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## Centennial Committee Sets Firm Plans For Celebrations In 1974

By Eura Lannom

The Centennial Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is vitalizing plans for the Convention's Centennial Celebration in 1974. According to Tom Madden, chairman of the committee, some of the plans for the celebration include: a 200,000 distribution of the Gospels of John, erection of a Historical Marker, a pageant, a 29-minute, color film, a History of Tennessee Baptists, a special edition of the **Baptist And Reflector**, a Hymn Writing Competition, and a skit.

Murfreesboro will be the site of the Centennial meeting of the 1974 Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nov. 12-14, since the convention was founded there April 10-11, 1874. Theme for the Centennial is "Commemorating Our Heritage—Committing Our Future." All sessions will be held in the Convocation Center at Middle Tennessee State university.

Each copy of the Gospel of John will include a condensation of the History of Tennessee Baptists, a letter with various facts of the convention from Dr. Ralph Norton, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, a cover picture of the

Executive Board Building in Brentwood and Centennial logo, a map of Tennessee showing our Baptist institutions, and a Statement of Our Baptist Faith and Message.

The Gospels of John for the associations and churches will be sold at a minimum cost for distribution on a mass basis within the near future. First distribution of these Gospels are expected to begin with the Evangelistic Conference meeting in Nashville next January.

**Dedication of the Centennial Marker will be April 11. The marker will be placed at the founding site, in Murfreesboro.**

One of the highlights of next year's convention will be the premiering of the Tennessee Baptist Convention film which is now in the process of being filmed. Shots of West Tennessee area have been made with Middle Tennessee now being filmed. East Tennessee will be filmed in the fall. Shooting the film in this way will give the various seasons in Tennessee which will enhance the beauty of the film.

**Baptist And Reflector** is to have a special edition in color for April 11.

A 30-minute skit is to be written by Mrs. Elmer Bailey and Mrs. Winfield Rich both of Memphis. The skit is for use of the associations and churches throughout Tennessee. It can be used for the entire 30 minutes or it can be broken down in three 10-minute parts.

Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of Irmo, S.C., has been selected to write the pageant which is expected to be another highlight of the 1974 Convention.

Dr. W. Fred Kendall, former executive secretary, is writing the History of Tennessee Baptists.

A Hymn Writing Competition sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention through its Centennial Committee and in cooperation with the Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention is under way. Three awards will be given for the three best hymns written for use in programs celebrating the Centennial of Tennessee Baptists in 1974. All Tennessee Baptists are eligible for the competition. All entries must be sent by first class mail on or before Sept. 1, 1973 to Centennial Hymn Writing Competition, Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tenn. 37027. Winners of the competition will be notified

### Homer A. Cate, Donelson Pastor, Plans To Retire

Homer A. Cate, pastor of Lakewood Baptist church, Donelson, for the past 10 years has announced his retirement from the pastorate effective Oct. 7. He will be available for supply, revivals and interim pastorates. He will continue to live in Donelson.

Other churches Cate has served include Thorn Grove and Stock Creek both in Knox County; Celina Baptist, Celina; First church, Crossville; Immanuel church, Knoxville; and First church, Shelbyville.

From 1948-1952 Cate was **Baptist And Reflector** correspondent for Middle Tennessee News. He served as first vice president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1948, and president of Tennessee Baptist Hospital Commission 1949-1952.

Cate served also as a member of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention and a member of its Administrative Committee; member of Board of Trustees for Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, Seymour, and Belmont college, Nashville.

### Tennessee Choirs Attend Festival

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—Seven youth choirs from Tennessee attended the first Southern Baptist Convention Youth Choir Festival at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N.C., June 28-30, 1973.

Youth choirs from First Baptist church, Athens; First Baptist church, Lebanon; First Baptist, Gallatin; Crieviewood and Inglewood Baptist churches, Nashville; First Baptist, Rockwood; and First Baptist church, Tullahoma, were among fifty youth choirs from 12 states participating in the three-day festival, sponsored by the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Choirs attended the festival to share the fellowship and inspiration of hearing other choirs and participating in the 2600 voice choir singing under the direction of James D. Woodward, Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, located 18 miles east of Asheville, N.C., is a year-round religious retreat owned and operated by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

not later than Nov. 1, 1973.

During the Centennial year the State Evangelism Department is sponsoring the Tennessee Baptist Convention Centennial Crusade. There will be two Centennial Crusade dates: West Tennessee, March 24-

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Officers for the Religious Education Association held a planning meeting recently at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building in Brentwood. Pictured above are (left to right): Matt Nevels, program vice-president; Paul Peak, president-elect; Greer Ruble Jr., president; and Charles Norton, membership vice president.

Dates announced at the meeting included the REA banquet, Monday, Nov. 12, Memphis, prior to the opening session of the convention; and May 30-31, Henry Horton State Park, retreat. Lyn Brasfield, not pictured, serves the group as secretary-treasurer.



# CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

—Phil. 1:27

The Greek text reads, "Only worthy of the gospel of Christ let your citizenship be." The verb rendered "conversation" means to live as a citizen.

Philippi was a Roman colony whose residents possessed Roman citizenship. Among other things they were to live as Romans as a credit to their position, so as to cause others to desire to be Roman citizens. Paul drew upon this figure to exhort his Christian readers so to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God that others would desire to become such. This involved harmony of relationship as well as cooperative Christian service. The verb rendered "striving" is formed from the word which is transliterated into English as "athlete". So they were to strive together as a team in propagating the gospel. Note how Paul mixed his metaphors of citizenship and athletic endeavor.

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In such striving they could expect to encounter opposition by the world. Before such they were not to be "terrified". The verb so translated means to frighten. The figure is that of a timid or startled horse. So they are not to panic in the fact of opposition. To the adversaries their persecution would be evidence that Christians were marked for destruction. But their very trouble was evidence that they were saved from sin and were not a part of the evil world system.

In the gladiators' arena the one overcome by his opponent waited in dread to see if the crowd would signal for him to be killed or allowed to live. But the Christian already had God's "evident token that he shall live—no matter what the world may do to him physically.

It is in this assurance that every Christian should deport himself in a manner worthy of the gospel. The world rendered "worthy" carries the idea of scales. His conduct as a citizen of God's Kingdom should weigh as much as the dignity and honor God has bestowed upon him through His gospel of grace.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The pastor of the Salem Evangelical Congregational Church in Mahanoy, Pa., posted this attention-getting sign in front of his church to attract potential worshipers: "Tired of Hearing about Watergate? Come Hear About the Pearly Gates!"

The preacher has a point. There is nothing very musical about it, but Watergate has already received more mention that "The Old Mill Stream."

Not since Noah opened the gate of the Ark has there been such an outpouring.

One preacher friend recently stood in his pulpit and said, "I'm not going to say anything about Watergate . . ." and members of his congregation applauded.

There is no doubt that the "Pearly Gates" would prove to be a more popular sermon topic than Watergate. The marvelous difference lies in this testimony to the glorious Gospel truth: the Christian doesn't have to "break into" the Pearly Gates—his admission is already assured by the Saviour.

## Devotional

## The Trust Of The Gospel

1 Thess. 2:4

By Keith Wilson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Grand Junction

The "Good News" that we have heard and believed, we are to share. We will note two important truths.



Wilson

The Dignity of Our Trust—The word trust is important for it is defined as—confidence and reliance, legal right or interest in something not actually owned, or to allow someone to go to another place without fear or worry. We have been "allowed of God" and this means that God will trust you to share His truth. This then is

how our dignity is measured, we have been entrusted with the Gospel! Only through the willingness of our Lord is this true for we could neither demand or command that this be our privilege. Many around us may have pride, power, and popularity, but the Christian whom God will trust with His Gospel has dignity!

The Demand of Our Trust—The Apostle Paul expressed it like this, "even so we speak; not to please men, but God, who tests our hearts". This may be simply stated, but it is a demanding responsibility. "Even so we speak—to please God" calls for the total commitment of every believer. This demand is not stated in an unintelligible command, but in a direct instruction.

This trust of the Gospel demands that we speak the message to all people so that it will do them good. We are to speak as God's messengers concerning the sufficiency and validity of the Bible, the relevancy and the condemnation of sin, that necessity and the meaning of Christ's death, the character and certainty of death and hell, the character and blessedness of Heaven and the constraint and the design of the Christian life. As a Christian, we are not obligated to love or serve any that our Lord does not love, and we are not privileged to deny any the Gospel whom Christ loves and would serve were He here!

Your "trust" is sacred, be careful how you use it.

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## First Church, Elizabethton Honors B. Mack Canup

B. Mack Canup, Tennessee educator and pastor for more than 50 years, was honored recently by members of First church, Elizabethton; on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of preaching the gospel.



Canup

A native of Knox County, Canup has served as a supply pastor throughout the area since his recent retirement.

He grew up near Knoxville and attended Knoxville Business college. A graduate of Mars Hill college, Mars Hill, N.C., and Carson-Newman college, he received a master's degree at East Tennessee State university and did additional graduate work at the University of Tennessee and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

In 1923, he was licensed to preach by First church Chattanooga. His ordination came five years later at First church, Jefferson City.

The pastor-educator recalled that during his early years of teaching, he served simultaneously as a pastor. From 1927-31, he ministered to six churches, each of them part-time. During the following 10 years, he served 12 churches concurrently. He held teaching positions at Steed college, Jefferson City; Mars Hill college, Meredith college, Raleigh, N.C.; East Tennessee State university; and taught extension courses for Carson-Newman college.

Additionally, from 1927-31, he served as both part-time and fulltime field worker

for the Education Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. When the Baptist Young People's Union organization came into existence, he headed Sunday School and graded programs outreach. The minister-teacher has served on the advisory board for Carson-Newman college for 20 years; and was moderator, treasurer and chairman of the executive board for the Holston Association.

Canup and his wife, the former Ruby Sproles of Bluff City, have served as foster parents to several young men attending school or preparing for the ministry.

Canup's early churches included Union, Cherokee, Oak Hill, Snow Chapel, Bowmantown, Piney Flats, Midway, and Mud-dy Creek, all in the Holston Association. In the Watauga Association, he led the Doe River, Fairview, and Hampton churches. During recent years he served Central church, Erwin; and First church, Jonesboro.

