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## Texas Baptists Pick James Landes As Chief Executive



James H. Landes

**DALLAS**—James H. Landes, pastor of First Baptist church, Richardson, Tex., since 1968, has been elected executive secretary by the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The executive board represents about 4400 Southern Baptist churches and missions, with two million members, in the largest state Southern Baptist convention.

The name of Landes, a former first vice president of the Southern Baptist convention, was presented to the 192-member board by Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist church, San Antonio, and chairman of a 14-member nominating committee.

Landes is expected to succeed T. A. Patterson, who retires Dec. 31 after 13 years' service, the longest continuous term in the office since a Baptist convention was organized in Texas in 1848.

As executive secretary for Texas Baptists Landes will serve as administrative head of widespread missionary, benevolent and educational ministries coordinated by the executive board.

In an advisory capacity, he will work with the administrators and presidents of nine schools, four children's homes and eight hospitals owned and operated by Texas Baptists and undergirded by the annual Cooperative Program budget.

Landes, a native of Lewisville, Ark., was president of Hardin-Simmons university, a Baptist school in Abilene, Tex., 1963-66, and he has served as pastor of three other churches in Texas and one in Birmingham, Ala.

He was graduated from Ouachita Baptist college (now Ouachita Baptist universi-

## Memphis Whitehaven Church Will Observe 125th Anniversary

Members of the Whitehaven Baptist church in Memphis will observe the church's 125th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 7, according to Pastor Lewis D. Ferrell. A special challenge will be given to the church by Ramsey Pollard, retired pastor of the Bellevue church in that city.

The church was organized in 1848 and was located at Shelby Drive and Tulane Road. The record names eight charter members with the original name of the church as the Nonconnah Baptist church. Members met regularly until the Civil War intervened. The last public service was reported to have been held in October 1876. There was no active Baptist organization in the area for approximately nine years. In the summer of 1885, the church was re-organized as the Whitehaven church. A. W. Lamar was called as pastor. Lamar wrote

a letter for the church requesting admission to the Big Hatchie Association.

Meetings were held twice monthly in various locations until the church moved to Highway 51 South in 1886. A frame chapel was constructed at that time and bricked in 1921.

Improvements and additions have included new educational buildings, a new sanctuary built in 1951 (later converted to a gymnasium), and the newest building dedicated in 1966. Value of the church plant is estimated at one-and-one-half million dollars.

The church has grown from eight charter members to a present figure of 2075. Special program and activities will be held at the church throughout the day, Ferrell stated.

## Executive Board Scheduled To Meet Sept. 27 In Brentwood

The September meeting of the executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held on Thursday, September 27, at the board's office building in Brentwood. Clarence Stewart, pastor, First church, Pulaski, and president of the board, will preside.

The convention's executive board, composed of 75 members representing the three grand divisions of Tennessee, will consider the new budget as recommended by the Tennessee Baptist Program Committee.

This budget will reflect requests from the agencies, institutions and departments of the TBC which have already been approved by appropriate committees and presented to the Program Committee.

The budget as approved by the executive board will be presented to the messengers at the annual meeting of the convention at Memphis in November for their approval.

ty) in Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. He holds honorary doctorates from three schools.

Landes has served as Texas Baptist convention president and as a member and chairman of the Texas Baptist executive board.

He and his wife, the former Irene Pearson of Fayetteville, Ark., have one daughter, Ruth Pitts, a teacher in Richardson. (BP)

## Larry Haslam Named Glorieta Manager

**NASHVILLE**—Larry Haslam, program and promotion specialist at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, has been named manager of Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center according to Bob M. Boyd, conference center division director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.



Haslam

Haslam has been acting manager of Glorieta since the resignation of Mark Short in early August. Short, Glorieta manager for seven years, resigned to become church administrator for South Main Baptist church in Houston, Tex.

Before he joined the board as a church recreation consultant in 1968, Haslam was employed by the Kentucky Baptist

Convention as assistant manager of Cedar-more Baptist assembly, Bagdad. Earlier, he was assistant manager of Shocco Springs Baptist assembly, Talladega, Ala., and has held two pastorates in Alabama and four interim pastorates in Kentucky.

A religious education graduate of Samford university, Birmingham, Ala., Haslam holds the master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville. He received special training in the field of camping at Indiana university. (BP)

# A Brief, Effective Biography

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants."—Phil. 2:25

This letter is the only mention of Epaphroditus in the scripture (vv. 25-30, 4:18). But what a statement about him! He is not to be identified with Epaphras in Colossians 1:7. Epaphroditus probably delivered Philippians to the church in Philippi. He was a trusted member of that church.

Paul describes him as his "brother" (Christian brother, common sympathy), "companion in labour" (fellow-worker, common labor), and "fellowsoldier" (Christian soldier against evil, common danger). He was the church's "messenger" (apostle) who in their name ministered to Paul's needs. Among other things he brought him a gift from the church (4:10-18). The word "ministered" means to serve as a priest. His service to Paul in prison was regarded by him as a spiritual ministry. Any service to the needy in Christ's name is a priestly service.

During this visit to Rome Epaphroditus had become seriously ill—"sick nigh unto death" (v. 27), a "next-door neighbor to death." The people in Philippi had heard

about it, and, along with Paul, were sorely distressed. So now that he had recovered Paul sent him home with his letter. Thus they could rejoice with him over their friend's recovery.

He had earned Paul's words that the Philippians should receive Epaphroditus "with all gladness; and hold such in reputation" or "honor" (v. 29). This is second only to the "well done" of the Saviour when one arrives in heaven.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In Tokyo, "The Church of Perfect Liberty" has been organized, with golf featured as the main activity.

It is not known just how large the congregation is, but it is known that even now there are many who subscribe to this idea of "do as you please."

But with this church's emphasis on golf, the assumption is that all church members are entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of golf balls."

Of course, in this church—with this kind of program—attendance won't be the only thing that is not up to par.

And as for claiming to be The Church of Perfect Liberty, they should be reminded that the greatest liberty is nurtured in the love of God, warmed by the love of man, and strengthened by devotion to Christian duty.

For those who want genuine freedom, Jesus told us how to get it: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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## Devotional

### According To God's Word

By Mrs. J. O. Williams, 1714 Stokes Lane  
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God wanted a human family. By the power of His Word He made full provision for such.



Mrs. Williams

"By the Word of God were the heavens and the earth made." (2 Peter 3:5)

"In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; male and female—and called their name Adam" (Gen. 5:1). From dust to diety Life's functions, God provided nine body systems.

Biologically these are the skeleton, muscular, respiratory, digestive, circulatory, urinary, productive, nervous and sensory. How important the sensory—the seat of the senses—controlled by mind and will, with God-given words to activate the mind and a voice for communication.

First recorded words spoken to man are in Gen. 1:28-36; Gen. 2:16-17 that reveal the will and way of God for man, "For God doth talk with man." (Deut. 5:24)

Then came a tragedy. Adam listened to another voice contradicting God's Word. Disobedience to God's Word changed Adam and his world and subsequently the human family. Now a marred man in a marred world. The life of God died in Adam. From dust to diety—now—back to dust.

In our world are two kingdoms, two powers, two wills and two vocabularies. God and good in conflict with the Devil and evil. Compare these words: Life—death, love—hate, light—darkness, righteousness and unrighteousness.

God's will and desire for the human family is to be physically healthy, mentally wise, spiritually strong, morally pure, socially loved and loving, and financially secure. God has made provision for these through His Word, His laws, testimonies, statutes, commandments and judgements. "By them we are warned. Keeping of these there is great reward." (Psalm 16; Joshua 1:8) Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4) "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:8-11)



