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## State Missions Week - September 9-16

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Churches across the state are urged to set aside the week of Sept. 9-16 for the observance of State missions. Sunday, Sept. 9, has been designated as State Missions Sunday. Pastors may give emphasis to the day through a missionary message. The evening service or the Wednesday night prayer service may be used for the presentation of the "General Church Program" on state missions prepared especially for this purpose.

Throughout the week, families are urged to pray for the four State Missions activities featured in the programs and those areas of work listed on the small "hand-out" designed for individual and family use. Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, Acteens, Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women are to meet organizationally for a separate study of state mis-

sion needs followed by a period of directed prayer. Prayer meetings may be scheduled at the church during the week prior to work, during lunch or on the way home. Announcements, posters, bulletin boards all may be used to keep the emphasis before the church.

Based on the 1974 SBC denominational theme, "Sharing Christ Through His Word", the study theme running throughout the church and organizational programs is "Holding Forth The Word." Featured items for study this year are work among the deaf, preachers schools, Burney Love Gifts, and state camps.

The state offering goal is \$200,000. Each church is urged to set its own offering goal and keep the progress of the offering before the church until it is met or surpassed.

Materials from the state WMU office have been mailed to all Tennessee churches. Royal Ambassadors received their programs from the Brotherhood Department. Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood working with the pastor and the church council are urged to lead the entire church to study about, pray for and give to the great mission needs found in our own state and the resulting ministries conducted by Tennessee Baptists.

### Poplar Heights, Jackson, Marks 50th Anniversary

Members of the Poplar Heights church in Jackson celebrated the church's 50th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 26, with Dr. Ernest Guy, M.D., Atlanta, as the guest speaker. He is the son of Mrs. R. E. Guy and the late Dr. Guy, who served as the church's first pastor.

The church was organized Aug. 23, 1923 after a brush arbor revival conducted by Dr. Guy. Application was made to the Madison Association in 1924 with 40 members on the church roll.

Mrs. Maude Hammonds, charter member and first secretary of the church, gave a brief history of the church at the morning service. Paul Isbell, former pastor and now pastor of Hornsby church, Hornsby, brought the morning message.

Other speakers at the event included ordained ministers of Poplar Heights: Bob Benson, pastor of the Ararat church; James Dennison, pastor of the Huron church; Johnnie Rushing, pastor of the Franklin church, Franklin, Ky., and Robert Matthews, associate pastor of First church, Brinkley, Ark. Mrs. L. G. Frey, Nashville, widow of a former pastor spoke also.

Douglas Brewer serves as pastor.

### First Baptist Church, Jackson Accepts Deed For Relocation

A tract of land, valued at \$225,000, has been presented as a gift to First Baptist church, Jackson, from Dr. and Mrs. George Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watkins.

Presentation of the gift was made Sunday, Aug. 26, during the morning worship service. W. H. Sullivan, chairman of the Advance Committee of the church, and R. Trevis Otey, pastor, accepted on behalf of the membership.

According to Otey, the 15 acre gift makes it possible for the church to proceed with its planning in the implementation of a decision of the church several months ago to relocate. Plans are scheduled to begin on the construction of the new facilities, estimated to take two years.

### Pastors' Retreat Sets New Attendance High

A record attendance of approximately 260 persons was recorded during the 17th annual Pastor's Retreat, held Aug. 27-31 at Camp Carson, Newport, according to F. M. Dowell, secretary, Evangelism department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. The retreat begins each year with a Monday evening meal and closes at noon Friday.

Paul A. Meigs of Jacksonville, Fla., who served as secretary of Evangelism for the Florida Baptist Convention for 15 years, taught the book of Colossians during the Bible study period, held twice daily.

Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, brought messages at both sessions each day. Dowell spoke on soul-winning and led in a sharing time during the morning sessions.

Eual F. Lawson, who served as associate in the division of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for 17 years, preached at both morning and evening sessions.

During the Thursday morning session, Roy J. Gilleland, secretary, Brotherhood department, TBC, spoke on the lay witnessing institutes held across the state.

A. A. Carlson, Lenoir City, was in charge of the music. Don Campbell, minister of music, First church, Sevierville, served as pianist and Billy J. Edmonds, pastor, Clear Springs church, Mascot, directed the recreation activities.

### Scholarship Fund Set Up In Memory Of Evangelist

The Powell's Chapel Baptist church, Murfreesboro, has announced plans to initiate an annual scholarship fund at Belmont college in memory of evangelist Barton Barrett. Barrett was killed in a plane accident last December in Nashville after returning from a Southern Baptist bus evangelism conference in Atlanta. The crash claimed the lives of Henry Bruce French and Ray Sadler, also members of the evangelistic team.

According to Donald A. McRae, pastor, the first special service was held Sunday, Aug. 26, and \$2500 was collected. In the future, the offering will be taken on the first Sunday following May 15, Barrett's birthday. It will be used in the Music Department at Belmont. Funds will be handled by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Barrett grew up in the Powell's Chapel church, McRae stated.

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# TAKING INVENTORY

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."

—Phil. 3:7

Paul has been talking about the fallacy of trusting in one's outward relationships for salvation. So he took an inventory of his pre-Christian life and his Christian life.

The apostle insisted that he has more grounds than anyone else to have confidence in the flesh as a means of a right relation with God (v. 4). So he draws a balance on his life (vv. 5-6).

As a Jew he was circumcised on the eighth day as required by the law. He was a naturally-born Israelite, not a Jewish proselyte. He was a descendant of Benjamin, Rachel's son. The first king of Israel was out of this tribe. As a "Hebrew of the Hebrews" he means that his parents remained true to Hebrew language and customs, not becoming Hellenistic Jews. And Paul had followed their example. While he knew Greek, he had not forsaken Jewish customs for Greek customs. He was a Pharisee, a conservative in theology, accepting all of the Old Testament as God's Word. In his zeal for Judaism he had persecuted Christians. And he had kept the Mosaic law plus all the rules of the rabbis. "Blameless"



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means that he scored a hundred in his Jewish conduct and loyalty.

Yet when he became a Christian, he saw that these things were not really "gain" but "loss" in his quest after spiritual peace with God. He moved his life under Judaism to the debit side of the ledger, and placed his experience with Christ on the credit side. It outweighed all the rest. These previous things were but as human refuse compared to his gaining of Christ by grace through faith (vv. 8-9).

In the light of Paul's experience, everyone should take a spiritual inventory. Without Christ one has nothing. With Him he has everything.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

It is a well known fact that everyone is willing to lend a helping hand to the fellow who has trouble opening his pocketbook.

But many preachers have a difficult time getting their church members to loosen their pursestrings.

One church was having its money problems and yet at the deacons' meeting, a proposal was made that the pastor be given a long overdue increase in salary.

Surprisingly, the preacher opposed the idea. "Brothers," he said, "I don't want you to raise my salary. I'm having too much trouble raising what you are paying me now."

This reminds me of the preacher who was filling the pulpit of a church when, at offering time, the deacons said, "Preacher, we'll just pass your hat." They did and his hat came back absolutely empty.

However, the preacher was equal to the occasion. He bowed his head and prayed, "Lord, I thank Thee that I got my hat back."

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## The Holy Guest

By Hazel Scott Craft  
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"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. 3:20)

There is a Holy Guest, Jesus the Christ, standing outside of man's heart door. He stands knocking gently as a morning breeze, blowing its cool breath upon summer's wilted flowers. He stands whispering sweet as a cooing dove, cooing to its mate in a far away tree.

Is this Holy Guest inside your heart's door; supping with you and you with him? Have you heard his gentle knock and sweet voice and invited him to come in? If not, be still for a little while and listen for his knock. Listen for his sweet voice, and invite him to come into your heart, and be your eternal Guest to sup with you and you with him.

He stands, longing to be your eternal Guest; whether you live in a cabin in a valley, or a mansion built high upon a hill; for he is no respecter of person. His love is for all mankind; and he is a most gracious and kind Guest; I know, for he is a Holy Guest in my heart; and forever will he be a Guest of mine to sup with me, and I with him.

(Editor's note: Mrs. Craft is a member of First Baptist Church, Kingsport.)

## Broadman Seminarian Awards Presented To Six

Six students, each representing one of the six Southern Baptist Theological seminaries, have been named recipients of Broadman Seminarian awards given this year by Broadman Press.

Representing Golden Gate seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was Tom E. Provost. Others included: Kelly Paul Smith, Southeastern seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; A. Fred Dyer Jr., Southwestern seminary, Fort Worth; Waylon Bailey, New Orleans seminary; Robert E. Thompson, Southern seminary, Louisville; and Walter H. Guth, Midwestern seminary, Kansas City.

According to James W. Clark, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Broadman Division, the award is a recognition of the importance of scholarship in theological education, and it is an attempt by Broadman to recognize outstanding achievement by seminary undergraduates and to maintain a continuing focus of encouragement to future students in the field of biblical studies.