### Coppock Heads Southern Seminary Public Relations

LOUISVILLE—Glenn Stephen Coppock has begun work as the new director of public relations at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary here.

He comes with six years of experience in a similar job at Southwest Baptist college in Bolivar, Mo., where he was responsible for admissions, financial aid, public relations, the news bureau, alumni and placement.

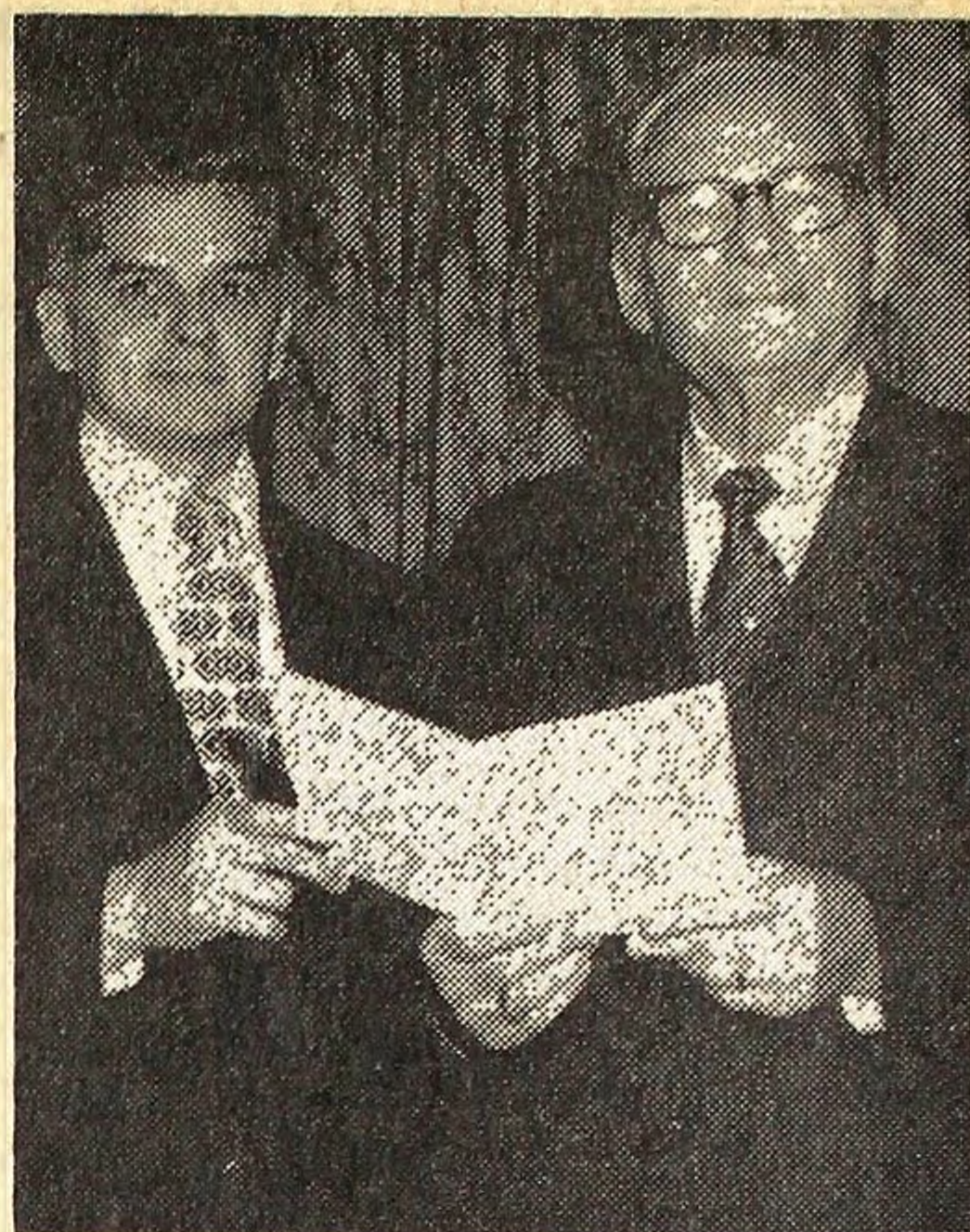
Coppock returns to the seminary from which he earned the master of religious education, graduate specialist in religious education, and doctor of religious education degrees. He is also a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Coppock has been a leader in Boy Scouts, youth athletics and civic affairs. (BP)

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Dr. Jerry L. Warren, chairman of Belmont College's Fine Arts Department, conducts the Belmont Chorale in a recent performance at the St. Moritz (Switzerland) Choir Festival. The group performed Beethoven's Mass in C, Bach Cantata No. 50, and the Stravinsky Mass. Other stops on the Chorale's itinerary included Salzburg, Vienna, Venice, Rome, Florence, and Zurich.



Ramsey Pollard, retired pastor of Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis (right) was the recent Baccalaureate Service speaker for the 1973 annual Blue Mountain college. This service marked Mississippi Baptists' Blue Mountain college's 100th year of operation. E. Harold Fisher, president, is shown going over the final moments of planning before the special service.

### Union Plans Special Studies Including Israel Tour

A special studies course featuring a 10-day trip to Israel has been developed by the Department of Religion at Union university and will be offered during the winter term, 1974.

According to Hyran E. Barefoot, chairman of the Department of Religion and coordinator for the program, the course will concentrate on both the history and geography of Palestine during the Old and New Testaments as well as the inter-testament period. Additionally, attention will be given to the era of Islamic control and to the present modern state of Israel.

The trip will be held Jan. 15-25, and is open to all qualified students, regular and special, and to interested persons desiring to participate without taking the course for credit, Barefoot said.

### Foundation Reports Assets Of \$6,105,780

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, reports \$6,105,780 in total assets as of April 30, 1973. Based on the convention year beginning November 1, 1972, the new assets amounted to \$159,702.

Income paid out for all purposes Nov. 1 through April 30, totaled \$183,709 compared to \$104,349 during the same period last year. Income paid out for Cooperative Program for the past 12 months totaled \$73,384 and \$1767.45 for state missions.



## SOME FACTS WORTH REMEMBERING

Following are some observations which we believe need to be heeded carefully by every Tennessee Baptist—church member, pastor, denominational servant, at every level of life:

1. Many of us are still living at a pace which almost precludes any type of devotional life or serious spiritual development. One is reminded of the cartoon in a magazine some 12 or 15 years ago which depicted two psychiatrists at a gaming table. They were gambling at a furious pace. One bystander commented to the other, "They are gambling as if there were no tomorrow." To which the other bystander replied, "Maybe they know something we don't!" It is necessary for us to develop spiritual strength through a devotional life day by day.

2. There is another area in which we are living as if there were no tomorrow. We are spending money at record levels without seeming regard or concern as to how this money is to be repaid. It is incumbent upon us as stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ both as Christian individuals and as members of congregations and as a denomination to make sure that every penny we spend of God's money is spent in the furtherance of his cause. This is not a time economically or theologically for wasteful or over-spending. Some of us are aware of the economic situation perhaps more than others. Some have not given it a thought. However it is our considered judgment that we must keep our house in order, financially speaking, because of the perilous economy which exists in our nation and which is reflected so definitely in the continuing dollar devaluation around the world. This dollar devaluation is doing harm to our mission causes at home and abroad.

3. While we believe that every church ought to provide adequately for its members in terms of sanctuary space and educational facilities, we believe it is time for many churches to take a close hard look at their building needs and weigh these needs prayerfully against their building "wants," and set up a system of priorities, which priorities will provide for the local church but not at the expense of our Cooperative Program giving and of our cooperative interest.

4. We believe that it is time for churches to consider another area financially. It is this. A wise man seeks to lay aside money for a rainy day. At this point too many Baptist churches are living as if there were no tomorrow. They are spending every penny which comes in and, in many cases, over-spending. Many churches are showing deficits in their annual budget needs. Some of these deficits are

because the budget has been over-estimated deliberately. Some of these deficits are because of the economy. We think it is time for churches, although they are not in the money making business, to consider seriously setting up some type of operational reserve account which will see them through any "rainy" days which may be ahead. The period during the 1920's during the \$75 Million Campaign; the gusto with which the \$75 Million Campaign got off the ground, the tight money which reduced the \$75 Million Campaign to little more than begging for money, is a lesson which should not be forgotten by Tennessee Southern Baptists. The \$75 Million Campaign came along just as the effects of the Depression following World War I were beginning to make themselves felt. We are not financial prognosticators, but we do know that there is value in some type of operational reserve which will carry the needs of a church six months or a year if need be. This editor is well aware that God's business and secular business are operated at different levels. By the same token, the best financial practices of the business world are demanded in terms of our accountability for the handling of God's money.

5. Let there be no summer slump in Tennessee Baptist churches. This is not a time at this point in history for us to relax our efforts one bit in terms of soul winning and soul conservation. The so-called summer slump which affects many churches during the months of July and August particularly needs to be reassessed. They do not have to exist. They are a by-product of the society in which we live, and we have let them become almost an accepted part of our church program. The emphasis which is being placed now upon the Sunday evening services—Church Training and evening worship—will, we hope, serve to place renewed emphasis on our Sunday night services so that the lights in our churches will not go out and so that our church attendance on Sunday nights will increase rather than decrease. We must not become so much a part of the world that the slowdown in activities which appear to be becoming a national "pastime" become a fixed pattern in church operation. Special effort, therefore, in our judgment, needs to be exerted to overcome any possible summer slump. This can be done through prayer, the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and through commitment to our Lord and his kingdom work.

6. If ever a time was evident when loyalty to the church and the cause of Christ was needed, the time is now. Not only can we not afford a summer slump, but we must—we simply must—remain faithful to the tasks which are committed to us. Otherwise we have failed our Lord, and this we must not do.

These are some observations which every Tennessee Baptist needs to take to heart and to consider seriously and act upon, not next year, but now.



