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*Fontana Lake forming the southeast boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains*



# THE MIND OF CHRIST

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."—Phil. 2:5

This verse continues the thought expressed in verses 3-4. To fulfil this condition one must have the mind of Christ Jesus. Verses 4-11 give one of Paul's most exalted pictures of Christ as He forgot self on behalf of others. This is an example of the **mind** that should characterize every Christian.

Note the order of the names "Christ Jesus." Paul's example begins with **Christ** in eternal glory, proceeds to show what He did as **Jesus** in the arena of history, and ends with His enhanced glory in heaven.

Eternally Christ is described as **existing** in the "form" of God. But He did not consider it something to be grasped and held on to. This is the sense expressed in "robbery". "Made himself of no reputation" should read "emptied himself". He poured His deity out of the "form" of God into the "form of a servant" or slave. The Lord of the universe became a slave among men—from heaven's highest order to earth's lowest social order.

Furthermore, the Lord of life became obedient unto the lowest, most painful and shameful of death—that of the cross. This He did that He might redeem men. He certainly sought not His own good but that

of others (verses 3-4). To do this He completely identified Himself with men—apart from sin. And He did so with no thought of reward.

"Wherefore", because He did this, God, literally, exalted Him beyond His previous heavenly glory. He came down from heaven with the glory of the Creator. He returned to heaven with the higher glory of the Redeemer.

Also God gave Him "a name which is above every name." What name could possibly be above even the name "Jehovah"? "Jesus". For "Jesus" means "Jehovah saves". It is as Redeemer that Jehovah is most highly glorified. So that at the name of "Jesus" every knee shall bow—in heaven, on earth, and beneath the earth (hell?)—and every tongue confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" (v. 11). Literally, "Lord Jesus Christ". Note the reversal from "Christ Jesus" (v. 5) to "Jesus Christ" (v. 11). The Anointed One (Christ) fulfilled His role as Redeemer or "Jehovah saves" (Jesus).

Certainly the saved in heaven and on earth confess Him as Lord. But also those



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

The mid-summer heat reminds us that in past years—before air conditioning—we at least had more action than in the services; every church was equipped with "several hundred fans" and hot hands to keep them moving.

Like other preachers, I can remember the time it was so hot—and I was perspiring so profusely—that when I got up to preach, the chair got up with me.

Somehow, back then, it seemed that the sermons were warmer, too. In contrast to today's come-on in which the church offers cool comfort, many preachers in the old days could have advertised: "20 degrees hotter on the inside."

The whole atmosphere in some churches is so cool now that the only response you can get from the congregation is "goosebumps."

Of course, the real concern in the matter is that some may have turned their spiritual thermostats down to the same degree of coolness as the air conditioner.

## Devotional

### Saying Or Doing

By James Glisson, Pastor  
North Jackson Church, Jackson

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Prov. 28:13)



Glisson

A common sin of humanity today is saying nice things about Jesus and doing nothing for Him . . . complimenting Him, but not confessing Him. This is seen in man trying to cover his sin as Adam and Eve did when they had transgressed (Genesis 3:8), and as David did to his own loss. (Psalm 42:3)

I see this covering sin attempted by the liquor dealers in Jackson. They sound as if they are shedding big tears over not being able to determine who is under eighteen so as not to sell liquor to a minor. Such wailing will not cover the sin of selling liquor to mothers and fathers that not only destroys their minds but their homes and little children are neglected and ill-treated and scarcely fed.

The need of the hour is to **confess** and **forsake** sin and then we shall have mercy, and be at once completely forgiven. The conditions of forgiveness are indeed confession and forsaking, confession to God of sins against Him, to men of sins against them.

Let us not be content to say, "There Shall be Showers of Blessing," but let us do the things (confess and forsake sin) that bring blessings. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

in hell will be forced to confess that He whom they rejected is "Lord". But, alas, for them it is everlastingly too late.

However, recall that the example of Christ's humiliation and subsequent exaltation is describing the "mind that is in Christ Jesus." It is this mind that Christians should have. Ignoring personal position, assuming the lowest role of service even unto death—and leave the matter of reward in the hands of the Father who does not let such a "mind" go unrewarded.

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# States May Now Frame Laws Dealing With Pornography

With the latest Supreme Court decision on pornography, each state is now permitted to frame laws in accordance with standards prevailing in its area, or to let local government set standards.

The court said the determination of what was prurient did not have to be made according to national standards, as before, but that state or local standards could be used. "It is neither realistic nor constitutionally sound to read the First Amendment as requiring that the people of Maine or Mississippi accept public depiction of conduct found tolerable in Las Vegas or New York City," said Chief Justice Warren Burger, who wrote the majority opinion in the cases.

Burger indicated that the Supreme Court was consciously setting out to establish new directions in handling the pornography question. Previous decisions have ranged from the time when a work might be banned because some parts were considered pornographic to the point where a work could not be banned at all if it included anything which could be considered of "redeeming social value." Now a work must be judged as a whole.

For books, magazines, movies, and other material distributed nationally, the new decisions bring the prospect of prosecution in some areas although they may be legal in the place where they are produced.

The Court's decisions did not set forth standards to be used by legislatures in anti-pornography laws, but it did give examples

of things that could be constitutionally banned.

The Court rejected the contention that the government cannot impede an individual's desire to see or acquire pornography. "Most exercises of individual free choice—those in politics, religion, and expression of ideas—are explicitly protected by the Constitution," Burger said. "Totally unlimited play for free will, however, is not allowed in ours or any other society."

## 'Lost' Letter By Luther Discovered By Librarian

An important draft of a letter written by Reformer Martin Luther in 1523 and believed lost, has been discovered by Lowell C. Albee Jr., assistant librarian of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

The original draft in Luther's own hand was reported lost when the definitive collection of his letters was published in Weimar, Germany in 1933. Identification of the document was made by Robert Kolb, acting director of the Foundation for Reformation Research, during the foundation's 11th summer institute.

In preparing for a course in 16th Century handwriting, Albee photocopied several documents from the L. Franklin Gruber collection of Reformation books and manuscripts at the Chicago Lutheran school. He discovered that one of the documents he had was the original draft of the 1523 Luther letter stressing why it is proper for Christians to receive both the bread and wine of Holy Communion. The letter has been reprinted often and is a basic text on the Reformer's understanding of the Eucharistic sacrament. It was sent to Count Albracht of Manfeld.

## Personnel Changes Announced By Sunday School Board

Three personnel changes were announced recently by the Southern Baptist Book Store Division of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Phil D. Fortenberry, book store manager at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, was named retail merchandiser for Bibles and adult books in the division's operations department. John P. Oldham, office supervisor in the Board's Church Services and Materials Division, will remain in Nashville as direct sales coordinator in the Operations Department. He has been serving as office assistant in the Education Division Office.

Aubrey L. House, statistical production supervisor in the Research Department, was named sales promotion specialist in the Book Store Division's Operations Department.

# Vignettes Of History

By W. Fred Kendall

We often forget in this age when medical science has practically obliterated so many of the dread diseases of mankind what a terrible problem they were for Tennessee Baptists just over a hundred years ago. An editorial in the *Tennessee Baptist*, June 21, 1849 tells the tragic story of that era.

## Cholera—Scourge Of God

"Our readers have not been furnished with the weekly report of cases and deaths by this disease for weeks past, owing to the oversight of the foreman who omitted to transfer them from the "Banner and Whig"—as we requested. We have spent a large portion of our time ministering to the sick and dying since our last issue, and have witnessed the appalling desolation of this scourge of God. Husband and wife, parents and children, have been laid side by side in the grave, within a few hours of each other. Not less than fifty died within twenty-four hours, on Friday of last week. It has been on the decrease for the past four or five days, but a return is expected with the next rain. Nine members of the Second Baptist church have already fallen victims of this destroyer."

This editorial was written by J. R. Graves who served the Second Baptist church in Nashville as pastor. In the issue of June 28, one week later cases of cholera were reported in Brooklyn, Troy, Albany, Kingston, New York, Pittsburgh, Pa., Maysville, Ky., Lexington, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., New Orleans, La., and New York, N.Y.

In 1851 the Southern Baptist Convention was moved from meeting in Nashville to Charleston because of this dreaded disease. Let us be thankful that it is vanquished today.

## Chilhowee Academy Offers Transportation Service To Knoxville Residents

Hubert B. Smothers, President of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, has announced the development of a new plan for providing transportation for the high school students of the Knoxville area who wish to attend the academy this fall.

The plan has received the approval of the academy's Board of Trustee Executive Committee, and calls for the establishment of at least six contact points where students may meet the transportation facility which the academy will provide.

Earl McFarland, Business Manager, said that the order for the new vehicles has been placed and that delivery should be made before the end of July, a full month prior to the August 27th beginning of the fall term.

## Disciples Minister Sees New Head Of FBI As 'A Devout Christian'

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Clarence M. Kelley, the new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is described by his home minister here as "a very devout Christian gentleman who takes his religion seriously."

"In spite of heavy police responsibilities, he always carried out his church responsibilities," said the Rev. Lawrence W. Bash, pastor of the Country Club Christian church (Disciples of Christ). "He took communion to shut-ins, worked in the stewardship campaigns, was a deacon and recently was elected to a second term as elder."