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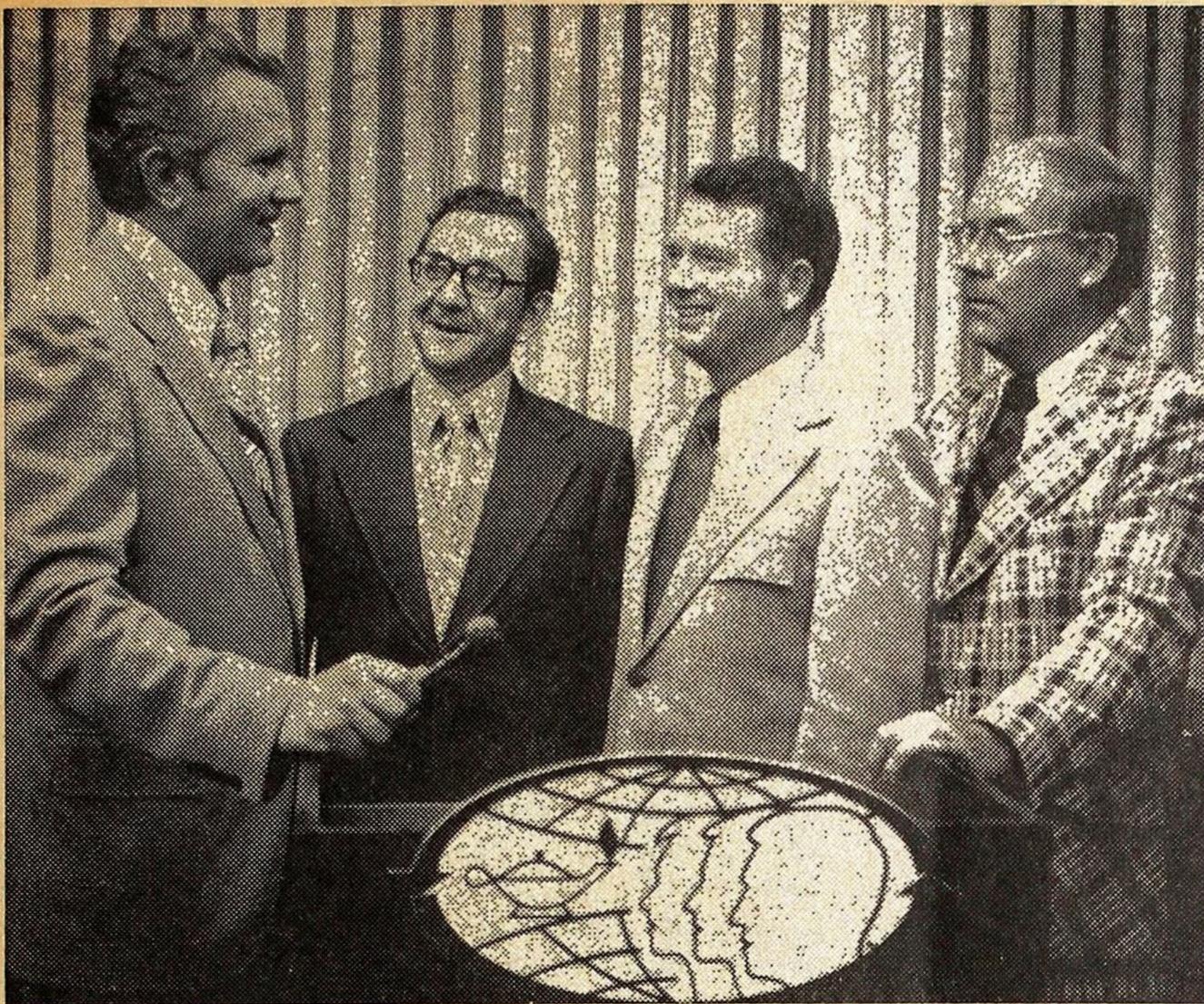
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**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**  
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Newly elected Baptist Brotherhood Commission trustee officers held their first meeting recently in Memphis. They include, from left to right, Hovie Revis, pastor, Laurel church, Greenville, S.C., chairman; P. A. Stevens, Louisville, Ky., vice chairman; William Hardy, minister of education, First church, Kosciusko, Miss., recording secretary; and Glendon McCullough, Memphis, executive director-treasurer.

## Brotherhood Commission Adopts Budget, Urges Hotels For SBC

The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in annual session in Memphis recently, adopted a record \$1.3 million budget, elected a new slate of officers, and approved a resolution urging the City of Memphis to encourage adequate hotel facilities for the 1977 session of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled there.

The resolution said that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention might re-evaluate its decision to hold the 1977 convention in Memphis if adequate hotel facilities are not constructed "within a reasonable distance from the downtown auditorium." It pointed out that the convention's decision to meet in Memphis was contingent on a pledge from the city's Convention and Housing Bureau indicating the availability of 5000 hotel and motel rooms to house an anticipated 15,000 Baptists from throughout the nation.

Elected as chairman of the agency was H. D. Revis Jr., pastor of Laurel church, Greenville, S.C. He succeeds John Smarge. P. A. Stevens, Louisville, Ky., was named vice chairman; and William E. Hardy Jr., minister of education, First church, Kosciusko, Miss., was elected recording secretary.

Trustees disclosed a plan for a 1974 Leader Training Program which will cost \$12,000. The institute, planned for the spring, will be held in the Southeast and Midwest.

Agency trustees allocated \$6000 to the project which calls for the development of 300 training specialists in two regional training institutes. The amount matches funds from participating state Brotherhood departments.

The institute will offer instruction in basic Brotherhood methods, advanced training, and use of specialized approaches.

In other action at the annual meeting, agency chairman John Smarge and executive director Glendon McCullough urged trustees to take more aggressive roles in their churches, associations and states in areas of missions, lay witnessing, and mission support. Smarge also urged the trustees to apply their business expertise to their jobs as denominational leaders.

"Unfortunately, we find leaders in our denominational life who perform extremely well in the business world, but fail to bring this same degree of experience and technology to our Lord's business," he said.

Kenneth Taylor, paraphraser of "The Living Bible," introduced a special edition

## Belmont College, Nashville, Receives \$100,000 Gift

The Board of Trustees of Belmont college has announced the receipt of a \$100,000 gift to the college from Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Hitch, Columbia. Announcement of the endowment came following the quarterly meeting of the school's Board of Trustees Sept. 11.

Hitch, a retired farmer, and member of First church in Columbia, is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In other Board action, the trustees voted to give priority to completion of the school's science tower now under construction as opposed to a humanities tower also presently underway. According to Jim Cox, director of public relations, the critical needs for the science facility during second semester dictate that its completion be pressed ahead of the humanities building. The science tower will house the departments of physics, chemistry, biology, nursing, mathematics and home economics. Completion of the structure is expected by Jan. 1.

With fall registration closed officially at Belmont, Cox said that a total of 1033 students were enrolled compared with a figure of 945 at the same time last year.

The school has received in gifts and pledges a total of \$531,000 to date toward the completion of the twin towers, the trustees announced.

## Army Plans No 'Substantial' Reduction In Number Of Chaplains On Active Duty

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The current reorganization of the Army and withdrawal of U.S. military personnel from Southeast Asia have not caused a substantial reduction in the number of chaplains on duty, the Army's chief of chaplains said here.

Chaplain (Major General) Gerhardt W. Hyatt, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, said he does not expect the Army's chaplain strength to go much below the current total of 1500.

For many years the Army followed a ratio of 1400-1500 personnel to each chaplain on active duty. The current rate is more like 600 to 1, Chaplain Hyatt said, and he expects it to stay at that level. (RNS)

of the "Living New Testament" designed to help Baptist laymen share their faith.

The pocket-size paperback was published by the Brotherhood Commission recently. Taylor presented the first copies of the special edition to members of the commission, the staff, and state Brotherhood workers. He noted that specific scripture passages were marked for use in personal witnessing in the publication; and both he and McCullough issued a plea for an all-out effort by Baptist laymen in using the "Living New Testament" in a nationwide personal witnessing campaign.

# EDITORIALS

## Convention Time Nears

The 99th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held at Memphis in November. The Convention sessions come at a time when there are many evidences of revival among Tennessee Baptists, and evidenced of renewed enthusiasm for and support of the ministries of Tennessee Baptists. This Convention session could be a very high spiritual time for Tennessee Baptists. On the other hand, it could be that Tennessee Baptists would return from the Convention weaker rather than stronger in their hopes for the future.

The time is *now* for us to determine that this will be a Convention filled with and led by the presence of the Holy Spirit. In this manner, and in this manner alone, will this be a Convention which will point to the glory of God and bring about renewed enthusiasm for, interest in, and support of the work in the local church, the associations, the Tennessee Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

There is no issue faced by Tennessee Baptists which cannot and should not be faced in the spirit of Christ, manifest in the love of God for his children. The annual sessions of the state Convention are very important. They reflect not only the work of a great body of people over a year but serve as a sounding board for work planned for the future. It is a time not only for inspirational messages, but for business. When we neglect the business affairs of our Convention, then they go by default.

Prior to the Convention sessions, the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at Eudora Baptist church and the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Convention, will hold its Convention at Audubon Park Baptist church in Memphis. These meetings also should be remembered *beforehand* with prayer, and should be attended in a prayerful attitude. The spirit of the living God must permeate the work of Baptists in Tennessee or else the work is not worthy of being promulgated "for Christ's sake."

Provision should be made now on the part of the churches for attendance at the sessions by pastors, other staff members, and leaders within the church family. This ought to be a Convention in which laymen in the church attend and participate actively. Conventions are not preacher Conventions. God's ministers are God's servants, and our leaders in the Pauline concept of bondservants in Jesus Christ. But the affairs of Tennessee Baptists are those which should occupy the interest of pastor and layman alike.

This Convention session should be, must be, and will be under the leadership of God, a high hour to be recorded for this great body of people called Baptist in our state.

## Empire Building vs Kingdom Building

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

All of God's children, wherever they serve Him, need

to remind themselves from time to time of their primary task. Also, a basic position statement upon occasion is helpful. Perhaps a first person statement better emphasizes the objective of this editorial.

I believe sincerely in the meaning and import of the passage quoted from the Sermon on the Mount. As a servant of God, in the Pauline concept of a bondservant in Christ Jesus, my task is to seek to build His Kingdom upon earth to the very best of my ability. The building of *The Kingdom*, as I see it, is primary, necessary, and all-encompassing. To me, this means that my responsibility is one involving the total interests of a compassionate Saviour.

The march of Christianity across the pages of world history has been one involving commitment, self-sacrifice, and an abandonment of self. A child of God, bent upon serving Him, cannot, I believe, serve effectively apart from a complete dedication which leaves no room for self-aggrandisement. Therefore, if I am as dedicated as I ought to be, and would wish to be, this leaves no room for a great concern about "what's going to happen to me," or "how am I going to get ahead."

Christians walk a perilous path at this point. Occasionally, we become so concerned with preservation of a comfortable status quo that we move across that line which separates Kingdom building from empire building. When this occurs, in my judgment, we have lost the major part of our effectiveness. We have ceased to be what we once were, and have become that which we ought not to be. Instead of selfless servants, we become ambitious masters.

At any level of Christian service, the local church, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, or any related boards, agencies, institutions or programs, there is *no* room—none at all—for empire building; but there is an entire world viable for Kingdom building. In other religious bodies, and in Baptist life, we have seen enough jockeying, maneuvering, politicking" and related arts to believe personally that the institutional church and its related activities cannot too long survive in this environment. This is not the kind of works to which James was referring.