# Billy Graham - - A Look At The Man In His Prime

By Jack U. Harwell



(BP) Photo by Russ Busby

**Billy Graham enjoys a surprise birthday party given by his staff. Sharing the merriment of the occasion are his mother and his wife.**

Billy Graham is far more fascinating on the personal side than he is on his public side.

And his public life is one of the most exciting in the world.

The world-renowned Baptist evangelist was in Atlanta for a one-week crusade in Atlanta Stadium. He came to Atlanta from Korea where he had experienced probably the greatest single crusade in his 25-year evangelist career.

He drew over a half million people to nightly services in Korea, and spoke to more than one million people crowding a mile-long airfield in the closing service. It may have been the largest crowd ever to gather in one place to hear the Christian gospel.

In Atlanta, Dr. Graham spoke to an average of over 38,000 people every night, with almost 10,000 persons making public decisions for Jesus Christ.

The world's most famous Southern Baptist preacher seems to be—at age 54—at the peak of an unparalleled career as a preacher.

I wanted to know how he handled all the publicity, adulation and near-worship which he draws 24 hours per day, everywhere he goes.

So I asked him.

## Made Me Study Bible More

"I never even think about adulation, praise or publicity," he said in what appeared to be utter sincerity. "Early in my career I admit that I had a problem of pride and vanity. I did enjoy the travel, the publicity, the friendships with world leaders, etc.

"But, the Lord has a way of dealing with sinful pride. And he dealt with me. He made me study His Word more. He afflicted me with a whole series of rare illnesses. He surrounded me with invaluable associates who keep knocking by ego back down to earth. And he gave me a back-breaking schedule which keeps me so eternally busy that I honestly don't have time to think about the peripheral activities related to my main ministry."

I saw a brief example of what he meant as we were playing golf at a small public course near the Atlanta airport. Two men were plowing a corn field adjacent to the golf course, the plow being an ancient one pulled by a mule.

We stood on the tee a long time and watched those two men behind that mule. Grady Wilson, Billy Graham's lifelong friend and teammate, turned to Dr. Graham, stuck his finger in his face and said, "Billy, that's where you came from. And don't you forget it."

"Early in my ministry I was accused of mixing with the rich folks at exclusive places, and not being available to the average man," he said. "So I always play at a public course if I get to play at all during a crusade."

Always a Southern Baptist and proud of that label, Dr. Graham wanted to know every detail of what took place at the Southern Baptist Convention's meeting in Portland.

"I dearly love my convention," he said. "I want to go to the convention every year if at all possible. But I had to miss Portland because of the Korean crusade. The fellowship with my own denominational brothers is precious and necessary for me."

During a private "coffee break" he shared with news reporters, Dr. Graham's mother came by to say goodbye as she returned to her home in Charlotte.

I asked Billy about the many offers he has had from Hollywood, the White House, and other places to make movies, be a news commentator, be an Ambassador, or do other things that would make him a wealthy man.

## Answer The Same

"Yes, I have had many such offers," he said with clear modesty. "But my answer has been the same in every case. God called me to preach the redeeming gospel of Jesus Christ and until that call is revoked I can do nothing else."

He added: "I would rather be a preacher of the Christian gospel than be the President of the United States or the king of any country."

Dr. Graham said that one of the most meaningful moments in his own life had come once in the White House when he met

black baseball star Hank Aaron in the presence of President Richard M. Nixon.

"I was startled when Hank shook the President's hand, then grabbed me around the neck, kissed me on the cheek and said he would rather meet me than the President," Dr. Graham said. "I was embarrassed, but so deeply flattered. Hank and I have been close friends ever since."

Personal security is always a problem for people in the public spotlight such as Dr. Graham. Plain clothes policemen were all over Atlanta Stadium throughout his crusade.

He said: "I pray I will never embarrass my Jesus nor my profession by entanglements with women. I have the best wife God ever made, five lovely children and six grandchildren.

"This is why you never—and I repeat never—see me in public anywhere without one of my associates beside me. No one should ever be able to accuse me of indiscretion or infidelity in any form or fashion."

I wondered how long a 54-year-old preacher could go on living under this kind of pressure.

"Well, Jack, a preacher of the gospel can never retire," Dr. Graham replied. "I will never stop preaching. But I am 54 years old.

## Expect To Shift Gears

"Though I will never retire, I expect to make a shift of gears toward a slightly different direction very soon.

"After this busy year of 1973, the busiest of my career, I am going to take some time to evaluate things and make some changes.

"I know we will move away from big stadium crusades such as we had in Korea and Birmingham and Atlanta. We will concentrate on indoor areas, seating 15,000 or 20,000 people.

"We will also move more and more toward a television ministry as our major vehicle for the gospel. Television is the best tool now available to Christians for spreading the gospel. I can reach millions at one time, around the world, through television.

"God has blessed me far beyond anything I could ever dream," he said. "If I had my personal choice, I would be a pastor of a small church in the mountains, serving my own little congregation as best I know how.

"But God keeps opening the doors around the world and He keeps telling me to go through those doors, with His Word. Until He changes His mandate to me and my associates, that little church in the mountains will just have to wait."

Editor's Note: Mr. Harwell is editor of *The Christian Index*.



# Educators Plan 1976 National Convocation

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—A national colloquium on Christian education will be sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in June, 1976, coinciding with the bicentennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

The meeting will seek to affirm the unique role of Christian education and mobilize the resources of Southern Baptists in support of their seminaries, colleges and schools, according to Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the commission.

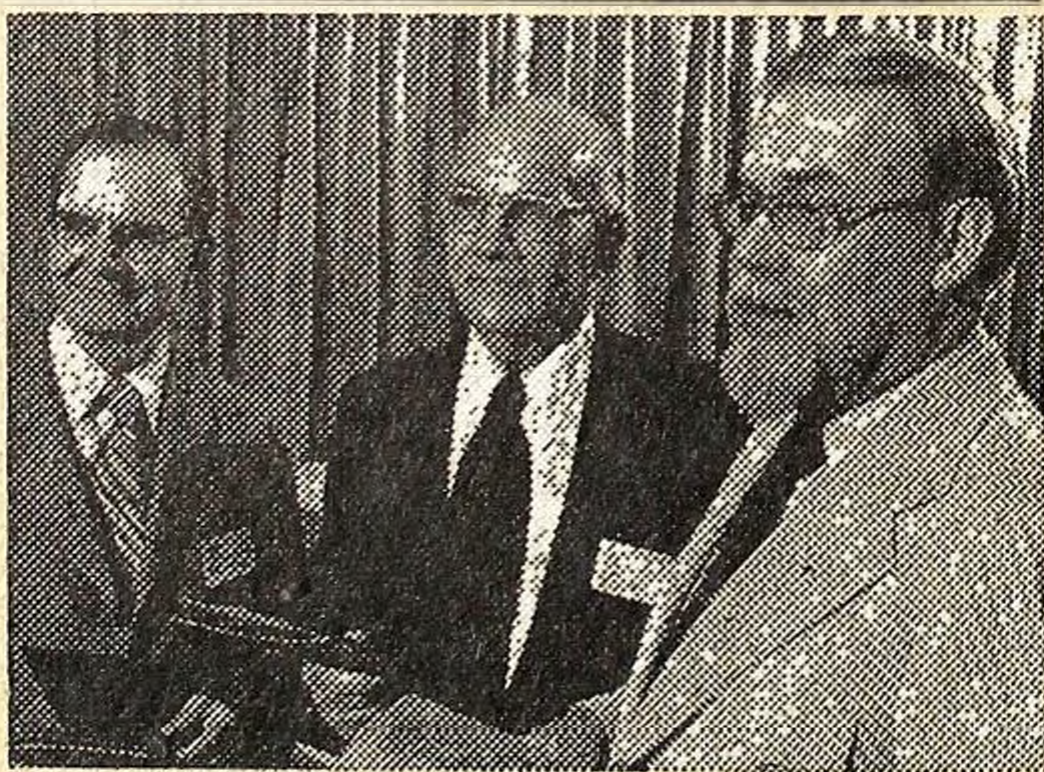
The Education Commission, a Southern Baptist Convention national agency which promotes the work of Baptist schools, also authorized the formulation of advisory teams made up of Baptist college personnel to assist Baptist institutions in meeting and maintaining accreditation requirements.

The action came on an appeal by Thomas Turner, chairman of the science department, Wake Forest university, and an internationally known physicist.

## Help In Restating Purpose

A major factor stressed by Turner was the need for assisting Baptist institutions to state more adequately their Christian purpose and to stress the importance of relating Christian purpose to the life of the institution.

The commission requested its staff to evaluate potential dangers to Baptist institutions in various tax reform proposals and to work with appropriate agencies to register Baptist concerns.



**NASHVILLE**—"STEPS TO A BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP" is the brochure held by the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies cooperated in producing the publication. The brochure, explaining *Extend Now*, part of *Share the Word Now*, the denominational theme for 1973-1974, has been distributed to all pastors and superintendents of missions in the Southern Baptist Convention. Pictured (left to right) are Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Glendon McCullough, executive director-treasurer of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

The action followed a statement on the possible threat to Baptist schools presented to the commission by Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi college.

In a related meeting, the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, made up of representatives of 73 institutions, reaffirmed its commitment to academic excellence as a major supporting element in Southern Baptist life and work.

Elton Trueblood, Quaker theologian, delivered three address to the association. He warned that the Christian college is in grave danger and called on Baptist leaders in higher education to take an aggressive stance in preserving their tradition.

"Don't be ashamed of either piety or intellectual toughness!" Trueblood said.

## Comish Submits BSSB Plan

A plan for collaboration in student recruitment between the Baptist Sunday School Board and the colleges was presented to the Education Commission by Allen Comish, director of the board's church services and materials division. The plan involves more extensive use of board publications for wider dissemination of information on Baptist colleges, and the utilization of Baptist students as summer workers in churches.

Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana college, was elected to succeed William K. Weaver, Jr., president of Mobile college, as chairman of the Education Commission.

Mrs. Mary Crowley, a business woman from Dallas, Texas, was named commission vice chairman.

George Capps, pastor, First Baptist church, Cookeville, Tennessee, was re-elected secretary.

