner was the talk of the town.

Often we alibi for not bearing witness for

Christ. But Paul's example mocks such excuses. When he could not go to people he witnessed to those who came to him. And God blessed his efforts. How many people do you touch daily to whom you could witness about your Savior? It is a question to ponder!

A 14-Mile Walk To Communion: Moravians Commemorate History

BETHABARA, N.C.—A group of Moravians staged a 14-mile walk to receive Holy Communion here in commemoration of a similar event that took place 200 years ago.

Led by the Rev. John Geisler, pastor of Friedberg Moravian church, the 59 marchers left the small community of Friedberg on Eastern Monday morning (April 23) and walked the 14 miles to Bethabara in 4½ hours. Upon arriving, they received Communion.

In 1770, Friedberg Moravians took a similar walk on Maundy Thursday to receive Communion here because their lay preacher could not administer the sacrament. After taking Communion here, they walked back to Friedberg on Good Friday. (RNS)



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Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

As you have no doubt read, seen, and heard, the devil is getting a great deal of publicity in this day and time.

In years past, the problem was that many tried to deny the existence of the devil. Now the new twist is to make the devil a kind of high-falutin hero.

Many have stopped resisting the devil and started consorting with him. In a word, "they stopped trying to beat the devil and decided to join him."

There is even a First Church of Satan in Los Angeles. Reports indicate that it is growing fast and this is not too surprising. It certainly has a lot of good prospects for membership.

But still, it should be said that there are many persons who do not think that Satan is deserving of all this publicity. The only thing I ever thought the devil should be commended for was his persistence.

Devotional

Waste Or Wisdom?

By David R. Young, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge

With the disciples we cry out what a waste when we read the story of the woman who poured the vial of expensive perfume on Jesus' head. How could one possibly permit such extravagance in the face of very pressing and difficult-to-solve problems? The perfume was worth about 300 dinarii—enough to pay a typical worker of that day for a whole year! Enough to feed 5000 persons! A few drops of perfume—fine, that was the custom of the day. But a whole vial of such expensive perfume—unthinkable!

We consider ourselves to be ambassadors of social change. We wonder what will happen to the poor with the present government cuts. What is a government for, what is a church for, if not to provide services for its people? Heavy on our hearts are the problems of this society. We are burdened to create a world in which there is no poverty, no war, no racial prejudice, and on and on. So we respond as did the disciples: "What a waste!"

Jesus responded differently. He said the woman had done a lovely thing, a thing that would be remembered for a long, long time. How do we explain this? Jesus was an advocate of poor people; He, better than anyone else, ascertained the problems of society. Why didn't He side with His disciples and give us a clear mandate against wasting resources such as this?

The woman was worshipping; Jesus taught us that worship is basic to loving service. They go together. The woman poured out ALL of her precious perfume and even that was a gift far too small. "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all!"

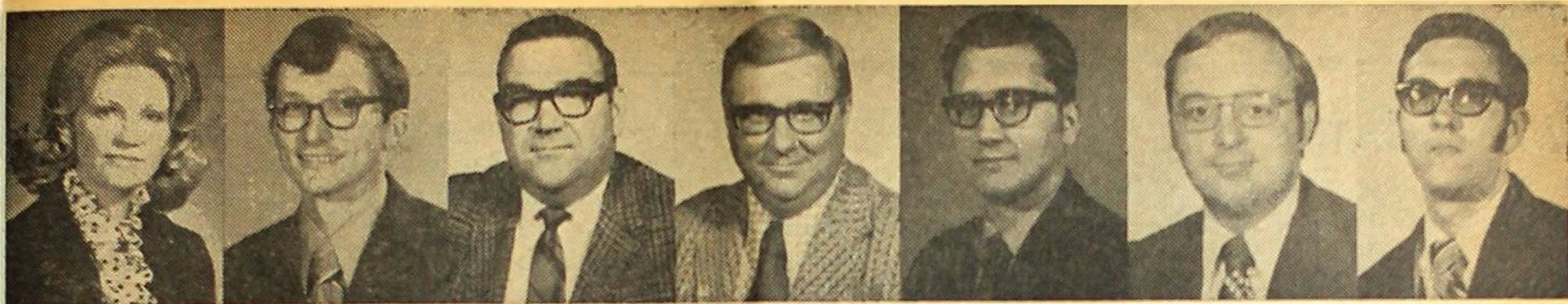
What is worship? It is everything I am and everything I have singing and living honor and praise to God. The spectator on the sidelines cannot experience it. One must offer his whole self. There is a place for worship in our experience. Nothing is wiser for you to pursue than true worship.

Waste? No—wisdom! Can you see it and understand it? A life given in adoration to God is a life fueled for spendthrift loving. How very practical! How very wise!

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Seven Tennesseans Receive Degrees At Southwestern

Seven Tennesseans were scheduled to receive degrees at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on May 11 during spring commencement exercises. Robert E. Naylor was to have presented degrees and diplomas to 240 candidates from the seminary's three schools: Theology; religious education; and church music.

John H. Franklin of Alcoa was to have been awarded the master of divinity degree and Douglas C. McPherson of Seymour was to have received the diploma in theology. Scheduled recipients of the master of religious education degree were: Steven A. Hall, Tellico Plains; J. Douglas Jernigan, Hornsby; Benny M. Pritchett, Memphis; Henry H. Russell, Maryville; and Mrs. Jay Chance, Memphis.

Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City, and serving currently as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was scheduled to bring the commencement address.

USSR Jails 'Evangelical Baptists' Who Taught Religion To Children

MOSCOW—Four "evangelical Baptists," arrested and sentenced in the White Russian town of Sligorsk for giving religious instruction to children, were characterized by a Communist newspaper as acting "immorally," according to a report here.

The latest edition of "Sovetskaya Byelorussia" reported that the four—Yevgeni Silchukov, Lidiya Korzanhets, Nina Masyuk and Ivan Trukhan—were convicted of teaching religion without authorization and encouraging believers to break the law. The length of their jail terms was not disclosed.

The Soviet newspaper said all four belonged to an "unregistered" sect. Soviet law requires all religious communities to register with state authorities.

The Communist journal noted that Silchukov was previously sentenced to prison in 1967 for encouraging Baptists in White Russia to break the law, and that upon his release, he formed his own religious group and did not register it. (RNS)

New Ministry For The Deaf Is Developed In Knoxville

KNOXVILLE—A teletypewriter is enabling the First Baptist church here to render a new form of ministry to the deaf.

Teletypewriter units attached to telephones enable the deaf to communicate by phone. But a deaf person needs an intermediary for a call to someone without one of the units.

A teletypewriter has been installed in the office of the Rev. William E. Davis, the First Baptist church's minister to the deaf. And his secretary, Mrs. Barbara Phillips, takes messages from "callers" and transmits them.

If a deaf person needs to report that he is sick and cannot make it to work, he sends the message by teletypewriter to the church office, and Mrs. Phillips calls the employer.

Or when a medical appointment is needed, she will call to make the appointment and then relay the information back to the deaf person.

A lay member of First Baptist church, Sam McBride, is the local agent for the non-profit organization, Teletypewriter for the Deaf, which distributes used machines still in good working order though no longer meeting efficiency standards of business. The deaf person must buy a terminal unit that adapts telephone signals to the teletypewriter.

Private, Parochial School Credits Asked In Nixon Tax Program

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Among the major tax law changes proposed by the Nixon Administration to Congress is a recommendation extending tax credits to parents of children attending non-public elementary and secondary schools, including church-related schools.

According to the proposed changes, the tax credits would amount to half the tuition paid, up to a maximum of \$200 per year each child. However, if the family income exceeds \$18,000 annually, the tax credit would be reduced.

Because there are educational tax credit bills pending in Congress and because a constitutional challenge on tax credits involving religious schools is imminent, the Nixon Administration has provided for a court test of the program.

As soon as any tax credit law is enacted by the Congress, opponents of such aid will challenge the law in the courts. State tax credit laws already are being tested. (RNS)

VBS Statistics Report Growth

NASHVILLE—Vacation Bible School statistics for 1972, released by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, indicate substantial increases in all areas.

Washburn said the work of the Vacation Bible Schools "is one of the most exciting things in church programs. Results are positive. Last year the average school enrolled 110 and discovered 43 prospects, including the unchurched parents of the children attending. Vacation Bible School is a tremendous outreach instrument."