Increasingly it is evident to this editor that God's servants—wherever—must work at rising above themselves and concentrate exclusively upon advancement of the Kingdom of God. Unless we do this as Baptists, we shall develop such a rigidity of structure in the interests of self-preservation that while we concentrate upon retaining that which to us is necessary—and pleasing—our people will walk away from us in search of some challenges to real, sacrificial, personal service and we shall be left as captains of a ship without a crew to operate that ship.

Couched in somewhat abstract terms, the burden of this editorial none-the-less is real, heartfelt, and one which we could well ponder as another year of service to our Lord unfolds during 1973. The words of the hymn are appropriate: "Rise up, oh men of God, have done with lesser things!"

# Union Students Vote 380-91 Against Proposed University Move

Students at Union university voted 380 to 91 last week against a proposed move of the school to Shelby County from Jackson.

A Student Government Association poll, answered by 505 students, dealt with the proposed move and with life on the Jackson campus. It was answered by approximately 56 per cent of the 900 students enrolled.

Questions and answers on the poll included:

\*Do you live in Shelby County, Madison County, or some other county?

(112 Shelby, 131 Madison, 262 other)

\*Would you be in favor of moving to Shelby County if you were assured student life as you know it now would not change?

(175 yes, 309 no)

\*If Union were to grow to a college of 5000 or more students, would you attend as an incoming freshman?

(177 yes, 309 no)

\*If Union had been located in Shelby County before this fall, would you have attended this semester?

(176 yes, 313 no)

\*Do you think moving to Shelby County would improve the possibility of extra curricular activities for students?

(245 yes, 230 no)

## Annie Armstrong Offering Goal Set For \$7,200,000

**BIRMINGHAM**—Southern Baptists have set a goal of \$7,200,000 for their special offering for home missions in 1974.

The goal was set by Woman's Missionary Union, the Southern Baptist auxiliary which sponsors the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions, in consultation with leaders of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary, said the 1973 offering, which closes Dec. 31, has reached \$6,515,000. "We hope funds will continue to come in so the 1973 goal of \$6,600,000 will be reached," Miss Hunt said.

The current total is an 11.5 per cent increase over total offerings at this date a year ago. A comparable percentage of increase for 1974 would exceed the goal of \$7,200,000.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be launched by a week of prayer for home missions, March 3-10, 1974. The theme for the observance will be "In Him is Life."

The home missions emphasis is promoted in churches by WMU and the SBC Brotherhood Commission, the missions organization for men and boys. (BP)

\*Do you feel you know enough about the proposed move to give an accurate statement of your feelings?

(325 yes, 151 no)

\*If the Student Government Association took a stand that was the same as your personal stand, would you actively work to help the SGA in its efforts?

(443 yes, 37 no)

\*If Union remains on its present campus site, would you continue to attend without some improvements to the present buildings?

(410 yes, 78 no)

\*At this moment, do you support the proposed move to Shelby County?

(91 yes, 380 no)

## National Baptists Re-elect Jackson To 21st Term

**LOS ANGELES**—The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., holding its 93rd annual meeting here, re-elected Dr. Joseph H. Jackson of Chicago president of the 6.5-million-member denomination for the 21st consecutive year.

He and the other major officers were returned to office by a standing vote of an estimated 20,000 delegates meeting at the convention center. A spokesman said this session drew the "largest attendance ever" at an annual meeting of the Negro organization.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., parent convention of Negro Baptists, is to be distinguished from the National Baptist Convention of America, usually referred to as the "unincorporated" body. The church headed by Dr. Jackson is the largest black organization in the nation, with membership equivalent to about 28 per cent of the black population in the U.S. (RNS)

## West Tennessee Pastors To Meet October 1

Baptist pastors from West Tennessee will meet on the Union university campus, Monday, Oct. 1, for their regular monthly session. Milton A. Webb, executive director of the Mid South Christian Counseling Service, Memphis, will be the featured speaker.

Officers for the coming year include: W. Matt Tomlin, president, pastor, First church, Selmer; Ronnie Davidson, vice president, pastor, Henry church; Kenneth Sparkman, secretary-treasurer, superintendent of missions, Gibson County; James Smith, song leader, pastor, First church, Whiteville; and Jerald Smith, pianist, pastor, Woodland church, Jackson.

The pastor's wives will meet on the campus at the same time. Mrs. Robert Craig will be in charge of the meeting.



**MISSISSIPPI HONORS BLACK BAPTIST**—L. Venchael Booth, left, president of the Progressive National (black) Baptist Convention, was presented the Governor's Outstanding Mississippian Award by Gov. William Waller, right, when the group held its 12th annual convention recently in Jackson, Miss. Booth, a native of Covington County, Miss., was recognized by the governor for his "international leadership" in the field of religion. He is one of 12 vice-presidents of the Baptist Word Alliance and is pastor of Zion Baptist church, Cincinnati, Ohio. (BP Photo by Jackson, Miss., Clarion-Ledger)

## WMU Annual Meeting Scheduled At Audubon Park, Memphis

By Mary Jane Nethery  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Woman's Missionary Union

Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will have its annual meeting at Audubon Park Baptist church in Memphis, Monday, November 12, the first session beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be concluded with a Monday night session. Program guests include Dr. Keith Parks of the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fling of New York and Miss Alma Oates, missionary to Brazil, and others.

Hotel headquarters are:

Holiday Inn, Interstate 40 and  
Macon Road - 6181 Hemcrest Rd.

Memphis, Tennessee 38128

Telephone 901/388-7050 (after Oct. 1)

(Only 100 rooms are available)

Because of a shortage of motel rooms in the city, make your request immediately. As indicated in the letter from Dr. Fred Wood in this issue of the **Baptist And Reflector**, after November 1 this motel does not guarantee to have rooms available. A deposit is not necessary—although if one is made to receive guarantee of a reservation, it is refundable if reservations are cancelled by 6:00 p.m. on date of arrival.

Dear Fellow Baptists:

Word came to me that some have been having difficulty in making a reservation for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I have personally contacted a number of motels in the area adjacent to Eudora Baptist church. Each of them has agreed to set aside a certain number of rooms for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. They will be available on a "first come, first serve" basis up until November 1. After November 1, the motels do not guarantee to have rooms available.

Listed below are the motels, addresses, and telephone numbers. Although all of them have not insisted on a deposit, I would strongly advise you to send a minimum deposit of \$15.

Rooms Available	Hotels and Addresses	Telephone
50	Quality Inn Poplar-East 5877 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38138	(901) 767-6300
50	Ramada Inn Roadside Hotel, East 5225 Summer, Memphis TN 38122	(901) 682-7691
76*	Holiday Inn Poplar @ I-240 5679 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38117 (Please note asterisk for explanation.)	(901) 682-7881
30	Welcome Inn 5963 Macon, Memphis, TN 38128	(901) 388-1300
25	Scottish Inns 1831 Getwell at I-240, Memphis, TN 38111	(901) 744-4650
25	Ramada Inn (Southeast) Lamar Avenue and Getwell Road, Memphis, TN 38118	(901) 365-6100
25	Rodeway Inn 2949 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38116	(901) 332-1250
60	Royal Oaks (Formerly Holiday Inn) 4941 Summer, Memphis, TN 38122	(901) 683-2411
50	Admiral Benbow, East 4720 Summer, Memphis, TN 38122	(901) 682-4601
100	Holiday Inn, Memphis I-40 & Macon Road 6773 Hemcrest Road, Memphis, TN (Exit Macon Rd. off Interstate 40)	(901) 388-7050
30	Lakeland Inn 9822 Huff and Puff Rd., Arlington, TN 38002	(901) 388-7120

In you run into an absolute emergency, call or write me personally. I will do the best I can to find you a room. PLEASE, however, contact the motel first.

Also, I will send each motel manager a copy of this letter. I will ask him to make referrals of your request if he has committed all his rooms.

Let's come to the Convention with a prayer that everything we do will be pleasing to God and help advance the cause of Christ.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Wood, President  
Tennessee Baptist Convention

\*All 76 of these rooms have been taken. No more available.

## Memphis Pastor Accepts Missouri College Post

Gerald Martin, pastor of the Poplar Avenue Baptist church in Memphis for 18 years, has resigned to accept the presidency of Hannibal LaGrange college in Hannibal, Mo. The school is a junior Baptist college operated by the Missouri Baptist Convention.



Martin

Martin, a native of Abbeville, S.C., is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university in Abilene, Tex., Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, and Luther Rice seminary. He did additional study at other universities and received a doctor of divinity degree from Hardin-Simmons. He has served as president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary alumni; was moderator of the Shelby County Association; president of the Memphis Pastors' Conference; and trustee of Union university, Norman college, and Luther Rice seminary.

The author of four books, he has done missionary and evangelistic work in Alaska, Japan and Germany.

Martin related that the Missouri school plans to build a four-year Bible college to train ministers, ministers of youth and music, and education directors.

## New Church Members Course Is Scheduled

The Materials Services Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will issue a new training course for new church members, Oct. 1. The new course was developed in response to numerous requests for a shorter session.

Approaches suggested by research projects and methods learned through the use of WIN materials are advocated. The new materials present a four one-hour session approach which may be lengthened to eight sessions if a church desires. Each session includes a Bible study, creative activity, scripture memorization, and a "how" session on prayer, Bible study, or some other necessary subject for growth.

Themes for the sessions include: the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church Covenant, and My Life and My Church.