Abner McCall, president of Baylor university, was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Randall K. Minor, president of Shorter college, was named association vice president. H. I. Hester was re-elected secretary-treasurer. (BP)

## Robert J. O'Brien Named News Editor, Baptist Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—Robert J. O'Brien of Dallas, press director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named News Editor for Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He will begin his duties in Nashville on Aug. 15, according to W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press.

O'Brien joined the Texas Baptist staff in 1968 after three years as an editor of youth publications with the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. He succeeds James R. Newton who moved to the Brotherhood Commission staff on June 25.

## Belmont Receives Grants Of \$173,500

Eight foundation and corporation grants totaling \$173,500 have been received by Belmont college in the wake of a fire which destroyed the school's principal academic facility last Dec. 30.

The announcement was made this week by Belmont President Herbert C. Gabhart. He stated that \$450,000 of the total goal of \$785,000 over and above the insurance settlement has now been raised.

The Kresge Foundation, or Birmingham, Mich., awarded Belmont college the largest single grant. Its \$85,000 check represents nearly half of the total received from foundations and will be applied to construction of two buildings to replace historic Blanton Hall, which burned.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation of Miami, Fla., approved a \$50,000 contribution to this project. Another grant for \$25,000 has been received from the Benwood Foundation of Chattanooga.

In addition, Dr. Gabhart announced these other grants recently received for the project:

Gulf Oil Corp. Foundation, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$5000; Coca Cola Bottling Works of Nashville, \$4000 (\$1000 annually for four years); PepsiCo Foundation, Purchase, N.Y., \$2000; Maclellan Foundation, Chattanooga, \$1500; and Kraftco Corp., Glenview, Ill., \$1000.

Construction of the replacement facilities for Blanton Hall is running slightly behind schedule due to prolonged periods of inclement weather in the spring. However, both buildings are expected to be occupied in the fall.

One tower, consisting of four floors, will be designated for the sciences, while the other—on three levels—houses the humanities.

Previously, O'Brien was a police, sports, and general assignment reporter and religion editor for five years with daily newspapers in Newport News and Richmond, Va.

A native of South Carolina, O'Brien is a graduate of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., with a double major in journalism and history. He was named by Sigma Delta Chi as the outstanding journalism graduate of the school in 1961.

He received a Master of Science in Journalism, Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., in 1962.

O'Brien will be responsible for news stories released daily through Baptist Press to the 33 Baptist state papers, the religious press, and to the secular news media.

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# A Christian View Of Sex

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

Scripture Texts: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-28; 1 Cor. 6:13-20

A few years ago the head of the Department of Guidance at Teachers' College, Columbia University, in speaking to the New York State Dean's and Guidance Counselor's Conference about the so-called "new morality", stated that the students suggested that the best way to avoid breaking the law was to do away with it entirely. They said, "Colleges ought to relax the rules in order to prevent them from being violated."



Dangeau

The students warned that maintenance of all standards under new conditions are an invitation to hypocrisy.

This seventh commandment is the most difficult of all to deal with. For this reason it has been neglected from the pulpit and from the Sunday School classroom. The time has come when we must come to grips with this problem. Adultery trifles with human relations and loyalties; it harms others; and it may involve the bringing into the world of new human beings.

## The Law Of Old—Ex. 20:14

The question that needs an answer is "Why did God give this commandment?" The answer is basic to the Christian view of sex. The commandment safeguards the highest earthly relationship. God's first circle of society is that of the family, and in his purpose of the family lies the sacred unity of man and woman.

At one time the three parties to a marriage were man, woman and God. Now they are generally considered to be man, woman and state. This is weakening the family. When God is left out of the marriage relationship, then the very sacredness and holiness of its original intentions are destroyed. This is not to say that the state is not to have legal control over marriage. This has to be in our modern day society. But God cannot be left out and our society remain whole.

Marriage is based upon love, but what is real love? It is a slow growth coming from unity of life and purpose. Love is a product created by mutual service and sacrifice. Normally this can exist only between married people and only if the bond is accepted as a permanent one.

Love outside of marriage or before marriage is largely a romantic fiction. Before marriage there is a large amount of passion and mutual attraction, which is the pos-

sibility of real true love. The Hollywood mentality is in error because it supposes that this weak thing is love and that it is of primary worth. What these people call "giving in to love" is in reality "giving in to passions, emotions and even lust".

The home is built around real love that grows as the years go by. The seventh commandment is given for the protection of the home. Adultery is sin against God and the home. Unchastity on the part of one not married is also a violation of this law of God, for this unchaste conduct before marriage, on the part of man and woman is a wrong done to the marriage that is to be.

Please take note of these three statements:

1. Adultery is sin against God.
2. Adultery is sin against the body. 1 Cor. 6:18
3. Adultery is sin against the soul. Proverbs 6:32

## The Teachings of Jesus and the Seventh Commandment Matt. 5:27-28

Here we are told that it is possible to violate the seventh commandment, not only in the outward, bodily act, but in the inward, unclean desire. Here the wish proves capacity for the deed. The ethic passes beyond the act to the thought. Of course this does not mean that all sexual desire is wrong. It does mean that when the unclean desire is welcomed, brooded over and only failed to become an act for lack of opportunity, this is to be guilty of adultery. Sometimes you can't help but look the first time, but it is the second look that is wrong. It is then that the heart imagines sin; it is then that the soul becomes soiled with evil. As the saying goes, "You can't stop the birds from flying over your head, but you can stop them from roosting in your hair."

## Our Body Is For the Lord—1 Cor. 6:13-20

The Biblical solution to the problem of sex for the believer is to realize who you are, what you are, and what your body is. True believers are not to be governed by the morals of the world, but by the Word of God. We are God's children, and as such we are to present our bodies to Him clean and pure—but how?

1. Keep clean by believing that it is possible. The sex urge is about the strongest urge we have, but in spite of this no one is compelled to be unclean.

2. Keep clean by cultivating the habit of clean thinking. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

3. Keep clean by facing the fact that

## Southwestern Seminary Names Five Teachers

FORT WORTH—Five persons have been named to the teaching staff at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary according to seminary President Robert E. Naylor.

James F. Eaves of Albuquerque, N.M., has been elected as a professor of evangelism and four men were named instructors in the School of Theology.

The four new instructors are all graduate students who are completing requirements for the doctor of theology degree. Named instructors in preaching were Albert D. Fasol of West Frankfort, Ill., and G. Dean Dickens of Boonesville, Ark.

L. Russell Bush of Columbia, Miss., was named an instructor in philosophy and Old Testament and L. L. Collins Jr., of Port Arthur, Tex., was named an instructor in New Testament and Greek.

Eaves, a native of Gibson, Tenn., comes to Southwestern seminary with eighteen years' experience in the pastoral ministry. He has served churches in Tennessee, Texas and since 1970 has served as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Albuquerque.

A graduate of Union university, Jackson, Tenn., Eaves also holds the bachelor of divinity and the doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern seminary. (BP)

cleanliness is desirable, and claims a vital Christian experience. This will bring a high sense of personal worth and a high sense of God.

Let us deal, not just with the eternal acts, but let God purify the thoughts of our heart by faith in his finished work.

Remember, above all else that sex is reserved for the marriage relationship, and in violation will bring irreparable damage.

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# Tennessee News Briefs

The Scenic Hills church, Memphis, licensed **Mark Allen Marbry** to the gospel ministry recently. **William E. Burney** is pastor of the church.



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**Mark Byron Seanor**, son of **Edward Seanor**, pastor of the Chamberlain Avenue church, Chattanooga, was ordained to the gospel ministry recently. He plans to enter Union university this fall. Ordained as deacons at the same service were **Ralph Aaron Tate** and **William Joseph Bice**.

In the New Salem Association, the Rome church approved an extensive renovating and redecorating program for the church building. **Robert Sanders** is pastor. In the same association, the Riddleton church approved the construction of five classrooms. Construction is expected to begin soon.

The Cherry Mound church, Bledsoe Association, held services in its new building recently. The structure contains an auditorium and 12 classrooms. Cost of construction and furnishings was \$50,000.

The New Hope church, Gibson County Association, ordained **Harold Eddlemon** to the gospel ministry recently. He is now serving the Cairo church in Crockett County.

## Forest Hills Pastor Is Appointed By FMB

**RICHMOND**—The Rev. and Mrs. Bob J. Daugherty of Nashville, Tenn., were appointed as missionaries July 10 at a meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Currently, he is pastor of Forest Hills Baptist church in Nashville. He has been pastor of churches in Oklahoma, California and an instructor at American Baptist seminary in Tennessee.

A Tennessean, Daugherty was born in Montgomery County and also lived in Nashville while growing up. He was graduated from Belmont college, Nashville, with the bachelor of arts degree, Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., with the bachelor of divinity and master of divinity degrees and Scarritt college, Nashville, with the master of arts degree. He also attended Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville.

Mrs. Daugherty is the former Myrtle Dabney of Monticello, Ky.

The Daugherty's have two grown children and a daughter, Linda Jane, born in 1960.

**Donnie Amason**, Flintville, has accepted the call as pastor of the Pleasant Grove church, Clayton, Ala. He has completed two years at the Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fla., and expects to graduate in 1974 with the Diploma in Theology. The church plans to ordain him in the near future.

The Cottonport church, McMinn Association, has organized a church library, named in honor of **J. W. Rynes**. **Glenn Crabtree** is pastor.

In the Concord Association, Immanuel church ordained **Granville Reed** as a deacon last month. **Jere Plunk** is pastor. The Mt. Pleasant church is scheduled to ordain **Michael Giles** to the gospel ministry July 22. He is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological seminary. **Roger Shelton**, pastor of the Haywood Hills church, Nashville, will preach the ordination sermon.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**Roy Whaley**, a senior ministerial student at Union university, is serving as youth director at First church, Alamo. He serves in the areas of junior church pastor, youth recreation program, and director of bus evangelism. **Gayle Alexander** is pastor.

**David A. Goode** is the new pastor of the Feathers Chapel church, Fayette Association. He is a student at Union university.