Kelley, 61, is a former FBI agent, and has served as Kansas City's police chief for 12 years. He took the oath of office as FBI director on July 10 in ceremonies headed by President Nixon. Bash gave the invocation.

President Nixon said he selected Kelley because of his past FBI service, his local law enforcement experience and his personal qualities. He praised the new FBI chief as a "fine family man" a man who has a "deep faith in his religion." (RNS)



# EDITORIALS

## Public Hearings Held

By direction of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a series of three public hearings were held across the state last week. Purpose of the hearings was, as we understand it, to provide an open forum for suggestions concerning methods, procedures, and operation and structure of boards, committees, of institutions and Convention-elected bodies.

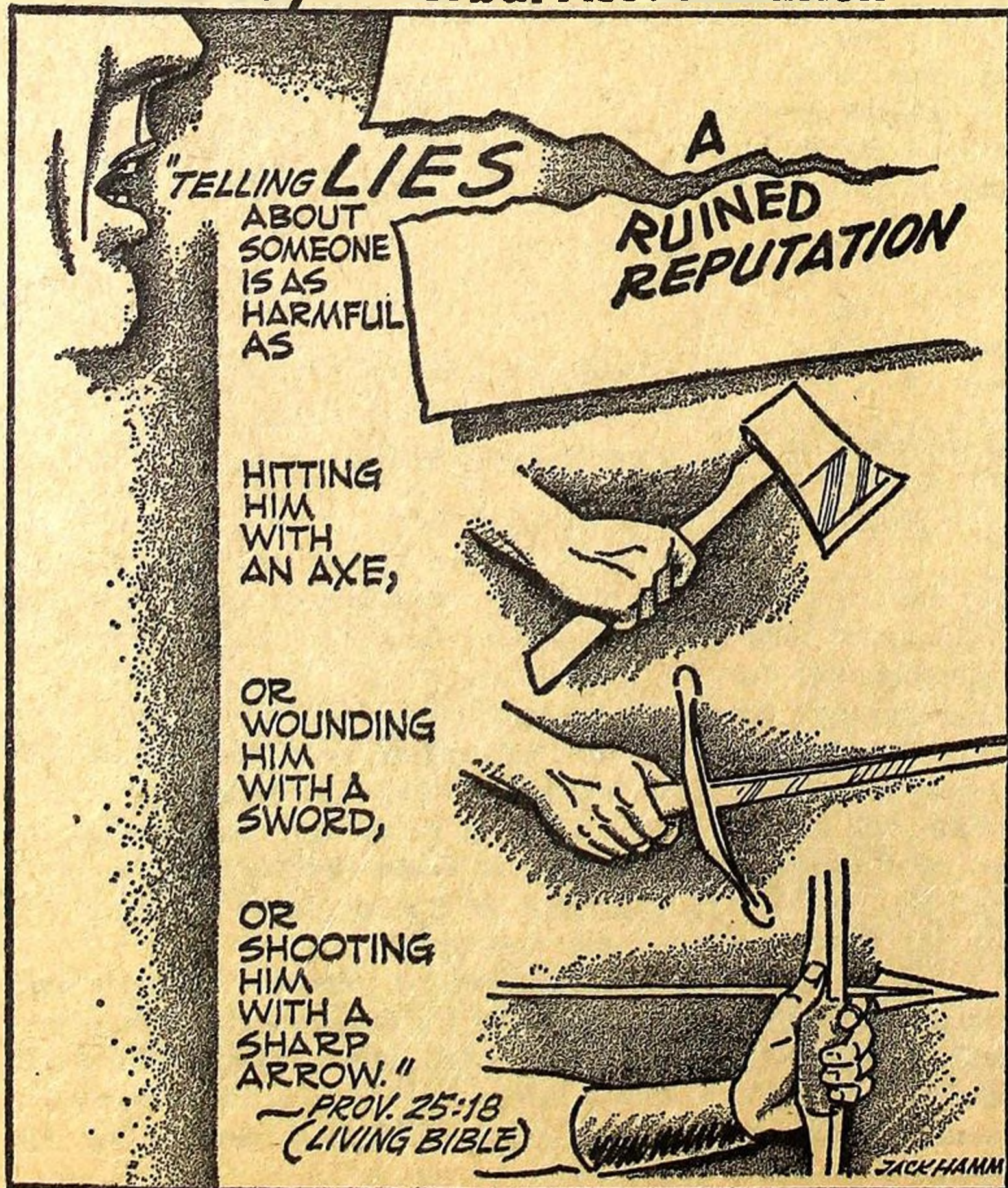
Chaired by Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville, the seven-member committee met in Jackson, Morristown and Brentwood. Attendance at the sessions upon the part of Tennessee Baptists as a whole, was small. We can only assume that Tennessee Baptists are, for the most part, satisfied with present policies and procedures. At least, not too many came to make suggestions for different types of operations.

From these hearings, the committee is under convention mandate to bring a report and/or recommendations at the first day of the annual convention session this Fall. This committee should be remembered in the prayers of concerned Tennessee Baptists as they weigh the results of these three days of "hearings."

## One Minute Witness

A recent listening via radio of the Saturday night "Grand Ole Opry"—a Southern institution, brought encouragement because of what one man said. Opry star Billy Grammar—like many other Opry personalities—are genuine, practicing, working Christians. The

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depth of their spiritual life is not known to enough. In a statement preceding one of his numbers in Ryman Auditorium, Grammar, without hesitation—no embarrassment, no apologies, spoke of his own personal faith in Christ; what this faith had meant to him, and of his reliance upon our Lord.

Additionally, he reminded the hundreds of thousands of listeners they should be in church on Sunday. About one minute of conversation—and in that minute a highly effective sermon.

Would to God that the hundreds of thousands of laymen in Tennessee Baptist churches could and would speak that positively concerning their faith. If we did this type of witnessing—and this is exactly what it was—we wouldn't have to worry about church attendance. We would rejoice in the problem of where to seat the people who came!

## Bill Endorsement Urged

Tennessee Baptists are urged to give endorsement now to the Hanley bill (HR7554) which grants relief to profit and non-profit second-class mail users. The House Post Office and Civil Service Committees have endorsed the bill, according to Russell T. Hitt, postal representative of the Evangelical Press Association. The measure now goes to the House Rules Committee and, then, hopefully, to the House floor. Provisions are that non-profit, second-class postal rate increases which have been imposed by the Postal Rate Commission be shared equally between users and congressional appropriations. Provisions include further that only two-thirds of the scheduled rates would be charged for the first 250,000 copies of a non-profit publication. The Hanley bill was numbered previously HR4128 and called originally the Udall bill.

Passage of this or similar legislation is considered by many editors of religious publications as essential to survival. Otherwise, as we have sought to point out in previous stories and editorials, the cost of mailing publications such as **Baptist And Reflector** could, quite conceivably, put the publications out of business. Over a 10-year period, rates are scheduled to increase about 1000 per cent. We know of no denominational publication which could survive this type of increase.

For example, and this is something not everyone seems to understand, **Baptist And Reflector**, owned by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is the news-journal for that body. One of the purposes of our paper is to inform our churches and members of trends, changes, programs, events, etc., all of which are necessary in maintaining a strong, vital, witnessing convention. There is a point—somewhere along the line—where we cannot and should not expect people who we are seeking to reach with specific messages to pay for those messages. Stated more simply, there is such a thing as pricing one's self out of the market. This we cannot and will not do. Support for this measure is, in our judgment, vital, and should be done NOW!



# World Baptists Set Largest Relief Goal In BWA History

**EINSIEDELN, Switzerland**—The Baptist World Alliance's executive committee, meeting here, adopted the largest relief goal in its history and reported the largest attendance ever at its annual gathering.

Chester J. Jump, chairman of the BWA relief committee, said the 1974 goal of \$423,100 the executive committee approved will go for assistance in earthquake-stricken Nicaragua, war-ravaged Southeast Asia and for a series of developmental projects on three continents.

**Week-long meetings of BWA executive committee and study commissions were attended by 282 persons from 32 countries.**

Several BWA satellite groups, including the steering committee of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, also met.

Assistance will be directed also to the drought area of northern Africa, the civil war plagued lands of Rwanda and Burundi and a famine area of India.

All relief funds come from voluntary contributions by individuals, church and the 92 conventions and unions in 73 countries affiliated with the Alliance. Funds are separate from the BWA operating budget.

Disbursements in 1972 exceeded contributions for the same period, and money from reserve funds had to be used to meet emergency needs.

## **\$303,905 For Relief**

Jump said \$303,905 was disbursed for relief, rehabilitation and developmental projects in 1972, and that \$112,030 has been expended during the first five months of 1973 out of a relief budget of \$319,600.

Baptist conventions in Bangladesh and Haiti, two of the largest recipients of relief funds in recent years, are among the 1973 contributors, both giving to an appeal for rehabilitation of earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

Developmental projects are prominent in the listing of goals for 1974. Carl W. Tiller, relief coordinator on the BWA staff, said the objective is "to assist in developing human resources and national resources of needy peoples and to increase their longevity, and economic self-sufficiency."