The number of churches conducting a Vacation Bible School increased 649 in 1972 to the total of 26,910. Mission schools also increased by 451 to 2335. The total number of Vacation Bible Schools reported, including assistance given in non-Southern Baptist schools, reached 29,404, an increase of 941 Bible Schools over 1971.

An increase of 6309 professions of faith were reported, bringing the total for 1972 to 51,325. Reports also indicated that 4123 persons dedicated their lives to church related vocations, which also is an increase over the previous years.

Adult Vacation Bible School enrolment increased by 18 per cent, bringing the total number of adults enrolled to 30,403, in 2092 churches.

The total number of prospects reached for outreach through Vacation Bible School was 1,271,018. This included 477,529 pupils not enrolled in any Sunday School.

Vacation Bible School enrolment reported by churches increased 122,819 over the previous year. Enrolment figures from church letters and projected figures brought the total enrolment in VBS to 3,240,514. (BP)

EDITORIALS

WATERGATE

What began as a "bugging" case has over a period of recent weeks mushroomed into what may well be the largest scandal in government since the Teapot Dome Scandal. When a situation such as the "Watergate Affair" reaches into the highest levels of government, and when indictments have been handed down against some of the highest former governmental officials, it should say very much to Christians.

In this particular instance, one disclosure has led to another—most of which disclosures have boiled down to the fact that corruption still exists in almost any direction one turns. One thing further is said loudly and clearly by Watergate: That a free and unbridled press still is essential to a free government in a free society.

Efforts over recent months to play down the "mess" and to disregard the implications of the situation have been quashed rather thoroughly by this free press of which we are justly proud.

Any editor knows that there will be those who disagree with what is written—be it secular or religious. Any news writer knows that at any given time, someone is standing in the wings, ready to "shoot down" that with which any particular person is not in complete accord with. This fact notwithstanding, any publication, secular or religious, still has an obligation to present news, and to present it in such manner that readers will be informed.

Concerned Christians—who should be very much concerned citizens—should be much in prayer that those in positions of responsibility in our government—at whatever level—might be willing to listen to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Public service is a sacred trust. Secularized though we might be, we still must recognize that corruption in government ultimately will bring about the downfall of any nation. And, if America should destroy itself from within, literally and without any spirit of bragging, what would happen to the world? Or, have we already passed that point in time?

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

We are just a few weeks away from the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting this year in Portland, Oregon. For some—and they won't like this—this will be little more than an extended vacation. For others, this will be a long journey to accomplish a specific purpose—that of studying in depth the operations of our beloved Southern Baptist Convention.

Where possible, it is our hope that churches will send their church leaders to the Convention session. A bit of general arithmetic indicates to us that some \$5 million in "Southern Baptist" money will be spent in travel and staying in Portland for this convention. We hope and pray that the Lord's work will be enhanced by that much and more as a result of the convention session.

At any rate, if plans have not yet been completed for the journey, there is little time left. Portland will be overcrowded, with space at a great premium this time. Those who leave home

with no room reservations just might not have a convenient place to stay. Some of us remember other years when we left home with reservations and still wound up without the required lodging.

THE HARGIS CASE

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has now joined with several other religious groups in asking the U. S. Supreme Court to hear a case concerning the tax exempt status of Hargis' Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc.

We do not agree with much of the approach used by Hargis. However, there are some key questions involving church-state relations at stake in this case, and we are glad that the Baptist Joint Committee is entering a brief as a friend of the court ("amicus curiae.")

Boiled down to essentials, the case involves the right of the Internal Revenue Service to interpret which organization does, and which organization does not meet its standards as tax exempt religious organizations. Again, basically, the question involves the right of religious groups to speak to issues of the day. We do not see how one can preach "the Word" and ignore the world around. If the same guidelines were applied in the days of the major and minor prophets, their "tax-exempt" status certainly would have been cancelled! (jal)

A Today Happening?



Church Music Conference Slates Half-Dozen Concerts

PORTLAND—The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, slated here Friday and Saturday, June 15-16 following the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a half dozen concerts, a series of Round Robin conferences, and conclude with a discussion of trends in church music by two noted composers and arrangers.

The two-day conference, expected to attract about 200 Southern Baptist church musicians from across the nation, will conclude with presentations by Kurt Kaiser and Ralph Carmichael, two of the nation's leading religious composers and arrangers.

Plans for the program were disclosed by Carl Perry, president of the conference and minister of music for First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

The opening Friday morning session will feature a concert by Ministry '73, the chorale from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, performing the conference's commissioned anthem entitled "He Came, He Comes."

Written by Southern Seminary professor Phillip Landgrave who will conduct the choir in the presentation, the commissioned anthem is part of a cantata Landgrave has written entitled, "The Gospel According to Christmas."

Other concerts slated during the conference will be presented by the youth choir of First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.; pianist Max Lyall of Belmont College in Nashville; former Metropolitan Opera Soloist Mary Costa, star of the motion picture "The Great Waltz;" and by The Trouveres of California Baptist College, Riverside.

In addition, the conference will sponsor a banquet on Friday evening with entertainment provided by the Spring Street Singers, a youthful musical group organized and directed by Beryl Red of BR Productions in New York City to star in the denomination's new television series, Spring Street USA. Admission to the banquet is by advance ticket (\$5.50 each) which must be purchased by June 1.

All sessions, except the Friday night program, will meet at the Sheraton Motor Inn here, 1000 Multnomah Street. Following the Friday evening banquet at the Sheraton, the conference will move for the night session to First Baptist Church, 909 Southwest Eleventh, Portland.

In addition to the presentations by Carmichael and Kaiser, major addresses will be made by Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville; and Jean Berger, professor at University of Arizona, Tucson, who will lead a "master class" and present his new choral drama, "Yiphtah and His Daughter."

Friday afternoon sessions will feature five simultaneous Round Robin conferences led by experts in the field of arranging tours for youth choirs, developing sound systems, publishing music and anthems, building

spirituality in group singing, and staging and choreography.

The five Round Robin conferences will be presented at both 2:15 and 3:10 p.m., enabling conference participants to attend two different sessions.

Leaders for the conferences will be Steve Hilson of a Los Angeles talent agency; Bruce Braun, a technician for NBC-TV; Don Hinchshaw, publisher's representative for Carl Fisher, Inc., in New York; Sonny Salisbury, a minister of music from Yakima, Wash. and composer for Word, Inc.; and Alex Plas-

schaert, a choreographer from North Ridge, Calif.

During the same session, separate division conferences are scheduled for members of the conference in local church ministries, educational division, denominational division, instrumentalists and conference wives.

The Portland Church Friday night program will feature a worship service led by William J. Reynolds, church music secretary for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board with solos by Randall Veazey of Foley, Ala., and the concert by Miss Costa.

The conference will adjourn at noon Saturday, June 16.

Tennessee Baptists Show Dedication In Rebuilding

By David Keel

Across the years buildings erected to the glory of God and in which Tennessee Baptists have sought worshipful experiences, have been partially or completely destroyed by fire.

Members of such churches involved find much in common as they have made efforts to "pick up the pieces" and begin afresh to remodel or erect a replacement edifice which becomes a testimony to the surrounding communities as to the determination of God's people to once again construct adequate facilities to house the "fellowship" of a New Testament church.

Magness Memorial church, McMinnville, experienced that some loss recently which has been the lot of others through the years. In a message following the fire, pastor Harold White voiced feelings and convictions shared certainly by others who have experienced a similar loss as well as serving as testimony to the power of God to all.

The following are excerpts from White's message:

"... God's people have worked, labored, and sacrificed with their life and money and energy because of their love and loyalty for their precious Lord. They sacrificed to put their best in a building dedicated to the worship of God, and to the proclaiming of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to serve God throughout this community. All one had to do was to take one long look, and there would be complete agreement that during days of dire depression and because of the deep conviction that the building set aside for the assembling of God's people should contain the very best—be the very best—that God should always have our very best.

"They sought the very best in materials and workmanship, as evidenced by windows built with such beauty that thousands of people have been inspired with awe and reverence, and by installing a hand-carved, walnut ceiling that breathed of great skill and love because of the place it would occupy in the house of God. So, by the grace of God, we have a heritage of great saints who have for years served faithfully, never deserting, although discouraged, continuing instant in season and out of season.

"Without cutting corners, they gave their best in thinking, in planning, and in giving. We cannot afford to do less. I am sure there were voices in those days saying it couldn't be done. There are always such voices. There always will be. We will hear such voices in future days.

"We cannot look back, we cannot go back. The past is gone. There is nothing to go back to. We cannot go back any more than the children of Israel could go back to Egypt. God is ready to lead us through our Red Seas.