The Brownsville church, Brownsville, called **Doug Jernigan** as minister of music and youth recently. **Paul Young** was called as minister of education. **Young** will begin his work Aug. 1; and **Jernigan** is already on the field.

In the Midland Association, **Burney Hutchison** resigned as pastor of the Cedar Grove church, and **Fred Atkins** resigned from the Bethel church, Corryton.

**Lathon Bray**, pastor, First church, Michie, resigned recently to accept a call to the Glenfield church, New Albany, Miss. He served the Michie church for nine years.

In the Gibson County Association, **Kim Cawley** is the new pastor of the Laneview church in Kenton. He was ordained by First church, Union City. In the same association, **Jimmy Seaford** resigned as pastor of the Maranatha church.

In the Bradley Association, Center Point church called **Paul Fox** as pastor; and Clingan Ridge called **Guy Smith** as pastor. **Smith** comes from the Wildwood church, McMinn Association.

Three new pastors were reported in the Dyer Association. They included: **Joe Naylor** called by the Southside church; **Joe Trybone** called by the Hillcrest church; and **Jim Wooten** called by the Mt. Vernon church.

## Services Called Off, Members Aid Victims

Baptist churches in Jonesboro, Ark., along with several other denominations called off Sunday services last month and turned to the task of feeding and caring for victims of two tornados which struck the area the morning after Memorial Day. The tornados were described as the most intense and destructive in a generation.

Church members have been preparing food, engaging in clean-up operations, rendering medical help, and collecting household goods since that time. American Red Cross official **George Williams** of Memphis said residents "are beginning to look around and see they can do something for themselves. They are just a bunch of church people who believe in helping people by doing it, rather than just talking about it."

First church, Westmoreland, Bledsoe Association, called **Paul Leftrich** as pastor. He began serving last month.

In the Chilhowee Association, Trinity church called **George Hicks** as pastor. He comes to the new field from Rockford. In the same association, Calderwood church called **David Allison** as pastor. **Lum McLeMore** resigned as pastor of the Friendly Hill church after serving for eight years. **Isaac Linginfelter** was called as pastor of the Hillview church.

**Mike Easterly** is the new pastor of the Lancaster church, New Salem Association. He is a student at Middle Tennessee State university.

First church, Jackson, called **Diane Smith** as children's director. **R. Trevis Otey** is pastor.

**Joe Elliott** is the new pastor of the Belle Aire church, Concord Association. The Powells chapel called **Donald McCall**, Saundersville, Ga., as pastor.

Effective Aug. 31, **Joe Mason**, minister of youth and recreation, First church, Nashville, will resign to enter into a ministry at large combined with the field of professional entertainment. He has served the church for five years. **H. Franklin Paschall** is pastor.

**Ralph Thomas Holtzclaw**, a native of Kingsport and son of **Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holtzclaw**, was called recently as pastor of the Zion church, Fairview, Va. He is a second year student at the Clear Creek school, Pineville, Ky. **Holtzclaw** was a member of the Orebank Missionary church in Kingsport.

**J. K. Lackey**, a recent graduate of the Clear Creek school, Pineville, Ky., was called as pastor of the Benton church, Harrodsburg, Ky. He is a former pastor of the Mount Hermon church in Savannah, Tenn.



# RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

The Semarang area of Indonesia, a Communist stronghold only a decade ago, now boasts a rapid growth in membership in its newly organized Baptist church and report that some of the Communist supporters of the 1960's are now active Christians in the church. The group started in 1969 in the home of a local national. A year later they called Youtie Legoh, a student at the Baptist seminary there, to be their pastor. At that time, they had four baptized members. By the end of 1972, the church had 71 baptized members and had erected a 25 by 40 foot building on a 90 by 165 foot lot.

**ATLANTA, Ga.**—Georgia Baptists have chosen a secretary of metropolitan missions ministries, a new position for their state convention, and named an acting secretary of state student work. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, announced the appointments of Henry Kirk Neal to the metro missions position and D. Eugene Briscoe as acting student secretary. Neal's post was authorized by the Georgia Baptist Convention last November. Briscoe has been in Georgia Baptist student work for 10 years and succeeds Aubrey L. Hawkins, student secretary for 23 years.

**THOMASVILLE, N.C.**—J. D. Dennis, editor of Charity and Children and publications officer for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Inc., has resigned effective Aug. 10. He has served as editor and publications officer since January 1972. He and his wife plan to return to school.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

A youth team from Union university conducted a five-day youth revival at Whitten Memorial church, Memphis. Ben Wilkes served as evangelist, and Art Murphy and Charles Williams were singer and fellowship director, respectively. The church reported 11 additions by baptism and 28 rededications. J. E. Tanksley is pastor.

In Bledsoe Association, Bledsoe Creek church reported one addition by profession of faith and baptism and one addition by statement. R. G. Harthcock, pastor, was the evangelist. Don Hopp was song leader.

In Bradley Association, Ridgeview church held revival with Edgar Thomas, Gainesville, Ga., serving as evangelist. Gary Higgins is pastor. Other churches in the association reporting revivals included: Council church, Thomas Franks, pastor; Thompson Springs church. David Livingstone, evangelist, Ralph Brooks, pastor; Mt. Carmel church, Bernard Campbell, evangelist, Doyle Suits, pastor; and East View church, Gary and Leonard Higgins, evangelists, Floyd Boggess, pastor.

**EL PASO, Tex.**—Rudy Sanchez, a Dallas pastor, has been elected as president of the statewide Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention here. Pastor of First Mexican Baptist church, Dallas, Sanchez succeeds Omar Pachecano, a San Antonio layman, who had served one term as president of the 32,000 member affiliate to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

**HOUSTON, Tex.**—Mark Short Jr. will assume the duties of associate pastor in charge of administration at the South Main Baptist church, Houston, next month, according to Kenneth Chafin, pastor. Short has been manager of Glorieta Baptist Conference Center for the past seven years. Previously he had served as minister of education at First church, Nashville, and churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kentucky.

**BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.**—Gardner Webb Baptist college has hired the first black faculty member in the history of the school. He is Ralph Logan Carson, and he will assume the position of assistant professor of religion this fall. A native of Mario, N.C., Carson has been instructor in religion at Montclair college, Upper Montclair, N.J. for the past four years. Prior to that he taught at Waka Schools, Biu, in northeastern Nigeria. He has been blind since birth.

## Earl Kelly Named Executive Secretary In Mississippi

**JACKSON, Miss.**—Earl O. Kelly, pastor since 1967 of Ridgecrest Baptist church here, has been elected unanimously as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He will succeed W. Douglas Hudgins who will retire Nov. 13, according to Robert L. Hamlin of Tupelo, Miss., president of the board.

Kelly will begin a period of orientation for his duties on Aug. 16 and will assume the full responsibility for the new position on Nov. 14.

Kelly, 50, is a native of Ecu, Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi Delta Junior college and Mississippi college with a B.A. degree. He received the Th.M and Th.D degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Prior to his Jackson pastorate, he was pastor of First Baptist church, Holly Springs, Miss. Earlier he had been pastor of Sand Creek Baptist church, Greensburg, Ind., and associate pastor, Calvary Baptist church, Tupelo, Miss.

The nomination was submitted to the board by its executive committee which Kelly has served as chairman.

In presenting the nomination, Glenn Perry, a layman of Philadelphia, Miss., and

## Children's Homes

### "Patience Of Job"

By James M. Gregg,  
Executive Director-Treasurer

When my son, Bill, was about three years old, his mother was trying to dress him. He was restless and was not cooperating too well, and she spoke sharply to him. Soberly he said, "The patience of Job, Mother." This released the tension. Pansy laughed and hugged him.

Dr. F. B. Meyer said he learned the secret of appropriating by faith the promises of God the hard way. He said, "I was addressing a large group of children who became very unruly. On the verge of losing my temper, I prayed in my heart, 'Thy patience, Lord!' Immediately all anger and annoyance died." From then on, Dr. Meyer used the same formula for every difficult situation. When he felt lonely, he said, "Thy companionship, Lord!" When he was afraid, "Thy serenity, Lord!" When he felt critical of others, "Thy love, Lord!" He found the Saviour sufficient for his every need when he appropriated by faith the promises of God. All of God's resources are available to the believer, but we must claim them.

We have learned this at your Children's Homes. He gives us His patience and His serenity. We praise God for His blessings. Sometimes when we ask, His answer is "no," but in the words of our youth, we "praise God anyway."

Thank you for the Mother's Day Offering. Through July 5, it amounted to \$263,446.24. This includes funds sent directly to my office and through the Convention office. We need only \$61,553.76 to reach our budgeted goal for 1973. We can count your gifts toward this goal through July 31. These can be mailed to me at 8601 Franklin Rd., Brentwood, Tn. 37027.

vice chairman of the executive committee, said that the group was presenting the name of Kelly over his objections because "it felt that Dr. Kelly was, because of training, experience, knowledge of the work and commitment, the best qualified person for the position."

Kelly is a former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He is married to the former Amanda Harding of Cottage Grove, Tenn. Their children are Dana, 15, Brian, 7, and Kay, 6. One son, Barry, is deceased.

Hudgins became executive secretary in February, 1969, succeeding Chester L. Quarles who died in Peru on a visit to Baptist missions.

Baptist leaders in the state expressed confidence that Kelly's election heralds an era of progress for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. (BP)



# Muslim Convert Faces Difficulty

By Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller

**BEIRUT, Lebanon**—Giving up his Muslim faith to become a follower of Christ cost a taxi driver here his identification records, driver's license, and even his family.

Jameel, the first Muslim to become a Christian in the National Baptist church here, accepted Christ during a trip to Beirut with his wife. Returning to his home village, Aleppo, Syria, he learned his father had disowned him because of his new-found faith. His birth certificate and his birth registration were destroyed and removed from government records.

Because his identification card was also taken away, Jameel was unable to renew his driver's license, and lost his job as a result.

Three years ago, Jameel, whose taxi route ran between Damascus and Aleppo, became disillusioned with his religion. After hearing several Baptist radio broadcasts, he began observing Christians he knew to determine the validity of their faith.

Impressed with what he saw in the Christians' lives, Jameel went to his mosque more frequently and read the Koran more diligently in search of satisfaction in his life.

