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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH



# Paul's Personal Passion

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

—Phil. 3:10

Paul never did anything half-way. As a persecuting rabbi he went the limit. Now as a Christian apostle he wants to do the same. He was saved by grace through faith (v. 9). But he does not want to be a so-so Christian. His passion is to experience all of Christ that he can.

The verb "know" is an ingressive aorist form. It expresses purpose which begins and continues. It is the one goal of his life. This verb means to know by experience. So he wants to experience all of Christ that he can. Specifically he expresses four things.

First, he wants to know by experience "the power of his resurrection." Jesus' resurrection gives us assurance of immortality, of victory over sin, of the dignity of the body, and the reality of the moral and spiritual life.

Second, "the fellowship of his sufferings." Fellowship means partnership or sharing—having things in common. Only Christ can suffer death for our sins. But Paul wanted to know by experience this suffering as much as is humanly possible. And as Jesus suffered in His ministry to reveal God to men, so the apostle wants to suffer

in his turn in proclaiming the gospel to lost men (Col. 1:24). Jesus had His turn at bat; now it is Paul's turn.

Third, "being made conformable unto his death." "Being made conformable" is a compound verb meaning to form with. Since it is found only here and later quoted by ecclesiastical writers, evidently Paul coined it to express his idea. The passive participle means that this is to be done to him by another—the Holy Spirit. One has said, "The agony of Gethsemane, not less than the agony of Calvary will be reproduced however faintly in the faithful servant of Christ." Nowhere else do we see more the deepest secrets of Paul's heart unveiled.

Fourth, all of this is to the end that Paul may attain unto the resurrection out of the realm of the dead. This does not involve doubt but humble assurance. Here he is thinking of the resurrection of Christians. He does not deny the general resurrection of all dead. In the resurrection he wants to present a record of compassionate service and experience with Christ.

No one should be satisfied simply to be a Christian. He should strive to be the best Christian possible. The Christian life is one of **being and becoming**.



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## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Two hours after the chaplain at the federal penitentiary in Atlanta preached a sermon on the subject: "Go Ye Forth Into The World" two of the inmates escaped.

Like many preachers, the chaplain found that his was a "captive audience," but he didn't keep them captivated.

However, it must have been a moving sermon—it moved two of the men who heard it.

Still, this is an experience which can thrill the heart of the preacher—to know that the results of the sermon were immediate.

At least, it can be said that two members of the congregation got the message. Unlike so many who hear a message and sit and do nothing, they went and did something.

Moreover, it wouldn't be a bad idea if a great many church members went and did likewise—to the extent that they would break out of their unconcern and indifference and go out into the highways to witness.

## Devotional

'As Ye Go. . .'

Matt. 28:19

By James H. Walker, Pastor  
Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga

Much has been said in recent years about the fact that we as God's people must get outside the four walls of the church to where the people are. Jesus took it for granted that his people would be willing, yea eager, to go out after the people. In Matt. 28:19 He said "As ye go . . ." showing that He expected His disciple to go.



Walker

Luke 14:16-24 records the teaching of Jesus about the great supper. In this story the servant is sent to specific people.

Then, the second time the servant is sent into the streets and lanes of the city to gather all that he could. A third time, the servant is sent out to go into the highways and hedges to bring people in to fill the master's house. I did not fully appreciate or understand this passage of scripture until two years ago when the Lord laid on my heart the need of Bus Ministry in our church. The Lord opened my understanding in a marvelous way concerning this passage.

We have an obligation to go to those already on our church rolls. Many of them need to be born anew in Jesus Christ.

We have an obligation, also, to go into the streets and lanes adjacent to our churches to bring the people in.

Let us not overlook the fact that Jesus says our obligation does not end there, but that we are to go into the highways and hedges to compel people to come into His house.

Too many Christians feel that is optional whether or not they participate in the outreach ministry of their church. But, unless physically unable, every Christian has the obligation to "go."

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# Executive Board

to the

## Tennessee Baptist Convention

1. We recommend that the Cooperative Program budget goal for 1974 be set at \$7,000,000.
2. We recommend that 33.33% of the Cooperative Program budget be distributed through the Southern Baptist Convention and 66.67% be distributed through the Tennessee Baptist Convention.
3. We recommend that all subsidiary units live within their income, and that in case of declining receipts or financial depression the Executive Board review budgets at midyear in order to make necessary adjustments.
4. After reviewing the budgets submitted by the various Executive Board committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, we recommend the adoption of the following Cooperative Program budget for 1974:

### Convention-Departments-Agencies-Auxiliary

OPERATING FUNDS	1973 Budget	Proposed 1974 Budget
<b>Convention Services</b>		
General Convention Expense	\$ 49,500	\$ 48,400
Executive Board Expense	61,775	88,900
Total	\$ 111,275	\$ 137,300
<b>Annuity Board Programs</b>		
Director's Office	\$ 13,485	\$ 15,073
Protection Plans	359,026	414,300
Total	\$ 372,511	\$ 429,373
<b>Executive Offices</b>		
Office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer	\$ 94,884	\$ 102,659
Office-Asst. to Executive Secretary-		
Treasurer	40,409	44,238
Public Relations Program	19,310	22,086
Total	\$ 154,603	\$ 168,983
<b>Service Departments</b>		
Business Manager—Office	\$ 31,734	\$ 40,635
Bus. Mgr.—Building and Equipment		
Maintenance	80,086	91,728
Program Services—Office	54,521	61,537
Program Services—Services	15,262	13,000
Total	\$ 181,603	\$ 206,900
<b>Centennial Convention Meeting</b>	\$ 9,000	\$ 17,641
Total	\$ 9,000	\$ 17,641
<b>Agencies</b>		
Baptist And Reflector	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	56,494	58,748
Total	\$ 91,494	\$ 103,748
<b>Contingency Fund—Administrative</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
<b>Executive Board Reserve Fund</b>	\$ -0-	\$ 25,000
Total	\$ -0-	\$ 25,000
<b>State Missions Departments</b>		
Brotherhood	\$ 64,581	\$ 67,905
Church Music	42,749	47,365
Church Training—Office	90,849	95,697
Church Training—Church Admin. Service	1,900	-0-*
Church Training—Coordinated Prom.		
Planning	1,500	-0-**
Church Training—Library Service	2,350	2,800
Evangelism	42,691	51,635
Missions—Office	38,104	40,650
Stewardship	37,634	41,063
Student—Office	40,995	39,653
Sunday School	87,906	92,044
Total	\$ 451,259	\$ 478,812

\* Church Administration budget absorbed into that of Church Training Department.

\*\*Work of Coordinated Promotion Planning transferred to the Office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

### OPERATING FUNDS (Continued)

	1973 Budget	Proposed 1974 Budget
<b>Convention-wide Ministries</b>		
Camps	\$ 41,545	\$ 43,756
Church Building and Loan Program	-0-	-0-*
Disaster Relief Fund	-0-	-0-***
Mission Lot and Building Fund	-0-	-0-***
Missions—Program	243,128	250,669
Special Item (PA&CL Committee)	1,500	-0-
Student—Campus Work	161,379	186,970
Total	\$ 447,552	\$ 481,395
<b>Auxiliary—Woman's Missionary Union</b>	\$ 101,098	\$ 113,849
Total	\$ 101,098	\$ 113,849
<b>Contingency—State Missions</b>	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 5,000	\$ 15,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS</b>	<u>\$1,930,395</u>	<u>\$2,188,001</u>

\* Church Building and Loan Fund is self-liquidating (\$4,463).

\*\* Disaster Relief Fund will come from Golden State Mission Offering (\$10,000).

\*\*\* Mission Lot and Building Fund to come from Golden State Mission Offering (\$25,000).

### CAPITAL NEEDS FUNDS

Executive Board Building	\$ 100,000	\$ -0-
Office Equipment, Exec. Bd. Bldg.	-0-	19,000
Camps	-0-	17,500
Student—Campus	66,155	70,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL NEEDS FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 166,155</u>	<u>\$ 106,500</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL CONVENTION, DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AUXILIARY</b>	<u>\$2,096,550</u>	<u>\$2,294,501</u>

### Educational Institutions

#### OPERATING FUNDS

Carson-Newman College	\$ 473,816	\$ 521,198
Belmont College	350,088	385,097
Union University	350,088	385,097
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	100,841	110,925
Ministerial Student Aid	30,000	40,000
Off-Campus Extension Schools	1,500	1,500
Audits*	-0-	20,500
Total Operating	\$1,306,333	\$1,464,317

#### CAPITAL NEEDS FUNDS

Carson-Newman College	\$ 175,300	\$ 175,300
Belmont College	97,641	97,641
Union University	97,641	97,641
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	37,500	37,500
Total Capital	\$ 408,082	\$ 408,082
<b>TOTAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS</b>	<u>\$1,714,415</u>	<u>\$1,872,399</u>

### Benevolent Institutions

#### Hospitals

#### OPERATING FUNDS

Baptist Memorial Hospital	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Baptist Hospital, Nashville	-0-	-0-
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	-0-	-0-
Audits*	-0-	21,100
Total Hospitals	\$ -0-	\$ 21,100

#### Children's Homes

Operating Funds	\$ 394,247	\$ 440,000
Capital Funds	35,000	35,000
Audits*	-0-	3,900
Total Children's Homes	\$ 429,247	\$ 478,900

\* Audits of institutions will continue to be paid through the General Convention Expense Fund, but are shown on the various budgets to clarify audit expenditures.