**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR**

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# Ministers Of Reconciliation

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

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

The point of Paul's whole ministry was that God was in Christ covering sin and bringing God and man together. He also believed that the church exists to believe and carry out this message. As Christians and church members today, we must, if we are to have an effective ministry, realize the grave responsibility placed upon us by God, and revealed to us through the Scripture.



Dangeau **The Meaning of Reconciliation**

Reconciliation is a change of relationship between God and man based on the changed status of man through the redemptive work of Christ. I suggest three aspects of this change.

1. A reconciliation of persons between whom there has existed a state of enmity. The Greek denotes an "exchange" to persons, suggests an exchange from enmity to fellowship. Reconciliation is, therefore, God exercising grace toward man who is in enmity because of sin. This changed relationship is possible only because of the change status of man. God is never said to be reconciled to man, but man to God since it is man's sinfulness which creates the enmity.

2. There is also a reconciliation of conditions so that a basis of the enmity-relationship is removed and a complete basis of fellowship is established. The Greek word *apokalallasso* denotes a "movement out of" and suggests that since man is redeemed through the righteousness of Christ he is redeemed out of his condition of unrighteousness and thus reconciled to God in the new relationship.

3. There is also the idea of reconciliation arising out of the change in man induced by the action of God. The Greek word *Kalallage* suggests that man is not reconciled merely because his relationship has changed, but because God has changed him through Jesus Christ so that he can be reconciled. Reconciliation arises therefore out of God, through Christ, to man, so that not only may the barriers to fellowship existing in sinful man be removed, but the positive basis for fellowship may be established through the righteousness of Christ imputed to man.

Therefore, when Paul talks about man's being reconciled to God, he means a transaction in which God acts. God is not pas-

sive in the matter. It is not a transaction in which man does all that is done.

## Man's Responsibility

Paul declares that Christians have a grave responsibility, in this transaction. He refers to the "ministry of reconciliation." In chapter six, verse one, Paul states that Christians are workers together with God. The work in which they help Christ, or work together with him, is that described in chapter five, verse eighteen, belonging to those to whom the service and work of reconciliation is given.

The responsibility of a child of God is that of introducing man to God . . . declaring God's claims upon their lives, and announcing the "good news" that reconciliation is possible, through Jesus Christ. In the Book of Romans are these words: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Romans 10:13-15). This is rather clear, people must hear the Gospel in order to believe. Our responsibility is to proclaim it to every creature.

## Mars Hill Gets Federal Grant For Job Training

MARS HILL, N.C.—Mars Hill college, a Southern Baptist school here, has received a \$40,000 federal grant to develop a cooperative education program designed to give students on-the-job experience before graduation.

President Nixon individually approved and signed the grant under the educational development act of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, a college spokesman said.

The program will allow students three semesters of off-campus work in whatever business or industry they desire, with pay. Academic credit will be given and students can graduate in the normal four years.

"Under this new program, students will be able to choose work experience and gain insight into that work before deciding that this or that profession is really what they want to do for the rest of their lives," said Glenn C. Trantham, the program's newly appointed director.

"We also hope that the program will assist in motivating minority group and Appalachian-area students to succeed in their college career and help them toward rem-

## Vignettes Of History

By W. Fred Kendall

Former Executive-Secretary-Treasurer, TBC

It is surprising to one who has not done careful research in the history of slavery and the period before the Civil War how bitter and how determined the divisions of opinion became. It is revealed in the laws which were passed by state legislatures in the South and even in the North. In Tennessee laws were passed regarding the emancipation of slaves. About 1815 anti-slavery societies began to be formed in the churches. Slaves were being freed by a number of people. Strong sentiment was developing for it in some sections.

In 1831 the legislature passed an act forbidding the emancipation of slaves, except on the condition that those emancipated be removed from the state. In 1854 the legislature passed a much more stringent law which required that persons emancipated thereafter either by contract or by will, be transported to the west coast of Africa, unless unable by reason of age or disease to do so.

One of the strangest of all laws was enacted in 1858 or 1859. It was provided that any free person of color, at the age of eighteen years, might choose a master and sell himself into slavery. This was a rather complicated legal process carried out through the courts.

These interesting facts were gathered from a very valuable old history which has recently been reprinted. It contains much valuable information. It is "East Tennessee and the Civil War" by Oliver P. Temple. It gives much information about Tennessee and the Civil War which we do not take the time to research.

## Frank P. Samford, Baptist Benefactor, Dies In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM—Frank Park Samford Sr., described as the greatest benefactor of Samford university, died here at 75.

Leslie S. Wright, president of the Southern Baptist university, said Samford's "service and influence have been without parallel in the 132-year history of the school," which has become, "as a direct result of his leadership, influence and generosity, Alabama's largest privately supported institution of higher learning."

Samford, former chairman of the board of Liberty National Life Insurance Co., served as chairman of the board for 34 years at Samford university, which bears his family name. He also was widely noted for his civic work.

A native of Troy, Ala., he was a graduate of Auburn university and held honorary doctorates from three schools. (BP)

edying the ills of their areas," said Trantham. (BP)

# Tennessee News Briefs

Leewood church, Memphis, entered two new buildings this month. The new fellowship hall will seat 400, and the new choir room adjoining the auditorium will seat 100. Cost of the project was \$350,000. The church also completed the paving of two parking lots giving them an additional 100 parking spaces. **Jerry L. Glisson** is pastor.

**W. C. Riggins**, district marketing manager of Gulf Oil Corp., announced a gift of \$5000 presented to Belmont college earlier this month. **Herbert C. Gabhart**, president, said that the grant would be applied to classroom facility construction. The grant from Gulf is part of more than \$2.5 million the company will distribute this year.

**James Burkhart Jr.**, Knoxville, was ordained to the gospel ministry by McCalla Avenue church in that city recently. A graduate of Carson-Newman college, **Burkhart** is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. James O. Burkhart**. He is studying currently at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. **John Buell** is pastor of the Knoxville church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carter**, members of Belmont Heights church in Nashville, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary last month. They were married in 1909 by pastor **Bob Cortney**. **Bob Norman** is their present pastor.

In the Holston Association, First church, Jasper, ordained **Kenneth Cooper** and **Frank Ireland** as deacons.



**Herbert**

**Linda Herbert**, a graduate student at Middle Tennessee State university, has been appointed to serve as graduate assistant in the program of Baptist student ministries at that school for the coming year. A native of Columbia, she is a graduate of Columbia State Community college (junior) and MTSU. She will give particular

emphasis in the area of campus witness and outreach activities.

White Oak church, Chattanooga, ordained **Mike Jacocks**, **Gordon Roderick**, and **Jerry Steiner** to the office of deacon earlier this month. **Ray E. Fowler** is pastor of the church.

**David Homan**, a member of Fairfield church, Alpha Association, has surrendered to preach.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Talley**, members of First church, Lebanon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 30. **Tom Henry** is their pastor.

The "Spring Street, U.S.A." television series which appeared on WSIX in Nashville every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. has been changed to WLAC, Nashville, for Sunday night viewing at 11 p.m. This change became effective at the beginning of the new season, Sept. 16. Three Tennesseans, all Belmont college students, are members of the nationally televised Spring Street Singers program. They are **James Gorin**, **Andra Bradley**, and **Sandra Bradley**.

Tennesseans who contributed to Southside Baptist church, Aberdeen, S.D., for several years will be interested to know Southern Baptists have again established a mission point to take the place of Southside Baptist church which was disbanded in 1967. This information came from **Lee Greer**, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Box 1105, Aberdeen, S.D. 57401.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

**Bobby Droke** has been called as pastor of Westside church in Tuscumbia, Ala., and is already on the field. He served in Tennessee at the Sharon church, Hardin Association, for over seven years.

In the Holston Association, **A. D. Hopson**, pastor of Belle Meadows church, resigned due to ill health. **Edward E. Duncan** is the new pastor at the Fordtown church, coming from Bluff City church in the same association. **Ron Barker**, youth director at First church, Erwin, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Harmony church. He was ordained earlier this month at First church, Erwin. The new pastor of Southwestern church is **Leroy K. Carpenter**. A native of Yakima, Wash., he is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary. **Ronald Pelfrey**, a recent graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, has accepted the call to serve as pastor of the Snow Chapel church.

In the Duck River Association, Grace church called **J. T. Young** as pastor. First church, Manchester, called **David Christopher** as minister of music and youth. **J. C. Carpenter** is the new pastor at Trinity church.

**Andy King** has accepted the call of Miston church in Dyer County. He was ordained recently by New Hope church, Gibson County Association.

**K. G. Hurlburt**, pastor of Idlewild church, announced his retirement, effective this month. The church is in Gibson County Association.

## MISSIONARY NEWS

**Mr. and Mrs. David M. Coleman**, missionaries to Rhodesia, were scheduled to arrive for furlough in the States this month. They may be addressed at 2116 Belmont Dr., Clarksville 37040. He is a native of Cedar Hill. **Mrs. Coleman** lived in Dayton. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968, he was an office manager for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Daugherty**, employed recently as missionary associates to Japan, have begun orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga. A Tennessean, he was born in Montgomery County and lived in Nashville. Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, he was pastor of the Forest Hills church, Nashville.

**Miss Pauline Martin**, missionary who has completed furlough in the States, has returned to Nigeria. Her address is Box 84, Abeokuta, Nigeria. A native of Kingsport, **Miss Martin** was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

**Mr. and Mrs. Gary K. Swafford**, missionaries to Malawi, have a new furlough address in the States. They may be reached at 3305 Kavanaugh Circle, Huntsville, Ala. 35810. Both are natives of Alabama, but lived in Tennessee.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. Clifford Graham**, missionary associates to Guyana, have a new furlough address in the States: 107 N. 12th St., Oakdale, La. 71463. Before their employment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, he was associate pastor and education director of the Kennedy church in Memphis. Both are native Louisianians.