After marrying a girl of an orthodox Christian sect, Jameel asked her priest for religious instruction. The priest charges

3000 pounds for the lessons, but Jameel had only 22 pounds.

When a friend gave them the name of an evangelical believer in Beirut, Jameel and his wife drove to the capital in search of someone to tell them about Christ. The believer was a member of National Baptist church and took them to her pastor, Kameel Noon.

With Christ in their hearts, Jameel and his wife returned to Beirut to look for a home, a new job and Christian fellowship. The National Baptist church received them warmly, and they are building a new life in the capital city of Beirut.

Editor's Note: Mrs. Fuller, Southern Baptist missionary since 1963, directs the Arab Baptist Publication Center in Beirut, Lebanon.

## Swor Will Resume Full-time Schedule

Chester Swor, Southern Baptist Convention lay speaker, has announced that he will resume full time appointments in churches beginning with the summer of 1974.

Swor, who had been in ill health for several months, will be filling special assignments in high schools and colleges prior to the 1974 schedule. He maintains his home and office in Jackson, Miss.

## Foundation Expresses Thanks For Belmont Aid

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Jonas L. Stewart, executive secretary-treasurer, has joined with Herbert Gabhart and Belmont college in expressing appreciation to Jack C. Massey, chairman of the board, Hospital Corporation of America, for his generosity in making income from a \$160,000 trust fund available to Belmont college.

Massey established this trust fund several years ago. He has been a friend to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation for many years, having at one time served on the Board of Trustees.

Stewart expressed his personal gratitude for the privilege of administering this fund for Belmont college along with other endowment funds that have been placed with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation through the years.

## Letter to the Editor:

June 29, 1973

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find a check for your splendid paper. It is the joy of my life. I am an invalid, 98 years of age, am not able to go to church each Sunday as I once did. I enjoy reading and especially your paper.

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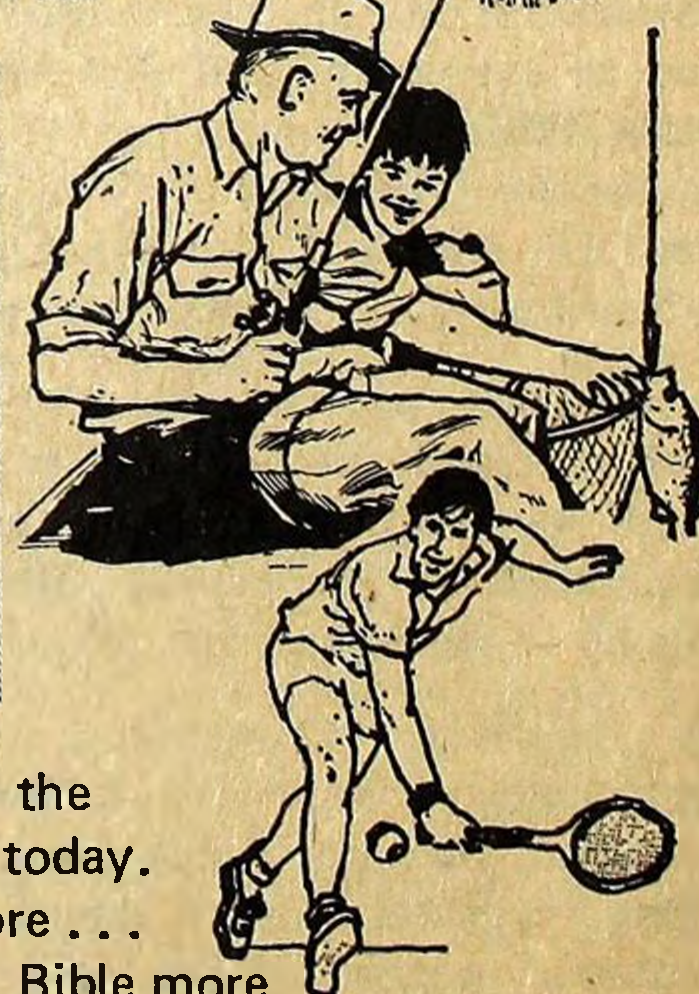
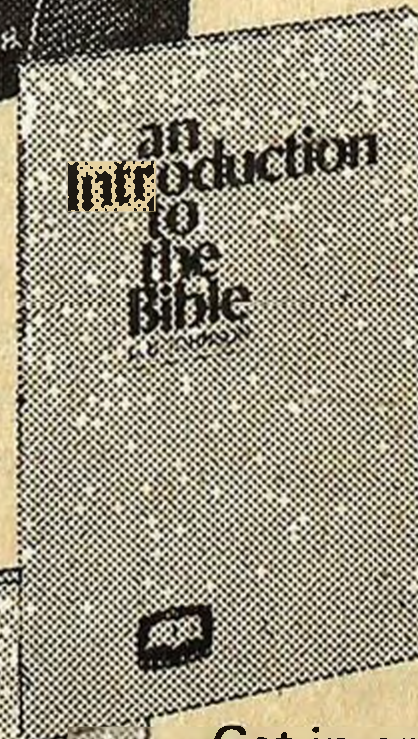
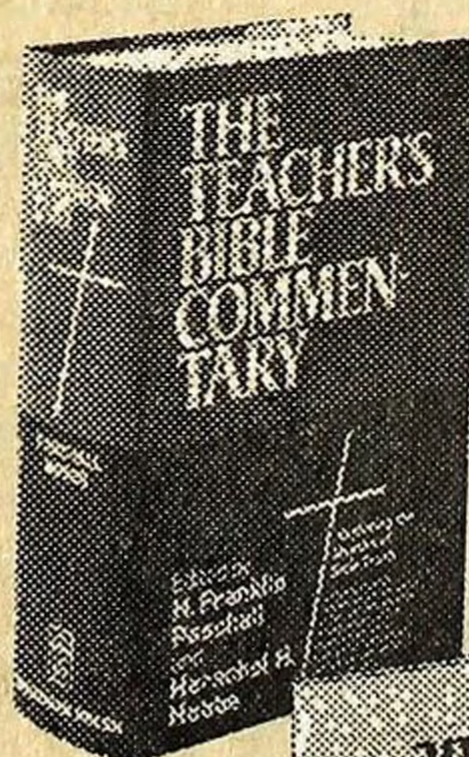
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## MISSIONARY NEWS

Sharon Resseguie completed a two-year term as a missionary journeyman in Liberia and was scheduled to return to the States recently. She may be addressed c/o Mrs. Harold Byck, 928 W. Outer Dr., Oak Ridge, Tenn., 37830. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and was raised in Oak Ridge.

Pat Stooksbury returned from Ecuador where she has been serving as a missionary journeyman. Effective July 14, she may be reached at 5702 Wallwood Ln., Knoxville, 37912. A native of the Knoxville area, she is a graduate of Carson-Newman college.

Dr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Adams, missionaries to Colombia, were scheduled to return to the States July 1. Their address is c/o H. A. James, 348 W. 4th, Tahlequah, Okla. 74464. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he was pastor of the Temple church, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Kinney, missionary associates, were scheduled to leave Switzerland July 1 for a short furlough in the States. A native of Pennsylvania, he grew up in Bristol and Cleveland, Tenn. They may be reached at Briarlake Baptist church, 3715 LaVista Rd., Decatur, Ga., 30033.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton, missionaries to Lebanon, on furlough in the States, may be addressed at Box 174, Jamestown, Tenn., 38556. Both are natives of Jamestown. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, he was pastor of Calvary church, Chattanooga.

Donald R. Heiss, missionary to Japan, is on furlough in the States and may be addressed at Box 468, Jefferson City, Tenn., 37760. Mrs. Heiss arrived in the States in May.

Dr. and Mrs. Dewey E. Mercer have completed furlough and are returning to their field of service in Japan. He is a native of Kentucky, and she is the former Ramona Hall of Lincoln County, Tenn. Their address is 6-22, 1-chome, Miyawakicho, Takamatsu, Japan 760.

Miss Clara Williams, Jackson, Tenn., returned to her mission field in Brazil earlier this month. Her address is: Caixa 121, 58100 Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil.

John C. Raborn completed furlough in the States and has returned to Hong Kong. He may be addressed at 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong. Mrs. Raborn is scheduled to leave July 8. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, he was associate pastor at Temple church, Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Duncan have returned to Kenya following their furlough. Both natives of Tennessee, they may be addressed at Box 137, Limuru, Kenya. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, he was pastor of Ridge-dale church, Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buckner, missionaries to Indonesia, may be addressed at Jl. Bolodewo 5, Madiun, Indonesia. He is a native of North Carolina, and she is the former Mary Ann Moore of Kingsport.

They completed furlough in the states recently.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gibson, missionaries to Tanzania, are on furlough in the States, (address: 3670 Douglass Ave., Memphis, 38111.) Both native Tennesseans, he was born near Toon and lived in Bolivar. She is the former Harriet Dyer of Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Raymond Reynolds, missionary associates, may now be addressed at 13 Rue de la Boule, 7260 Paturages, Belgium. He was born in Kentucky and grew up in Johnson City, Tenn. She is a native of Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, missionaries to Italy, were scheduled to arrive for a short furlough in the states recently. Their address is: 731 Banks Ave., Knoxville, 37917. A native Oklahoman, he grew up in Chattanooga. She is the former Lillie Mae Hylton of Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Lanier, missionaries to Israel, are on furlough in the States and may be addressed at 620 Waddell St., #2, Athens, Ga., 30601. He is a native of Macon, Ga., and she is the former Sally Cook of Sparta, Tenn.

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## Jerden Named Brotherhood Communications Associate

**MEMPHIS**—Larry R. Jerden of Dallas, assistant editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas for the past five years, has been named associate director, department of communications for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission's Men's Division.

Jerden, 29, will also be associate editor of the "Baptist Men's Journal", monthly missions magazine published by the Brotherhood Commission, effective Aug. 1, according to Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

Jerden will work with Jim Newton, director of the communications department and editor of the "Journal", and with Steve Wall, associate for audio visuals and associate editor of the magazine.