### Total Cooperative Program Budget

<b>TOTAL T.B.C. BUDGET</b>	\$4,240,212	\$4,666,900
<b>TOTAL S.B.C. BUDGET</b>	<u>2,119,788</u>	<u>2,333,100</u>
<b>TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<u>\$6,360,000</u>	<u>\$7,000,000</u>



# EDITORIALS

## ***Violence! National Disgrace!***

Throughout Tennessee, the South, and the Nation, it appears that violence, and homicide are on the increase. A recent cartoon in the *Atlanta Journal*, reprinted in the *Biblical Recorder* carries the caption: "Welcome to Atlanta, Murder Capital of the U.S. (Travel At Your Own Risk!)" In that city capital offenses have increased 279 per cent since 1964, according to the August 17 issue of the *Atlanta Constitution*. An official of the Atlanta police department has been quoted as saying that alcohol figured in at least 90 per cent of the violent deaths in that city.

In Boston recently, murder by setting a woman on fire after making her pour gasoline on her body, and the stoning of a man fishing made for particularly gory headlines . . . the incidents themselves were gory!

In our own state, crime is on the increase, Atlanta city officials held recently a special open hearing entitled "Murder in Atlanta—Why?" We might do well to call several such hearings in our own state and so some in-depth studies into the growing rate of violent crimes.

As preparations are being made for the forthcoming session of our State Legislature, Tennessee Baptists must be alert to point out to those whom we have elected that liquor-by-the-drink permits have not reduced the crime rate in cities where such permission has been granted.

We are of the opinion that as a people and as a nation we have become a people and nation of violence where reason, common sense, and just plain Christian conduct have been thrown to the four winds. We see violence on television and on the motion picture screens; we read of violence daily in our newspapers and magazines. At this point, this editor is almost of the opinion that as Christians we are becoming, to our shame, too much a part of that which we see and hear. We have to remind ourselves constantly that we are, as Christians, in the world but are expected to be not of the world.

Is there an answer? Yes! But not in legislative halls, but rather in the reformation of the hearts and lives of individuals through Jesus Christ. It may sound trite, but the fact still remains very true! (JAL)

## ***Age And The Pastor***

Hopefully, we see and sense a trend away from "putting on the shelf" the minister and church staff member who is on the "high" side of 50. For some years, it would appear in Southern Baptist life that the demand from the churches was always for a "younger man." We do not discount at all the effectiveness nor the need of "younger men" in the ministry. Nor do we discount their effectiveness.

We do however, strongly, insist that the gospel ministry is a calling in which there is no substitute for age and experience, all other factors, including health, being equal. There simply is no replacement for the judgment and wisdom and increased knowledge which comes with years of continuous service to Our Lord.

Some of our most effective and forceful ministers and speakers in Baptist life today are those who have reached and passed that statistically real but factually mythical retirement age. In denominational life, and too often in local

church life, the age 65 appears to be the age when one is automatically expected to remove one's self from the scene of activity and active ministry and retire.

There may be some professions and trades where retirement ages need to be set because of physical demands, etc. However, we believe that we have made some serious mistakes in Baptist life in following that trend. Again, some of the best written material being produced among Southern Baptists today is that by men who are "retired," and by some who have been in "retirement" for some years. Actually, we could name several who have, in our judgment, produced some of our best writings since their retirement. Too bad we keep some of our best minds so busy they don't have time to write until they have reached retirement age! At that point, somewhere along the way, with the endowments which we apply to other sources, we could well afford to endow some "chairs" for writers and thinkers who could produce Biblical, theological and historical material during their most productive years chronologically. We hope we see the day coming when age in the ministry will no longer be the factor which it now appears to be!

## ***Plan For Convention***

As we understand it, messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis next month will find space for lodging at a premium. This being the case, unless one is in driving distance of the convention city, there is no time to lose in securing hotel or motel accommodations. A word to the wise should be sufficient!

## ***About Union University***

Controversy appears to be brewing concerning the proposed relocation of Union University from Jackson to Shelby County. There are good, Christian men and women who share divergent views upon this subject. It is only natural then that *Baptist And Reflector* be "flooded" with a wide range of materials which proponents and opponents of the move wish to have printed in their state news journal prior to the convention sessions next month.

The editor of *Baptist And Reflector* recognizes the stewardship which this publication has in presenting news concerning developments related to the situation. However, we take the position that information upon this particular subject will be information which has news value, and which reports upon development.

Further, we take the position as stated earlier, that this is a matter for the elected trustees and for the Convention as a body to decide upon. Therefore, we will make no editorial judgment, nor do we intend to express an editorial opinion upon the subject in as much as any editorial opinion is going to be misconstrued; no matter what is said, nor how it is written.

This is by no means an effort upon the part of the editor to avoid a controversial subject. Rather, it is simply a recognition of where the responsibility for judgments in the case lie, and a firm decision not to try to sway public opinion upon the subject through the pages of a paper designed for all of Tennessee Baptists! (JAL)



# WMU Convention Scheduled Nov. 12 At Audubon Park Church



Fling



Mrs. Fling



Parks



Bruce



Oates

The 85th annual meeting of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union will be held Monday, Nov. 12, at Audubon Park church in Memphis. The three sessions will convene at 9:30 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. The WMU conference will precede the opening of the 99th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nov. 13.