Each award winner, selected by the faculty of the seminary he attends, received a set of the "Broadman Bible Commentary."



# Mercer University Plans New Medical School; Names Dean

**MACON, Ga.**—Mercer university here, operated by the Georgia Baptist Convention, has announced plans for a new medical school, expected to begin in 1976, initially in an expanded version of the school's Willet Science Center.

The 140-year-old Southern Baptist school has named Dr. Nat Smith, associate dean and professor of medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, as dean of the proposed medical school, effective Oct. 1.

Initial funds for the new school will come from a \$2 million campaign planned by the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce to expand the Willet Science Center, a \$1.9 million grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to purchase 48 acres surrounding the campus and \$5 million appropriated by the Georgia Legislature.

The proposed school will be designed to train "primary care" and "first contact" physicians and to emphasize the clinical specialty of family practice, with an innovative approach to team health care training.

The school will set up a series of "health access stations" to provide health care in a 27-county area of middle Georgia and give students early exposure to the practice of medicine.

The access stations will operate in areas needing health care and will use a team approach. Medically indigent patients will be accepted, as will paying patients who lack other sources of medical care.

Each station will have a permanent staff of a manager and/or a registered nurse. Team members at each station will consist

## Brazil Pastors Vote To Do Away With Term 'Laymen'

Baptist pastors, meeting in Campo Grande, Brazil for a pastors' retreat, voted to do away with the term "laymen" in the churches of the Brazilian state.

Jose Pereira Lins, a leading national educator and Baptist deacon, explained the history and meaning of the word "layman" as one who is not of the clergy, untrained, and by implication, unfit for leadership or responsibility. The 27 pastors decided that the term was unworthy of the capable persons who lead the majority of the 62 Baptist churches in Mato Grosso, according to missionary Ben E. Hope.

The pastors decided, also, that the definition of "layman" conflicts with the Baptist doctrine of the competency of every believer to study and interpret the Scripture.

A resolution was passed to refer to non-ordained church members as "cooperadores" (cooperators) in Baptist churches and publications of their state and to encourage other Brazilian Baptists to use the term.

of at least one faculty member, residents and medical students, a nursing instructor and nursing students, physician assistant students and pharmacy students from Mercer's Southern School of Pharmacy.

The first entering class will have 24 students. Each subsequent class will expand 12 more students until a class size of 96 is reached.

The school especially will recruit students from rural areas who have expressed interest in primary care medicine, as well as students with a broad college background in liberal arts and social sciences.

Faculty will be divided between full-time and part-time members, including physicians in surrounding communities. Mercer hopes to establish a faculty-student ratio of 1:2, close to the national average.

Dr. Smith, a native of South Carolina, is a graduate of Erskine College, Due West, S.C., and the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta. He joined the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1957. (BP)

## Baptists To Present Major Congress Papers

Three Baptists have been selected to be among 10 persons presenting major papers to the 1974 International Congress on World Evangelization, July 16, 1974 in Lausanne's Palais de Beaulieu, according to program director Paul Little.

The Baptist speakers will include: Rene Padilla, Argentina; Samuel Escobar, Peru; and Henri Blocher, France. Other speakers slated are: Peter Beyerhaus, Germany, Lutheran; Susumu Uda, Japan, Reformed Presbyterian; Bishop Festo Kivengere, Uganda, Anglican; George Peters, U.S.A., Mennonite; Howard Snyder, Brazil, Free Methodist; Donald McGavran, U.S.A., Disciples of Christ; and Canon Michael Green, England, Anglican.

When the 10-day meetings convene, the opening addresses will be given by Billy Graham, honorary chairman of the Congress, and John Stott, London, a chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II.

Little related that the program has been formulated in consultation with people in all parts of the world. Each participant will have the opportunity to indicate the particular interests and concerns he would like to see reflected in the program. Unlike the procedure followed at the 1966 Berlin Congress, the major papers will be sent out in advance to the 3000 participants for their study and response. Based on the questions raised, Congress speakers, instead of reading their papers, will summarize them and then deal with the questions sent in by participants.

Following the Congress, a massive effort will be launched to put the literature into

## Three Belmont Students 'Spring Street' Members

Three Belmont college students are members of the nationally televised Spring Street Singers program, produced by the Southern Baptist Convention Radio and Television Commission. The three, all native Tennesseans, include James Gorin, Andra Bradley, and Sandra Bradley.



S. Bradley

Gorin

A. Bradley

They serve as a part of the 12 member group and are directed by composer recording artist Buryl Red. As members of the group, they appear on the television series, "Spring Street, U.S.A." seen every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on WSIX in Nashville.

The program offers a combination of music, guests, and short messages for life. Host for the series is Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main church, Houston.

## 'Home' Film Wins Another Award For SBC Radio-TV Commission

**MONTREAL, Canada**—Home, a Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission film on ecology, won first place in the short film category at the First International Film Festival on Human Environment here.

Previously Home captured the 1972 blue ribbon (first place) in the American Film Festival competition and a silver medal in the 15th International Film and TV Festival, both in New York.

In the Canadian festival, connected with the Canadian Film Board, Home competed with entries from numerous countries on such topics as biological conservation, natural disasters, the challenge of urbanization and the new technologies of man and the dangers involved.

The film, one of the segments of 30-minute color documentaries and dramas in the Radio-TV Commission's The Human Dimension series, depicts the ecological crisis through scenes of modern pollution presented in contrast with an Indian chief's heartfelt love for his natural environment.

It was originally shown on the ABC-TV network's Directions series in March, 1972. (BP)

the hands of the average church member, Little stated, so that it can be used as study guides for evangelism to multiply the impact of the Congress.



# EDITORIALS

## Let's Quit Singing The Blues - - - And Dig In!

The message of Christianity was carried through most of the known world by the end of the First Century. The messengers were joyous, exuberant, secure in the knowledge that their message was all-important and life-giving. The record in the Acts of the Holy Spirit attests to the fervency and vitality—and effectiveness of the witness of the early disciples.

The latter part of the 20th century presents often a different picture of messengers with the same message. The picture we seem to receive today—too frequently—is one of despair, lack of zeal, and seemingly a lack of the real assurance which motivates the Christian to the highest degree of effectiveness.

The problems of the First Century disciples were many. Their lot was not easy at all. Their burdens were heavy. Persecution and pain and death were everyday occurrences. But this did not stop them from their commitment. In later generations, as chronicled in Fox's Book Of Martyrs, Christians faced fearlessly dangers and death in order that their witness might be positive and effective.

No great stretching of the imagination is required to determine that without the vitality of a living Lord, and His Word, the message of Christianity would never have been preached as effectively in the days of His Flesh and shortly thereafter.

Christians need today to be aware of, recall, and take comfort from this "positive thinking" of early Christians. This is not the time to wring our hands. Sure—we won't solve all the problems of this or any other generation. The day-by-day routine of Christian living is not different problemwise than the routine of life itself; because we are in the world. However, the tremendous "plus" factor for the Christian is the power of the Holy Spirit to direct and lead, and on occasion to alter the ordered affairs of this universe in order to accomplish the will of God. Tennessee Baptists need today, as much as at any time in our generation, to be aware of the fact that God still directs our affairs, and that if we serve him faithfully, He will lead and guide us so that His will might be done.

In the stream of history, sagging Cooperative Receipts, for example, might just be a minute problem. Looming larger in our consideration must be a sagging spiritual vitality and a waning faith in the power of God to lead His people. We believe that a renewed awareness of the unity of the spirit, of the all-important mission for believers, and of the strength we have to dwell in would provide answers for many problems which confront us. There used to be sung in many Baptist churches an old song. It was entitled "If Your Heart Keeps Right." One refrain from the song goes something like this: "If the dark shadows gather as you roll along, do not grieve for their coming, sing a cheery song . . . Every cloud shall wear a rainbow if your heart keeps right."

This is true today. It is time for Tennessee Baptists to quit singing the blues. It is time to rededicate ourselves to the task which is ours; a task which requires time, concern, and financial support. We shall never win a lost world without commitment in all these areas. When this happens, we shall be able to meet our financial obligations

## Not By Bread Alone

"The Welfare State is my shepherd; I shall not want," is for some the modern version of the Twenty-third Psalm. The role of the state is expanding, that of the church contracting in many lives. Will Herberg says the Welfare State has become a substitute for religion and for God in the lives of many. They look to the state as a "big father" and "big brother" to find help in times of trouble.

With the state taking on more and more the function of meeting not only man's needs—those other than social and material—what place is left for the church? A federal antipoverty program director, who is also a Lutheran minister, says church groups should be grateful for the assumption by government of welfare tasks which have long been church concerns. There is much more for the church to do as it is freed from waiting on tables. But the trouble is the technological spirit gives man the impression that all problems are technological. This tends to "dry up the sources of religion," and men accept more and more the concept of expecting the government to meet their needs.