**Albert H. Dyson Jr.**, missionary to Nigeria, has received the doctor of education degree from the University of Georgia, Athens. His address is Box 315, Zaria, Nigeria. He is a native of Mobeetie, Tex., and his wife is the former **Ruth Widick** of Nashville and Tullahoma. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

**Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Yarnell Jr.**, missionaries to Malaysia, may be addressed at P.O. Box 1706, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. He is a native of Knoxville, and she is the former **Mary Pate** of Blaine and Kingsport. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955, he was pastor of the Holston church in Bluff City, Tenn.

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# Postal Increases Hurt Religious Papers

**NEW YORK**—Cost increases averaging 20 per cent are expected to result for religious newspapers and magazines after the latest postal rate increases go into effect Sept. 9.

With authorization from the federal Cost of Living Council, the Post Office Department has announced that the second of ten annual increases will go into effect on that date.

James Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, estimated that the average increase for most non-profit periodicals would probably be 20 per cent. He added, however, that this is "a tricky figure" because it depends on the distribution of the particular periodical. The general range of increases, he said, will probably be from 12 to 25 per cent.

Since the latest increase came as part of the 10-phase program, it was no surprise, although it had been postponed by the June 13 price freeze. Summing up the reaction of his organization, Doyle said, "We're sorry it's been released by the Cost of Living Council, and we're going to double our efforts to get some kind of legislative relief."

A bill to provide relief for publishers was introduced earlier this year as House Resolution 8929. Because it provided relief for both profit-making and non-profit periodicals, however, it ran into difficulty when some Congressmen questioned the propriety of providing relief for such periodicals as "Time," "Readers Digest," and "The Wall Street Journal."

Doyle indicated that there may be an effort to revamp the bill so that it would apply primarily to non-profit periodicals.

Allen Bradley, circulation manager of the "Newark Advocate," newsweekly of the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark (N.J.), estimated that his paper's overall increase would be 25 per cent. From \$300 a week, he predicted, the cost will go up to \$400 a week, or \$1600 a month.

For in-county mailing (about 10,000 copies), Bradley estimated a surcharge increase from \$51.69 to \$103.38 per issue. The out-of-county surcharge (about 40,000 copies) will increase from \$392.56 per issue to \$588.56, he added.

John Fink, executive vice-president of "Our Sunday Visitor," the nation's largest circulation (425,000) Catholic weekly, said his paper was expecting an overall increase of 15.1 per cent. This, he indicated, would mean an annual rate increase of a little over \$16,000 for the periodical, which is published in Huntington, Ind.

Fenwick D. Loomer, publisher of the non-denominational "Christian Herald," reported here that the postal increase has led his magazine to increase its subscription renewal rate from \$3.75 to \$3.97 per year. He said that although the magazine's

300,000 subscribers are not primarily in high income brackets, "our rates now are extremely low."

There are no plans to increase advertising rates, Loomer related, adding that the monthly periodical considered it "absolutely essential" to maintain its current advertising revenues. (RNS)

## Christian Life Commission Honors Rutledge And Knight

**NASHVILLE**—Arthur B. Rutledge and Walker L. Knight have been named joint recipients of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christianity.

Rutledge, a native Texan, is executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and Knight, a native Kentuckian, edits "Home Mission" magazine and serves as secretary of the Home Mission Board's editorial service department.

The Christian Life Commission award, presented at the commission's annual meeting here, went to two recipients for the first time in its history. Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas, won the 1972 award.

"This award recognizes two of the most significant influences for applied Christianity in Southern Baptist life," said Foy Valentine, commission executive secretary. "The Home Mission Board and these two men have been powerful forces for Christian morality, integrity and righteousness."

Valentine added, "We pray God that this kind of teamwork, with denominational administrator as the enabler and the professional staff person as the doer may more and more come to characterize the Southern Baptist Convention's organizational life."

Rutledge, 62, has been the Home Mission Board's top executive since 1965. Before that he directed the board's missions division for six years, served as secretary of stewardship and direct missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas for three years and held nine pastorates in Texas and Indiana for 25 years.

Knight, 49, also chief of the Atlanta Bureau of Baptist Press, joined the Home Mission Board staff in 1959. Formerly he was associate editor of the "Baptist Standard," news publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, for 10 years. He has also edited a weekly newspaper in Martin, Tex., served as pastor of First Baptist church, Dale, Tex., and reported for the Henderson (Ky.) "Gleaner-Journal."

Both men are graduates of Baylor university, Waco, Tex., and Rutledge also holds a Th.M. degree from Southern Bap-

## McCall Named Black Studies Coordinator At Seminary

**LOUISVILLE**—Emmanuel L. McCall, associate secretary of work with National (black) Baptists at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, has been named coordinator of an expanded Black Church Studies Program during three annual, month-long "mini-mesters" at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

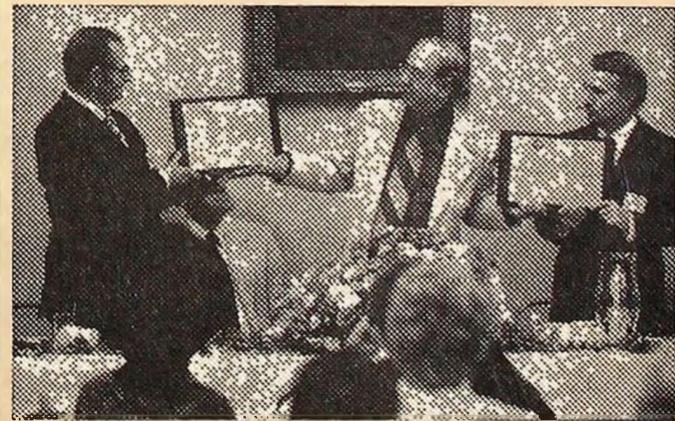
McCall, who will retain his Home Mission Board post, has accepted the assignment for three years, 1973-76, as the seminary seeks "to increase its efforts to fill a critical need for black seminary graduates and increase understanding among whites about black church life and culture and realistic approaches to ministry in a multi-racial society," a seminary spokesman said.

A 1956 graduate of Southern seminary, McCall, a black, has served as a visiting professor during the seminary's January interterm for three years in the Black studies program.

The seminary will add two other visiting professors to supplement McCall's efforts—William H. Rogers, director of the department of interracial cooperation for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, and Edward L. Wheeler, a black Baptist pastor from Atlanta.

A seminary spokesman said the expanded Black studies program will "hopefully increase the flow of trained ministers to Black Baptist conventions whose churches have long been engaged in cooperative efforts with the Home Mission Board and provide more black candidates for appointment as home and foreign missionaries." (BP)

tist Theological seminary, Louisville, and a Th.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**—Foy Valentine, center, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, presents the commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award to Arthur B. Rutledge, left, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and Walker L. Knight, right, editor of "Home Missions" magazine. The award went to the two Home Mission Board staffers at the Christian Life Commission's annual meeting in Nashville for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christian principles. (BP Photo by Floyd A. Craig)

# A CUP OF KINDNESS

By Jim Cox

**NASHVILLE**—Can an impulsive act of kindness replenish and magnify itself after its seed has lain dormant for nearly two decades?

Belmont college, a Tennessee Baptist co-educational senior institution in Nashville discovered recently that a good deed may know no boundaries whatsoever.

This story begins in February 1957 when a young Polish immigrant family got on a city bus in downtown Nashville. Irvin Limor could speak almost no English; his wife and their two children could speak none. He had extreme difficulty in comprehending the meaning of ordinary English conversation, too.

Thus handicapped, and being totally unfamiliar with their new city, one can imagine their apprehension upon realizing they had boarded the wrong bus and were in unfamiliar surroundings in a residential neighborhood.

It was then that a total stranger, who had also disembarked from the bus at that stop, stepped in to become the good Samaritan whose unselfish act would be a spontaneous catalyst for greater deeds in the future. Perceiving the plight of the stranded immigrant family, the man stepped briskly to his nearby home, got into his automobile, and returned to the bus stop and offered to drive the family wherever they wished to go.

The Limors accepted the man's gracious hospitality, and—on their brief journey—discovered little about their benefactor except that he was a postal employe. Limor did not even get the man's name. They thanked him profusely, however, and Limor made a mental note that if he ever had the opportunity to repay the kindness, he would do it.

Almost 16 years passed. In the summer of 1972, with its new three-story Business Administration Center nearing completion, Belmont college made preparation for a new academic year. It was then Belmont President Herbert C. Gabhart had a unique idea. As this was to be a business school in a Baptist institution he hoped to tie the two ideas together in some form of artistic significance.

A plan was conceived. He would ask someone to create a wrought iron sculpture on the theme: "Money: Servant or Master?" The sketch he had penciled included two human forms placed around a dollar sign. One of them bowed before it, while the other towered above it.

That's when Gabhart approached Irvin Limor, who by this time had established himself as the owner of his own ironwork firm. Gabhart presented his sketch, and Limor agreed to sculpt it in iron. Three months later his finished creation—towering 21 feet high—was set into place in the

lobby of Belmont's Business Administration Center. It pierced the second floor in an open stairwell extending from the first to third floors.

There was a very surprised college president, however, when Limor told Gabhart he would not accept payment for the work, valued in excess of \$10,000. When Gabhart asked why, Limor recalled the event of the anonymous stranger who had befriended his family many years earlier. "I'd simply like to repay a community like that with a gift of my own creation," he told the president.