Major speakers will carry out the theme of "A Savior to Share," announced Miss Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU executive secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Robert Peek, state president, will preside. Special music will be presented at each session by Mrs. Bert Rambo, voice teacher and concert artist from Huntsville, Tex.

## New York Pastor And Wife To Speak

Robert Fling, pastor and consultant, Home Mission, Westchester County, New York, will speak to the group Monday morning on "The Westchester County Story." Fling has served the New York area since 1968 when he became the first pastor of the newly constituted Westchester Baptist church. Previously he served as a pastor in Oklahoma and Texas. His wife, who is president of the New York Woman's Mis-

## Northern Association Elects New Officers

Northern Baptist Association met in regular session with New Friendship church, Union County Sept. 28 and 29. A night service was held Sept. 28, at Nave Hill church.

Horace Dyer brought the annual sermon, and William Walker, pastor of Nave Hill church, brought the evening message. Albert Tipton, pastor of Hickory Valley church, brought the doctrinal sermon.

The following persons were elected as officers of the association for the coming year: moderator, George Walker; assistant moderator, Horace Dyer; clerk, J. V. Waller; assistant clerk, Carl Coppock; treasurer, Irby Russell; assistant treasurer, R. L. Donahue.

Next year's meeting will be held at the Maynardville church and a night session is scheduled at Clear Branch church.

sionary Union, will speak at the final session on "Missions and the Modern Woman." She served for six years as president of the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention and is now a daily participant in the Convention's home missions efforts. She works primarily as a hostess, teacher, and counselor.

"A Savior to Give to the Nations" will be presented at the Monday afternoon session by Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia for the Foreign Mission Board. In his position, he administers the work of missionaries assigned to Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Guam. He served as a missionary in Indonesia for 14 years.

## Two Tennesseans On Program

Alma Oates, missionary to Brazil, will speak Monday evening on "Sharing Christ in Brazil." She has been on the mission field since 1957 and has worked with the WMU of Brazil since 1959. Initially a field worker with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, she moved to Recife, Pernambuco, as field representative for North Brazil in 1961. In Recife she taught in the seminary for Christian educators, a Baptist school which prepares young women for church related vocations. At the same time she began her work as national YWA secretary. She is a native of Memphis and a graduate of Memphis State university and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary.

Meditations will be brought at each of the sessions by Margaret Bruce, former Baptist Women director for the WMU of the Southern Baptist Convention. A native of Rutherford, Tenn., she attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and Union university. She graduate cum laude from Georgetown college in Georgetown, Ky., and the WMU Training school in Louisville. She served for 14 years in Tennessee as young people's secretary. She is retired from the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham.

## Business Sessions

Other business at the meetings will include the presentation of the Hostess Committees by Mrs. William Wilburn, a busi-

## Baptists To Hold Conference On Housing For The Aging

Dr. H. John Vanderbeck, President of The American Baptist Service Corporation of Valley Forge, Pa. will lead a conference on housing for the aging on Nov. 1 and 2 at the Tennessee Baptist Convention building in Brentwood. The two-day conference will include such subjects as concepts of housing and care programs, legal and financial considerations, site selection, marketing analysis, design, construction and management.



Vanderbeck

Dr. Vanderbeck is recognized as an outstanding housing specialist having served as president of ABSOCO since 1968. He served as pastor in Texas, Iowa and California before joining the American Baptist Home Mission Societies as Program Associate in Retirement Projects. He later served with the Foundation for Specialized Group Housing, Washington, D. C., and served on the Executive Staff of the Institutional Mortgage Company and Wallace Mortgage Company.

He is a graduate of North American Baptist seminary, St. Edwards university, Texas and Lewis Hotel Training School and Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration Advanced Management Program.

According to Gene Kerr, who is serving as Consultant in Ministries for the Aging for the Executive Board, the Conference has been planned for anyone who is interested in housing for retirees/aging, especially churches, associations, private groups, builders, developers, architects and financial corporations. Anyone planning to attend should make reservations by communication with Mr. Kerr, Tennessee Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