We seem to be coming to an inherited dependency on welfare relief. A grand jury investigating the handling of welfare allotments in a New Jersey county noted that one family has been on relief for four generations. It would be impossible to estimate the number of families receiving aid for two or three generations. The welfare board director said concerning the case in New Jersey that it began as a poor family supported by state aid. This case was then inherited by the county. Some of the children dropped into their parents' pattern and became welfare charges. Then some of the children's children became perpetuated on welfare. The jury recommended the board use its authority to demand and secure a more realistic approach to the welfare program on the part of the staff. This would be justified to protect the public's rights and interests as well as those of welfare applicants and recipients.

Time was when we criticized inherited wealth. Is there any criticism of inherited relief? How far will we go in expecting the government to meet all our needs? How far can we go in public expenditures without facing the fact that somebody must pay for these mounting expenditures? There is a pointed old story of a ruler who once called his smartest men to put in simplest form the economic problems of the times so all could understand. After a year wise men came with stacks of volumes profusely illustrated with graphs and charts. But one, simpler and wiser than all the rest, put it all in a nutshell without any graph or any chart when he bluntly concluded, "There ain't so such thing as a free lunch."

Human problems will not be solved by creating a temporal utopia. Man does not live by bread alone. Let's not forget, after all, the world's troubles started in an earthly paradise, the Garden of Eden.

(Editor's Note: This editorial was written by former Editor Richard N. Owen and appeared in Baptist And Reflector July 14, 1966.)

—and exceed them. The mission advance of Southern Baptists must not be curtailed. IT MUST BE STRENGTHENED!



# Belmont, Carson-Newman Hold Convocation Ceremonies; Begin Terms

Annual fall convocation ceremonies at Belmont college and Carson-Newman college were held Monday, Aug. 27 and Friday, Aug. 31 respectively. Union university will hold its annual convocation Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Calvary church in Jackson.

President Herbert Gabhart delivered the Belmont convocation address. Speaking on "Five World Powers and Five Eternal Principles," Gabhart told students and faculty members that the five world powers of the future would be Russia, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, and possibly the United States. His address was developed from a recent tour of Europe and Asia. He warned that America may be losing its leadership potential and stated that a lack of respect for individuals within the country may be a primary cause.

Preceding his address, Gabhart was presented with a limited edition print of Acklen Hall by Alumni Association president Noel Loper. The print will be hung in the president's office.

M. G. Scarlett, president of Middle Tennessee State university, Murfreesboro, delivered the fall convocation address at Carson-Newman college as the school opened its 123rd year. Services were held at First church, Jefferson City.

The fifth president of MTSU, Scarlett assumed his position in October 1968. He is a graduate of Catawba college where he has been named outstanding alumnus and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. In 1970, he was named as one of two educators from the South to the Advisory Committee for the State University of New York.

Francis E. Wright, president of Jackson State Community college, and former president of Union university, will speak to students and faculty in Jackson on Sept. 11.

## Dennis Suits Earns Highest Ambassador Service Aide Award

Dennis Suits, Smyrna, has earned the highest recognition under the Ambassador Service Aide Award. Suits completed recently his fifth Ambassador Service Aide requiring 750 hours of service.

A member of First church, Smyrna, Suits earned \$1200 in scholarship funds to be applied to the Baptist college of his choice in Tennessee. Additionally, he was awarded a national plaque.

He worked for the past four summers on the RA camp staff and has served as vice president of the RAs for 1971-72.

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Scheduled at the convocation services will be the awarding of the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree to E. B. McCool, businessman in property management and development.

An administration-faculty reception will be held on the campus Sept. 13.

## Tennesseans Take Part In Writers' Workshop

Thirteen Tennessee Baptists were among 55 persons participating in a writers' workshop at the Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

The workshop was designed to aid persons in developing skills for writing articles for church-related publications or for curriculum writing for the Board.

Tennesseans participating included: Mrs. W. F. Cox, Memphis; James C. Hefley, freelance writer who served as lecturer and consultant for the workshop; Harry Kellogg, Jr., pastor of First church, Smyrna; Lynn M. Davis Jr., workshop director and manuscript analyst in the Board's Church Services and Materials Division; and Barbara Chandler, Concord.

Others were: Clyde Tilley, Jackson; Reverend and Mrs. William E. Gamble, Memphis; Mrs. William L. Blevins, Jefferson City; Ron Kurtz, director of music and

# Brotherhood Group To Meet Sept. 21-22

The semi-annual meeting of state Brotherhood officers will be held Sept. 21-22 at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building in Brentwood according to Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood secretary.

The first session will convene at 6:00 p.m. Friday. Group training sessions will be offered throughout the meetings. Morris Frank, Smyrna, will discuss plans for involving men in the centennial observance of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1974. Election of officers and a business session will conclude the meetings.

Training will be given in: How to organize a Baptist men's fellowship, W. J. Isbell, Brotherhood Commission; Planning for Lay Win Motivation Schools, E. L. Bates, Benton, Gilleland; Royal Ambassador leadership training, Jay Chance, Brotherhood Commission, Clayton Gilbert, Brotherhood Commission, and Bill Highsmith, state RA secretary; associational officers conference, Michael Prowse, superintendent of missions, William Carey Association.

Wendell Crews, vice president, and Paul Cates, president, will preside over the meetings.

youth at Green Hill church, Mt. Juliet; Mrs. Eva Giles, Nashville; Mrs. D. B. Lambert, Clarksville; Mrs. John R. Walker, Clarksville; Bruce Sartor, Nashville; and Donna Ray Waggoner, Knoxville.



Roy Blaylock, left, Memphis, was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf at its annual meeting recently. Other officers elected were, from left to right: Jane Mathis, Dyersburg, vice president; Mary Jane Pendley, Chattanooga, secretary; and Ben Cox, Memphis, editor of "The Christian Volunteer," monthly publication.

The theme for this year's conference was "The Role of a Layman in His Church." Major addresses were given by James Fair, Houston; Jack Whitsenani, Thomasville, N.C.; Jonas Stewart, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Brentwood; and Leslie Baumgartner, Missions Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.



# Vocal Suicide Among Theologians

By Morton H. Cooper

The essence of any speaker is often the speaker's voice. Yet, how few theologians are trained to use the speaking voice properly! The sound of the speaking voice colors the words and the content. Yet, how few instill in the heart and the mind the sense of life and vibrancy through the speaking voice? The speaking voice is left untrained and unattended in its pristine and unsophisticated style. The speaking voice can awaken the mind and the heart, but unfortunately it is usually left tired and lifeless to dull the words and the senses.

Very few articles have been written which deal with voice training for ministers or rabbis. Is not the training of the speaking voice of the theologian an appropriate topic of interest? Is not the sound and tone of the voice a concern of the rabbi or minister? For years, the church or temple has made the singing voice a thing of beauty. But, when it comes to the speaking voice, who trains it for the rabbi or minister?

The word of God needs more than the word, the thought, and the philosophy. It requires all too often a sound, a tone, and a voice that holds the audience.

## Two Broad Categories

The old style of theological speech was oratorical or rhetorical in manner and fashion. Today's vocal and speech styles are basically natural and conversational. Nonetheless, without realizing it, the rabbi or minister fashions an unnatural voice in using the fireside approach, he lowers the pitch of the voice and places it within the lower portion of the throat. Prolonged use of this type of voice could create a voice problem or disorder.

Most writers in the field of voice pathology separate voice problems into two broad categories: functional dysphonia and organic dysphonia. After treating over one thousand voice cases during the past six years, this writer has found it feasible to categorize voice cases into three essential types. They are: 1) the routine or normal voice; 2) the tired or troubled speaking voice (functional dysphonia) that is in need of vocal retraining; and 3) the disabled voice (basically organic dysphonia) that requires medical attention as well as vocal rehabilitation.

The normal voice is found among most individuals. The voice has neither outstanding assets nor liabilities. It neither attracts nor repels. It is neither good nor bad. For

most people, having a routine or normal voice is acceptable and appropriate. But is the routine or normal voice adequate for the purposes and attributes which the minister or rabbi seeks?

The normal voice is quite prevalent among the clergy. This voice has had no training aside from some hints and suggestions as to the use of the voice. Unfortunately, many of the hints and suggestions are based upon faulty observation and misguided concepts. Some of those misguided concepts include making the voice deep and resonant and keeping the pitch down to make the voice sound mature and authoritative.

## Mature Voice Essential

It is essential to have a mature and knowledgeable voice. It is also essential to have a voice that is pleasant. Who determines what is mature and pleasant? The rabbi or minister himself all too often determines that the voice needs to be lowered in pitch or made more resonant. But can he really determine the pathway of his vocal fulfillment?