"We have come to the Jordan. It is filled with danger; it is swift and threatening. Many, no doubt, stand bewildered after coming this far and facing such fearful frustration, but God is ready to lead us through the Jordan.

"We can erect dozens of buildings with dazzling beauty and inaugurate dozens of programs to attract people and can pack the walls with curious, superficial, shallow souls. We can have the best equipment, the most beautiful music, the most eloquent of sermons, the largest budgets, and the greatest giving and be as busy as a Nashville expressway at rush time. We can have all this with the main ingredient missing. We cannot afford to take one step ahead. We cannot possibly make the tremendous decisions which face us. We cannot allow ourselves to be swayed by echoes from the past or expressions of doubt and defeat in the future. We cannot afford to move one inch without the guidance, the leadership, and the power of the blessed Holy Spirit of God.

"In the crucial, busy days ahead, more prayers, more thought, more time, more sacrifice, will be needed on the part of every single member than ever. But more than that, we cannot please God, we cannot do the wondrous work that God has placed before us unless we are in one accord.

"I believe in you! I believe God has placed before us a challenge that has already drawn us together as one. I believe that God is truly building his church right here and the gates of hell, nor the devil, nor demons, nor things present, nor things past, nor things to come, nor critical cynicism, nor complacency, nor idleness—can prevail against it."

U.S. Seminaries Make Major Step Toward Balancing Of Budgets

DAYTON, Ohio—The financial struggle of American seminaries is far from over but a "significant first step" toward balancing budgets was made in fiscal 1971-72, the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) has reported.

For more than five years, most seminaries have been hard-hit by inflation, rising costs, a need for higher faculty salaries and the greater demands for student aid.

Operating deficits have become fairly standard, rising from \$1.76 million in 1968-69 to \$5.06 million in 1970-71.

According to AATS figures for 1971-72, the last year for which such statistics are available, the over-all deficit for 189 member schools was \$2,470,000.

The improvement, the AATS asserts in its 1972-73 Fact Book, came in educational and general categories. Student aid is the major factor, the association said, in the deficits.

Total revenue of AATS members in 1971-72 was \$127.38 million—compared to expenditures of \$129.85 million.

In 1971-72, receipts for financial aid totalled only \$7.84 million, while "awards" amounted to \$12.35 million, causing an across-the-board deficit of \$13 per student in the 184 schools' reported enrolment of 32,816 that year.

Tuition and fees accounted for 23 per cent of the educational and general income in the 184 schools. This varies from a low of 10 per cent in small institutions to 34 per cent in non-denominational seminaries.

The AATS reported that "endowment income is similarly varied, ranging from only 4 per cent in Roman Catholic-Canada institutions to 45 per cent in Presbyterian U.S. (Southern) schools . . . "Gifts and grants constitute the largest single category of income (41 per cent in all schools), but the range is equally wide, running from highs of 75 per cent for Lutheran Church in America schools and 72 per cent for those of the Southern Baptists down to only 15 per cent in Roman Catholic-U.S. institutions."

The best way of looking at seminary financing is in terms of how much it costs to educate a student.

Much information on this question is found in the AATS Fact Book. While several variables must be considered, the size of a seminary appears to be an overriding factor in per student cost.

The AATS has discovered that it takes nearly twice as much money to educate a seminarian in a school with less than 50 students than it does in an institution having more than 500.

Thus, the average student expenditure at 10 Episcopal seminaries (including one in

the Caribbean) with less than 200 students each was \$5754 in 1971-72.

But six Southern Baptist seminaries, with only two under 500 students, averaged \$1645 on each student.

Four small United Church of Canada schools spent \$5351 per student. The 1971-72 average for 13 United Methodist seminaries, none over 500 and none under 50 students, was \$3346.

As a denominational group, only the Southern Baptists showed a per student surplus, of \$192 per person, in 1971-72. The United Church of Canada showed the highest deficit, at \$1343 per student.

U.S. Catholic seminaries had a \$100 per student deficit.

Yet size is not the only factor relevant to student cost. The scale of salaries for administrators and professors plays a role. Therefore, 44 Roman Catholic schools—most of them with fewer than 200 students—kept per student expenditures to \$3100 in 1971-72.

The AATS does not reflect faculty compensation for teachers at Catholic seminaries in its figures since priest-teachers are not paid as much or in the same way as their

counterparts in Protestant or non-denominational seminaries.

In 1972-73 (a year later than the per student figures), Episcopal seminaries paid teachers an average of \$16,021 per year while Southern Baptists schools paid a average of \$13,453. However, the average Episcopal seminary administrator got \$15,821, compared to \$16,392 for Southern Baptists.

Faculty salaries are lowest in the Rock Mountain and plains regions, and highest in the Mid-East and New England. The same patterns are generally true for administrators.

The 10 Episcopal schools in 1971-72 spent more than twice as much in dollar as the six Southern Baptist seminaries on administration, but only 7 per cent more in terms of the total budget.

Episcopal institutions devoted 41 per cent of their budgets to instruction, compared to 57 per cent by Southern Baptists. Both of the denominational groupings spent 10 per cent of their budgets on libraries.

More was spent per student in all seminaries in New England, the Mid-East, the Great Lakes area and Canada than in other parts of the U.S.

The least expenditure per student in educational and general outlay was \$1802 in the Southwest. The highest was \$3717 in the Mid-East U.S. (RNS)




Paul M. Stevens, left, executive director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, Texas, congratulates Hugh Trotter, president, Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, on receiving an Award of Appreciation, joint recognition of the state's broadcasters by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Commission. Ralph E. Norton, right, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, presented the award to Trotter during a Broadcasters' Appreciation Dinner in Nashville on Friday evening, May 4.

God's Grace Sustains Us

By Orvind M. Dangeau, Pastor, First Baptist Church, McKenzie

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:25-31; Phil. 4:1-13; 2 Cor. 4:15; 12:9-10

Printed Scriptures: Isaiah 40:25-31; Phil. 4:10-13



All of us at one time or another are tempted to despondency because of the pressures of adverse circumstances that surround us. When we are thus tempted, we must remember the fact which we have accepted by faith, and have gathered by experiences of God's merciful dealings with us, that he, the creator of all things, is the same yesterday, today and forever; and therefore has the same power at our disposal as he manifested in His creative

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acts. Remember, our most trying experiences, whether from within or without, are not only known to him but are under his absolute control. We would be wise to commit the memory selection for this week to our heart: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

Before we continue, please notice the meaning of grace. The word is used to express the concept of kindness bestowed upon someone undeserving thereof. Hence undeserved favor, especially that kind or degree of favor bestowed upon sinners through Jesus Christ. We do not deserve the saving and sustaining grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Your God May Be Too Small (Isa. 40:25-31)

The Jews had been in Babylonian captivity around thirty-five to forty years. Jerusalem had been devastated and the surrounding countryside depopulated. Now the long night of captivity was about to end, and the first rays of a new day could be seen. In verse one of this chapter God commands Isaiah to comfort his people. To comfort does not mean to console another in his troubles, but to assure him that his troubles will soon be over. These people were despondent, and Isaiah was trying to bring them back to the well of hope.

The prophet did this by reminding them that God is omnipotent. He points to the stars and declares that God is in command of the hosts of heaven. He musters them and each stands at attention when his name is called. They are all under the authority of God.

Israel's God is Lord, not only of creation but also of history. No tyrant is safe so long as God sits upon his throne. He has but to blow upon them, and they wither and

fly away.

But in spite of God's greatness, the long years of exile and foreign domination had embittered Israel's spirit and caused her to lose heart. She complained, "My right is disregarded by my God".

Isaiah issued a strong rebuke and told his countrymen that their concept of God was entirely too small. They had forgotten the dimensions of the God of Israel. In verse twenty-nine they are told that God imparts his own great strength to those who wait for him. Verse thirty declares that human strength, no matter how lusty and vigorous, will inevitably fail. Verse thirty-one declares that they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. Those who wait, not passively but eagerly, shall have new strength, different strength, God's own strength. They exchange their strength for God's strength.

One of the main problems in our own lives today is that we underestimate the power of God. Or perhaps our God is too small, not by his limitation, but by ours.

Now look at verse thirty-one. Sometimes we fly, sometimes we run, but most of the time we walk. And the real test of faith comes, not when we fly or run, but when we have to plod along. It is the monotony of everyday life where we reveal our true character. It is God's grace that sustains us in this daily walk.