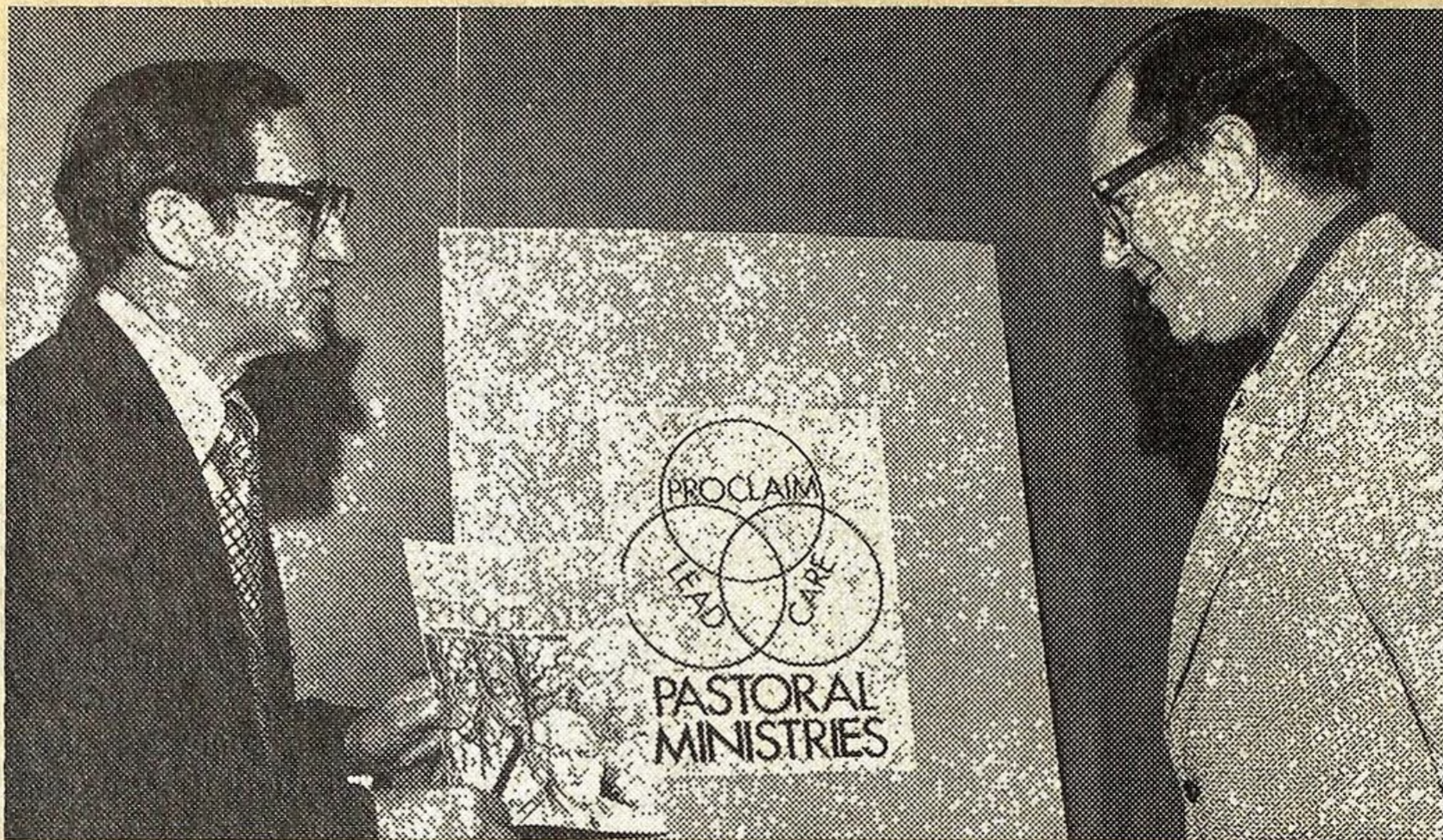
ness session, an election of officers, and the presentation of officers.

Louise Sparkman, state acteens director, will give the acteens presentation; and Janie Engelmann will present the mission friends-girls in action program. The report of the executive secretary will be given by Miss Nethery Monday afternoon, along with the Baptist women-Baptist young women presentation by Beulah Peoples.

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**NASHVILLE—TENNESSEAN ATTENDS PREACHING SEMINAR—**Harris Counce Jr., (right) pastor of Colonial Baptist Church, Memphis, is shown discussing aspects of pastoral ministries with James Barry, consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department. Counce was one of 42 participants attending the first "Improving Your Preaching" seminar held here recently in the Church Program Training Center at the board.

## Children's Homes Benefactor Dies

Mr. Eugene Woods, Sr., 97, of Memphis, died at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, on August 26. He was founder and president of Woods Lumber Co., Inc. Formerly a member of Berclair Baptist church, he was a member at the time of his death, of Bellevue Baptist church. Two of his former pastors conducted his funeral, Dr. E. B. Bowen and Dr. R. G. Lee.

Brother Woods, through his interest and gifts, helped to establish the West Tennessee Branch Baptist Children's Home at Memphis in the late 40's. Five years ago he gave the homes \$25,000 in Municipal Bonds, which mature in 1975, and which we sincerely appreciate. These are designated for the Memphis Home Building Fund. He formerly served as a trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Wood's career began when he left home at 12. He struck out on his own and took a job driving an ox team skidding logs for \$3.50 per month in Arkansas. He worked his pay up to \$1.50 a day and then, when he was 15, it occurred to him he ought to buy an ox team and go in the logging business for himself.

"My career proved one thing," Mr. Woods said in an interview in 1969, "any young man can go out and do something for himself if he's willing to pay the price in time and effort. I did it and it can be done today." A pioneer in the hardwood lumber industry, he operated mills in Millington, Memphis, Clarendon, Ark., and Greenville, Miss., during his career.