Jerden will return to the Brotherhood Commission staff to the same position he held in 1968.

Previously he had been a staff writer for the office of public relations, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; and was a reporter for United Press International in Little Rock, Ark.

He is a 1967 graduate of Texas A & M university, College Station, Tex. He also has done graduate work at East Texas State college, Commerce, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

## CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE SETS

(Continued from page 1)

April 7 and East Tennessee, April 14-28.

A Parade of Flags by the Associations is being planned as a part of the Centennial Convention program.

Members of the Centennial Committee are Madden, who is also pastor of First church, Tullahoma; Mrs. Roy Babb, Nashville; Elmer Bailey, assistant pastor, Bellevue Baptist church, Memphis; Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Knoxville; Edwin E. Deusner, pastor, First church, Lexington; Hayward Highfill, pastor, First church, Clinton; Don Mauldin, associate superintendent of missions, Nashville Baptist Association; Lynn May, executive secretary, Historical Commission, SBC, Nashville; Gene Kerr, Mrs. Eura Lannom, James A. Lester, Ralph Norton and Mrs. Evelyn Strickland, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## Foundation

### A Distinction

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has

the assigned responsibility of promoting the making of gifts by deed, wills, trusts or otherwise for the advancement of causes promoted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and/or the Southern Baptist Convention. It also makes investments, pays out income and in other ways promotes the Cause of Christ as supported by Baptists.

Thus, according to the assigned responsibilities, it is seen that no competition exists between the two Foundations. They have altogether different functions and exist side by side to carry out their particular activities.

A further word might help to clear the minds of some people. Each state Convention promotes its own program. The people of the Tennessee Baptist Convention are also Southern Baptists and promote Southern Baptist Convention Causes by cooperation through the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation promotes, supports and cooperates with all Southern Baptist programs as the proper occasion arises. We are all Southern Baptists with distinct differences in functions.

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## Mission Offering Up 5.5 Per Cent At Mid-year, Says HMB

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist annual offering for national mission work at mid-year reached the \$5,728,586 figure, 5.5 per cent ahead of this time last year.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, said the offering had been running only slightly ahead or behind last year until returns in June. That month more than \$2.1 million came to the mission agency.

The offering promoted by Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission, is named the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and receives a heavy March emphasis in the churches.

"We are very encouraged by this healthy increase," Rutledge added, "and it is possible that the goal of \$6.6 million may be reached. If so this will allow the board to make advances in several areas where missionary personnel and resources are needed urgently."

Last year's goal of \$6 million was reached in November, and by December 31 a total of \$6,059,703 was given.

All funds above \$6 million will be divided between starting new churches, television evangelism, Christian social ministries, and the support of special short-term volunteers. (BP)

## Son Of Missionaries Dies In Indonesia

KEDIRI, Indonesia—Roger Wayne Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ebbie C. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, was killed in a motorbike accident July 1, in Kediri, East Java.

The funeral service was to be held July 4, in Kediri.

Roger is survived by his parents, brothers, Randy 17, and Robin, 12; and a sister, Rianna, 9.

Smith and his wife, the former Donna Rodman, are both from Conroe, Tex. Before they were appointed to missionary service in 1960, he was pastor of several Baptist churches in Texas.

## Missionary And Pastor Survive Soviet Plane Crash

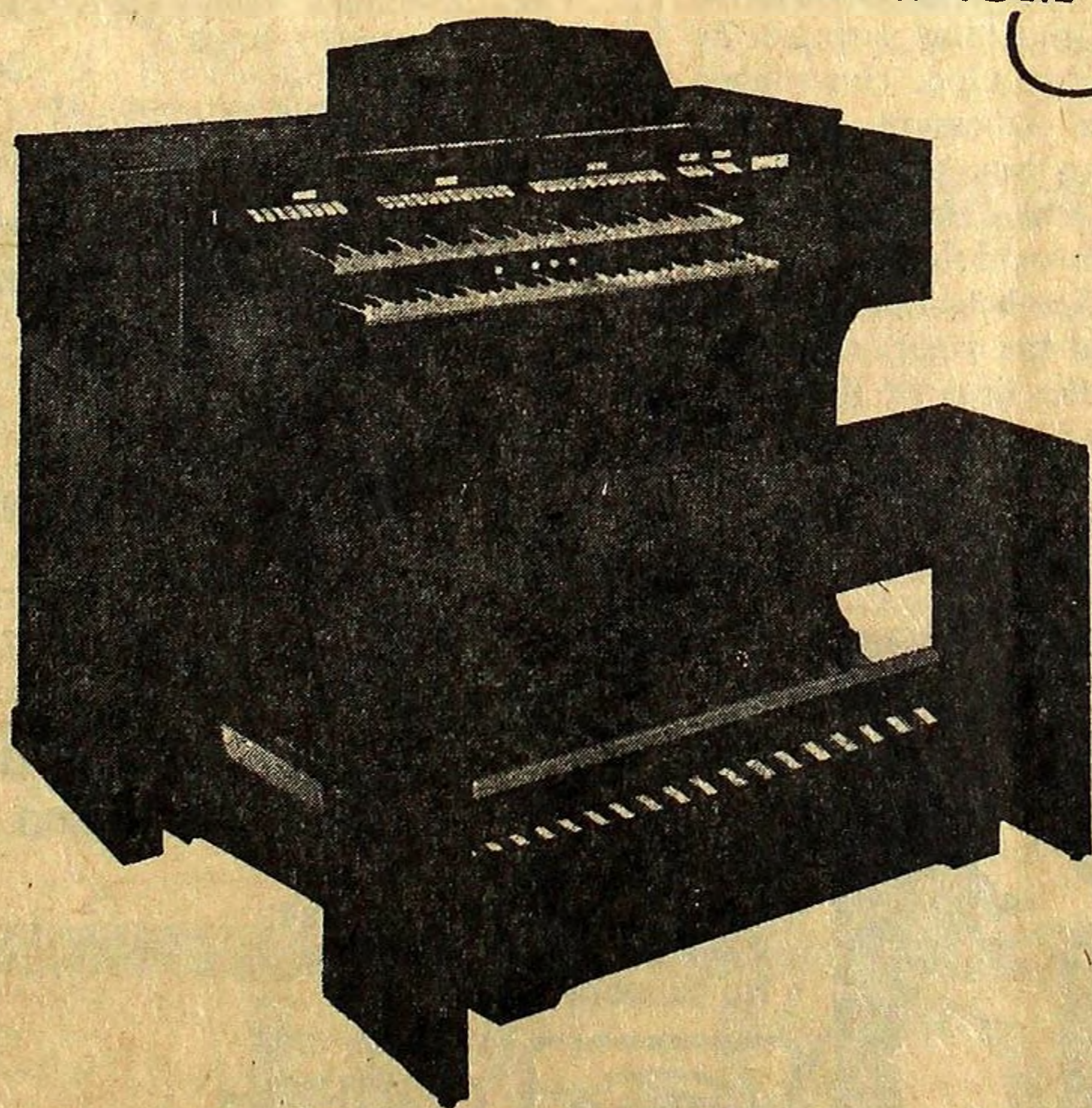
AMMAN, Jordan—Southern Baptist missionary Joseph A. Newton and local Baptist pastor Fawwaz Omeish, were among the 79 passengers who survived a Soviet airliner crash here June 30.

Newton and Omeish both received only minor injuries as the Russian Aeroflot TU-134 jet crashed into a house upon takeoff from the Amman airport on a scheduled flight to Beirut. Eight were killed in the accident.

Newton is the first Southern Baptist missionary involved in a plane crash since missionary Julius R. Hickerson Jr., missionary to Colombia, was killed in a flight from Cali to Cartagena in 1951.

Newton, who was appointed in 1965, is a specialist in education in the Amman Baptist Elementary school. Omeish is pastor of a Baptist church in Amman and former president of the executive committee of the Jordan Baptist Convention.

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# Elijah: The Crisis Of Political Corruption

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

Basic Passage: 1 Kings 21  
Focal Passages: 1 Kings 21:5-7, 15-20

The chain reaction set off by religious corruption produced moral corruption and then political corruption. Ahab, a weakling, was king. Jezebel, the queen, was his wife. She was strong and bent on mischief of the most diabolical kind.



White

The rights of even an humble, upright subject were not secure against the covetousness of Ahab and the designs of Jezebel.

There are various kinds of political corruption. One is the corruption of the ballot box by altering the way the vote actually is. Another is the bribing of officials. Still another is seeking illegal ways to "scoop" the plans of the opposition party. There are officials in places of trust who steal public funds. Various states in the nation have experienced all of these at various times through the years. Dramatic examples in both are very contemporary today.

We have a general moral climate all over the world precipitating shocking examples of a grave nature of the harvest of spiritual and moral decline.

## Clever Covetousness 1 Kings 21:5-7

Ahab evidently had seen the lovely little estate of Naboth as he passed along from time to time. He coveted it with all his being. It became an obsession with him. He tried to be clever in his efforts to get it.

He offered to buy it or trade another estate for it but he failed because it was a sacred family heritage and trust. Naboth felt honor bound to be loyal to his family heritage and trust, along with God's plan in such matters.

## Cancerous Covetousness 1 Kings 21:5

Ahab was disconsolate, sad and depressed over the refusal. He would not even eat. Covetousness was eating into his soul like a cancer. The divine law says that men should not covet anything which belongs to a neighbor. Here is a king with vast possessions and pleasures who is sullen about failing to get a small plot of well-improved ground from a modest, loyal subject. Evidently the more he thought about it, the more he wanted it.

Too many people get their hearts set on something that belongs to another, to which they have no right. Failing to get it in a legitimate way, they pine for it anyhow.

This is very dangerous. Covetousness is placed in an ugly category by the Scriptures. Jesus warned about covetousness as a serious evil.

## Pride Stimulates Covetousness 1 Kings 21:6-7

Jezebel ridiculed the sulking king for not exercising his sovereign power and for permitting an obscure subject to frustrate him. She ordered him to rise, eat and be merry and she would see that the vineyard would be his. He could go and possess it.