God's Grace, In Christ, Sustains Us (Phil. 4:10-13)

The key to the marvelous life of missionary Paul seemed to be in the words of verse thirteen, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

The Philippian church had for some time been sending material help to him. Now in these verses he wanted to make two things perfectly clear. First, he was eternally grateful for their help, and second, he declared that they must not for a moment suppose that he was dependent upon outward gifts for contentment and peace. His secret of happiness was not in circumstances, but in his peace of heart; he would not admit that his joy was lessened when his circumstances were more strengthened. And so will be our secret of happiness if we truly recognize that we are sustained by grace through Jesus Christ.

Through Infirmities, Our Strength Is Revealed (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

The essence of these verses is simply that our real strength is truly revealed when

The Way Was Hard!

By Jonas L. Stewart

It is not unusual to find people whose early days were filled with difficulty, but this man had it even worse than most. School teaching is his profession. He loves it because he is helping students find their life less difficult than his.

He went to college without money, lived in the stock room of a hardware store, wore shirts made from fertilizer sacks and hid from his abusive father when he came to town. Tuition was paid by janitorial work on the campus. His food consisted largely of discarded scraps found in the garbage cans.

His early days of school teaching paid \$35.00 per month but he saved a little from each check. The purchase of some real estate with a down payment came at the right time. Property values increased almost immediately. Today he is moderately wealthy.

He has made a will leaving his entire estate to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as trustee, designating that the income is to be paid to one of our colleges "so that others might get an education without going through the hardships I had."

Pastors would do well to inform their people about the possibility of endowing our schools through such trust funds. For more information about preparing a Christian will write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Central Carolina Crusade Planned By Billy Graham

RALEIGH, N.C.—A Central Carolina Crusade featuring evangelist Billy Graham will be held here Sept. 23-30 in North Carolina State University's Carter Stadium.

Graham announced the upcoming crusade at a press conference here, his first in this area of his native state.

Last year, a five-day Billy Graham crusade was held in the evangelist's hometown of Charlotte, N.C.

Other upcoming events on the Billy Graham calendar for 1973 include a Youth Evangelism Seminar, YES '73, to be held in connection with his Upper Midwest Crusade in July, and SPREE '73 (Spiritual-Religious-Emphasis) in London in late August. (RNS)

we recognize our weakness and rely upon God's strength to sustain us.

Paul said, "Now I am glad to boast about how weak I am; I am glad to be a living demonstration of Christ's power. I am quite happy about the thorn, and hardships, etc. The less I have, the more I depend on him."

Now, may I add in closing, the more we depend on Christ, the more we have. God's grace sustains us.

Tennessee News Briefs

Fairview church, Dover, voted to buy new pews for the auditorium. **Tom Shelby** is pastor.

First church, Cookeville, ordained **Melvin D. Felts** to the gospel ministry, May 6. **George Capps** is pastor. **Melvin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **William Felts** of Nashville, was born in Murfreesboro, but resided most of his life in Springfield. A Junior at Tennessee Tech he has been called as pastor of Woodcliff church, Monterey.

Jim Growden, former pastor at College Street church, Tullahoma, has been elected to the Student Body Association Council for 1973-74 at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary. He serves also as pastor of Mississippi City Baptist church, Gulfport, Miss.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Ed Mayfield, pastor of Blooming Grove Baptist church, Cumberland Association, did the preaching in revival services at Fairview church, Dover. **Tom Shelby**, pastor. There were three professions of faith, two for baptism, and two by letter.

Pastor **J. C. Reed** reports 28 professions of faith at East Maryville Baptist church, Maryville. **Henry Linginfelter**, full-time evangelist of Alcoa, did the preaching and **Ed Walker** led the music.

First church, Elizabethton, was assisted in revival services by **William J. Purdue**, pastor of First church, Kingsport, as evangelist and **David Christopher**, minister of music and youth at Central church, Oak Ridge. There were six additions by baptism, five by letter and many rededications. **William L. Swafford** is pastor.

West Maryville church, Maryville, reports 10 professions of faith, seven by baptism, and two by letter in revival services with **Doug Sager** preaching, and **Ron Phelps**, leading the music. **Joe Caldwell** is pastor.

April 22-29 **Hayden Center**, pastor of First church, Dayton, did the preaching at Central church, Spring City. There were six additions, two for baptism and four by letter, and 13 rededications. **Beecher Hammons** is pastor.

John R. Walker, pastor of Little West Fork church, Clarksville, reports a revival April 22-29 in which Evangelist **Bob Cheak** of Harrodsburg, Ky., did the preaching. **Paul Gilbert**, a minister and member of the church, led the congregation singing and **Mrs. Vickie Armour** of the church, directed the revival choir. There were 25 professions of faith, eight by letter, 20 rededications, one surrendered to the gospel ministry, and one high school senior surrendered her life for foreign missions service.

Raymond McJunkins was licensed to preach the gospel April 1 by First church, Philadelphia.

First church, Greeneville, ordained **Larry W. Flanagan** to the music ministry and **Dennis E. Milligan** to the educational ministry. Both are serving on the church staff. **Ralph E. Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, preached the ordination sermon. **Hubert Smothers**, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, delivered the charge to the candidates. **James Harris**, superintendent of Missions for Holston Association, led the prayer. **John W. Tresch, Jr.**, is pastor.

Stock Creek church, Knoxville, is remodeling the auditorium. **James A. Lauderback** is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Wright, members of First church, Nashville, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday afternoon, May 13.

Charlie King Lamons, 65, died May 12 at St. Thomas hospital, Nashville, following a heart attack. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Riverside Baptist church. Services were held at the church May 14 with Pastor **David Renaker**, and former pastor, **J. O. Carter**, officiating. A native of Carthage he had been an employee of First American National Bank for 37 years, until his retirement last February.

Marion L. Arbuckle Jr., Cleveland, was re-elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Middle Tennessee State university recently. Other student leaders elected included **Zeke Baxter**, **Debby Neal**, **Barry Lacey**, **Karen Patterson**, **Janet Cook**, **Sharen Patterson**, **Debbie Alexander** and **Sally Thomas**. **Larry Morris** serves as faculty advisor, and **Ircel Harrison** is director.

In a revival at Grandview church, Nashville, there were 16 professions of faith and three additions by letter. **John Laida**, pastor of First church, Clarksville, was the evangelist and **Frank Marshall**, minister of music, Belmont Heights church, Nashville, served as music director. **Ted J. Ingram** is pastor.

Ed Mayfield, pastor of Blooming Grove Baptist church, Cumberland Association, since Jan. 3, did his own preaching in a week-end revival which resulted in two professions of faith and two for baptism.

There were 20 professions of faith, two by letter, and 45 rededications in revival services at Stock Creek church, Knoxville. **Henry Linginfelter** of Alcoa was the evangelist and **Harold Rule**, Knoxville, led the music. **James A. Lauderback** is pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. David Ford, Nashville, have been selected to serve as music leaders for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Portland, Ore., June 10-11. **Ford**, minister of music at First church, Nashville, will be the featured soloist at each of the meetings. **Mrs. Ford** will be pianist.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Broadway Baptist church, Maryville, has called **Robert F. Ransom** as music director. He comes from First Baptist church, Woodland Mills, where he has served the past five years. The Broadway church has voted to fellowship with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

George DeLozier has resigned as pastor of Clinch River church, Clinton Association, to become pastor of Cedar Grove church in Maiden, N. C.

John Lepper has resigned as pastor of Shiloh church, Seymour, and accepted a call to Center Point church, Springfield. **Lepper**, a 1972 graduate of Carson-Newman college, will enter the Divinity School of Vanderbilt university, Nashville, in August.

First church, Decherd, has called **Bobby Barnett** as minister of youth, music and education.

Ansell T. Baker, former pastor of Central Baptist church, Chattanooga, (1952-72), and since 1972, a director of World Missions Travels, has accepted a call to become pastor of First church, Athens, effective June 1. **Baker** has been a Chaplain (Major) of the U.S. Air Force Reserve since 1956, was president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference (1967-68), and is member of Board of Managers for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc. **Baker** and his wife, **Sue Gilbert**, with their daughter, **Joan**, and son, **Ansell, III** will occupy the church parsonage on Gettys Lane, Athens. Another daughter, **Sandra Baker McMillan**, will be moving soon to Tuscaloosa, Ala., with her husband, **Dan**, where he will be studying for a doctoral degree.