Take the case of the rabbi who felt he needed a more authoritative voice. He merely dropped the pitch of his voice, letting the lower tones prevail. Unfortunately, only a few years later he lost his speaking voice due to the misused pitch level and range. According to Brodnitz (1962, p. 455):

"Technically, the lack of proper instruction during professional training in the use of the speaking voice is responsible for many voice disorders. In many training institutions for future teachers, university instructors and ministers, even in drama schools, too little attention is paid to the development of a good vocal technique . . . The result is a rather high incidence of vocal difficulties in young ministers, teachers and actors."

The second type of voice is the tired or troubled voice, also known as functional dysphonia. The symptoms of this type of voice include the following: vocal fatigue, voice breaks and skips, loss of voice, throat clearing, coughing, pain in the throat or back of neck, hoarseness, and difficulty in speaking (Cooper, 1970). An individual with a tired or troubled voice seldom seeks medical attention or vocal training. If he does seek medical attention, the treatment is usually palliative, not remedial or curative. The palliative treatment for tired voice might include vocal rest, vacations, lozenges, drugs, steam, reduced speaking and similar measures. The problem itself, the speaking voice, is not considered nor dealt with.

## Unaware of Symptoms

Many tired voices among the clergy remain unreported and unrecognized as voice problems. The ministers and rabbis them-

selves are lacking awareness that they possess a tired voice. They may realize that they are experiencing some negative symptoms during or following speaking, but they simply are unaware that the symptoms are created by incorrect use of their own speaking voice. More often than not, unknowingly, they are seeking a voice type, a voice style, a vocal image. This vocal image supports the desire to sound impressive, knowledgeable, authoritative, and commanding. To fulfill that vocal role, they drop the pitch of the voice to the bottom or near bottom of the pitch range.

To be heard during services, the minister or rabbi must use more volume, as the low pitched voice does not carry well or easily. This compounds the voice problem. He also frequently forces the voice from the lower portion of the throat (laryngo-pharynx), rather than placing the voice within the mask (naso-oro-pharynx), which would result in balanced oral and nasal resonance (mask replacement). A few rabbis or ministers strain the voice by using too high a pitch while placing the voice within the laryngo-pharynx.

One minister discovered that the higher pitch of voice, a very high pitch, carried better. He emphasized that vocal style until his voice began to lose its vitality.

A rabbi had a very large congregation, and a determination within himself to speak without mechanical amplification. He spoke louder, and in the process, forced his pitch down. This combination eventually resulted in an organic dysphonia (polyps).

## PA System Danger

The microphone or public address system is a danger to the unwary. Although it allows the folksy, natural voice to reach the entire congregation, it allows the speaker to use the intimate or confidential voice which usually emphasizes the lowest pitches in his voice. That lectern voice, though folksy and given to the fireside manner, still produces throat strain and effort because it is emphasizing one specific pitch level or area, and also because it is stressing one type of tone as opposed to a wider free flow of voice, tone, and pitch. The public address system or microphone is a boon to those who know how to use the speaking voice but a bane to those who are unable, unknowing, or unaware of how to speak quietly and directly while keeping the voice well focused in the mask.

For one-to-one speaking situations, the rabbi or minister may attempt to keep his voice confidential and intimate. He wants to indicate control and discretion. This speaking mode helps to destroy the untutored speaking voice as it drives the pitch level down to the bottom of the range. The untrained or unsophisticated speaker finds it most difficult to keep the pitch in the natural, normal range while using little volume in these speaking situations. Further strain occurs by using the lower throat muscles to squeeze the voice out.

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The pinched or tight throat is created by the incorrect use of pitch, tone focus, and breath support. Volume supplied by upper chest breath support rather than mid-section breath support exacerbates the voice problem and fatigues the voice faster and more severely.

Some individuals who continue using the tired voice may find that this type of voice creates vocal inconvenience without becoming more serious. Others recognize that speaking becomes so effortful, so debilitating, that they are compelled to limit the frequency and duration of their conversational speaking or discontinue speaking during services.

### Vocal Rehabilitation

The tired and troubled voice actually requires vocal retraining. Thus vocal rehabilitation not only eliminates the negative symptoms, but also enables the speaker to have a clear and comfortable voice that does not tire with prolonged and emphatic usage.

The third type of voice disorder is the disabled voice or organic dysphonia, which requires medical attention. This dysphonia includes bowed vocal folds or benign growths of the vocal folds (nodule, polyp, or contact ulcer granuloma). Vocal rehabilitation may be used to eliminate the bowing or the growths (Cooper and Nahum, 1967). If the benign growths require surgery, vocal rehabilitation should be initiated following the surgery. This vocal retraining is necessary to prevent the vocal misuse which could cause a recurrence of the growths.

The best time to train the speaking voice is during the initial training of theologians. According to Preacher (1952, p. 14): "Vocal training [is needed] in schools leading to professions where speaking is very important. It is needed in the schools of theology, law, business, government, medicine, teaching, etc." By the time training is completed, the clergyman has coordinated the philosophy and the voice that he needs to fulfill his duties.

Vocal suicide is an established pattern and practice within the church or temple because of the lack of awareness of vocal training and vocal hygiene. Few rabbis or ministers realize that they need not have tired, troubled, or disabled voices. Brief, but directed, vocal training can improve the normal voice. It can also alleviate and often correct the benign organic vocal condition. Speaking engagements and responsibilities can easily be fulfilled if the minister or rabbi would only realize that a well-modulated and dynamic voice can be achieved. Through vocal training or vocal rehabilitation, vocal suicide among rabbis and ministers need not prevail.

(Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Baptist And Reflector several years ago. We believe it is important enough to point out to pastors and other church leaders that they only have one voice.)

## UNIFORM SERIES

Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, September 9, 1973

# God's Wisdom For Man's Folly

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

Scripture: 1 Cor. 1:18-25; 2:9-13

Many of the members of the Corinthian church had been converted under Paul's ministry there. Doubtless he knew most of them personally and loved them genuinely and devotedly. He was grieved by the reports which had come to him and greatly disturbed by the problems which were upsetting them. Thus he wrote out of anguish of a loving heart, in faith and hope that he could keep them true to the Master.

There were those in the community that were trying to discredit the power of the Cross to save, and were trying to persuade them that wisdom of men was the true source of salvation.

### The Preaching of the Cross, the Wisdom of God—1 Cor. 1:18-25

For centuries the Greeks, had been known for their intellectual pursuits, their rhetoric, their great philosophical speculation. They prided themselves on their superior wisdom. They had produced some great minds and some noted works. But even at its best, human wisdom had not brought them salvation from sin nor marked out for them the way of life. They had not found God.

Now, wisdom had degenerated into clever disputations and endless discussion over hairsplitting trifles. Paul had encountered these people, and now he was determined to persuade the Corinthian Christians to stick to the Cross. He argues that there is a radical difference between the doctrine of the Cross and the wisdom of the world, which makes it impossible to mix them in preaching without neutralizing the saving effect of the former. There are two classes of men in this passage; the perishing and the saved, each claiming wisdom. But the wisdom of the one is foolishness to the other; and the attempt to combine the two wisdoms is, therefore, detrimental to the true wisdom.

While the Greeks were looking to their own wisdom, the Jews were seeking for signs. They had never looked for a Suffering Servant such as Isaiah had described, but instead, had expected a dramatic and victorious and wonder-working conqueror who, in spectacular fashion, would overthrow his foes and set up his own earthly kingdom. Instead, Jesus had died on a Cross; to them this was too much, it was scandalous. The Cross was a stumbling block, a rock of offence they could not surmount.

Thus to the Greeks the Cross was foolishness, and to the Jews a stumbling block. Paul tears down both these erroneous ideas by emphatically stating that the "foolish-

ness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men".

### The Source of Godly Wisdom—1 Cor. 2:9-13

Human error is common, in fact so common that no human is exempt from them. Thus human wisdom cannot be free of error because the wisdom is of men.

On the other hand, God is absolutely free of all error. The divine wisdom of which Paul speaks is of God, and is free of error.

Man, by his own wisdom, cannot know the things of God, neither can he know God. Paul declares that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

These Greeks and Jews could not understand the mystery of the Cross of Christ and the power to save, because they had not committed themselves to the Christ of the Cross. The ability to understand these mysteries are not within the scope of man's mind. This wisdom is given by, or revealed by, the Holy Spirit of God. Paul declares that the things of God that they had been preaching did not have its source from the wisdom of man, but was revealed to them by the Spirit of God.

It remains to this day that the greatest enemy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is human wisdom. When men attempt to explain the divinely inspired word of God by the human intellect apart from the leading and inspiration of God's Spirit, human error will creep in, and divisions of belief and breaches of fellowship will follow. As this happens, now as then, there will be some to whom the preaching of the Cross will be foolishness, and others to whom it will be a stumbling block.

### Church Bell, Missing Since 1948 Fire, Found In Gibson County

An old church bell, dating back to 1843 and belonging to the Poplar Grove church in Gibson County, has been unearthed near the church building, according to Pastor Larry Lynn.