If the story had ended there, it would be significant, but it goes on. When Al Johnson, Nashville realtor, saw the sculpture and heard the story behind it, he was moved to underwrite the cost of a marble base for the work. Johnson has since come forth to help the school in an emergency crisis as a result of the kind deed of a stranger.

When a tragic fire in December 1972 completely gutted the school's principal academic facility, Blanton Hall, President Gabhart would not admit discouragement. Rather, he replied to questioning minds, "Together we shall bring beauty from ashes."

Recalling for faculty and trustees that in Greek mythology a Phoenix was a symbol for bringing "beauty from ashes," he suggested an iron Phoenix be erected. It would be a symbol of the courage and dedication of the school's faculty, students and trustees in the wake of disaster.

Currently, two new towers are being erected on the site where the burned building was razed, and Limor is busy in his iron shop creating the Phoenix to be placed between them. This time it will be Johnson who underwrites the cost of the sculpture, because he was touched by a kind deed done for an immigrant family nearly 17 years ago.

Desiring to pursue the entire story to its natural conclusion, Gabhart recently decided to find out who the mysterious good Samaritan was that began the chain of events. He assigned the task to Dr. Gladys Bryant, a Belmont history professor, who turned to Nashville retired postmaster general Lewis E. Moore, a Baptist layman, for help. Although he had only two pieces of information to go on—that the man was a postal employe and he lived in the general vicinity of the bus stop in 1957—for Moore, that was enough.

After numerous false leads and some discouragement, the man was at last located, still a postal employe, and still a rider of that same bus. His name: Louis Murray.

On Sept. 7 the college brought the two men, Limor and Murray, face to face again for one of the most inspiring chapel hours the school has ever experienced. Assisted

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by Dr. Bryant and President Gabhart, the two principals recalled the experience that had led them to that place.

"It's always been my thought that if you throw a pebble in the water, you make bigger circles," said Limor. "And the more people who throw pebbles, the more big circles there are."

A simple cup of kindness for a Polish immigrant family almost two decades ago spilled over to create an act of love for an entire community. And the reverberations it has spontaneously begun make Belmont officials wonder if that cup will ever run dry.

*(Editor's Note: Cox is director of Public Relations, Belmont college, Nashville, Tenn.)*



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## SBC President Hosts Dinner For Black Baptist Leaders

JACKSON, Miss.—It's not usually newsworthy when one Mississippian hosts a dinner for another native Mississippian—except when one is black and the other white and both serve as presidents of nationwide Baptist conventions.

"Twenty years ago, I wouldn't have had a part in this," Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., said at a dinner he hosted for L. Venchael Booth, a native Mississippian and president of the Progress National Baptist Convention, during the PNBC's annual convention here.

"If I can change, anybody can change," Cooper told 30 PNBC officials and leaders of the Mississippi (Southern) Baptist Convention at the dinner. He credited "the grace of God, the changes of time and my family" with influencing his change.

It was the first time an SBC president ever hosted a dinner for the leadership of a national (Black) Baptist convention, said Emmanuel McCall, of the Home Mission

Board's department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists.

Booth, who also serves alongside Cooper as a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, told the group that through Cooper, "We have been brought closer together than perhaps ever before."

"In your concern for giving us the tools to carry on the Lord's work, you have been too timid in the past," Booth told the Southern Baptists.

"You must continue to use your peculiar endowment of money and faith to do good," said Booth, who is listed by "Ebony" magazine as one of the 100 most influential blacks in the United States.

Cooper told the leaders and later told the assembled PNBC messengers in an address of "greetings" that "We (the SBC) can't get any new missionaries into Nigeria, but I think you can. And if a door is closed to one Christian group and open to another Christian group, the mantle of responsibility falls on your shoulders."

After his remarks to the PNBC, which has some churches also aligned with the SBC, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper flew to bring greetings to the other two major black Baptist conventions: the National Baptist Convention, Inc. meeting in Los Angeles and the National Baptist Convention of America meeting in Chicago, concurrently. (BP)

## Federal Parochialism Challenged In Americans United Suit

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed suit in federal court on August 31 seeking to block a grant of \$350,000 in federal funds to parochial elementary and secondary schools of Washington, D.C. The money was awarded under the Emergency School Aid Act passed by Congress in 1972. The group says that the grant is invalid because it violates the constitutional ban on the enactment of laws "respecting an establishment of religion."

Americans United is a citizens association which is dedicated to the enforcement of the constitutional prohibition against government involvement with religion. The group has successfully brought legal action against similar programs of State aid to parochial education—most recently in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and New Hampshire. In the Washington suit, Americans United is joined by several individual parents of school children from various parts of the city.

A spokesman for Americans United stated that the action, although directed only against the Washington grant, could have nation-wide impact because the suit also calls into question provisions of the Act and regulations which permit federal aid to parochial schools. Grants for public school programs funded under the Act, either in Washington or elsewhere, will not be affected by this suit, however.

The case is expected to be argued before a panel of three federal judges. Any appeal that is taken from their decision will go directly to the Supreme Court. (C/SNS)

## New Books

**The Speaker's Source Book** by Herbert V. Prochnow, Baker, 312 pp., \$2.95, 312 pp., paper.

**The Master Game & Party Book** by Genevieve Richard, Baker, 245 pp., \$2.95, paper.

**1000 Quips, Stories & Illustrations for All Occasions** by Herbert V. Prochnow, Baker, 220 pp., \$2.95, paper.

**Games for All Ages & How to Use Them** by Marjorie Wackerbarth and Lillian S. Graham, Baker, 256 pp., paper.

**Good Morning, Lord** by Charles R. Hembree, Baker, 64 pp. Five-minute devotions.

**Good Morning, Lord** by Dena Korfker, Baker, 95 pp. Devotions for children.

**Charles Hartshorne** by Alan Gragg, edited by Bob E. Patterson, Word, 127 pp. \$3.95.

**The Psychology of Religion** by Wayne E. Oates, Word, 291 pp. \$7.95.

**When You Get to the End of Yourself** by W. T. Purkiser, Baker, 91 pp., paper, 95¢. A book for those who find troubles arriving in bundles, when God seems to be hiding his face, when the thorn in life becomes almost unbearable, when illness strikes without warning.

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## HAM Reports Indicate Missionaries Safe In Chile

**RICHMOND**—An incomplete early report that Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile are safe following that country's military coup of Sept. 11 was presented at the September meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

In other actions, the board heard its executive secretary comment on the proposed 1974 budget, to be adopted at the October board meeting, and received an optimistic report on the missionary personnel outlook.

Frank K. Means, the board's area secretary for South America, reported that he talked with a HAM radio operator in Miami who had contacted some of the Baptist missionaries in Chile. They indicated that so far "everything is OK" following the military takeover.

The Miami radio operator talked with missionaries Gerald Riddell in Punta Arenas in extreme southern Chile, and John H. McTyre in the capital, Santiago, through the "Halo Network" of HAM radio operators. The network is made up of missionary HAM radio operators in South America who have agreed to make daily contact with each other and with persons in the States.

President Salvador Allende allegedly committed suicide after the armed forces, siding with civilian opponents of Allende's regime, moved planes, tanks and ground troops in to seize the presidential palace.

According to wire reports, a military junta took control of the government and declared a state of seige.

Last July the Baptist missionaries in Chile declared themselves in a crisis period due to the country's political unrest. They advised the board to encourage new missionary appointees to Chile to consider reassignment to other countries until the political situation is more stable.

As soon as communication channels reopen, further contact will be made with the missionaries to determine in detail the effect of the coup on Baptist work in Chile.

At present, 43 Southern Baptist missionaries live in Chile, and six additional new missionaries have been appointed to serve there.

In his report, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, said the 1974 budget will be the largest ever considered by the board, but there will still be millions of dollars requested by the missions which can't be provided due to the normal growth of the work and to dollar devaluation and inflation.

"We are grateful to Southern Baptists for sustained increase in missionary giving so that we can meet these circumstances as well as possible," he said.

Louis Cobbs, secretary of the board's department of missionary personnel, said 1973 missionary appointments, already ahead of the 1972 total, may exceed 200 before the end of the year.

He reported commissioning of a record 75 missionary journeymen for two-year periods of service overseas and awarding of six medical receptorships to volunteer third-year medical students for some 10 weeks' service overseas.

Cobbs also noted the success of 56 college students who served overseas this summer under the sponsorship of Baptist Student Unions.

He reported the itinerary for the new musical missions team, GRAIN, is now filled through December with 45 performances and programs in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. (BP)

## Religion Around The World



McClanahan

Dr. H. L. McClanahan, assistant to the executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, has been elected as interim executive secretary following the death of the executive secretary, Dr. Earl O. Harding who died Aug. 12.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.**—C. E. Autrey, former head of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, has presented a copy of his book, "Basic Evangelism," to the Mid-America Baptist Theological seminary in Little Rock. The presentation of the book was symbolic of presenting his entire library to the seminary, according to B. Gray Allison, seminary president. Speaking at recent Founders Days, Autrey announced the gift of the library but stated that he would like to keep using it until he retires. He lives in Pensacola, Fla.

**MEXICO CITY**—Construction of the chapel-classroom building on the new campus of the Mexican Baptist Theological seminary here will be completed soon according to Pat Carter, seminary president. The building is situated on two acres of land in northwestern metropolitan Mexico City, and the seminary will probably move to the new campus next fall. It has an enrolment of 70 students and a faculty of six nationals and six Southern Baptist representative families.