FMB Appoints Six; Votes To Enter 77th Country

RICHMOND—The Republic of Niger was approved as a new mission field and two couples assigned there during the May meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

With board action, Niger became the 77th country where Southern Baptist missionaries are assigned, and the ninth nation of West Africa. Six of the nine are French-speaking countries.

The board's move, effective June 1, was precipitated by a request from Oumarou Youssoufou, who is a counselor with the Niger Republic's Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Niger national asked the board for help in establishing in his country a vocational school staffed by Christian teachers.

H. Cornell Goerner, the board's administrator for West Africa, at first expressed concern that so few Southern Baptist missionaries are equipped to work in the French language, and that it would take more than a year to prepare someone for service there.

However, plans moved ahead when it was discovered that Hausa is the chief language of the area where the school is to be established.

Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerold Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, were missionaries in Northern Nigerian where Hausa is spoken. Because Palmer and Williams have the necessary language skills and vocational training, they have

been transferred to the Niger Republic as its first missionaries.

In other action, the board appointed two couples for general evangelism and employed a dentist and his wife as missionary associates.

The new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Bill F. Fudge of Youngstown, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Routledge of El Portal, Calif.; and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Goodman of Arlington, Tex.

The board also allocated \$10,000 for drought relief in Rhodesia and gave approval to travel plans relating to several projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Patterson, emeritus missionaries, will go to Brazil for six months or more to assist with the work of the publishing house in Rio de Janeiro. Patterson was director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., for 28 years.

Buford L. Nichols, missionary for 35 years in China and Indonesia, will make a trip to Surinam to survey a Javanese community in view of the possible opening of work among this group.

Dr. David Stewart of Louisville, will attend mission meetings in Southwest Asia this summer. Dr. Stewart, a Christian psychiatrist and former missionary himself, will conduct personal and group conferences. He has made several previous trips to Southern Baptist mission fields for this purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Miles will go to India to work for about nine months with the organization of missionaries there. Miles, a former U.S. Agency for International Development worker, has already completed one assignment with the India missionaries. (BP)

Religious Heritage Award Granted Cox For Powerline

WASHINGTON—Religious Heritage of America has cited Claude Cox, producer in the radio department for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, for "creative excellence" in communicating American religious heritage to youth.

Cox, producer of the radio program Powerline syndicated by the SBC Radio-TV Commission, was one of four national award winners named by Religious Heritage of America to receive a national "Faith and Freedom Award" presented by the organization June 7 here.

Awards were presented in four areas—journalism, radio, film production, and media. Winners were honored for "major contributions in furthering religious tolerance and understanding" and for communicating "the principles of this nation's religious heritage through outstanding achievements and creative excellence in their crafts." (BP)

1973 Annual Meeting

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention

June 10-11, Portland, Ore.

Theme: "All Things Are Made New"

Sunday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Coliseum

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"—congregational singing and special music, directed by David Ford, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

"Walking in Newness of Life"—testimonies by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goad, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Vietnam

"Language Missions in Today's West"—panel presentation coordinated by Oscar Romo, language missions secretary, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:

—Joe Vasquez, San Francisco, Calif., developer of Spanish ministries in Portland

—Fanny and Christine Toledo, Indian singers, Gallup, N. M.

—Willie Johnson, Eskimo pastor, Anchorage, Alaska

—David Saludez, staff member, Kalia Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii

"Ministry 73"—concert by singers from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Phillip Landgrave, director

"Making Things New Again"—message by Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston

Benediction—Porter W. Routh, Executive secretary-treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.

Monday, June 11, 9:30 a.m.

Portland Civic Auditorium

"Just Ask a Woman"—call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Baptist Young Women director, Calvary Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"—directed by David Ford, annual meeting music director

"There's a New World Coming"—address by Marjorie Jones, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil

Business

"Giant Steps Cross-Country"—panel report by:

—Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga., president of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Hughes Scherff, Clarksburg, Mo., president of Missouri Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, Ala., president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union

—Mrs. Gilmer Cross, Lexington, N.C., president of North Carolina WMU

—Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Ala., public relations director, SBC Woman's Missionary Union

"Language Missions in Today's West"—coordinated by Irvin Dawson, language missions department, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Speakers:

—Harold Helney, Southern Baptist home missionary among Indians, Pine Ridge, S.C.

—Mrs. Irene Stark, leader in ministries for the Deaf, Renton, Wash.

—Mrs. Huron Polnac, Southern Baptist home missionary, Boise, Idaho

—Mrs. Fern Powers, leader in ministries for international seamen, Olympia, Wash.

"Look What You Started"—address by Nilson de Amaral Pinhal, pastor, First Baptist Church, Niteroi, Brazil

"Prayer for a New Day"—Mrs. Robert Fling, former SBC Woman's Missionary Union president, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Monday afternoon, 2:00 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman"—call to meditation, Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"—David Ford, Nashville, Tenn.

Business

"There's a New World Coming"—address by Mrs. Carlos Owens, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania

"Language Missions in Today's West"—Chinese Baptists in California, presentation coordinated by Harold Hitt, Southern Baptist home missionary, Clackamas, Ore.

—Concert by choir of Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

"Lifting the Veil of Yemen"—address by Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

"As New as Tomorrow"—message by Jesse Fletcher, director, Missions Support Division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

"Prayer for a New Day"—Wendell Belew, director, Missions Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Monday evening, 7:30 p.m.

"Just Ask a Woman"—call to meditation by Mrs. T. Marshall Collins Jr., Dothan, Ala.

"Sing Unto the Lord a New Song"—David Ford, Nashville, Tenn.

"There's a New World Coming"—address by Mrs. Charles Love, Southern Baptist missionary to Guyana

"Language Missions in Today's West"—multi-media presentation by the language missions department, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta

"Rising from War Ashes"—address on Baptist women of Vietnam by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, and director, Student Union, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

"Listening to America, 1973"—address by Bill Moyers, public affairs commentator, Public Broadcasting System, Garden City, N.Y.

"Prayer for a New Day"—Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Over \$19.6 Million Given To Lottie Moon Offering

RICHMOND—The 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions topped its \$18 million goal by more than \$1½ million when the books on the offering closed April 30, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here.

Total 1972 funds were \$19,664,972. Receipts were \$1,831,162, or 10.27 per cent, higher than the 1971 offering.

The Lottie Moon Offering is sponsored annually by the Woman's Missionary Union in Southern Baptist churches across the nation in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Monies received after April 30 are included in the following year's offering.

Southern Baptist foreign missions efforts are supported financially by two major means of contributions, with slightly more than half the support coming from the Lottie Moon special offering, and the other half coming from gifts through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan.

Increases Noted In Most States

All but three state conventions recorded increases in their Lottie Moon offering totals for 1972 over the previous years.

Several state conventions reported dramatic increases. The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, for example, recorded a dramatic increase of 123 per cent. A new convention, Pennsylvania and South Jersey, recorded a 44 per cent increase.

More than 70 per cent of the total 1972 offering came from eight Baptist state conventions, with Texas Baptists contributing nearly \$4 million. North Carolina Baptists gave over \$2 million. More than \$1 million was given in six states—South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

The board's executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, commenting on the record offering said, "The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries all over the world wish to express to Southern Baptists, and Woman's Mission-

ary Union in particular, deep gratitude for the Lottie Moon offering which has reached such a glorious climax.

Planning Depends On CP Gifts

"In projecting mission work throughout the world," Cauthen continued, "planning depends primarily on gifts through the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Offering makes possible going twice as far in meeting world need."

Cauthen also indicated that allocations of the increase in the mission offering would be made on a priority basis within the next few weeks. He pointed out that needs awaiting funds still outstripped available resources.

Upon learning the total 1972 offering, Cauthen immediately telephoned Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, to express appreciation to the WMU and others who helped in promotion of the offering.

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's Mission Support Division, interpreted the 1972 offering as a "new lease on life" for overseas missions.

"With dollar devaluation and inflation cutting so deeply into the spending power of the missionary dollar," he said, "this outpouring of support through the Lottie Moon Offering gives a new lease on life for the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists."

Several times during 1972 the Foreign Mission Board made emergency appropriations, attempting to partially offset the effects of the dollar loss on missionary personnel.