The old bell was a part of the original church, organized in 1943, and destroyed by fire in 1948. Following the fire, the bell disappeared, and no one knew of its whereabouts until it was uncovered by a bulldozer recently.

Members of the church plan to remount the bell and use it, Lynn stated. Mrs. Marion Dodd, who has a partial history of the church since its organization, said the congregation wants to use the bell to call people to worship once again.



# Tennessee News Briefs

Belmont college in Nashville has announced the receipt of a grant of \$6000 payable over three years from Texaco, Inc. This is one of a group of unrestricted grants made to independent colleges, according to **Maurice F. Franville**, chairman of the board of Texaco.

In the Indian Creek Association, **Pastor and Mrs. Tom Mosley**, Philadelphia church, held open house for the church's remodeled parsonage.

Cumberland Drive church, formerly Second church, Clarksville, will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 9. All day services will be held on the church grounds, according to **Pastor Joe Kanipe**.

**T. Franklin Smith**, a Kentucky native, has been named adult consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He has been serving as associate director of the Sunday School Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. A graduate of Union university, Jackson, and Southern Baptist Theological seminary, **Smith** has served as pastor in Sidonia, Henderson, and Lexington, Tenn.

**Eddie Long**, Chattanooga, has completed five service aide awards under the Ambassador Service Aide Award program. The award carries with it a scholarship to any one of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee. **Long** is a member of the Lamar Tribble Royal Ambassador chapter of Central church in Chattanooga.

**Jim Watson**, a staff member at Calvary church in Knoxville, will be ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Sept. 30. **Watson** serves the church as minister of music and youth. **Ralph E. Norton**, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is scheduled to deliver the ordination message. **Watson** is a graduate of Belmont college and has done graduate work at the University of Tennessee.

Harrison-Chilhowee academy cheerleaders attending the University of Tennessee sponsored cheerleading camp earlier this month, returned to East Tennessee with five award ribbons. The girls were rated "excellent" on two performances and "honorable mention" on three others. Attending the camp from Chilhowee were: **Cathy Williams**, **Susan Jones**, **Lisa Lawson**, **Cathy Woodress**, **Christy Oran**, and **Margaret Robbins**. **Ann Lambert** serves as cheerleader sponsor at the academy.

**Richard W. Harmon** is a new editor of adult materials in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. A native of Houston, Texas, he will be editor of "Context," "Young Adult Bible Study," and "Life and Work Lesson Recordings."



**Mrs. Peek**

**Mrs. Bob Peek**, Athens, president of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, recently led a methods conference for Baptist Women at the WMU Conferences at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

Caney Creek church, Rogersville, ordained **Larry Parrott**, interim pastor of Surgoinsville to the ministry and **Carl Sinnamon**, **Arnold Helton** and **John Parrott, Sr.**, as deacons. **John Way** is pastor.

New Hope church, Holston Valley association, ordained **John W. Christian, Jr.** and **Ralph Howell** as deacons. **Allen Gibson** is pastor.

Site preparation work is nearing completion for the new recreational facility for the Bethlehem church in Oak Grove. The complex and structure will include two ball courts, softball field, playground, and picnic area.

**Ray Rains** and **Bill Rich** were ordained as deacons recently at First church, Byrdstown. **Thomas Drake** is pastor of the church.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**J. B. Wilson**, minister of music at First church, Loretto, has resigned to accept the call of Green River church in Waynesboro.

In the Stone Association, First church, Baxter, called **Quinton Rose** as pastor; and Dodson Branch called **Henry Roberson** as pastor. **Clarence Phillips** is the new pastor of Verble church.

In the William Carey Association, **Melvin Allison** resigned from Calvary church; and **Thomas George** resigned as pastor of New Grove church to move to Louisville. Two new pastors in the association are **Roy Hewlett** at Flintville church, and **Vernon Sisk** at Hilldale church, effective Sept. 23 and Oct. 1, respectively.

**Clint Morgan** has accepted the call of Ivy Memorial church in Nashville to serve as minister of education and youth. He came to the position from Hermitage Hills church. **B. Ralph Palmer** is pastor.

In the Concord Association, Florence church called **Benny Summral** as pastor; and Taylors chapel church called **Tom Fenton** as pastor. **Jerry Cook** has accepted the call of Mt. View church to serve as pastor. He comes from Holt's Corner church in the New Duck River Association.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

**R. H. Falwell, Jr.**, missionary associate to Hong Kong, was scheduled to arrive in the States for furlough recently. His address will be: Union Avenue church, 2181 Union Ave., Memphis, 38104. He is a native of Kentucky, and his wife is the former **Rowena Gunter** of Sallis, Miss. Before their employment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1970, he served with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shirley**, missionaries who have completed a leave of absence in the States, were scheduled to return to Argentina last month. Both Tennesseans, he is from Johnson City, and she is the former **Lois Parsons** of Elizabethton. Their address is: Bolanos 141, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## Religion Around The World

**BOLIVAR, Mo.**—**James L. Sells**, president of Southwest Baptist college in Bolivar, Mo., has declared Sept. 3-7 as **Courts Redford Week** at the school.



**Redford**

**Redford** served as president of the school from 1930-43. The week of special activities will launch the **Courts Redford School of Theology** and **Church Vocations** at the Baptist college. **Arthur Rutledge**, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will bring a special address along with

**Janetta Redford**, a daughter of the Redfords.

**SAN JOSE, Costa Rica**—Baptist churches in Costa Rica, meeting in annual session, voted by a large majority to limit the budget of the **National Baptist Convention** to the amount of actual income from the member churches. The convention's budget had been subsidized previously by funds from the Foreign Mission Board. The churches invited the Baptist Mission to enter into a "program of mature partnership" for Christian work in Costa Rica.

**Willard Warfield** has begun his service as minister of religious education at Central church in Johnson City. He comes to the position from East Hill church in Pensacola, Fla. **James Canaday** is pastor of the church.

**Mike Williams**, former minister of music at First church, Manchester, has gone to Beaver Dam church in Knoxville.

First church, Rogersville, has called **Grant Bishop**, a student at Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, as minister of outreach and education.

**Henards Chapel**, Rogersville, has called **Horace Brown** as pastor. He was formerly pastor of Warrensburg church, Nolachucky association.



# Mismanagement In Missouri Convention, Auditors Say

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.**—Special auditors reported to the 51-member board of the Missouri Baptist Convention August 24 that serious irregularities appear in the convention's financial records for the calendar years 1970, 1971 and 1972.

"The records and funds of the Missouri Baptist Convention have been maintained in an unacceptable manner with lack of proper controls over the funds, inadequate records, lack of supporting evidence, and commingling of the personal funds of the Executive Secretary with assets of the Benevolent Fund," the auditors stated in a letter accompanying their report.

Baird, Kurtz & Dobson, certified public accountants of Springfield, Mo., had been employed June 4, 1973, by the board as a result of mounting criticism of the administration of Earl O. Harding, then the board's executive secretary.

Three members of the accounting firm were present at the board meeting to discuss references in their report to "deviations from generally accepted accounting procedures, unsupported disbursements, uncollected rental charges, suggestions to improve the accounting system and methods of internal control."

The auditor's report noted, "due to the untimely illness on July 9, 1973, and subsequent death of Dr. E. O. Harding, Executive Secretary, we are unable to discuss with him many of the items reported."

Harding died of a heart attack August 12. He had been executive secretary since 1954.

A Benevolent Fund under the direction and control of the executive secretary and previously unaudited was singled out for special study by the auditing firm.

"Five different bank accounts were used by the Executive Secretary in handling the funds under his control and, in addition to handling funds purportedly for benevolent purposes, we found numerous disbursements and deposits in these accounts which apparently represented personal financial transactions of the Executive Secretary," the auditors said.

The audit also pointed to general fund checks payable to Harding for "administrative expense," "travel," "public relations," and other purposes which were "not adequately supported."

Also criticized were transactions regarding renovation of the Missouri Baptist Convention Building, an anonymous gift of \$18,000 turned over to the executive secretary for use at his discretion, personal use of property at Windermere Baptist Assembly, incorrect reporting of salaries on Internal Revenue Service W-2 forms and the handling of some transactions of the Missouri Baptist Building Fund.

Auditors also cited three checks written

to cash totaling \$17,200 "purportedly distributed as Christmas gifts to employees at the discretion of Dr. Harding." They added, "We were not furnished with a list of employees receiving these gifts and the amounts received apparently were not included on the employees annual earnings records."

In a lengthy afternoon and evening meeting, the board voted to instruct the editor of "The Word and Way," journal of the Missouri Baptist Convention, to publish in full the 20-page audit for the information of the half-million members of churches cooperating with the convention.

H. L. McClanahan, who had been Harding's assistant since January, 1972, was named interim executive secretary. The board's executive committee had previously named him "acting executive secretary."

Procedures for selecting a permanent executive secretary will be developed soon, according to Frank Myers of Warrensburg, Mo., board chairman.