**GRACEVILLE, Fla.**—Walter D. Draughon Jr., dean of the Baptist Bible Institute announced a record enrolment of 410 students, 15 above last year's fall record of 395. The dean predicts that approximately 35 states are represented in the student body.

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

As a Baptist layman who has traveled in most of the communist countries of Eastern Europe and lived in one of them, I have seen first hand the beneficial effects that come when touring American Christians make it a point to look up and visit a local Baptist or other evangelical church.

Persecuted or at least restricted in most of these countries, these Eastern European believers are greatly encouraged by this contact and by the knowledge that thousands or millions of American fellow believers are interested in them and pray for them.

Moreover, the interest shown by American visitors gives these Baptists, often a small minority, greater stature in the eyes of the communist authorities often resulting in more lenient treatment. These governments are eager to avoid the unfavorable national image that inevitably comes if the facts of persecution become known.

When traveling to any of the Eastern European communist countries, plan to seek out the local Baptist or evangelical church. The Southern Baptist Convention has a listing of the national headquarters and location of Baptist churches in principal cities.

If you don't have addresses in advance, ask a local tour guide or the hotel clerk. Write out the word "Baptist" which is generally written similarly in most languages although pronunciation varies.

*Editor's Note: The author, an active Baptist deacon, prefers to remain anonymous. Due to his frequent business trips to Eastern Europe, use of his name might make it difficult to secure the governmental cooperation he needs. (Released by the Foreign Mission Board)*

**ATLANTA**—Georgia Baptist Children's Homes will benefit from proceeds of a \$442,716 estate, the largest single gift in the 30-year history of the Georgia Baptist Foundation. The gift came from the estate of the late Edward Seitzinger, a Conley, Ga., metals dealer who died in 1970. His wife died this spring. The foundation receives funds in trust for the benefit of all Georgia Baptist Convention of Southern Baptist Convention causes.

**COLUMBUS, Ohio**—A Worldwide Vigil of Prayer, sponsored by the World Methodist Council, will begin in the Tonga Islands on Dec. 31 of this year and spread around the world. The date for the vigil was announced following a meeting of the council's evangelism committee. A Congress on Evangelism will be held in Houston, Jan. 8-10, 1974, and a simultaneous Bible study is being planned for Lent 1974. United Methodist Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus is chairman of the evangelism unit of the World Methodist Council.

**GOSHEN, Guyana**—Over 100 young people attended the new Baptist camp here recently, after Baptists worked more than two years to clear the land and construct the buildings. Several years ago Baptist missionaries recognized the effectiveness of a camping program in Guyana, a country which has few recreational facilities, and began work on the project. Manget Herrin is camp director and Mrs. Elaine Herrin is missionary associate.

## Church Buildings Damaged By Disasters In Mexico

**MEXICO CITY**—Several Baptist church buildings and homes of many church members were damaged in the earthquake that struck South Central Mexico Aug. 27 and in a flood a week earlier in Irapuato in Central Mexico, according to David Daniell, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico.

Reports indicated no harm to property of Southern Baptist representatives—just local Mexican Baptists.

Although worship services were held Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Baptist church in Calippan, the building was so damaged structurally by the earthquake, the government condemned it.

"It will take at least \$40,000 to rebuild and repair these church buildings and homes," said Agustin Acosta, promoter of missions for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico.

### Living In Open Air

Eduardo De La Flor, president of the Central Baptist Association, Acosta and Daniell toured the earthquake area, observing Baptist families living in the open air until they could secure some free building materials from the government.

A Baptist church in San Gabriel, Chilac, suffered extensive damage and, according to Daniell, will probably need to be rebuilt. The church's pastor, Lazaro Gonzales, said, "Things were falling all over the place and pure instinct told us to get under the bed for protection.

We recalled the recent earthquake in Nicaragua and the extensive damage and suffering there and wanted to visit all the church members immediately," he continued. "All were in Sunday School this morning, praising God and content to be alive."

### Reconstruction Most Urgent Need

A doctor whose husband is pastor of the church in Tehuacan said the most urgent need among earthquake victims is not food and clothing, but architects, contractors and bricklayers to help reconstruct homes and churches.

One week before the earthquake, a ruptured dam forced water from the Lerma River down on Irapuato, a city of 150,000 people, leaving 45 persons dead and 300 missing. Residents had only a few moments to evacuate after being told of the break in the dam.

Eight of the 40 families at Irapuato's First Baptist church lost all of their possessions and all church families suffered some loss.

Josue Gonzales, pastor of the Irapuato church, has named a committee to give aid to stricken refugees, including some church members.

The most pressing needs in Irapuato are for mattresses, blankets, clothing, food and medicine, Gonzales said.

Charles Bryan, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said, "As relief funds are received by the board, money will be made available to Mexican Baptists to purchase these needed items." (BP)

### Bobby Knupp, Nashville Golf Tourney Champion

Bobby Knupp, director of music, Valley View church, Nashville, was tournament champion (determined by Callaway handicap system) during the Tennessee Baptist Golf Tournament held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 13-14 at Henry Horton State Park, Chapel Hill. Championship Flight winner was Don Morris of Jackson. The tournament was sponsored by the Tournament Committee, Gene Kerr, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention chairman. Approximately 80 persons, mostly Tennesseans, participated.

Other flight winners were: First, Eddy Messick, Franklin; Second, Lewis Sewell, Jackson; Third, Marshall Vaughn, Chattanooga; Fourth, Glenn Yarbrough, Brentwood; and the Fifth Flight winner was Robert Sharp of Knoxville. The Sponsors Flight was won by James Williams, Franklin.

Other committee members serving with Kerr were: Virgil Peters, Franklin, vice chairman; Beryl Vick, Nashville, treasurer; Frank Charton, Nashville; Dewey Jones, Brentwood; Ray Conner, Nashville; Arnold Porter, Nashville; Clarence Stewart, Pulaski; and Yarbrough.

The tournament was financed by participants' fees. A group of sponsors donated trophies and other awards. No TBC funds were used for the tournament.

A banquet was held on Thursday night where awards were presented on the basis of the first day's play. Charles Downey, minister of music, Woodmont church, Nashville, was guest speaker.

### Ministry To Truck Drivers Launched By Baptist Minister

**OMAHA**—A coast-to-coast radio program of Christian evangelism for truckers, featuring gospel music, truck driver "lingo," and testimony from converted truckers, is being set up "to interest drivers in the faith of Jesus Christ."

Bill Payne, a truck driver and Baptist minister from Omaha, is teaming with "Transport for Christ," a Watertown, Ont., organization that seeks to bring the Christian message to drivers.

Beginning in October, radio stations across the country will broadcast 10-minute programs weekdays between the hours of 1 and 5 a.m. A half-hour Sunday program will fill out the daily broadcasts, said Payne. (RNS)

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Friends:

With inflation at home and deflation abroad there is a sharp increase in the cost of mission support throughout the world.

Your church will face this problem in next year's budget. Don't forget the problem exists in our world mission work also.

On a recent trip to Europe and Africa we paid New York rates for modest hotel accommodations. A No. 2 can of tomatoes in Ivory Coast cost \$1.24. One missionary reported his family food bill was \$15.00 more than his monthly income for that month. A devaluated dollar and foreign inflation are costly to missions abroad.

Our Home Mission program is on a plateau. Over 130 trained volunteers await appointment and assignment for work in the United States where 78 million people are unchurched. Their appointment awaits more money.

The convention in Portland adopted a budget which, for the first time since 1967, provides an advance section. All of the funds received over and above the \$35 million goal will be divided among the various Southern Baptist ministries and causes according to the same percentage provided in the regular operating budget.

Now is the time when we can do *more* for missions. But only *YOU* can make it happen. Challenge your church to increase Cooperative Program gifts at least 1 per cent of the church budget. Remember, the church that reaches out for Christ will grow and the members will be blessed. One church made a commitment to increased giving through the Cooperative Program and called it a "faith promise." They promised the increased mission support and had faith that God would supply their local needs.

You can help make this happen in your church. You can lead your church to make a "faith promise." Your church can have a greater part in sharing Christ with the world. Pray about it—then do something about it!

The Cooperative Program, which will be 50 years old in 1975, has proved to be an effective lifeline for supporting the churches, the associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention. In these troubled times the lifeline needs strengthening.

The decision is with the local church. May God lead you as *you* determine the future of the mission program of our denomination.

Sincerely,  
Owen Cooper, President  
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# Zechariah: Our God Is Able

By W. R. White  
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**Basic Passages:** Zechariah 1:1-2 to 2:5; 4:1-10; 7:8-10

**Focal Passages:** Zechariah 2:1-5; 4:6-10; 7:8-10

Is God adequate to meet any and every problem in every life and in the universe? If not, then He is not God. Any problem greater than God would be superior to Him. That cannot be.

Yes, man being free, can prevent God from doing what He would like to do with that life but not what He could do. He will not violate human freedom in the realm of personal choice but He will not permit that individual to defeat his overall plan for the universe.

In order to solve some difficulties which the concept of an all-powerful God of love creates in view of a world full of tragedy, some say God is powerful but not all-powerful, else being love He would eliminate all evil immediately. These are questions we cannot solve because we do not have all knowledge. Less than all power and infinite love God cannot or will not resolve all problems with ultimate victory for righteousness.

Israel had problems of security and the completion of worthy endeavors. Zechariah assured them that God was equal to all their needs.

## Jehovah, Jerusalem's Security Zech. 2:1-5

There will be another Jerusalem replacing the old. Its dimensions are measured. Its security will not be walls as is true of the old city but it will be surrounded by a wall of fire emanating from the Lord.