At 15, he could claim to be the youngest owner of a hardwood logging business in the country. He never actually retired, even though he became incapacitated about a year and a half ago and was forced to handle his business deals from a wheelchair

## Radio And Television Head Will Be Honored For Service

Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be honored for 20 years of service with the institution at a special anniversary dinner in Fort Worth, Oct. 23.



Stevens

Stevens joined the commission following the death of Samuel Lowe, its founder and first director, in 1952. Since 1953, it has grown into one of the world's largest producers of religious programming for broadcasting on public service time. Latest figures for 1972 indicate that the Radio and Television Commission programming was given more than \$7.5 million worth of free public service time.

The commission produces and distributes 37 different radio and television programs on a regular weekly basis. Programs are prepared in 12 languages other than English and aired in 14 countries around the world. An estimated 100,000,000 people are reached weekly.

Additionally, the commission has been awarded numerous industry recognitions for outstanding programming and major contributions to religious broadcasting.

in his home. He was considered the oldest active operator of a hardwood sawmill in the United States.

He leaves two sons, Eugene Woods, Jr. of Millington and Frank E. Woods of Forest City, Ark.; a daughter, Mrs. James B. Ely of Knoxville, Ky.; 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.—**The Child Care Clarion**, September, 1973

## Holston Valley Accepts Three New Churches

A two-day meeting for the Holston Valley Association was held Sept. 20-21, at Oak Grove church, McKinney's Chapel, and Choptack church, according to superintendent of missions, Henry Guy Jackson.

Three new churches were voted for acceptance into the association. They included the War Creek church and the Duck Creek church coming from the Mulberry Gap Association, and Bentley's chapel, a new church.

John Parrott, Jr., pastor of the Westview church, was elected to serve as moderator along with Wayne Provence, pastor, First church, Church Hill, vice-moderator. Mrs. Parrott will serve as clerk; and Robert Horton, a member of Shepherd chapel, is the treasurer. The assistant clerk is Mrs. Wilma Bennett, a member of Howells chapel.

Members approved a "World Missions Conference" to be held in the association in September 1976.

## AUSTIN WHITAKER ELECTED MODERATOR OF CUMBERLAND GAP

Members of the Cumberland Gap Association held their annual associational meeting recently and elected Austin Whitaker as moderator for the coming year. He is a member of the Cave Springs church.

Felder King, pastor of the Calvary church in Tidwell, was elected treasurer; and Lawrence Fultz, pastor of the Oak Grove church, will serve as secretary. Mrs. White Buis, Cedar Grove church, will serve as clerk.

A resolution extending an indefinite call to the superintendent of missions, Bill Hazlewood, was passed. Additionally, dates were established for a 1974 "World Missions Conference" to be held in the association, Sept. 15-20, in 20 churches.

The meetings were held in Harrogate.



Members of the Macedonia church, Ripley, held dedication ceremonies for their new church building on Sunday, Oct. 7. W. W. Shanklin, superintendent of missions for the Dyer Association, delivered the dedicatory sermon. The new building will seat approximately 275, and has 12 Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, kitchen, baptistry, and fellowship hall. The pastor is C. H. Wroten.



# Reconciliation Through Christ

By Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, President, Belmont College, Nashville

Background Scripture: Romans 5

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

Memory Verse: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

For a person who desires an introduction to an important stranger, it is most significant if that person can be introduced by one equally important who is a friend to both estranged parties. The Gospel is the good news that Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the one mediator between God and man (I Timothy 2:5). The Bible lesson for Sunday centers around the coming of Christ to Earth for the express purpose of reconciling man to his creator.

## The Meaning of Two Words

In the larger lesson recorded in Romans 5, two words were used frequently: reconciliation and justification.

**Reconciliation** (v. 10) means to bring together, to bring unto submission, to unite those brought together, to bring back the harmony that which once existed between the two brought together and to restore the erring one that has been brought back into the favor of the Creator. It is fairly safe to say, but not quite all sufficient, that reconciliation is the divine process whereby justification is achieved.

**Justification** (v. 1) then becomes the end result of the completed process of reconciliation. Justification is a judicial act of God in which he declares the sinner free from condemnation and restores him to divine favor and makes him available for the many blessings which attend those whose former state of estrangement has been changed to one of acquittal and acceptance.

## The Doctrine of Two Men

It is very helpful to consider the second half of chapter V in order to comprehend more fully the first half. In verses 12-21, Paul, in a seven-fold way, insists on the fact that Adam's act of sin affected the race making necessary some opportunity of reconciliation.

1. Through one man sin entered into the world (v. 12a).
2. So in that way death passed unto all men, for that all have sinned. (v. 12b).
3. By the trespass of the one the many died (v. 15).
4. The judgment came out of one unto condemnation (v. 16).
5. By the trespass of the one, death reigned as king through the one. (v. 17).
6. Through one trespass (the effect was)

towards all men to condemnation (v. 18).