The board's most recent attempt to meet the dollar squeeze came in March when it approved a \$151,450 adjustment of funds as emergency compensation in 31 countries. (BP)



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Americans United Urges Recall Of Lodge From The Vatican

Immediate termination of the United States diplomatic mission to the Vatican was urged on President Nixon today by Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The Americans United leader charged that in the three years of its existence the U. S. mission to the Vatican produced no tangible, worthwhile result. He argued that the current period of changing leadership and priorities would offer an appropriate opportunity to recall Mr. Lodge. This would effectively terminate United States representation at the Vatican. (CSNS)

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Curriculum And Article Writing: Writers Workshop, July 16-20

NASHVILLE—A Writers Workshop, offering practical training in curriculum and article writing, will be conducted July 16-20 at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

"It will be more than a writers conference," said Lynn M. Davis Jr., workshop director and manuscript analyst in the board's church services and materials division. "Participants will receive training in actual writing with direction and criticism."

Participants will receive exposure to curriculum and article writing needs and techniques. Each person will select either article or curriculum writing and will work to develop skills in their selected area.

Catholic Population In The U.S. Reaches 48,460,427, Report

NEW YORK—The number of U.S. Roman Catholics increased by 69,437 during 1972, but the Official Catholic Directory of 1973 reported an over-all decrease in the percentage of Catholics among the nation's population, from 23.3 to 23.1 per cent—plus decreases in schools, teachers, clergy, religious, baptisms and converts.

The directory indicated that there are 48,460,427 Catholics in the 50 states, including all families of the armed forces at home and overseas. However, the 69,437 increase in Catholics is less than half the increase for 1972—which was 176,261.

Perhaps most significant among the data was that Catholic parishes increased to a record high of 18,384; that there was a 6 per cent decrease in the number of Catholic school children (263,488), and that the total number of converts to Catholicism, the lowest since 1939, revealed a drop of 5,087 in a year. (RNS)

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First Church, Joelton Begins New Ministry At Pleasant View

First church, Joelton, has voted to establish a Southern Baptist mission in the community of Pleasant View, according to W. D. Thomason, pastor of the sponsoring church.

A two story house has been donated rent free at Pleasant View by Willard Trent and is being remodeled by workers from Joelton and Pleasant View, according to Thomason. It is hoped the remodeled facilities will be ready for use by the third week in May. A tent revival is planned for the opening services.

Cottage prayer meetings have been held since the latter part of December, 1972 and on Easter 22 people joined the sponsoring church from Pleasant View, 20 moved their letters and two came on profession of faith.

Sunday School Training Schools Encouraged

NASHVILLE—Lack of trained teachers and leaders in Southern Baptist churches was identified by 600 Southern Baptists of 31 state planning groups as critical issue number one of 23 issues, as reported in "The Baptist Program" for September, 1970.

The Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has proposed for 1973-1974 a project identified as "Church/Association Training School" to train workers to be more effective. It is a major Church/Association training effort for the fall of 1973 or spring of 1974.

During the next two years it is hoped that every association in the Southern Baptist Convention will hold a training school for all church-elected Sunday School teachers and an equal number of church members.

If the association does not plan a school, individual churches are encouraged to conduct their own schools.

According to Chester Vaughn, consultant in the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board, "the training schools are to create a new climate to lead a new generation of workers to believe that people will respond to training."

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Phil Padgett Marks 10th Year As Executive Director of UTL

By David Keel

David Q. Byrd, pastor, West Jackson Baptist church, Jackson, was re-elected president of the Board of Directors of United Tennessee League, Inc., during the group's annual meeting held Thursday morning, May 10 at the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville. The meeting marked the 10th anniversary of Phil Padgett (Baptist) as executive director of UTL.

Other officers elected to serve with Byrd were: Ben B. St. Clair (Re-elected), Oak Ridge, vice president from East Tennessee; Miss Mary Jane Nethery (Re-elected), executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention, vice president for Middle Tennessee; Reeder Oldham, Henderson, vice president for West Tennessee; Pleais D. Hampton, Madison, recording secretary (elected to succeed attorney Andrew Tanner of Nashville who served as recording secretary since the organization of UTL); and Robert L. York, Nashville, treasurer.

United Tennessee League is an inter-denominational organization whose purpose, as stated in its constitution, "... shall be to serve as an educational and informational agency in the area of problems created by the use of alcoholic beverages, other dangerous drugs, and such other forces which adversely affect the morals and lives of the people of Tennessee..." UTL seeks also to call into action concerned citizens.

Constitutional changes approved by the directors included the words, "... as determined by the Board of Directors" to follow the phrase as stated above, "... and such other forces which adversely affect the morals and lives of the people of Tennessee..." Another change in the constitution was the addition of a paragraph which reads, "Further, it shall be the purpose of United Tennessee League to oppose the use, and the promotion of the use of alcoholic beverages; and the misuse of other dangerous drugs."

Newly-elected members of the Board of Directors were: Dr. Ralph E. Nor-

ton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Rev. William L. Palmer (Baptist), Morristown; Rev. Lester L. Hall (Baptist), Chattanooga; Rev. Glen Jones (Nazarene), Chattanooga; Harold S. Anderson (Church of Christ), Waverly; Martey Longmire (United Methodist), Knoxville; Rev. John Crawford (Baptist), Carthage; Doug Anderson (Baptist), Hendersonville; and Rev. Cosby A. Dobson (Baptist), Sparta.

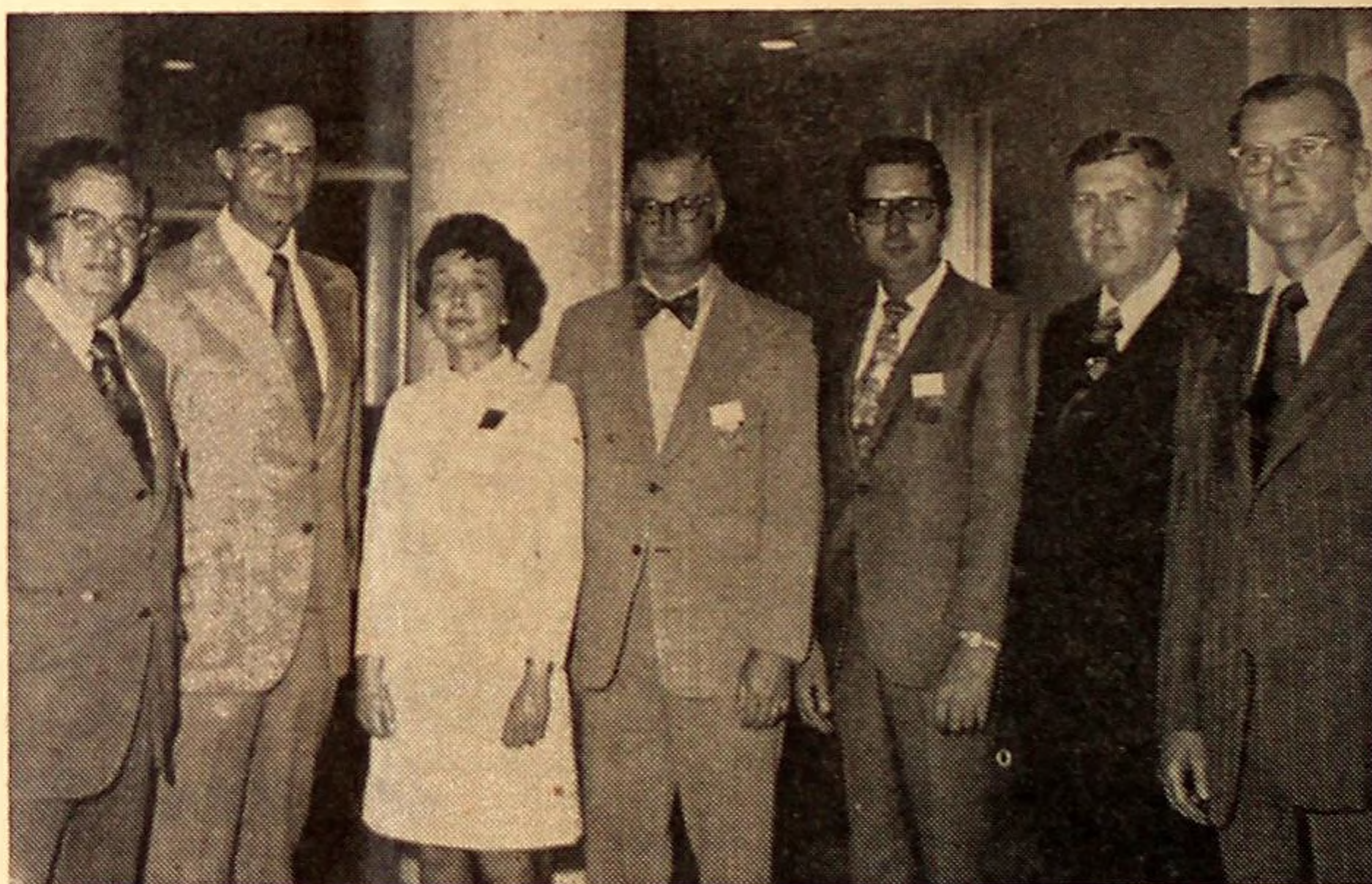
The group also adopted a budget for 1973-74 in the amount of \$77,410. This compares to total receipts in 1972 of \$72,262.95. When Padgett came to UTL in 1963, total receipts were \$48,399.41.