A goal of \$180,000 is listed for rebuilding a Baptist hospital at Managua, Nicaragua.

An unusual project on the lengthy list is for the planting of coconut plantations in India.

In the same drought-plagued villages where Baptists dug wells and built concrete block houses two years ago, the coconut trees are being planted in lots of 10.

One of each 10 trees will be designated "God's tree" and its income used for the church, while fruit from the other nine will feed hungry families. Mature trees are said

to bear a monthly harvest over a period of 80 years.

The group meeting heard also a subtle sermon from USSR Baptists and received reports of mass conversions to Christianity and lay renewal around the world.

Alexei Bichkov of Moscow drew applause from representatives of 20 countries during a meeting of the central committee of the World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, a program of the Baptist World Alliance.

The reconciliation group was one of several BWA satellite groups which met in conjunction with the seven-day annual meeting of the BWA executive committee and study commissions. (BP)

## **SBC Stewardship Commission Promotes Speer; O.K.'s Budget**

**ORLANDO, Fla.**—The Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission, announced staff changes, approved a \$684,750 budget for 1973-74 and elected officers at the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission also recommended immediate steps be taken to promote the overall 1973-74 Cooperative Program advance budget approved at the SBC annual meeting in Portland in June.

Michael L. Speer was promoted to associate executive director-treasurer, a newly created post, effective October 1, to serve directly under James Lackey, the commission's executive director-treasurer.

Speer, 39, who joined the commission staff in Nashville in 1967 as director of stewardship development, will continue to serve as the commission's director of Cooperative Program promotion, a post he has held since 1971.

The commission also elected John B. Hammatt of Nashville as assistant director of church and institutional fund raising, effective August 1.

Speer, a native of Desloge, Mo., is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Before moving to Nashville, he had served as stewardship secretary for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, associate Training Union secretary for Kentucky Baptists and director of administration for Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, now merged with Southern seminary.

Hammatt, 55, a native of Lockland, Ohio, has served with church bond corporations since 1962 and formerly served as a pastor and superintendent of missions for several associations of Baptist churches in Kentucky.

He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.)

## **Special Study Committee Holds Three Hearings**

Public hearings have been held in Morristown, Jackson and Brentwood as a part of the work of a Special Study Committee inaugurated during last year's state convention in Nashville. According to Gaye McGlothlen, Nashville, chairman of the special committee, the areas outlined in the motion by Lee Prince, pastor, Union Avenue church, Memphis, have been covered in the hearings. These areas were: Board representation; lay-membership; tenure; and multiple individual assignments—in the light of other major state Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Prince's motion called for "... a special 'Study Committee' be appointed to study our Tennessee Baptist Convention system of board and committee membership ..."

McGlothlen said the committee met on Friday, July 20, and began the process of preparing a report to be presented during the annual meeting of TBC this November in Memphis.

## **Surinam Baptists Contract For Printing In The U.S.**

**PARAMARIBO, Surinam**—The growth of Baptist witness in Surinam, a self-governing South American dependency of The Netherlands, has caused a great need for booklets in the Dutch language.

Baptists here have solved the problem by contracting for the printing by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas.

The publishing house is now printing a Dutch translation of a Baptist World Alliance booklet, "Who Are the Baptists?" and a Dutch version of the Bible Way Correspondence Course booklet, "Who Is Jesus?"

Charles W. Bryant, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, first suggested the cooperative project between the publishing house and the Surinam Mission.

According to Harold W. Lewis, missionary consultant, "We believe this is the first Dutch publication (printed) by Southern Baptists." (RNS)

college and Southern Baptist Theological seminary.

The Stewardship Commission elected Paul Cates, a layman from Lubbock, Tex., as its chairman.

It also approved the 1973-74 budget with the understanding that it may be amended by the commission's executive committee if income exceeds the proposed \$684,750. (BP)



# Conference Speakers Disagree On Law, Order

**GLORIETA, N.M.**—Agreeing that lawlessness in America is on the rise and that Christians must be involved in the processes of criminal justice, speakers at the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission conference disagreed on some approaches to law and order.

Capital punishment and the right to remain silent were two areas of divergent opinion at the conference on "Southern Baptists Working for Criminal Justice" at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here.

Listing vandalism, organized crime and Watergate—where "political expediency was considered more important than the law of the land"—as symptoms of a "rising tide of lawlessness," Jimmy Allen, pastor for First Baptist church, San Antonio, Tex., warned against a reaction of panic.

"It could easily create a condition in which hard-won liberties could be lost for-

ever because of a yearning for security at any cost," Allen said.

**Citing the willingness of Americans to be lined up and searched at airports throughout the nation, he said, "the totalitarianism of a police state is not just an academic possibility if the tides of lawlessness run high enough. Liberties are often lost because of the license of a few," he said.**

Allen presented an overview of Biblical insights related to criminal justice. "God, who created man in His own image and ordered all of creation, is a justice loving God," he said.

"In the Ten Commandments, as amplified by Jesus in His teachings, "God reveals the basic moral principles by which He fashioned His world and the framework for fashioning concepts of justice, Allen said.

This same just God, Allen said, is the champion of "the widow, the fatherless, the stranger in their midst and the poor."

While our system guarantees the rights of the poor, "a disproportionate number of them end up in jail," Allen said.

**"At this point, the church ought to be creatively engaging itself. If there is to be an ombudsman's role in society, it ought to be the church, which doesn't have any marbles in the game. All we want is to help the guy who is getting caught unfairly by the system.**

"Churches ought to come to the day when we call out our young people to be lawyers for whom the task of advocating for the weak and the poor becomes a very real calling of God," Allen said.

Allen called for Christian citizens to be involved in the process of lawmaking, in serving on juries and in respecting and enforcing the law.

Abner McCall, president of Baylor university, Waco, Tex., said, "I believe we have arrived at the point in our history where the individual has more liberty in the area of criminal justice than the self-discipline, self restraint and morality the average American citizen will support."

"Liberty and law and order in a free, democratic society are more matters of individual self government and morality than of criminal procedure," commented McCall, a former FBI special agent and former associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court. (BP)

## First Church Training Week Completed

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—Almost 2800 people attended the opening church training week at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, July 8-15, 1973.

"CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place," the new promotion plan from the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was the primary emphasis for the week.



## Rev. And Mrs. Bob J. Daugherty Appointed Missionary Associates

The Rev. and Mrs. Bob J. Daugherty of Nashville, Tenn., were employed as missionary associates July 10 at a meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. They expect to be stationed in Japan where he will serve as a pastor.

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. She attended Nashville Business college and University of Tennessee, Nashville.

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

## Nathan Porter Resigns HMB To Enter Arkansas Pastorate

**ATLANTA**—Home Mission Board evangelism staffer, Nathan Porter, has resigned from the Southern Baptist mission agency to become pastor of the First Baptist church in Arkadelphia, Ark., effective August 15.

Porter has served since 1960 as a liaison between college and university students and the Home Mission Board.

He came to the board as associate secretary for missionary personnel in 1960. In 1968, he was named associate director in the board's division of evangelism, serving as director of student evangelism. He has assisted campus ministries and Baptist Student Union groups in student evangelism training. (BP)

## Brotherhood Commission Sets Conference For Older Baptists

**MEMPHIS**—In a move to strengthen its efforts to tap the resources of older Baptists, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here has scheduled a conference, Oct. 4-7, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

The conference will emphasize ways that retired persons or those preparing to retire may find opportunities for volunteer mission service in the United States and abroad.

Major program personnel include Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper, a recently retired layman who has called repeatedly for creative use of retirees; Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board; and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission.

"This is another expression of the 'Co-operative Program of human resources' which I advocated in June in an address to the SBC messengers in Portland," McCullough said.

McCullough said some 500 conferees from across the United States will also hear presentations from lay persons who have worked in areas of the country where Baptist work is weak and from retired lay people who have worked creatively in their churches.

Other program features include two workshops daily which conferees will select from a list of 20 mission opportunities. (BP)

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# Integrity Demands Truth

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

Scripture Text: Exodus 20:16; Acts 5:11; Ephesians 4:25

Truthfulness and integrity stem from respect for God, self, and fellowman. The violation of the ninth commandment is a sin against God, a destroyer of self-respect, and an injustice to those about us. It stands for the truth to which human beings have a right.

It demands the truth in a statement directly or indirectly, made by man, to man, concerning man. The Psalmist said, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Ps. 19:4). Again he cried, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips" (Ps. 141:3). David cried, "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue" (Ps. 120:2). Jesus said, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37). Paul exhorted, in these words, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another."

## Intentions Of The Command—Ex. 20:16

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," was given at a time in history when government of the people was young, simple and relatively uncomplicated. As the third commandment forbade the taking of the name of God in vain, and so conditioned the relation of man to God in sincerity and truth, so the ninth reveals the fact that man in his relation to his fellowman is to be actuated by the same principles, and proceed on the same lines.

Then, as it is today, the inter-relations that men had with one another depended upon actual facts of character, conduct and capability. The whole social relationship was, and is, based upon testimony that one bears to another, and in order that that fabric may be established in truth and righteousness, such testimony is to be true.