The king's pride was stung. He permitted his wicked wife to carry out her hellish plan. Evidently he was delighted with her offer. He followed through as she suggested. What an asset is a good woman to a man but what a diabolical liability a wicked woman can be.

## Righteous Wrath Falls 1 Kings 21:15-20

Assured that Naboth was dead, Ahab entered the vineyard of the slain man to take it over. To his shocking surprise, he met Elijah, the prophet of God. This robbed him of the pleasure of possession.

Elijah announced to him that the same awful fate which he had permitted Jezebel to inflict on Naboth would befall him. A similar fate came to Jezebel also.

Rulers who violated the rights and without just cause, took the lives of their subjects, even that of the most lowly, provoked the awesome wrath of God. Stern lessons were exemplified by divine judgments. Wicked rulers like Ahab considered the

## Hymn Writing Competition Slated For Tennessee Centennial

A hymn writing competition is being sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention through its Centennial Committee and in cooperation with the Church Music Department, Frank Charton, secretary. The purpose of the competition is to provide a hymn text suitable for use in programs celebrating the Centennial of Tennessee Baptists in 1974.

Three awards are being offered as follows: First Place, \$100; Second Place, \$75; and Third Place, \$50. All Tennessee Baptists are eligible for the competition.

All entries must be sent by first class mail on or before Sept. 1, 1973. Winners of the competition will be notified not later than Nov. 1, 1973. In addition to public announcement of the winner, recognition of the author will be made at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis this fall.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

The special committee which was authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1972 to study the plan of trustee representation on the convention's institutions, agencies and boards will be holding public hearings in three sections of the state during the month of July. The dates and places of these meetings are as follows:



Norton

Monday, July 16—West Tennessee, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Tuesday, July 17—East Tennessee, First Baptist Church, Morristown; and Thursday, July 19—Middle Tennessee, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

Each meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M.

I would like to encourage all who are interested in this phase of our program to attend these meetings and bring any suggestions that you would like to share with the members of this committee.

## Texas Training Union Executive Resigns

**DALLAS**—R. Clyde Hall Jr., secretary of the Texas Baptist Church Training Department, has resigned to enter private business.

Hall, who joined the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in 1965 as an associate, will work for a San Diego-based consultant firm.

Before joining the Texas convention, Hall served as youth and education director for churches in Florida, Tennessee and Texas. He is former Baptist Student Union director at Florida Southern College, the University of Tampa and St. Petersburg Junior College.

Hall, who will continue to live in Dallas, was graduated from the University of Florida and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)

## Historically:

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

The number of patients admitted to Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, in January reached an all-time high of 960 only to be topped by a May figure of 968. According to a hospital spokesman, M. D. Jeffries, the June figure was supposed to reach 1000.

Baptists in the state were beginning to make plans for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, organized April 10, 1874 at Murfreesboro. Sylvanus Landrum was the first chairman of the Executive Board, and W. P. Bond was the first president.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

The Dargan-Carver Library of the Baptist Sunday School Board was dedicated in Nashville. It was named in honor of the late E. C. Dargan, former editorial secretary of the Board.

M. T. Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board since 1947, died June 27, 1953. **Baptist And Reflector** paid tribute to this man who was called "a man of deep faith, of prayer, and of a great love for a lost world."

#### 10 YEARS AGO

The Big Spring church in Cleveland observed its 50th anniversary. Organized in 1913 with 18 charter members, it had a membership of 834 in 1863. M. L. Arbuckle was pastor.

Belmont college held ground-breaking ceremonies for two buildings: a library and physical education unit. The library was to contain 50,000-60,000 volumes, and the gymnasium was to seat 2500 persons.

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## More Mothercraft Would Mean Fewer Visits To Child's Doctor

Today's mothers tend to expect their children's good health to be constant; when illness occurs, they expect recovery to be instant. As a consequence, children are brought to the pediatrician for anything and everything with the resultant waste of the physician's time and parents' money, says Dr. Jack G. Shiller, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. "A tremendous number of visits to pediatricians simply are not necessary. Take upper respiratory infections—they make up about 75% of the problems pediatricians see and the doctor can't do any more about them than the mother can. About 75% of other office visits have to do with bellyaches—and any mother who knows her child and knows what causes bellyaches will be able to figure out for herself what's going on."

The pediatrician calls for a return to old-time "mothercraft" as it was practiced by women who accepted occasional sickness as part of normal childhood, knew how to handle run-of-the-mill upsets and also knew when only a doctor would do.

"Mothercraft" began to disappear when the multi-generational families, with their reservoirs of experience with kids' minor illnesses, broke up after the World War II and mothers moved away from their mothers, he points out.

The disappearance of mothers themselves from the home, as they take on outside jobs, adds to the aura of "crisis" that now surrounds a sick child. The youngster is taken to the pediatrician immediately for "instant cure" rather than given a few days at home to get over the upset, because mother has an employer to consider.

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# Is Man Superior To Woman?

By Dale Moody

In the last few days I have heard a flood of comments and questions about a resolution at the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, on the superiority of man over woman.

Indeed, I received a long distance telephone call from my oldest daughter who identified herself as my "inferior daughter"! She had read an article in the Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper that I had read in *The Louisville Times*, June 15, 1973, with the headline: "Southern Baptists approve resolution by woman saying man is superior." It was by a certain Allen Nache-man of the Associated Press, Portland, Ore-gon.

My second step was to secure exact in-formation about the resolution. It turned out that Mrs. Richard Sappington of Clover-leaf, Texas, had presented a resolution that amounted to an approval of 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 and Ephesians 6:1. The chapter in 1 Corinthians says nothing about the superiority of man, neither does the resolu-tion.

Apparently the debate on the resolution amounted to an endorsement of the Bible and a protest against the radical ideas often expressed by the woman's liberation move-ment. It is not difficult to get Southern Baptists to endorse the Bible, and the un-happy experience of many has dampened enthusiasm for the "fem-libbers."

After careful investigation I conclude that headline writers who understand neither the Bible nor Southern Baptists are about as biased as they would like to picture our Southern Baptist people. Perhaps, though, all this will help us to get down to some New Testament study on the soli-darity of the family and the interdependence of all members in the family. If that is what Mrs. Sappington wanted us to en-dorse, her resolution is not so bad after all, even if the Baptist Press did call it "the traditionalist point of view".

It is now the purpose of this brief article to summarize the place of woman in the New Testament. The starting point is the second parenthetical comment by the Apostle Paul in the passage quoted in the resolution. "Nevertheless, in the Lord wom-an is not independent of man nor man in-dependent of woman; for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.)" (1 Corinthians 11:11-12).

It is not the superiority of man over woman that is taught in the New Testament. It is their interdependence and mutual bene-fit and blessing, even their oneness in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 11:1-10 interprets Genesis 2 in the light of the social situation that prevailed in ancient Corinth, and when it is rightly interpreted it applies to our situation today.

However, if one takes all the social cus-toms of ancient Corinth and applies them today, it would seem that the spectacle of debating women at the Southern Baptist Convention violates a lot of rules. The women did not remain silent in the Conven-tion as Paul said they should in the churches (1 Corinthians 14:34-36). Did they all wear veils, as Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1-16 says they should? Were they dressed according to the standards of first century modesty, as he instructs them to do in 1 Timothy 2:8-15? It is a poor defense to say these rules apply only "in the churches" not in the Convention! Do they follow these rules back home "in the churches"?

Let us turn to positive comments on how the New Testament faith liberates and elevates woman as the complement and companion of man. One needs only to begin with Paul's next letter. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gala-tians 3:28 RSV).

The theological foundation for such unity between man and woman is the incarnation of the eternal Son of God in the womb of a woman. "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4f, RSV). Too many people want to look at woman in the light of the fall rather than in the light of the incarnation and redemption.

Woman seen in the light of redemption becomes a type of the church. Her rela-tion to her husband is like the relation between Christ and his church, his earthly body today (Ephesians 5:21-24). Her hus-band is to love her as much as Christ loved the church when he poured out his blood in sacrificial love (Ephesus 5:25-27). He should cherish and care for her as if she is his own body (Ephesians 5:28-33). It is hard to imagine a more relevant pas-sage for home life today than the whole of Ephesians 5:21-6:4.

This is a long way from an attitude of superiority on the part of man to subdue the woman and cast her aside for another when it suits his lusts better. *Playboy* and *Penthouse* morality are the real threats to our homes, not the interdependence of man and woman as taught in the New Testa-ment.

In the light of much nonsense on both sides of the debate on woman's liberation, it would be well to read through Luke-Acts in the New Testament. The gospel of Luke is really the woman's gospel. From the Virgin's Womb to the Empty Tomb it is women who are magnified as witnesses to our faith (Luke 1:26-38; 24:1-12).

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke never misses an opportunity to magnify the role of women in the early churches (Acts 1:14; 5:14; 8:3, 12; 9:2; 13:50; 16:1, 13, 14; 17:4, 12, 34; 22:4).

There are at least three spe-cial ministries for women in the New Testament, and I know of no Baptist churches that have reproduced all of these minis-tries in the churches today.

First, some of the New Testa-ment churches had virgins de-voted to the Lord in a very special way (1 Corinthians 7: 25-38). At times they practiced spiritual marriage by becoming a betrothed companion to a man, but no sin was committed if they left this form of life and married.

Second, there were widows in the New Testament times who were supported by the church and did good works (Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41). They were set aside for special service with a pledge, and Paul gives a set of rules by which this role was to be regulated (1 Timothy 5:9-16).

Third, some of the New Tes-tament churches had deacon-esses. It is true that Phoebe of Cenchreae is the only one who is called a deaconess (Romans 16:1), but many other women perform the functions, e.g. Euodias and Syntyche in Philippians 4:2-4 and Priscilla, one of the great per-sonalities of the New Testament (Acts 18:2, 18, 26; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3).

I love to tell the story of a devout Arab woman who greeted me in her home in Tripoli, Lebanon, by skipping about her house singing in tears: "We are one, we are one, we are all one in Christ Jesus." In a Moslem society where women are little more than property, she had much to skip and sing about in her Christian faith. She made me want to skip and sing too about the solidarity of the Christian family and the interdependence of each member of the family.

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