The board voted to expand its "Restructure and Reorganization Committee" from four to fifteen and include laymen and non-board members. A nominating committee will submit names for the additional committee memberships to the convention's annual meeting in Columbia, Mo., Oct. 29-31, according to Myers.

In another action here the board turned down as too expensive under present interest rates a request by Missouri Baptist college, St. Louis, to be permitted to consolidate its debts and refinance them over a 25-year period.

The next scheduled meeting of the board will be in connection with the October meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

## Baptist School Will Operate Radio Station In North Carolina

**BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.**—A 5000 watt FM non-commercial radio station will begin operation on the campus of Gardner-Webb college.

The Federal Communications Commission has granted the Southern Baptist college a permit to operate the station seven days a week, 12 hours each day, (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.) at 88.3 on the FM dial.

"We plan to make it a strong Christian station with many educational features in the programming which will both benefit the community and train students in radio operation," said Eugene Poston, the college's president. (BP)

## Tennessee Department Of Mental Health Conference On Aging Slated

The Tennessee Governor's Conference on Aging, sponsored jointly by the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and the Tennessee Commission on Aging, will be held Sept. 25 and 26 at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. The theme of this year's program is "Community Services for Older Tennesseans." (How to provide services at the local level)

In addition to Governor Winfield Dunn, participants in the program will include: Dr. Arthur Flemming, U. S. Commissioner on Aging, HEW; Dr. Frances Carp of the University of California Institute of Urban and Regional Development; Dr. William Darby, noted national consultant on health and nutrition, and Bert Brown, M.D. Executive Director, National Institute of Mental Health.

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## 80-Year-Old Greeneville Woman Gives First Check For Home For Aged

Mrs. Bert C. McDaniel of Greeneville, 80 years of age, wants the senior citizens of Tennessee to have "the loving care which Tennessee Baptists can give."

Because of this concern and love, Mrs. McDaniel has sent a check for \$100 to the Tennessee Baptist Convention for use in the establishment of a home for the aged. The check, the first received by the Ministries to the Aging Committee, will be held until approval for such a facility can be made by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A member of First church, Greeneville, Mrs. McDaniel said that the project has been in her mind and on her heart for over two years. "We must serve our Lord as long as we are upon this earth," she stated, "and I know that this is one of the best ways we can witness and love others." She emphasized that she only wanted to live as long as she could be of service to others.

Her pastor, John Tresch, said that Mrs. McDaniel had been serving others in Tennessee and in her church since 1925. "For a long time, however, her primary interest has been in a ministry for the aging. She feels that Tennessee Baptists are just getting started in this area and have a lot of work to do," he added.



# Membership Policies Study Made In N.C.

A study of membership policies of 11 congregations of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention has been concluded and will be published in the "Biblical Recorder," official publication of the convention, according to Tom Freeman, a pastor and chairman of the study committee.

The congregations in question were being studied because of their practice of receiving members without baptism by immersion. Originally, 12 congregations in the convention maintained the practice, but the number dropped to 11 when the Aulander Baptist church voted to change its policy back to accepting members who have been baptized by immersion only.

Freeman said that the report would be published at least 60 days before the annual state convention session, Nov. 12-14, in the event messengers elect to take action on the matter. He stated that he thought the findings of the committee would "set at ease the minds of people that have been worried."

## Tennessee Baptist Foundation

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation today is investing approximately \$6 million. These are funds that have been left in trust by God's people who wanted their testimony for Christ to continue to live after men called them dead. Income from these funds last year provided more than a quarter of a million dollars paid to Tennessee Baptist schools, children's homes, home missions, foreign missions, churches, the Cooperative Program, and other causes.

Some people are using their surplus money to set up a trust fund while they live. Many of them receive the income for their lifetime. At their death the income goes to the Baptist institution or other Baptist mission cause designated by them.

Christian wills are being written in greater numbers than at any time in the past. Our people realize that God gave them what they own as a trust from Him. In their wills they are making provisions for all those whom they love including the Lord. When assets from one's estate come to the Foundation he may know that he will be winning souls to Christ until He comes again.

Anyone interested in a living trust or desiring information about preparing a Christian will may write Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

Last November, the state convention adopted a resolution reaffirming Baptist "conviction that believer's baptism by immersion in water is the teaching of the New Testament and should be a requirement for members in any church that calls itself Baptist." Although the 11 differing churches are thus at variance with the official policy, the Baptist tradition of local autonomy would pose a problem for the state convention if it sought to take official action against any of the congregations.

John Lewis, pastor of First church, Raleigh, and a member of the study committee, has said that "the heart of the discussion is whether or not we will have an amendment to change the convention" and make it a more authoritative body. According to the state Baptist paper, the committee has already set a precedent in carrying out its study. When 75 members of the Pullen church met with the committee in late July, the periodical said, it was "possibly the first time in Baptist annals that a state convention committee has met with a local church."

It was stated that although the committee will publish a report of its findings in the "Biblical Recorder," it will not make any recommendations as to what should be done, leaving that to the discretion of the November convention.

EDUCATION: WHAT'S HAPPENING  
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## MANY ARE SCHOOLED, BUT FEW ARE EDUCATED

We have succeeded in schooling a great many people. We have not yet succeeded in educating a great many people—for which sorry fact the declining sales of serious books are some evidence. The typical product of our schools and colleges is mediocre intellectually—no triumph, no disaster.

But the times demand more than mediocrity. Our failure to quicken imagination accounts, in large part, for our national difficulties, now formidable. Our public men tend to lack moral imagination and strength of will; our communities grow ugly and violent because vision and courage are wanting.

Mediocrity in a pattern of education may not be disastrous in itself, and yet it may contribute gradually to private and public decadence.

Who at "Public School 137" really aspires to impart wisdom and virtue? Who at "Behemoth University" has any time for such abstract ends? And yet if those with power in the educational establishment remain unconcerned with wisdom and virtue, the ethos of sociability and material success will evaporate—leaving a vacuum possibly to be filled by force and a master.

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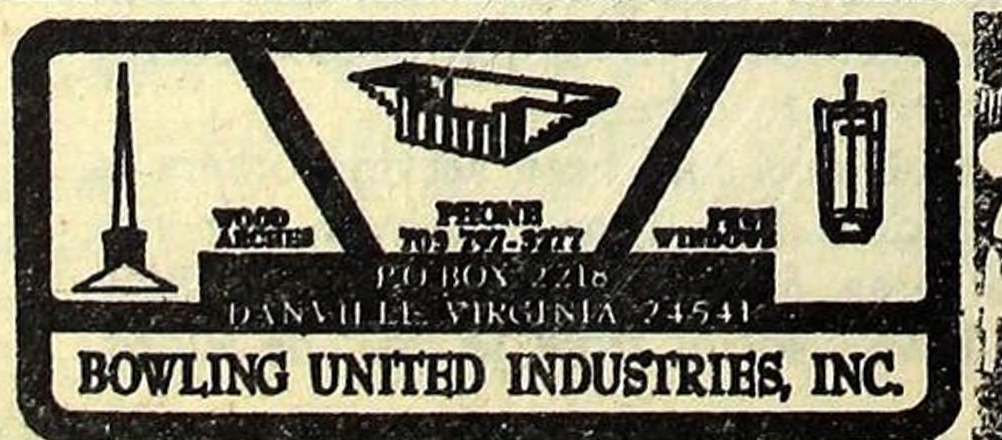
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# Baptists' Visit To East Berlin Youth Meet Draws Mixed Response

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A Southern Baptist evangelist said here that his street preaching and personal witnessing efforts at the recent Communist World Youth Festival in East Berlin evoked both hostility and positive spiritual response.

Sammy Tippit of San Antonio, Tex., visited the festival, attended by about 100,000 persons, along with two other Baptists from the States, Fred Starkweather, a member of Oak Grove Baptist church, Pinckneyville, Ill., and Fred Bishop, former pastor of the church.

Tippit and his associates spent most of each day, as well as much of each evening, at the eight-day gathering on the Alexanderplatz in East Berlin.

Their witnessing, which Tippit estimates produced about 200 converts to Christ, began on an informal basis and ended with an informal "Jesus march" and street preaching.

"My first contact was with a German youth, who was wearing a one-way Jesus button," Tippit told the "Illinois Baptist", state news publication of Illinois Baptists.

"He told me he was not a Christian, but just wearing the button. I witnessed to him about 40 minutes. This attracted others and soon 200 to 300 Communist youth were standing around us, wanting autographs."

On the second day of the festival, which had been organized, Tippit said, to teach the youth how to propagate Communism, the trio of Americans knelt in the streets to pray publicly.

"When I got up, 100 people were standing around me," said Tippit, a former Chicago street preacher. "I started preaching and soon the number grew to 1000."

At other times, Tippit's group faced hostility, as hecklers chanted slogans and circled them trying to keep interested persons away from their preaching.