Absolute honesty and truthfulness is the intention of this command.

Perhaps we would do well to understand what it is to bear witness, or to be a witness. According to the college dictionary, **witness** is to see or know by personal experience or perception. A witness is one who testifies or gives evidence of the truth of a matter.

There is no sin that blights and destroys men quite so dastardly as the sin of false witness.

## False Witness Has A Spiritual Implication—Acts 5:1-11

Volumes have been written concerning

this passage. For our thinking I point out the following:

1. The implication is that Ananias lied to God. Peter said, "Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Ananias wanted the recognition of having laid all his possessions at the disciples' feet, while at the same time, keeping back a portion for himself.

2. Notice also, that Ananias was not commanded to sell his property and give it all to the church. It was his own idea to do as others had done.

3. Pretending to be something that we are not is a very serious matter. We may argue the point whether God killed these two people, or whether they died of fright and shame, but the fact is always the same—two people died because they attempted to deceive the Holy Spirit of God. They violated the ninth commandment.

How close do we come to this dreadful sin when we declare we are "all-out" for God, and yet let other things prevent our loyalty to his church week after week? Where do we stand when we say we have dedicated ourselves completely to God, then on the Lord's Day we tip him a "buck" when we should be laying the tithes in the storehouse? These answers we must find in our own hearts?

## To Be A Good Neighbor Required Obedience To This Commandment Eph. 4:25

Paul says, "Speak truth with your neighbor." To provoke our thinking I shall mention several ways this ninth commandment can be broken, and perhaps in our mind we can associate them with being, or not being, a good neighbor.

1. **Fault-finding**—is a habit of seeking for the worst in our fellowman instead of the best. What does a vulture see when he flies over a landscape? He does not see the beautiful flowers, the green grass and trees. He sees the dirty and filthy simply because he is looking for it.

2. **Slander**—the lie invented and distributed with malicious intent.

3. False witness may be borne by **Silence**—to sit idly by and let the reputation of another be damaged is a transgression of the ninth commandment.

4. **Tale-bearing**—repetition of some report without careful investigation.

Now just keep thinking; there are many more.

Socrates said, "False words are not only evil within themselves, but they infest the soul with evil." How true it is. If one is

## THE RESURRECTED LIFE

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
"If then you have been raised with Christ"  
(Col. 3:1, RSV).

The "if" is not an if of conjecture. It is an if of assumption. It could properly be translated "since" (Living Bible).

When were we raised with Christ? Ideally, we were raised with him when he arose from the grave. Actually or biographically, we were raised with Christ when we came into union with him at the time of our conversion.

Paul proceeded to describe for the Colossians the kind of life they should live since they had been raised with Christ. There are at least three distinct aspects of that life. First, he exhorted the Colossians and would exhort us to "seek the things that are above" or to set our "minds on things that are above." We have been raised with Christ; we should seek the things where he is.

Paul further says that since we have been raised with Christ we should put to death "what is earthly" in us. He spells out quite specifically some of the sins and vices that are out of harmony with living the resurrected life.

Then, as is typical in the Bible, the negative is balanced and climaxed by a statement of the positive aspects of the resurrected life. What a challenge in the virtues in Paul's list: compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience. He added a special emphasis concerning forbearance and forgiveness.

There is enough in what Paul said concerning the resurrected life to challenge us the rest of the journey. How do you and I measure up?

## Billy Graham On Tax Audit Report: Know Of No Intervention, Asked None

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Evangelist Billy Graham says he has never asked White House influence to stop audits of his income tax returns and is asking Internal Revenue Service to make audits of his accounts each year.

He said he was "mystified" by the reports. "I have never asked for any intervention and I have not been aware of any intervention."

The names of Mr. Graham and actor John Wayne were raised in connection with testimony by former White House counsel John W. Dean III before the Senate Watergate committee. (BP)

to maintain his integrity, he must be truthful in all things, in every way.

Remember, lies condemned Jesus to death. He suffered crucifixion between two thieves when he was condemned as a felon by means of false witness.



# Tennessee News Briefs

Catherine Nenny church, Whitesburg, organized a church library with **Rebecca C. Hurley** as librarian. In addition the church initiated the publication of a weekly newsletter and organized a new acteen chapter. **Richard M. Long** is pastor.



Rogers

**Walter Rogers**, minister of music at First church, Columbia, was selected as one of the outstanding young men of America and will have his biography included in the 1973 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." The basis of inclusion was on service to others, professional excellence, civic and professional recognition, and community action. **Don Bouldin** is pastor of the Columbia church.



Speer

**Michael L. Speer** was promoted to associate executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission during the commission's annual meeting in Orlando, Fla. He joined the commission staff in 1967 and will continue to serve as the director of the Co-operative Program promotion.

**Diane Madison**, a member of the Broadway church, Knoxville, was one of nine winners of the Baptist Women's Communication Contest, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Her composition was on inner city churches. Contestants entered 1000-1500 word stories about activities of their WMU organization. They were categorized by the size of their church and the type of community. Entries were judged on the quality of writing and on reader interest. **Lewis Rhodes** is her pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

In Madison-Chester Association, Westover church held summer revival services with evangelist **Calvin Moore** doing the preaching. He was a member of Westover church when he surrendered to the ministry in 1963. He serves presently as pastor of Pleasant Grove church in Hogenville, Ky. Pastor **John L. Gunter** reported that there were seven additions by baptism, one by statement, and one by letter. Music was under the direction of **Allen Mullins**, minister of youth and music at the church.

**Gerald Loren Welker**, professor of music at Union university and nationally recognized conductor and arranger, was selected as one of three judges for the Annual National Composition Contest for Young Composers sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. The yearly competition includes works by composers under the age of 26 who vie for awards. It is sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Brighton Baptist church ordained **Neil L. Bell III** to the gospel ministry on June 24. **Bell** is a second year student at Southern Baptist Theological seminary. On the same day the church ordained **Walker Curtis** as a deacon. **Pat L. Landrum** is pastor of the church.

**Grady Lee Maners** and **Ike Conner** were ordained as deacons of the Westover church in Jackson recently. **Thomas L. Lewis**, superintendent of missions of the Madison-Chester Association, conducted the service. **John Gunter** is pastor.

**Dr. and Mrs. Connie McKinley Pickler**, pastor of the Boulevard Baptist church in Memphis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, July 10. **Pickler** has served as pastor of the church for over 30 years. The couple was honored at an open house in Memphis July 8.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

In Chilhowee Association, **Tom Biggars** accepted the call of Oak Street church in Maryville, and will begin his work there Aug. 1. He comes from Rittertown church in Hampton and is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary. First church, Friendsville, called **Fred H. Garner** as pastor. He will come to the position from the Indiana Avenue church in La-Follette where he served four years. Unity church called **Virgil Turbyfill** as pastor. A former Loudon County pastor, he comes from Chattanooga. **Kenneth Thacker** resigned as pastor of Bethel church in Townsend to accept Gayland Heights church in Knoxville.

**F. Darrel McAlister** is serving as pastor of First church, New Tazewell. The church held spring revival services recently.

In the Nashville Association, **Eugene Crane** is the new minister of education at Dalewood church, and **Miss Laura Thompson** is minister of education at the Tusculum Hills church. She comes from Handley Hills church, St. Louis, Mo. **Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dyer** began their duties as director of youth activities at First church, Hendersonville, on July 1.

**Wilson Lonas** has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Meridian church in Knoxville after a 17-year ministry. He plans to join the Harvest Evangelism Association.



Stubblefield

First church, Bemis, called **Steven E. Stubblefield** as minister of youth and education. He is a graduate of Union college in Barbourville, Ky., and holds the Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary. **Pat Kough** is pastor.

In East Tennessee Baptist Association, English Creek church called **M. L. White** as pastor. He comes to the position from Henard's chapel church in Rogersville. **Hugh Lee Simons** is the new pastor at Manning's chapel. He comes from Beulah church in Nolachucky Association.

Concord church, Carroll-Benton Association, has called **Steve Martin** as pastor. The new pastor is already on the field.

In Clinton Association, **W. L. Thomas**, pastor of Grace church, resigned. South Clinton church called **Della Gilliam** as education and youth director; and Zion church called **Glenn C. Gamble** as pastor. Blowing Springs church re-called **Charles Johnson** as pastor.

**Mack Wilbanks** is the new minister of music at Mullins Station church, Shelby Association. He will join the staff on a full time basis having served part time previously. **Gordon H. Sather** is the new pastor at Blue Ridge Park church. He came to Shelby Association from First church, Sudbury, Mass. **Robert E. Albritton** is serving as youth director for Colonial church.

**John Chapman**, serving presently as assistant minister at First church, Franklin, Ky., will begin his duties at First church, Clarksville, Aug. 15. He will work primarily with the bus ministry and will assist the pastor in preaching, teaching, and other duties. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky State university and has completed two years of graduate theological studies at Southern Baptist Theological seminary in Louisville.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

**Dr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts**, missionaries to India, may be addressed at Serampore college, Hooghly District, Serampore, West Bengal, India. **Watts** is the son of **Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts**, currently of Nashville, and former Southern Baptist missionaries. The senior **Watts** was, for many years, at New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary and upon two occasions served as its president.