7. Through the one man's disobedience the many were set down as sinners (v. 19).

However, on the other hand, Paul is just as emphatic that Christ, a second Adam, came to make reconciliation and justification possible for all under the penalty of Adamic sin as well as wilful sin.

1. Adam is called a figure of him that was to come (v. 14).

2. That by one man, Jesus Christ, the grace of God and the free-gift did abound unto the many much beyond the evil results of Adam's sin (v. 15).

3. That through the Lord's one righteous act, his death on the cross, the free-gift goes out to all men to justification of life, just as through one trespass the judgment came to all men to condemnation (v. 18).

4. Through the obedience unto death of the one, Christ Jesus, the many who in faith will receive the gift shall be set down as righteous before God (v. 19).

5. Those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign as kings in life and through death through the one, Christ Jesus, much more than death's reigning through the one, the first Adam (v. 17).

Therefore, the effect of sin through man's Adamic nature, can be nullified and declared void by the coming of a greater Adam who shed his blood to atone for all sin.

## The Dominion of Two Warring Queens

Alexander Maclaren, Scottish theologian of the Nineteenth Century and author of **Expositions of the Holy Scripture**, dips down to the last verse of the chapter in order to add clarification to the act of justification. He says that two warring queens rule over human life: Sin and Grace, both personified as female figures exercising dominion in life. "Sin hath reigned," an established dominion. The other is fighting to establish hers: "that Grace might reign." And the struggle goes on and one in the whole wide world as well as in the narrow confines of each heart. But Grace in all her gestures of dignity and love continues the exercises of God's love upon the human heart.

The reign of sin is unto death while the reign of grace is unto eternal life, but the

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gifts of the queenly Grace is through righteousness and through Jesus Christ. Herein then the results of reconciliation and justification are made evident.

## The End Results: Two Gracious Acts

Sin had established a barrier between God and Man. Such a barrier had brought about a separation. God in Christ (1) tore down the barrier and (2) built instead a bridge over which man could come back to God and receive the blessings held in store for those who through faith aligned themselves with Christ.

Those blessings of reconciliation and justification are manifold. Only a few can be listed.

1. There is peace with God brought about by Christ's deliverance of man from sin which produces a reconciliation to God and saves man from the wrath of God on sin.

2. Man has access to grace and can through Christ become a recipient of the storehouse of divine favors.

3. Justification brings into man's heart a hope of glory. He can look forward to sharing in God's glory, being with Him in Glory and that one day God will give man his perfection in glory.

4. The individual who has been reconciled to God and stands justified before him can rejoice in suffering. Tragedy becomes triumph.

But a Christian should always bear in mind that man does not come into possession of reconciliation and justification by a mere handshake, but only through a heart-shake which tosses sin out and lets the Saviour in.



# Tennessee News Briefs

Mrs Mary Hall, 94, mother of William F. Hall, retired Bible teacher from Harrison-Chilhowee academy, died in Knoxville on Sept. 13. Funeral services were at Rose Funeral Home there on Sept. 16 with M. K. Cobble officiating. Hall is a former pastor in Chilhowee Association and serves as a supply pastor and Bible conference leader.

Eastside Baptist chapel was organized into a church on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Burns, Tennessee. James L. Walker is pastor of the church.

North Jackson church, Jackson, ordained Herbert Brock, Buddy McMillin, Richard Lewelling, and James Rogers as deacons recently. Edwin Alexander, pastor, First church, Rutherford, brought the ordination message. James Glisson is pastor.

Belmont college has been selected by Texaco Inc. to receive an unrestricted grant under the Aid to Education Program of the company. An initial gift of \$2000 was presented to Herbert C. Gabhart, president, by B. T. Russell, Memphis Texaco district sales manager. This is one of three grants which will be awarded to the school. Gabhart said that the grant will be applied to two academic facilities currently under construction.

James H. Brackett was ordained as a deacon by Lookout Valley church in Chattanooga recently. Pastor Herbert Thomas delivered the ordination sermon.

Hermitage Hills church, Hermitage, ordained Howard Gannon, Ed Hardage, Ken Humphrey, Don Kohanski, and Mike Pugh as deacons on Sunday, Sept. 30. George Becvar is pastor.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was the featured speaker for the first annual deacons' and wives' banquet at First church, Columbia. Don Bouldin is pastor.

Charles Dawson, Roy Gregory, and George Sample were ordained as deacons at First church, Greeneville, Sunday, Oct. 7. The ordination sermon was delivered by Jerry Frady, pastor of First church, Bluff City. The charge to the candidates and to the church was given by James Austin, pastor of First church, Rogersville. John Tresch is pastor of the Greeneville church.

John B. Gibson, assistant professor of education and director of the Carson-Newman College Reading Clinic, has been selected to appear in the 14th edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Inclusion in the publication is limited to a select few whom the editors feel "influence the on-going life of modern society through religion, state, and community work."