Tippit said the greatest opposition oc-

curred the final night, when a group of hostile Communist youth cornered them, then started pushing and shoving.

"They linked arms and formed a tight circle around us," Tippit said, "and when we tried to break out they slugged us a few times."

Tippit said they spent a lot of time counseling with the 200 who made professions. "As a result, they have invited me to several areas behind the Iron Curtain," Tippit said. "I hope to go back soon and establish contact with the converts made at the festival."

Tippit has spoken at a number of youth meetings in Illinois. (BP)

## New Books

**Dear Ann** by Ann McCelvey Wills, Tyndale, 158 pp., paper, \$1.25. This newspaper columnist gives biblical solutions to questions all seem to ask sooner or later.

**In Touch**, selections from living light, Tyndale, paper, \$1.95. Refreshing morning and evening readings provide for the devotional hour of young people.

The new "Christian Life Style" series of 21 pamphlets available from the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, complete set for \$1.00. These aids for solving problems people face are designed for adults and teenagers and could be used for personal study and discussion by groups or for use as a counseling aid.

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**First Baptist Church, Dunlap**, will hold its annual homecoming services **Sept. 16**. Former members and friends are invited. **Rev. Ernest J. Kelley**, head of the division of Missions and Evangelism, Georgia Baptist Convention, and former pastor at Dunlap will preach at the morning service. Dinner on the ground and special music will highlight the activities. **Rev. Vernon Johnson** is pastor. (Adv.)

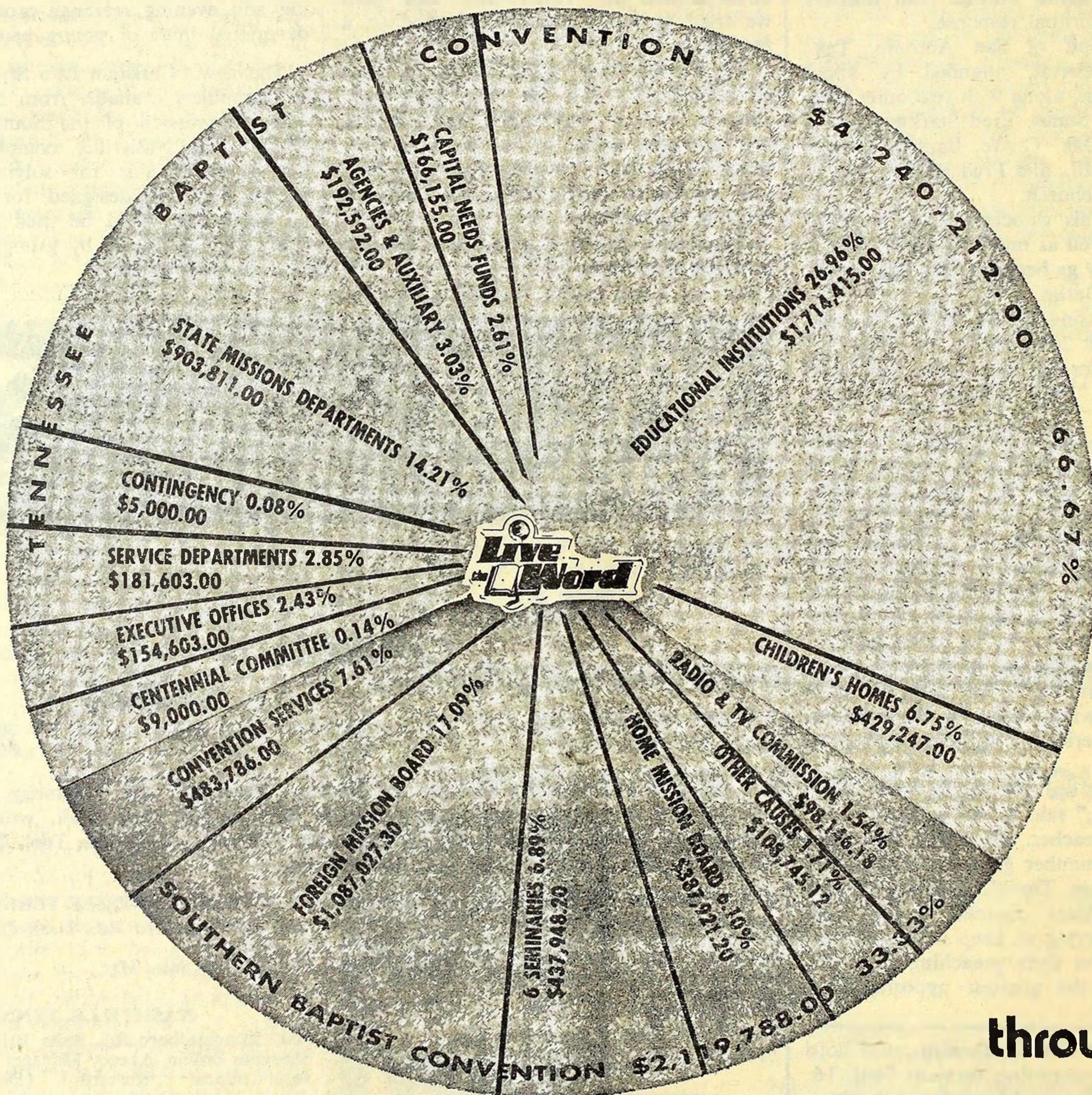
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# Two Southern Baptist TV Shows Accepted By Armed Forces

**FORT WORTH**—Two television series, "The Human Dimension" and "JOT", produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, have been accepted for distribution around the world by the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

"The Human Dimension," a half-hour color television series, and "JOT", a five-minute animated color cartoon for children, will be on 10 Armed Forces television circuits consisting of 55 stations in such countries as Germany, Crete, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Iran, Turkey, Australia, Iceland, Greenland, and the Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

Besides broadcasts heard in foreign countries, AFRTS' 10 circuits include a number of ships at sea with television outlets. Present ones include the USS Lexington, Constellation, J. F. Kennedy and the Independence.

The programs will be viewed by about one and a quarter million servicemen, their families, civilian personnel attached to the Armed Forces, state department personnel in various countries and, in some countries, English-speaking members of the local population.

"Some countries restrict our broadcasting to Americans only, and we're set up on a closed circuit," said Col. Albert E. Audick, AFRTS commander. "Agreements with the countries vary and in other countries we are allowed to broadcast freely."

"The Human Dimension" and "JOT" were accepted for use by AFRTS after careful scrutiny at the Pentagon by a five-member board of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish chaplains.

"We are excited about this new opportunity to minister to service personnel through AFRTS television outlets," said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission. "Two of our radio programs—"Country Crossroads" and "Master Control"—are already heard regularly on American Forces radio circuits."

AFRTS previously used the commission's "The Answer" television series. "The Human Dimension" series of dramas and documentaries is designed to help people cope with such current problems as divorce, aging, ecology, the demise of small towns, and death. "JOT" teaches children how to cope positively with such problems as stealing, lying, disobedience to parents, selfishness and unfair play.

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## New Books

**Good Morning, Lord** by Evelyn Anderson, Baker, 95 pp. Devotions for the mature years.

**Good Morning, Lord** by Paul Martin, Baker, 64 pp. More devotions for teens.

**With God in a P.O.W. Camp** by Ralph Gaither, as told to Steve Henry, Broadman, 152 pp., \$4.95.

**Good Morning, Lord** by Floyd and Pauline Todd, Baker, 60 pp. Devotions for campers.

## Chief Of Surgery Donates 80 Days To Africa Service

Dr. Jerrold K. Longerbeam, chief of surgery at Riverside (Calif.) Hospital, spent 80 days on a short-term assignment in Ogbo-mosho, Nigeria, where he became known as "the Big Doctor who can make crooked arms straight."

His service to the area was the result of attending a medical conference during Foreign Missions Week at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. There he learned of the need for doctors to serve brief periods of time on mission fields overseas. Within eight months after attending the conference he was contacted by Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, and told of the unexpected absence of the only general surgeon at the Ogbo-mosho Hospital.

During his stay, he performed 118 major surgical cases and 51 minor ones; instructed the staff in physiology and pathology; and led conferences to train Nigerian interns in surgical procedures.

## Tennessee Baptist Convention President's Mother Dies

Mrs. Florence Cox Wood, mother of Fred Wood, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and pastor of the Eudora church in Memphis, died Aug. 24. She was 84.

A native of Cartersville, Ga., Mrs. Wood was a member of the Leawood church in Memphis.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 26, with burial Monday in Memphis' Memorial Park. Connie Pickler, pastor of the Boulevard church in Memphis conducted the funeral services; and Jerry Glisson, pastor of the Leawood church, led the burial services. Pallbearers were deacons from the Eudora church.