# RELIGION AROUND THE WORLD

**ARROWHEAD SPRING, Calif.**—Air Force Col. Sidney Bruce was appointed the new director of Campus Crusade for Christ's military ministry and will move to Nashville to hold the full-time position. In his new field of service, Bruce will try to place staff members on each of the country's 300 major military bases. He came to the position from the Nuclear Division of the Union Carbide Corp.



Ellis

**SAO PAULO, Brazil**—Perry Ellis, missionary to Brazil, has been appointed as director of mass evangelism for the Brazilian Baptist Convention. He will continue to preach city-wide crusades and in his new capacity will lead in the preparation of materials for personal and crusade evangelism.

**COLLINGSWOOD, N. J.**—WXUR, the Pennsylvania radio station operated by a group connected with fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntire, has gone off the air. In the wake of a Federal Communications Commission order revoking the station license, and the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to rule on an appeal, the station terminated its broadcasting at midnight, July 5, after eight years of operation. In a statement issued at the time of the closing, McIntire linked the situation of WXUR with the broader issues of freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion. The station is owned by Faith Theological seminary of which McIntire was president of the board.

**MAYWOOD, Ill.**—Two young Lutheran men who were contemplating service as missionary teachers were found murdered at their apartment here on June 19. The two had been working for Concordia Teachers college in nearby River Forest as night watchmen and had gone home shortly after completing their work shift at 7:00 a.m. Investigators found the bodies about 9:00 a.m. and later arrested a 21-year-old unemployed man and charged him with the murders. A spokesman for the college said both men were education majors and that both had been thinking about seeking teaching positions under church auspices overseas.

Eleven Reasons of Belmont college, Nashville, are planning for their 1973-74 season. Several positions are still open, particularly keyboard player. Any one interested in Eleven Reasons for Engagements, contact Office of Admissions or Robert Mulloy, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. (Adv.)

**CHATTANOOGA**—The Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, an area covering eastern Tennessee and western Virginia, held its annual meeting recently and defeated a resolution favoring amnesty. The resolution had specified that amnesty should be for men who avoided military service "for reasons of conscience" and said that it was "not so much a moral judgment" as a "way of saying we will let the past remain the past." In other actions, a plea for both financial and spiritual support was voiced by the three United Methodist colleges of the conference—Hiwassee in Madisonville, Tenn., Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, and Emory and Henry in Emory, Va. A resolution was approved also to raise \$288,000 for completion of the second floor of Asbury Acres Health Center, a home for the aged in Maryville.

**DALLAS**—The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board's director of research and actuarial services, Mrs. Bernelle Harrison, will be listed in the 1974-75 edition of "Who's Who of American Women," issued by the A. N. Marquis Co. Mrs. Harrison joined the Annuity Board staff in 1939 and became a director in 1963.

**McLEAN, Va.**—Alfred D. Kleindienst, 24, son of former atty. gen. and Mrs. Richard Kleindienst, has enrolled in the Episcopal Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. He is a graduate of Harvard university with a major in modern European history and is now working as a visa officer in the American consulate at Hong Kong. He plans to enter the priesthood.

**ATLANTA**—Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference since the death of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, announced his resignation as president. He cited a lack of financial support and an inadequate staff as the reasons for his decision. He added that he would stay on the job until Aug. 16 when the SCLC will hold its 16th annual conference in Indianapolis.

Abernathy stated in a press conference that he plans to devote all of his time to serving as pastor of the Hunter Street Baptist church.

**ANNAPOLIS, Maryland**—Parents of incoming Baptist midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy have been asked to notify the Heritage Baptist church in Annapolis, according to David P. Haney, pastor. Haney said that the ministry to Baptist midshipmen has been directed by this church since 1904 (formerly College Avenue church). He stated that midshipmen are permitted to attend local churches and to participate in student activities, but any notification of religious possibilities must come from the outside. The church provides a full program of worship.



George W. Knight is the new editor of "Home Life," monthly Christian family magazine published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Joe W. Burton as editor. Burton served the publication for 25 years during which time the circulation grew to approximately 800,000. Knight has served for the past five years as editor of "Proclaim" and "The Deacon."

## Kenneth Taylor Presented First Nelson Bible Award

Kenneth Taylor, who prepared the best selling "Living Bible," was the recipient of the first Nelson Bible Award presented in Nashville by the Thomas Nelson Inc., publishing firm. Taylor was named by a committee headed by Maxey Jarman, Baptist layman and businessman associated with Genesco.

The Nelson Award will be given no more than three times annually to persons who have contributed significantly to the knowledge and appreciation of the Bible. "The Living Bible" is a paraphrase of the Scripture. More copies were sold in 1972 than any other book published in the United States.

## Baptist Booth Wins First Place In Zambia

A Baptist-sponsored booth at the annual nationwide Agricultural Fair in Kitwe, Zambia won first prize in its category and received a visit by Zambia's president, Kenneth Kaunda. The booth displayed the work of the Baptist Bible Way Correspondence School.

Zambians on the Bible Way staff distributed literature and interest cards from the booth. Since the Baptist Way School began in 1964, over 32,000 students have received the first book, "Who Is Jesus?" by missionary Tom G. Small. Nearly 5000 of these students have made decisions for Christ.



## U.S. Privacy Being 'Whittled Away' Says Senator Ervin

**NEW YORK**—The American right to privacy is being "whittled away" by the federal government Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D-N.C.) charges in an article written for "A.D.," the monthly magazine of the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church.

Sen. Ervin is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and chairman of the Select Committee investigating the Watergate scandal.

The right to privacy, he said in the "A.D." article, is not "directly expressed in the words of the Constitution itself" but is embedded in the framework of constitutional government and reflected in the First Amendment and upheld by judicial decisions.

According to the lawmaker from North Carolina, the federal government "now controls more than 750 databanks containing personal information about individual American citizens."

He listed some of the ways in which that information is obtained. The examples ranged from Census Bureau forms to surveillance by the armed forces.

The senator does not like what he sees

as a trend toward governmental control of citizens by collecting personal data. He reminds Americans that they do not have to answer Census questions on whether they are divorced or have electric dishwashers.

Likewise, he said that persons can not be required to provide anything more than proof of identity and proof of citizenship when applying for Passports. He objects to Passport Office questions on travel plans and occupations.

Sen. Ervin is especially displeased with the amount of personal information collected on government employees who, he writes, are sometimes asked to respond to statements such as, "I believe in the second coming of Christ" and "I wish I were not bothered by thoughts about sex."

He feels Congress should pass measures designed to "assure minimal guarantees of individual privacy to present and potential" employees of the government.

"Congress, and the American people in general, are only now becoming aware of the multitude of ways in which our right to privacy—our right to be left alone—is being ever circumscribed by the collection of information about almost every aspect of our lives." (RNS)

### Ocean City Arrests Persons Involved In Mission Work

**OCEAN CITY, Md.**—"These folks come in here and pray—they really bother people on the beaches and the boardwalk," Mayor Harry W. Kelley of Ocean City declared. "They're getting tougher all the time. I'm telling the chief to lock them up."

He was not talking about drug pushers or prostitutes—but ministers!

Mayor Kelley's remarks were stimulated by Pastor Teddy Fraker of the Gospel Tabernacle in Baltimore, who had asked for clarification of Ocean City laws after his missionary work was halted by authorities.

"We want to talk to those on the beach . . . we make no request for funds and make no solicitation for our church," Fraker said. He was told the city has an ordinance prohibiting the passing out of handbills on the beach and boardwalk. (RNS)

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### Ban On Voluntary School Prayer Hit By Maine Clergyman

**SOUTH WATERBORO, Me.**—The Rev. Ted L. Bradshaw said here that students who gather in school for voluntary prayer are not in violation of the Constitution—but school officials seeking to stop them may be.

"The officials are not only denying the students their right to freely exercise their belief in Christ but are denying them their right to assemble freely," the minister said in commenting of the decision of Dr. Kermit S. Nickerson, Maine's deputy commissioner of education.

Nickerson has notified Massabesic High School officials that even voluntary prayer meetings in the school are unconstitutional.

Bradshaw contends that the state official is interpreting the Supreme Court's decision on school prayer far beyond its intent. The pastor of Alfred Parish Congregational church believes the issue is simply a question of freedom of worship. (RNS)



Woods



Whittimore

Two Tennesseans were among 91 persons receiving degrees during summer commencement exercises at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary July 20.

James A. Woods, Memphis, received the master of divinity degree; and Carl L. Whittimore, Jonesboro, was awarded the master of religious education degree. Ralph M. Smith, chairman of the seminary Board of Trustees and pastor of the Hyde Park church in Austin, was the commencement speaker.

### Church Schools Are Ruled Eligible For 'Right To Read' Grants

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Religion-affiliated schools are eligible to participate in a new \$4.4 million "Right to Read" program funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education.

Grants will be given to education agencies of 31 states. They will be used for the development and operation of programs that utilize state and local resources to improve reading skills of both children and adults.