In his report Padgett cited the growth of UTL. Ten years ago 5000 pamphlets were printed as compared to 2,500,000 individual

pieces of literature in 1972. He also cited the fact that requests for literature has now been received from 42 states and three foreign countries. His report further indicated that UTL now is able to print, fold, and cut all of their material in their own office, located on the second floor of the Hill Building, 804 Church Street.

He cited the growth of the educational program under the direction of educational director Fred Dies (Baptist). In 1972 approximately 225,700 students, representing ages kindergarten through college were reached, programs were presented in 380 schools, 24 youth retreats and 20 teen-parent conferences were conducted.

At the annual banquet, held following the board of directors' meeting, Major George H. Currey of the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Police department, addressed the group, citing reasons for the increase in juvenile delinquency: Television as a baby-sitter with both parents gone from home; the automobile; changes in controls in the church and schools.



Phil Padgett, left, executive director, United Tennessee League and Larry Williams, far right, chairman of the executive committee of UTL, join officers elected during the annual Board of Directors' meeting of UTL in Nashville on May 10. The officers are, left to right: David Q. Byrd, Jackson, president; Miss Mary Jane Nethery, Nashville, vice president for Middle Tennessee; Reeder Oldham, Henderson, vice president for West Tennessee; Pleais D. Hampton, Madison, recording secretary, and Robert L. York, Nashville, treasurer. Not available for picture was Ben B. St. Clair, Oak Ridge, vice president for East Tennessee.



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Robert G. Lee Baccalaureate Speaker At Harrison-Chilhowee Academy

Commencement speakers for the 93rd graduation exercises at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, have been announced by President Hubert Bon Smothers.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Thursday, May 24, at 8 p.m. Dr. Lee was graduated



Dr. Lee



Dr. Norton

Magna cum Laude from Furman university, Greenville, S. C., and received his Ph.D. from the Chicago Law school. He holds the D.D., LL.D., and Litt.D. degrees also.

Dr. Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will deliver the commencement address on Friday, May 25, at 10 a.m. Norton is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and he holds the Master of Theology and the Doctor of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. Prior to becoming executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, he was pastor of Chattanooga's Red Bank Baptist church for 24 years.

HCBA has 35 seniors to receive diplomas this year.

National Council Of Churches Opposes Tax Credit Parochial

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Council of Churches, representing 32 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations with an aggregate membership of 42 million, has told Congress it opposes the "tax credit" plan for providing tax aid to parochial and private schools.

In a statement submitted to the House Ways and Means Committee, which is considering proposals to divert up to \$1 billion annually to parochial and private schools through a scheme of tax credit tuition reimbursements, the National Council described the tax credit plan as a "dubious fiscal device" which would stimulate discrimination along racial, cultural, ethnic, and class lines.

The Council statement charged that the tax credit parochial school aid plan would discriminate against the poor and favor the more affluent. It also showed that the main argument for the tax credit scheme—that it would stop declining parochial school enrollments and prevent the "swamping of public schools" is fallacious for at least three reasons: 1. Parochial schools are not closing for financial reasons; 2. "Public schools have been able to assimilate such transfers without major dislocations and can continue to do so," due to the birth-rate decline in recent years; and 3. "The Roman Catholic Church has not undertaken serious grass-roots fundraising campaigns for increase in voluntary contributions from its members." (C/SNS)

Bilingual Book Store Opens In August

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists will open their first bilingual book store in El Paso, Tex., after several years' research seeking to meet the needs of Spanish-speaking people in the United States.

Steady growth in numbers of Spanish-speaking Baptists in the South-Southwest and the influx of Cubans in the Southeast has created the need for this type project, said W. O. Thomason, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's book store division.

As the demand for more Christian materials in the Spanish language increased in the late 60's the board sought to meet this need by carrying limited inventories of Spanish materials in Baptist Book Stores.

This, however, proved inadequate to serve Spanish Baptists with a broad inventory, in spite of experimenting with several different methods.

"It became evident we must improve our service or not offer it at all," Thomason said.

At that point, the board began discussing possibilities with the Foreign Mission Board and their Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso.

We felt that if we could construct a mail order house in El Paso, this would solve most problems, continued Thomason. (BP)

'Right To Die' Statements For Patients Asked By Doctors

HARTFORD, Conn.—A recommendation that healthy persons be permitted to give their physicians "right to die" statements to be used if they should contract a terminal illness was adopted here by the Connecticut State Medical Society's House of Delegates.

The resolution, which will be offered for approval at the national convention of the American Medical Association in June, suggests that a healthy person be permitted to sign a statement asking that no "artificial means or heroic measures" be used to keep him alive if he contracted a terminal "physical, mental or spiritual" disease and was unable to make such a decision at that time.

According to Dr. William R. Richards, executive director of the society, such a statement would not be legally binding on a doctor and would probably not be able to shield a doctor from a malpractice suit if he complied with the request and was later sued by the patient's family.

He added, however, that such a document could be useful as a general guide to physicians and family members in deciding how to deal with such a situation. (RNS)



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God Within Us

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

Basic Passages: John 14:16-20; Romans 8:9-27

Focal Passages: John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9-17, 26-27

For many years there was a serious weakness as to the Holy Spirit in the emphasis of many evangelical churches. This caused them to become more ritualistic and formal. The absence of proper emphasis on the Holy Spirit created new movements and denominations to arise who went to the other extreme of intense emotionalism.

Some evangelical churches are having a revival along this line. A few people in this group are confusing certain gifts of the Spirit with the Holy Spirit Himself. The reaction in the main, however, is very wholesome.

With regeneration there is the baptism of the Spirit which places us in the body of Christ. We may grieve, quench or release and encourage the Spirit. All of us may be strengthened by might by the Spirit in the inner man unto all longsuffering with joy. The stimulation, exhilaration and edification produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit is the supreme need of today for all Christians.

The Abiding Presence—John 14:16-17

Those who do not receive Christ into their hearts and lives cannot receive or know the indwelling of the Spirit. Only those born of the Spirit can be filled with the Spirit.

Christ was full of the Holy Spirit and was in their midst. He promised to ask the Father to send another presence to dwell in His disciples forever. He had just announced His departure back to the Father to prepare mansions for them. The coming of the Paraclete to sustain and guide them in His absence, His invisible presence would be theirs even though His visible presence would be absent until His second coming.

Indwelling Spirit Evidential—Rom. 8:9-17

The indwelling Spirit is evidence of sonship. The presence in our consciousness of His presence assures us that we are the children of God. This also assures us that we will be raised from the dead by this same indwelling Spirit.

If we keep on living after flesh as a course of life, it is evidence that we are still

dead in trespasses and sin and will die the second death. If we are really born of the Spirit, then we have an affinity for righteousness and an aversion to sin. That inborn change will make us so allergic to the domination of the flesh that we will ultimately become so miserable that we will revert back to the life after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ makes us free of the life of sin and death.

The indwelling Spirit will enable us to call God our spiritual Father. He will also make us aware that we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit Prays In Us—Rom. 8:26-27

There is a marvelous combination available to us in prayer. Christ is interceding for us in glory. He, the Holy Spirit, is praying in us down here. That is if we are praying in the Spirit under His domination. With this combination we have a powerful force operating in our behalf. Prayers of those who are right and in tune will tune in on the divine wave length. Such prayers must be effective and powerful in their working.

What to say and how to say it in praying and the right objects of prayer create a problem for us. We can turn all this over to the Holy Spirit if we are filled with Him. If Christ is completely magnified and glorified in our hearts, the Holy Spirit will fill us. That is why Moody moved this continent closer to God and Mueller clothed and fed thousands of orphan children. Their prayers were mighty in their working.

Bible Nuggets

THE CRY OF JESUS OVER JERUSALEM

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

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not" (Luke 13:34, KJV).

This heart-cry of Jesus becomes very vivid for those of us who live on the farm or if we have chickens around our house. Can you see the mother hen with her wings spread over her chicks? Two or three little heads may be stuck out between the feathers.