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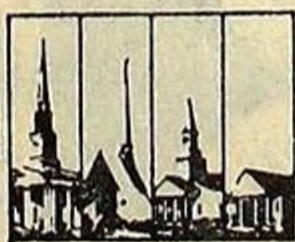
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# **Jeremiah: Through Judgment To Redemption**

By W. R. White  
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**Basic Passages:** Jeremiah 17:9-11; 31:1-3, 10-12, 31-34

**Focal Passages:** Jeremiah 17:9-11; 31:1-3, 31-34

Dr. J. B. Gambrell often observed that some things have to get worse before they get better. Frequently people have to be shocked into becoming sensible. It takes judgment to alert some people to the fact and folly of their sin.

It may take a series of judgments of a drastic nature to awaken America to its mad prodigality. The theory of "situation ethics" and the weak emphasis on personal morality and integrity are bearing an awful harvest of corruption in our whole nation.

Again and again the Lord had to bring judgments on Israel in order to secure their repentance so that He could visit them with His redemption.

So-called experts are doing their best to explain away true guilt for real sin or soften the sting of conviction. Yet, restless, disturbed inner consciousness goes on without the victims understanding the real cause of their problem. There is such a thing as sin and its consequences are operative whether we admit it or not.

## **God Cognizant of Man's Sin Jer. 17:9-11**

God is very much aware of the source of man's behavior. "Out of the heart are the issues of life. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he". Unfortunately the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked: who can know it? God searches the depths of the inner man. We would do well to do this ourselves.

When the heart is not right in its motivation, the whole being is off center. Man's failure to get and use accumulated wealth properly is like a quail sitting on a nest of eggs that never hatch. He is very foolish.

## **God's Marvelous Love Jer. 31:1-3**

It is so wonderful how God persists in patient concern for the persistently erring. Yet, for repeatedly back-sliding Israel, He re-affirms His everlasting love again and again. Yes, in loving kindness He continues to draw them to Him even though He severely judges them.

His dealing with us who are by nature aliens from the commonwealth of Israel is equally gracious. How thankfully responsive we should be at all times.

## **The New Approach Jer. 31:31-34**

Jehovah had made a mutual covenant with Israel. They had failed on their part again and again. Of course God had never failed on His part but He sent judgments upon them for their disobedience. Yet He was ever eager to forgive and give them another chance on the basis of repentance.

God's dealings with the people and individuals were largely external. He presented to them a pictorial pageantry that taught them great spiritual truths. He gave them moral and spiritual commandments.

Jehovah envisions here an experiential relationship with the inner man. He would give them a new heart and a new spirit predisposed toward obedience. He would impart knowledge of Himself to the inner man. It would become some day a universal knowledge. A foretaste of that change of the inner man and that experiential knowledge is experienced in regeneration and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The universal reality is ahead.

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## **Vignettes Of History**

By W. Fred Kendall

Several recorded incidents reveal the struggle that the associations and churches had with slavery. The churches had developed considerable interest in winning the black people to Christ and providing for their teaching and preaching in the churches.

In 1845 the Concord Association took steps to purchase Edmon Kelly who was about to be sold. He was a gifted preacher and belonged to the church in Columbia. Tennessee had a law which prohibited freed slaves from remaining in the state. The Association raised money within the Association and from all over the state and purchased Kelly. They appointed a committee as administrators and made him a missionary preacher to the black people.

They could not free him because of state laws but they could hold him by a trusteeship so that he could never be sold again and he could be free to exercise his ministry. After a hundred years, it is hard to realize that human beings could have been held in such bondage and it reveals the terrible sin of human slavery. It is good that many churches and church people did work to overcome it and to bring Christ to the souls of the people in bondage.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph E. Norton

Once again the week set aside for emphasis on state missions is just ahead of us—September 9-16. This is a time to prayerfully consider the mission needs of our state



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and to make a worthy offering in order that these needs may be adequately met. Although Woman's Missionary Union promotes this week of prayer, it is a program that should concern and involve the entire church. Too often we fail to show much interest in state missions because it is so close to us that our attention is not challenged. Many times we feel that we are familiar with these needs and therefore are not impressed to study the state mission programs that are presented each year at this special time. Consequently, many of our church members remain unaware of the many, many areas of mission work carried on in our state and even in our individual communities.

Obviously we cannot mention all the areas of work in this column. Camps, aid to children of missionaries, disaster relief, ministry to students, summer missions, preachers schools, resort and mountain missions are only a few of the programs which benefit from the offering received during the Golden State Missions Day of Prayer. Many others will be studied when your church observes this special time of study and prayer.

We hope that every church in our state will respond to the challenge from Miss Mary Jane Nethery, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of our state Woman's Missionary Union, to not only set aside the above week as a special time to study mission needs of our state, but to make a sacrificial offering that these needs may be met.

## McClanahan Acting Missouri Executive

H. L. McClanahan has been named as acting executive secretary of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention. According to an announcement from the convention offices, the Executive Board met in special session, Tuesday, Aug. 14, and voted unanimously for his appointment.

Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention for over 19 years, died Aug. 12 of a heart attack.

On Matters of

## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
Director, Marriage and  
Family Program  
Stephens College  
Columbia, Missouri 65201



## Parents Urged 'Protect Child's Right To Have A Childhood'

"Don't be ashamed to fight for your children's childhood," advises Dr. Dama Wilms of Purdue Univ., "and don't equate a good start in life with an early start at everything.

"The temptation to equip a child with an arsenal of skills and experiences before he's had a chance to get comfortable with himself and the world is very strong these days," admits the human development specialist.

"But childhood is the time for building a stable emotional foundation from which a youngster can successfully meet the demands of middle-childhood and adolescence. Only if a child has had the time and security he needs to develop emotional cushions will he have them to fall back on when he's beset by the inevitable pressures and competitions of later life.

"Nor should parents permit their child's childhood to be shaped by other people's priorities," warns Wilms. "Your youngster may be swept into the syndrome of one more club—one more kind of lesson—one more toy because his friends are caught in the current, if you don't rescue him with a timely 'no.'

"It is not easy to determine when a child needs your protective 'no' because each child is different and thrives on a different level of activity," she says. "A 'no' based on knowledge and observation of your youngster, as well as on your own constantly re-examined principles, remains a safeguard of childhood."

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## Historically:

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

John W. Inzer, famed pastor of the First Baptist church of Chattanooga, declined the call to become pastor of First church, Jackson, saying he felt it was the Lord's will for him to remain in Chattanooga.

The BYPU's of First church, Edgefield, Lockeland, and Immanuel churches of Nashville, were on hand at the railroad station in Nashville to send a word of cheer with W. D. Hudgins, state Sunday School secretary, as he departed for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis for an appendicitis operation.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

First church, Morristown, observed its 150th anniversary. Honored guests during the week of celebration included James L. Sullivan, O. D. Fleming, Jesse Daniel, and Arthur Fox.

Clifton Hill church, Hamilton County Association, dedicated its new building in special services. Members had witnessed the completion of the new building within less than a year from the time the old structure was completely destroyed by fire.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Fourteen college students and their leaders gathered near Altamont in the Duck River Association to clear the land and construct a chapel for the 1200 people in the area. Work was done entirely by the students as a part of the Tennessee Baptist Summer Mission Program.

First church, Rockwood, honored John D. Sayers as "Preacher at Large" and cited him for 57 years of service as a Baptist minister.

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## Baptistries May Harbor Disease-Bearing Bacteria

NASHVILLE—Health officials here—alarmed by visions of bacteria and green slime—have initiated a water-sampling survey of Nashville-area church baptistries.

"It has come to my attention that some churches empty baptistries only once every month or two," said Dr. Joseph Bistowish, director of the Metro Health Department.

His staff inspectors will test for disease-bearing bacteria in a representative sample of baptistries and check the walls of the pool to determine whether "slime" has accumulated there, said Bistowish, a Southern Baptist.

"Unless baptistries are hand chlorinated and have circulation and filtration systems they should be emptied after every baptismal service," Bistowish said.

"I don't know if such circulation and filtration equipment is available for baptistries but that approach—along with chlorination—would be the ideal method of holding down disease," he said. He said chlorination should be "at least the minimum" safeguard for all church baptistries.

A large percentage of people "chronically carry staphylococci bacteria in their nose and throat which can produce disease," he said.

Bistowish said the health of the baptismal candidates (who may have upper respiratory disease, carry intestinal organisms or have open sores), personal cleanliness and water temperature are factors in baptism pollution.

Excessive bacteria, he explained "could conceivably" transmit skin disease and even salmonella or typhoid.

He said many pastors use a cloth to cover the mouth and nose of persons they baptize, but that "won't necessarily prevent disease." He cautioned against use of the same cloth for more than one candidate for baptism.

"You would almost have to consider a baptism to be just like a swimming pool," added Bistowish, whose department also inspects public swimming pools.

"And another thing," he added, "some churches, because of improper kitchen equipment and sanitation procedures and lack of trained personnel, can also potentially spread disease in church-prepared meals."

"Church people," he said, "must always realize that good health practices apply to them, too." (BP)

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