An HEW spokesman verified for Religious News Service that parochial and other privately operated schools would be able to participate in the program.

"Almost 19 million adult Americans are totally or functionally illiterate and another 7 million elementary and secondary school students have severe reading problems," said HEW Secretary, Caspar W. Weinberger in announcing the grants.

He said the "Right to Read" program, a "priority objective" of the Office of Education, "is moving ahead toward meeting its goal of virtually eliminating adult illiteracy and drastically reducing deficiencies in reading among the young by 1980." (RNS)

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# House Committee Endorses Bill Providing Postal Rate 'Relief' For Church Journals

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A committee of the House of Representatives has approved a bill that would provide significant relief for non-profit second-class mail users, including religious publications from postal rate increases imposed last year.

The new bill (HR 7554) provides that non-profit, second class postal rate increases imposed by the Postal Rate Commission and scheduled to take effect during the next eight years, would be shared equally between the user and congressional appropriations. It also provides that only

two-thirds of the scheduled rates would be charged for the first 250,000 copies of a non-profit publication.

The House of Representatives Post Office and Civil Services Committee endorsed the measure by a vote of 13 to 10 and recommended it to the full House. It must be approved by the House Rules Committee before action can be taken on the floor.

Supporters of the new bill include four major religious press organizations, the Catholic Press Association, the Associated Church Press, Evangelical Press Association, and the American Jewish Press Association.

"We are very happy on behalf of all our member publications in the religious press that the House Committee has approved this new bill which would provide much needed relief for religious publications from the heavy rate increases scheduled for the future," James A. Doyle, executive director of the CPA, said in New York. He has been coordinating religious press support of the legislation.

"This legislation has a long way to go yet but we are cheered by this first important step," Mr. Doyle said. (RNS)

## Regular Baptists Hold Annual Conference

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches holding its 42nd annual conference recently in Kansas City, Mo., passed resolutions on abortion and occult practices and focused major attention on soul winning.

Major resolutions passed without opposition included: a reaffirmation of the conviction that believers in Christ should live "soberly, righteously, and godly . . ."; a dedication of the messengers to praying, preaching, and witnessing; an expressed opposition to the charismatic movement which is "based upon a misunderstanding of the teaching of Scripture regarding the spiritual gifts . . ."; a support of the institutional New Testament church as opposed to "various Christian organizations having no relationship to local churches," and an assertion of the need for soul searching prayer as a means of worship.

The conference drew approximately 3000 adults and 700 young people from independent Baptist churches.

## New Books

**The Conquest of Fear** by M. F. Graham, Broadman, 124 pp. Heart disease caused Dr. Graham to be recaptured by Christ. But though that blessing made it all worthwhile, the journey through fear was frightening.

**Living at Peace in a Turbulent World** by Henry Allen Parker, Broadman, 127 pp. Up-to-date with relevancy, the author's sermons on coping with life ring with solid commitment to the Bible and absolute confidence that it holds the answers for today.

## Black Tells Southern Baptists They're Not Responsible 'For Sins Of Fathers'

RIDGECREST, N.C.—A black Baptist executive has cautioned Southern Baptists against feelings of guilt for white mistreatment of blacks in earlier period of history.

Addressing a conference on "Race: New Directions for a New Day," sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Emmanuel L. McCall associate secretary of the department of work with National Baptists of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said:

"You cannot be responsible for the sins of fathers, grandfathers, greats . . . One is responsible only for his time and his involvement in redeeming the corporate sin that affects us."

At the same time, McCall commented that "most Southern Baptists still lack an adequate understanding of the black presence in America, and what the attendant evils of slavery have done to both races then and now."

He called for "a re-reading of history" in this connection, and also suggested that "one must try to understand the contemporary dynamics that form black opinions and attitudes." (RNS)

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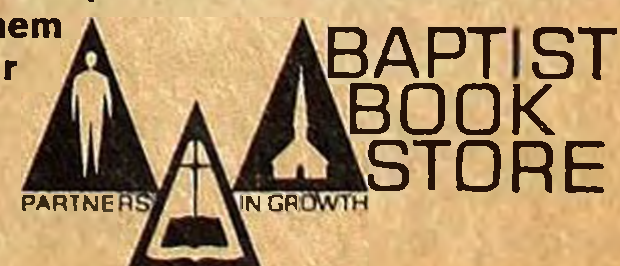
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# Fifth National RA Congress Scheduled In St. Louis Aug. 14-16



Clower



Irwin

Southern Baptist entertainers, Grady Nutt and Jerry Clower, former astronaut James Irwin, and Brotherhood Commission executive director Glendon McCullough will highlight activities at the Fifth National Royal Ambassador Congress scheduled for St. Louis, August 14-16.

The three-day event is expected to draw between 7000 and 10,000 Royal Ambassadors. "Gateway to Missions" will be the general theme for the four sessions with emphases on "World Missions," "Commitment," "The Great Commission," and "Involvement Now." A "I Have a Mission" march through downtown St. Louis will open a care and share afternoon with Pioneer Royal Ambassadors helping to meet physical and spiritual needs of the people in the city. Coordinated by the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board, the care and share afternoon will serve as a model program of mission action for RA chapters across the convention.

Irwin will participate in a mass commitment service along with other program personalities. The former astronaut holds the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, the United Nations Peace Medal, and several other honors.

## Church Renewal Stressed By Canada Federation

Members of the Baptist Federation of Canada meeting in the 10th triennial assembly in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, placed major emphasis on church renewal within the 137,000 member organization.

Findley Edge, Louisville, Ky., author of the book, "The Greening of the Church," told the 1000 delegates that "it is high time we sat down and rethought our religion." The author called on churches to "realize that the real essence of a church is not its financial success with new carpeting, a new piano, or any other like tangible thing, but the spirit, dedication, and concern of the people within that church."

J. Frank Patch, Montreal, was elected president of the Church, and Raymond Bell; Vancouver and Mrs. Gerald Phillips, Woodstock, New Brunswick, were elected vice-presidents. T. B. McDormand, Amherst, Nova Scotia, retired as president.

## 'Joy' Composer, Cates, Named As HMB Missionary Associate

ATLANTA—Nashville composer Bill Cates was among seven new missionary associates and one career missionary appointed here by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors.

Cates, composer of the new home mission musical "Joy", will head a three-year experimental music and drama project as a field worker assisting touring groups and missionaries in mission areas with musical and dramatic presentations.

Jerry Baker, missionary associate to the deaf for The Southern Baptist General Convention of California, was promoted to career missionary.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Baker is a graduate of California Baptist college, Riverside, Calif., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He also attended New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological seminary.

"Basically for the first year, Bill Cates will be discovering how music and drama relate to missions and how we can utilize music and drama within our mission strategy," said Don Hammonds, secretary of the board's department of special mission ministries.

Already experienced in writing musicals about missions before his collaboration with

## Grass Named Student Director At Memphis State University

Larry R. Grass, Anderson, S.C., was elected director of the Baptist Student Union serving students at Memphis State university, according to a recent announcement from Glenn Yarbrough, state Student Department secretary.



Grass

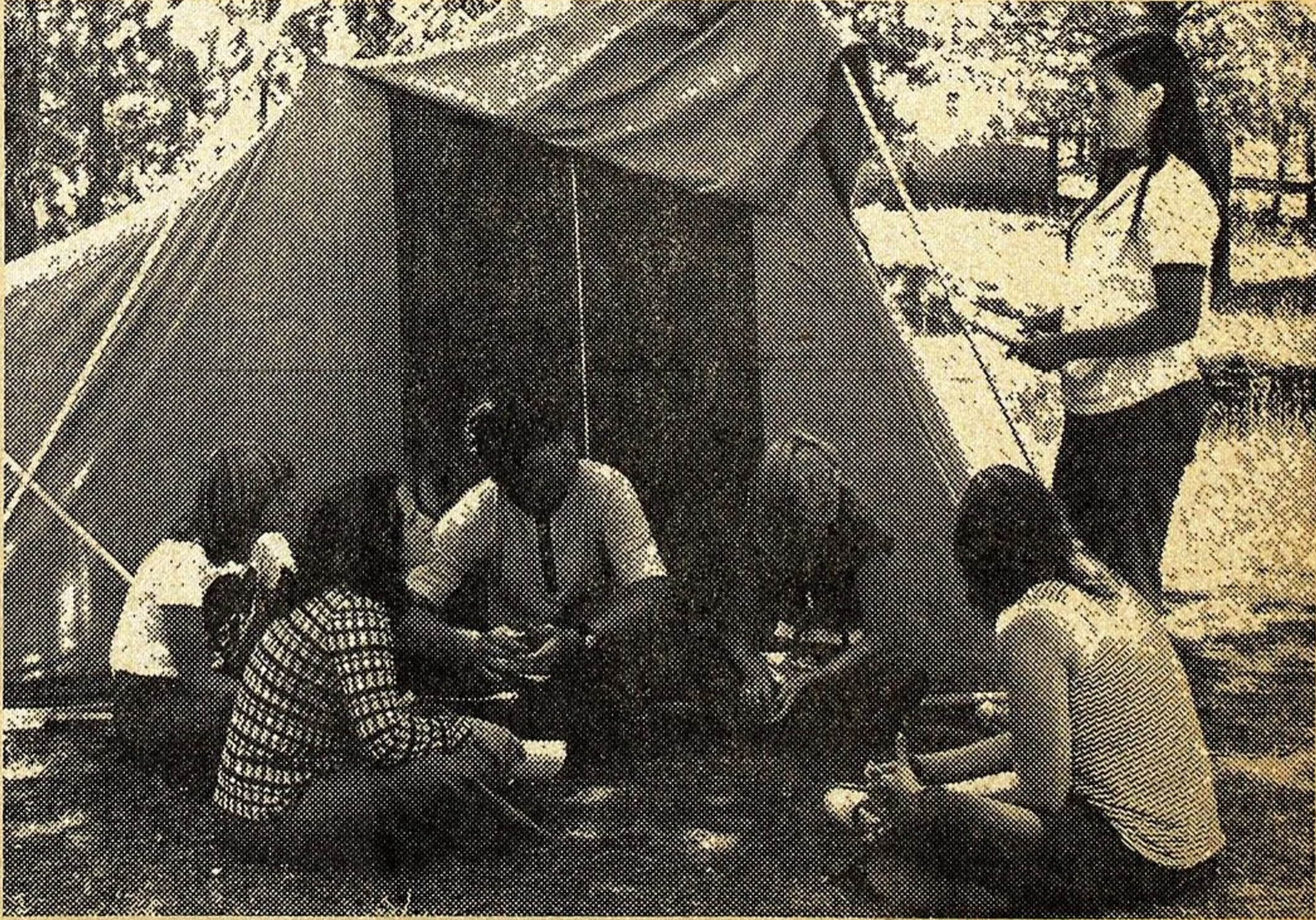
He succeeds Bobby Green, who accepted a position as headmaster of the Oak Haven Baptist academy, Memphis.