Under the mother hen the chicks are protected from the cold and also from dangers that may threaten. If any danger is sensed by the hen the chicks respond quickly to her warning signal. But Jerusalem did not hear or did not heed the warning call of Jesus.

One wonders if Jesus would not address the same kind of call to contemporary cities. His word would be: "O Atlanta, O Birmingham, O Dallas, O Charlotte, O Houston, how often would I have gathered thy children together, . . . and ye would not." Some of the children may have heard his warning but the vast majority did not. Even some of those who claimed to be children of God seemed to ignore his call.

Let us look at the verse from another perspective. How much of the concern of Jesus do we have for the cities and for the people in those cities? I heard E. Stanley Jones once say, "I wish my arms were long enough to put them around every man in the world." Do we have that kind of concern for people. If we do, it comes from the presence of the living Christ in our hearts who himself wept over Jerusalem.



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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton



Norton

The men in our state who serve as Associational Missionaries form one of the most vital groups of workers to be found in our organized denominational life. Not only do they form a communications link between the churches and the various programs and activities promoted by our denomination, but they are available and anxious to serve the churches in any possible way to strengthen and encourage where needed.

Under the leadership of Rev. Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary of Missions, and his assistant, Rev. Paul Hall, a meeting was held last week at Cumberland Mountain State Park at which time the associational missionaries throughout the state met with the staff of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board.

This was a time of discussion and planning of work and opportunity was given the missionaries to meet and study areas of their work with the members of the staff. I feel that this was a very rewarding experience for all of us who participated in the program, and want to express my deep appreciation for the work that these Associational Missionaries are doing. It is encouraging to us here at the State office, as well as to pastors and other church staff members, to know that these men stand ready and anxious to be of service at all times.

New Books

Many Witnesses, One Lord by William Barclay, Baker, 128 pp., \$1.50, paper. The author paints the varied backgrounds of the New Testament books and marks the distinctive viewpoints from which several writers see and interpret the significance of the Gospel.

12 Sermons on the Holy Spirit by Charles H. Spurgeon, Baker, 152 pp., paper, \$1.95. Sermons are models of effective communication which offer hours of delightful and enriching reading to anyone using them in a personal devotional period.

Showers of Blessings by Herschel H. Hobbs, Baker, 122 pp., \$2.95. This book sounds a positive note, offers genuine comfort, and challenges all who read to turn to the God of all grace to find peace for their troubled hearts.

A Mighty Wind by C. I. Scofield, Baker, 92 pp., paper, 95¢. Plain papers on the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.



On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Encourage Child To Tell Of His Fears, Anxieties

Fear and anxiety are not interchangeable and should be handled differently by adults who are trying to help children wrestling with these emotions, reminds school psychologist Joe Drozd, director of counseling services for 11,000 Dade County pupils.

Anxiety usually involves generalized dread of an anticipated event—the death of a parent, or injury to self. Fear is likely to center on a specific concrete object—dogs, the dentist's drill.

It's important to assure both anxious and fearful children that adults too have these feelings, says Drozd. Parents should encourage youngsters to talk about their dreads without risk of ridicule.

Since anxiety is a more crippling emotion than fear, it may show itself in such symptoms as short attention span, inability to concentrate, tension or depression.

The anxious child has a particularly strong need for parental love that is neither over-critical nor over-protective, the psychologist points out. As he develops a positive image of himself as a normal, likeable individual who will eventually be able to cope with life's inevitable problems, anxieties will slowly fade away. Dispelling anxiety may be a long-term proposition, however.

Help a child to classify his worries, suggests Drozd. Let him decide whether a worry is realistic or unrealistic, immediate (the dog next door) or remote (the lion in the zoo). Classification helps a child to cope with fears because it relieves him of the anxiety-provoking feeling that bad things constantly threaten.

Talking over fears and anxieties with other kids can also be reassuring. Since one child's fear may be another's pleasure, new perspectives may emerge for both.

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50 YEARS AGO

Plans were being made for the new church at Luray to be dedicated debt free. It was constructed under the leadership of missionary pastor C. E. Azbill on a lot given by deacon G. W. Priddy.

The Woodie Barton Good Will Center was dedicated in Nashville in memory of Mrs. Woodie Barton Gibson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. O. C. Barton of Paris. Mrs. Gibson had expressed her life-long desire for such an institution, and a gift of \$10,000 from her father had made it possible.

20 YEARS AGO

Baptist Hospital in Memphis was selected as a new national center for physical medicine and rehabilitation of polio patients by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Inc. Frank S. Groner was hospital administrator.

Belmont college announced that it would enter senior college status in the fall of 1953 with the addition of the junior year. Both the B.A. and B.S. degrees were to be offered with the first graduating class to come in 1955.

10 YEARS AGO

Southern Baptists elected their first woman officer in history when they honored Mrs. R. L. Mathis at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City by electing her second vice-president. K. O. White, Houston, was elected president.

Building committee chairman Thomas R. Pierce, Mt. Juliet church, reported completion of construction on the educational building complex. The two-story brick building housed a nursery and beginner through young adult departments. A. A. McClanahan, was pastor.

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Wounded Knee Incident Leaves Impact On Missions

By Everett Hullum and Sandy Simmons

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D.—The incident at Wounded Knee, where American Indian Movement (AIM) militants occupied the tiny village here for almost three months, is over, but its impact will not be forgotten soon.

The shock waves created by the incident, which left two Indians dead and forced the evacuation of many Indian villagers, have reverberated throughout other Indian reservations, shaking up the entire national scene.

The effect of Wounded Knee on Southern Baptist ministries on Indian reservations across the nation is described in depth treatment in the June issue of "Home Missions" magazine. Magazine staffers interviewed nearly 50 Southern Baptist missionaries who work with Indians in compiling the treatment.

During the grim days of the Indian siege in South Dakota, Indians in Sante Fe, N.M., picketed the Southern Baptist-sponsored

Indian Hall, presenting missionary Ken Prickett with a petition requesting a name change for the center.

The Indian Hall controversy, involving only a small number of Indians, passed without violence and in fact became an opportunity for Southern Baptists to begin dialogue with members of the militant AIM group.

Indian Hall has significance to Baptists because it represents the first direct attack on SBC Indian-language missions and the second time in a month that SBC missionary work has been confronted or curtailed by Indians.

The first instance was Wounded Knee itself, where missionary Harold Heiney serves. Both Heiney and Prickett are white.

Although Wounded Knee and Indian Hall are worlds apart in consequences and import, both symbolize the growing Indian disenchantment with "non-Indian" methods, techniques and ways, and reflect a swelling dissatisfaction with a status quo which condemns Indians to a life of second-class citizenship and third-class destiny. (BP)

National Organization Grants Seminary Extension Membership

OMAHA, Neb.—The National University Extension Association, an organization of institutions of higher learning dedicated to improving their continuing education programs, has voted into membership the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

The director of the SBC Seminary Extension Department, Raymond M. Rigdon of Nashville, hailed the acceptance as "a major milestone in the history of SBC Seminary Extension work."

A primary advantage of membership in the organization is that it will provide a valid basis for colleges and universities for appraising requests for transfer of credits for Seminary Extension Department study to their institutions, Rigdon added.

Though membership in the association does not mean accreditation, it does have many of the requirements of accreditation, including an in-depth self-study. The department's work is already accredited by the National Home Study Council, an organization which operates primarily in the correspondence study field.

Requirements for membership in the National University Extension Association includes full accreditation with one or more accreditation associations.

Under membership procedures, a special investigation committee, after an extensive on-location study of the operation, must recommend membership to the association's board of directors, which must in turn recommend the institution for membership to the full association.

There are more than 125 member institutions, most of them major state universities, affiliated with the National University Extension Association. Only one other Southern Baptist institution, Carson-Newman college in Jefferson City, Tenn., is a member of the association.

The Seminary Extension Department, with offices in Nashville, offers correspondence study and courses through nearly 200 extension centers located throughout the nation aimed at both Baptist laymen and pastors on three different academic levels. The department operates a Home Study Institute in addition to the 200 extension centers. (BP)



The 1973 theme for Home Missions Conferences at Glorieta (New Mexico), August 2-8 and Ridgecrest (North Carolina), August 15-21 Baptist assemblies is THE WORD-CROSSING BARRIERS. The worship services each evening will highlight a barrier to be crossed for Christ. Southern Baptist churches, through their associations, are being asked to participate in making banners with appropriate religious symbols and words to be used during the conferences.

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