The glory of the new city will not be the fortune of royal leadership but the glory of the Lord will fill it. It reminds us of some of the new Jerusalem when the Lord and Lamb will be the light and glory thereof.

This was a vision splendid. It must have inspired the people with new heart and new hope.

## Their Source Of Finishing Strength Zech. 4:6-10

Zerubbabel had laid the foundations with his hands. His hands would finish it the Lord assured through the prophet.

The work already done seemed very small compared to the task of bringing the temple to completion. The future difficulty loomed like a mountain athwart the path

of Zerubbabel, yet it would be leveled like a plain.

It would not be human might or ability that would achieve this. It would be the might of God's Spirit. The perfect insight of God would see all things clearly everywhere. His penetrating vision would survey everything. The omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent Jehovah would do it through His servant.

## The New Order Ahead Zech.7:8-10

Complete justice real mercy and outgoing love every man toward his neighbor will be the way of life in this new order of things. Oppression of widows, orphans, strangers and the poor must be eliminated. Not even evil thoughts in the heart toward others are to be tolerated.

The dream of an ideal order of life given to those prophets of God so long ago has inspired men and women of good will through the ages to strive for its achievement. Men keep dreaming and hoping. It has inspired many noble deeds and reforms.

We believe that a reliable reality in the offing has inspired the dream and its persistent pursuit. Man has dreamed and longed through the ages of flying like the fowls in the air. Now he surpasses them.

Yet it is easier for man to perform physical miracles than it is to achieve spiritual goals. He cannot reach the most beautiful of all dreams unless God is with him and can enable him to see it in all of its fulness and glory.

## Hardness Of Heart

By T. B. Maston  
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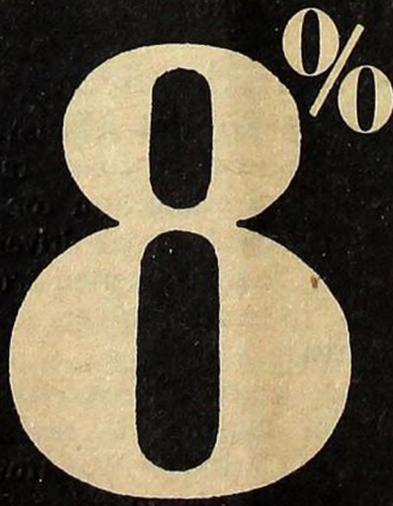
He saith to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but in the beginning it was not so" (Matt. 19:8, RSV).

Jesus had stated that it was the purpose of God for one man and one woman to be joined together as husband and wife for life. The Pharisees pressed him with an additional question: "Why, then, did Moses command one to give the certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" (see Deut. 20:1-4).

Notice the reply of Jesus. They had asked, "Why did Moses command?" He replied, "Moses allowed or permitted you." Jesus also gave the reason for the permission: "For your hardness of heart" or "because you are so hard to teach" (TEV). The responsibility for the permission rested on the people rather than on Moses.

This conversation of Jesus with the Pharisees should help us understand some of the questions that some of us have regarding certain moral problems of the Old Testament. Some things in the Old Testament seem out of harmony with the spirit and teachings of the New Testament. What Jesus said should help us. He plainly said that the provisions for divorce in the Law were by permission. It was not a part of God's original purpose or of his ultimate will for the home.

Since this is true regarding divorce, it may also be true of some other things in the Old Testament. At least, we believe that the full and perfect revelation of God was in and through Jesus. This means that the Old Testament is to be read and particularly to be evaluated in light of the New Testament. The latter is to be normative for the child of God.



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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

"A faith for all seasons grows stronger through training, fellowship and worship." These words on a poster caught my attention as I entered a sanctuary for worship last Sunday evening. Pausing for a second look, I recognized this statement to be an emphasis to our Southern Baptists' theme which we have been hearing and reading about for the past several months.



Norton

**CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place** is the subject of a promotional

effort designed to help churches experience a new awareness of the importance of church training as well as to increase attendance on Sunday night.

To reinforce the importance of this theme and to assist leaders in the use of new materials dealing with it, three retreats are being planned by our Church Training Department: September 22 at Camp Carson; October 20 at Camp Linden; and October 27 at Camp Cordova, near Memphis. Each of these is a one-day conference beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending at 3:00 P.M., with conferences planned for every age-group worker. This conference will provide excellent help for leaders and it is hoped that many are already making plans to attend.

I am convinced that church IS the Sunday night place! I believe that if our dedicated leaders can be encouraged to emphasize high quality activities that more persons will be enlisted to attend church training on Sunday night and we will then have an increased attendance for the Sunday evening worship service. This emphasis is vital to our total church program for it encompasses the entire family and seeks to bring about an increased commitment to the Cause of Christ from all of us.

Now—the month of September—is a good time to renew your loyalty to Church Training. Take advantage of the retreats to become better informed as a leader. If you are not a leader, give serious thought to how you can make your group more worthwhile. Truly, a faith for all seasons does grow stronger as we train, have fellowship, and worship together.

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## Family Living

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### How Can Parents Shield Child From Molesters?

Today's child molesters are now innovative in their approaches to children, police officers have noted. Instead of the predictable offers of candy, toys or outings that used to serve as bait, modern molesters are more likely to play on the children's sympathy, helpfulness, or fears.

Among recent cases, the "lures" included emotional requests for help in finding beloved pet dogs, a lost heirloom diamond, and innumerable missing wallets. One molester habitually posed as an undercover policeman investigating thefts, who was under orders to "search" children in the area.

The emergency ruse is frequently used, with the child told "your mother was in an accident—come with me quick" or "your brother sent me to bring you home right away."

On the whole, parental warnings against molesters don't make much impression on children, according to authorities, but they generally agree that it is unwise to over-stress the fear angle. "You don't want the child to be afraid of everybody."

How, then, can parents protect their children against sexual deviants? Matter-of-fact explanations that some adults are mentally disturbed and behave in inappropriate ways should be supported by plainly worded and fairly specific prohibitions, many mental health and police authorities feel.

Instead of concentrating on **whom** to avoid, don't be afraid to tell a youngster **what** is to be avoided. A direct order such as "don't let a grownup touch you in the private areas of your body" is less frightening to a child than roundabout references to mysterious indignities.

An important point: don't forget to talk over the molestation problem with the boys in the family. A surprising number of families confine warnings to their daughters, although boys are frequent targets of molesters.

Equally rich in irony is the fact that

## Historically:

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

The editor noted "considerable activity among churches and associations in East Tennessee" toward the establishment of a Baptist hospital in that section of the state. He encouraged Baptists to have a hospital in each of the three main divisions.

Judge W. A. Owen, Covington, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, set an example for fathers in the state whose children had set up homes of their own. He presented each of them with a gift of a subscription to "Baptist And Reflector" as a part of the B And R subscription campaign.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Native Tennessean, Mrs. R. T. Skinner, wife of the editor of Kentucky's "Western Recorder," died in Louisville. Before going to Kentucky, Skinner had served as pastor of the Watertown and Milan churches in Tennessee. She was a native of Murfreesboro.

Members of First church, Morriston, were forced by increased attendance to move into their new building even before it was completed. W. L. Brown was pastor.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

First church, Hixson, dedicated a new sanctuary and educational building after fire had destroyed the former complex earlier in the year. The new sanctuary seated 570. C. E. Blevins was pastor.

Members of the McLean church, Memphis, held a "service of remembrance" in their little chapel built in 1933. The chapel was to be torn down and replaced by a new \$270,000 chapel and educational building.

parental cautions continue to center on "strangers," although studies on child molestations have shown that approximately 75% of cases involve adults in the youngster's family or in the family's circle of acquaintances, she notes, "Most of these cases are crimes of opportunity."

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## Drinking Culture Found Prevailing In Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS—A new study lays to rest any doubt that a drinking culture prevails in Minnesota. More than nine out of every ten state residents age 14 and older, the study indicates, are current or former drinkers.

Eight in ten said they were currently using alcohol at the time the survey was taken in January and February. Projecting the sample of 2500 Minnesotans questioned in personal interviews, the researchers reckoned that 1,530,000 residents at least 14 years old drink alcohol to varying degrees.

The study, with interpretive material still being drafted, was done by Resource Planning Corp. of Washington, D.C., for the Minnesota Commission on Alcohol Problems.

"We knew that it was a drinking culture," Leonard Boche, commission director, said. "But we were surprised at the low level of teetotalers."

While less than 9 per cent of the sample said they had never used alcohol, nearly 38 per cent were listed as drinking at least once a week.

Among heavy drinkers—those who drink at least seven shots of liquor or bottles of beer twice a week or oftener—males out-drink females by a wide margin. Nearly 91 per cent of the heavy drinkers of hard liquor were males. Similar differences were found for beer and wine.

Of all present and past drinkers, more than three out of ten reported problems with their families, the law or their jobs because of drinking. (RNS)

## New Books

**The Parables of Jesus** by George A. Buttrick, Baker, 274 pp., paper, \$2.95. The author traces the parables back to Jesus' daily life in Galilee, presents an interpretation of these incomparable stories, and seeks to discover their relevance to life in the 20th century.

**Life in the Heights** by J. H. Jowett, Baker, 266 pp., paper, \$2.95. Studies in the Epistles where a variety of topics is treated; texts are from familiar and lesser known passages in the Epistles.

**Three Score & Ten** by Vance Havner, Revell, 126 pp., \$3.95. A collection of memories, impressions, reflections . . . gathered along life's trail from horse and buggy days to the jet age.

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