Grass has been serving as minister of education at the Boulevard church, Anderson, since June

1972. Previously, he served as campus minister, Georgia State university, and as associate campus minister at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va. He will assume his duties Aug. 1.

HMB staffer Ed Seabough on "Joy," Cates will compose more music relating to missions.

Other new missionary associate appointees are James Lewis, named to direct work with internationals for the Baptist Convention of Maryland, Lutherville, and his wife, Kathleen; David Saludez, director of work with Filipinos, Honolulu, Hawaii, and his wife, Josefina; and David Sapp, director of weekday ministries, Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., and his wife, Linda. (BP)



(photo by Billy Birdwell)

Vacation Bible School workers from Wallace Memorial Baptist church, Knoxville, Tenn., discuss the next Bible lesson to be taught near Rapid City, South Dakota.



## Tennessee Youth Hold VBS For Fifth Year In Mission Field

**RAPID CITY, S.D.**—Something keeps drawing the youth of Wallace Memorial Baptist church of Knoxville, Tenn., back to South Dakota.

They made the 1600-mile trip to this pioneer area of Baptist work this year for the fifth time.

The magnet is missions—not the glory and excitement of missions, but missions after the first glow of new places and new experiences has worn off and after the realization has set in that it is hard work to hold Vacation Bible Schools for two weeks in 100-degree plus temperatures.

This year, the 29 young people led Vacation Bible Schools in six areas in and around Rapid City. Each week they divided into three groups to lead schools which reached a total of 40-50 children despite lack of supplies, lack of publicity, and lack of recognition in the predominately Catholic and Lutheran area.

"Getting established the first few years was the biggest problem," explained Debbie Shirk, the only young person to return for the fifth year. "We are accepted more now than we were at first. The kids remember me and want me to come back," said Miss Shirk, a student at the University of Tennessee.

Two years ago at Pine Ridge, S.D., members of another denomination followed the young people as they picked up chil-

dren for Bible school. Then going from door to door, the members told parents not to send the children to the Bible schools any longer. The children did not return. This year, though, even the adults seemed to accept the Wallace Memorial young people, and no incidents marred the two-week stay. (BP)

### Children's Homes

## Nothing Is The Matter

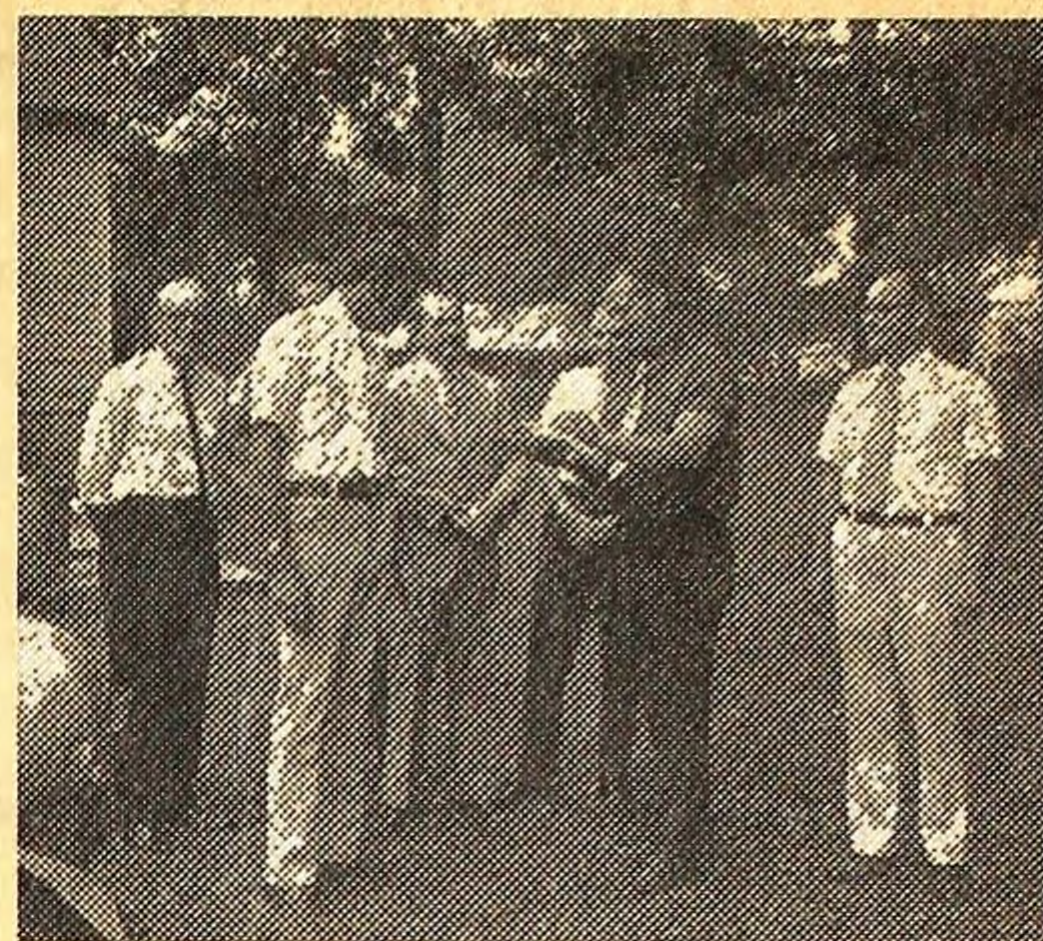
By James M. Gregg,  
Executive Director-Treasurer

"One cold, wintry day, Henry Ward Beecher, the great, warm-hearted Brooklyn preacher, was walking down the street when he found a child, crying bitterly. He picked the child up in his strong arms and folded him on his broad breast, until he ceased his sobbing. Then he asked, 'What's the matter little one?' 'Nuffin is the matter since you comed!' replied the child."

Hundreds of children could say to Tennessee Baptists, "Nothing is the matter since you came." You have come into their lives in Jesus Name and you have brought love, trust and a home. Thank you.

Praise God! We have reached our Mother's Day Offering Goal of \$280,000. I will give you the exact amount after August 1. This is an answer to prayer. This is God's work. To Him be all the glory. Now, I pledge to you that during the year this money will be used as carefully and prayerfully as possible for the care of homeless children. God bless you.

## Note Burning Is Held By First Baptist, Norris



Members of First church, Norris, participate in recent note burning ceremonies. From left to right are: Troy Christopher, pastor; Martion Pointer, Corbin Keck, Don Dew, Gene Isbell, and Carl Stooksbury.

Members of First church, Norris, Clinton Association, held note burning services recently following the final payment of the church debt. Begun as a mission of First church, Clinton, in 1947, the church was constituted July 1, 1952 with 64 charter members.

In October 1963, the church approved plans for a sanctuary with construction beginning that year. The structure was dedicated March 15, 1964. On April 1, 1973, under the leadership of Pastor Troy Christopher, the church launched a campaign to pay the remaining part of the church debt. The goal was reached on July 15.

## Annuity Secretary Named For Va., Md. And D.C.

**DALLAS**—A new field secretary has been elected to promote Southern Baptist retirement and insurance plans for ministers and other religious workers in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Frank G. Schwall, 36, a pastor in Bluefield, W. Va., will assume his duties Aug. 27, according to the announcement by the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He will have offices in the Virginia Baptist Building at Richmond. He succeeds Harold S. Bailey, who moved to Dallas as vice-president in the development division at the Annuity Board here.

By agreement among Baptist conventions in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, Schwall will promote retirement and insurance plans in all three.

Schwall has been pastor of College Avenue Baptist church, Bluefield, since 1962. He graduated from the University of Richmond (Baptist) in 1958 and from Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., in 1961.

From 1965 to 1971, he was a member of the general board of the Baptist state association in Virginia. (BP)

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# Amos: Champion Of The Downtrodden

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

Basic Passages: Amos 2:6-16; 6:1-7; 7:10-17  
Focal Passages: Amos 2:6-8; 6:1, 4-6; 7:12-15

Amos had a burning indignation against all injustice, oppression and exploitation. When he mused on the evils of his day the fire burned. He had no doubt that his indignation was of the Lord. In fact he was convinced that it was the wrath of Jehovah flaming in his soul.

The true prophets of God were thorns in the sides of kings and other privileged people who oppressed the poor and took advantage of the defenseless. They made a large number of prominent people very uncomfortable. It cost some prophets their freedom at times and at other times it cost them their very lives.

For those who are the victims of circumstances and misfortune over which they seem to have no immediate control, individuals and society should exhibit concrete compassion. Where selfishness and power are in the ascendancy, inflicting injustices and inequities, such power and selfishness should be restrained and the whole situation remedied. Laws should be effective in protecting the rights of the weak and defenseless against designs and schemes of those who have the advantage. No manipulation of laws or lack of laws should obstruct the door of opportunity against any worthy person, regardless of economic status, creed or color.

## A Ghastly Picture Amos 2:6-8

Very vivid, excoriating language is used by Amos in describing heartless oppression and exploitation of the poor and needy by the privileged and powerful members of the society of Israel. To us some of his language is somewhat obscure but it refers to cruel and ruthless behavior toward the poor.

The practice of prostitution in some forms of heathen worship is well established

as a fact. They had stooped so low in their morality that fathers and sons engaged jointly in the most debased form of immorality.

## Sinful Complacency Amos 6:4-6

Some people were reveling in extreme luxury, leaning heavily on a false sense of security—the hill of Samaria. It was considered an almost impregnable fortress. The hill was easy to defend and difficult to assail in those days.

A saturnalia of reveling in extravagant luxury with absolute indifference to the ghastly injustices and depravity going on in the land was in progress. They were indulging in the abundance of choice food and drinks, accompanied by special music, yet they were entirely complacent and unconcerned about the terrible conditions all about them.

## A Priest Seeks To Silence Amos

Amaziah, a priest of Israel, instead of backing Amos, reacted in favor of the “status quo” in Israel and against the prophet of God.

Amaziah ordered Amos to go back to Judah, his own country, and prophesy there. Amos informed him not only that he was not a prophet, neither did he belong to a line of prophets. He informed him that he was an humble shepherd and gatherer of sycamore fruit. Likely this was a reference to a particular type of small figs. Yet God had called him in the midst of his labors to prophesy in Israel. In other words, it was not his idea but came from

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### It Is Different

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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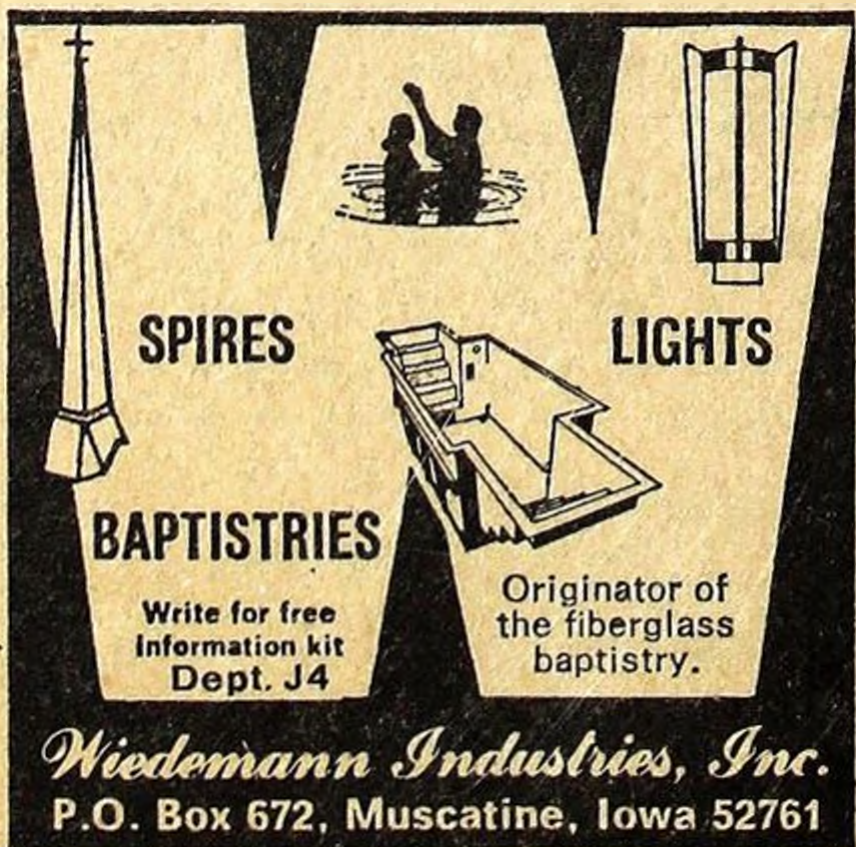
The Christian will is one that is well prepared. An attorney should do it for the purpose of exactness according to law. This will provides for all those who are the responsibility of the testator. The Christian will also makes provisions for one's continuing Christian testimony after he has gone to heaven. This makes it different.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton



Norton

At this time each summer it is not unusual to hear comments concerning a "slump" or a general feeling of relaxation of effort in many of our churches. However, there is one area of work which is maintained in the summer in which there is no noticeable slowing-down of activities. I am referring to the many youth programs that are developed and carried out during the summer months, such as Vacation Bible Schools, camps, choir activities and recreational projects that add emphasis to the value of Christian living.

I am convinced that these worthwhile programs result from the dedicated lives and efforts of many, many leaders and counselors. And for these men and women who devote much of their summer working with our youth, all of us are deeply grateful.

My conviction that this leadership has far-reaching value was deepened last week as I attended the campfire service of approximately 175 RA's at Camp Linden. Under the leadership of Bro. William Highsmith, RA Secretary for Tennessee, a most stimulating commitment service took place. Sitting on logs on a hillside before a beautiful campfire where they had marched from a mission activity singing "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," these young boys gave reverent attention to Brother Highsmith's message as he challenged them to accept Christ as Saviour and to commit themselves to being missionary in their everyday living. As many of these boys made decisions, their counsellors were waiting to talk to them and encourage in any way possible.

If you are not actively engaged in working with the young people of your church, won't you join with me in saying "Thank You" to all of the dedicated children's and

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## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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### Permissiveness And Moralizing Ruled Out

Two approaches that don't work with children are moralizing and complete permissiveness, Dr. Norman Enteen, coordinator of guidance services for the Dade County Public School, told a mental health seminar here.

Parents and teachers trying to help children develop values—guides for governing their own behavior—should avoid moralizing because youngsters are quick to detect the discrepancy between what adults say and do, he cautioned.

Left to themselves and expected to make decisions that rightfully belong to adults, children are more likely to develop self-conflicts and confusion than values, says Enteen.

Adult example, or "modeling," is still about the best way to inculcate values provided that parents and teachers do not attempt to convince children that they are 100% pure and mistake-proof, in the specialist's opinion.

"Be genuine, admit that you're not perfect," he urges. "We all make compromises, we all believe one way yet sometimes bend another."

The important thing is that children see that their adults **keep trying** to be kind, just, compassionate and courageous even though they sometimes slip up. It's the effort that impresses.

young people's leaders who have a vision of the need for influencing young boys and girls for Christ.

## Historically:

### From the files

#### > 50 YEARS AGO <

John W. Inzer was called from the pastorate of First church, Chattanooga, to serve as pastor of First church, Jackson.

A skyline view of Nashville showed the offices of **Baptist And Reflector** located at that time in the Baptist Sunday School Board building. Under construction nearby was a six-story structure which would contain the merchandise and mailing departments and a building where printing would be done, (now the North Wing of the BSSB).

#### > 20 YEARS AGO <

The contract for construction of the first two units of the Chattanooga branch of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home was let, and work was to begin shortly. Churches in the Hamilton Association had given \$40,000 toward a \$100,000 goal on the project.

Twelve pastors in the Beech River Association met for the purpose of organizing a pastors' conference. Elmo Blakney, Lexington, was elected president; and Elmus Flowers, Parsons, was selected to serve as vice-president.

#### > 10 YEARS AGO <

Mark Harris ended 29 years as pastor of the Speedway Terrace church, Memphis, when he retired in July 1963. He had been a member of the Board of Baptist Hospital for 15 years and the Baptist Children's Home board for more than 20 years.

The Cromwell church was organized in the Hamilton Association. It was located in Chattanooga, and Larry L. Smith was called as pastor.

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