Liberty church, Big Emory Association, ordained James Phillips to the gospel ministry on Wednesday night, Sept. 10. He was licensed on July 4, 1973, and was called as pastor of Pilot Mountain church. M. F. Strunk is pastor of Liberty church.

James Cruze Jr., and J. L. McFalls were ordained as deacons at Glenwood church, Powell. Charles M. Sharits is pastor.

Stock Creek church, Chilhowee Association, ordained Gary Hubbs, Jake McCarter, and James Smith as deacons. Pastor James Landerback, presided over the examination of the candidates, and Stewart Rule delivered the ordination sermon.

Jimmy Breeden was licensed to preach by Oak Grove church, Harrogate. A student at Harrison-Chilhowee academy, Breeden plans to enrol at Carson-Newman college following his graduation. He is the foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of Harrogate. Lawrence Fultz is pastor.

Graceland church, Memphis, observed its 19th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 23. With more than 1500 members, the church has received approximately 1000 by baptism since its beginning. The anniversary program included the dedication of a new activities building named in honor of its first and present pastor, E. Lowell Adams.

Jack Colwick and J. L. Lowrance were ordained as deacons at Southside church, Martin, recently. W. C. Tuten is pastor.

First church, Crossville, dedicated its newly remodeled auditorium and tower recently during special services. Former pastor Homer A. Cate, preached the message of dedication. The building committee was composed of Charles M. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Bohanan, Carl Perry, W. E. Selecman, Vaughn Swafford, and James Workman. Joseph T. Nickell is pastor.

Harold Songer, professor of New Testament Interpretation and director of professional studies at Southern Baptist Theological seminary, will present a study of the "Sermon on the Mount" at First church, Dunlap, Oct. 12, 13, and 14. The study will begin each evening at 7:00, according to pastor Vernon Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edwards, members of the Inglewood church in Nashville, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They have been active in the work of the church for many years, according to pastor James D. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Looper, members of First church, Monterey, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week-end. They were honored at a reception in the Citizens Bank community room.

## Religion Around The World

ARLINGTON, Tex.—The "Living Bible," a current bestseller in the United States, has received the approval of the Roman Catholic Church and will be released in a Catholic edition, according to Father Albert J. Nevins, editor in chief and director of publishing of "Our Sunday Visitor." The imprimatur was given to the Catholic edition by the Most Reverend Leo A. Pursley, D.D., Ordinary of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Eight million copies are now in print after being released in 1972.

MINNEAPOLIS—O. G. Malmin, church editor and key figure in initiating the merger negotiations that led to formation of the American Lutheran Church, died here late last month at the age of 74. He retired in 1966 as editor-in-chief of Augsburg Publishing House, a post he held for seven years. For 21 years, he was editor of the "Lutheran Herald," official journal of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America and the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## Church Training Institute Set For October And November

The state Church Training Department will hold nine Interpretation Clinics promoting "Church: the Sunday Night Place," during October and November, according to Charles Norton, state secretary.

All pastors, church training directors, and general officers in adult, youth, and children's departments will be trained, Norton stated.

Locations of the meetings and times include: Oct. 22, First church, Livingston, and Brownsville church; Oct. 23, First church, Greenfield; Oct. 25, First church, Greenbrier, and First church, Fayetteville; Oct. 29, First church, Murfreesboro; and Oct. 30, First church, Athens. November meetings will be held Nov. 1 at Grace church, Morristown; and Nov. 2 at First church, Maryville. All meetings will convene at 7 p.m.



Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Volunteer Service, presented a Janie F. Sullivan Nursing Scholarship Award to four Belmont College nursing students including Joan Akers, Ruth DeLacey, Rhonda Anderson, and Robert Forrest.



## Dear Tennessee Baptists:

In checking with the motels and hotels in Memphis holding reservations for persons attending the Tennessee Baptist Convention here in November, I find that the rooms which have been set aside, are not being taken by Tennessee Baptists. Perhaps some confusion has arisen while attempting to make reservations. It is imperative that when you call or write any hotel or motel for a reservation, you identify yourself as being with the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The management does not know this unless you tell them, and hence, several people have been turned down by hotels not knowing the circumstances.

Rooms will be held for the Tennessee Baptist Convention until Nov. 1 only. After that time there will be no rooms held for anyone unless reservations have already been made. Please, Tennessee Baptists, there is ample room available—let's make use of it.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Wood, President

Tennessee Baptist Convention

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Lookout Valley church, Chattanooga, called **Charles Kennedy** as music director. **Herbert Thomas** is pastor.

**Gerald F. Stamps**, former minister of music and education at Leclair church, Memphis, has accepted a call to Beacon Hill church, Somerset, Ky., as minister of music and youth. He is already on the new field.



Marsh

**Gary Marsh**, assistant pastor at First church, Kingston, for several years, has been named pastor of the church. He succeeds **David Sharp**, a native of LaFollette, who resigned recently to move to Morristown. Marsh, a native of Hariman, had served as assistant pastor under both Sharp and the late **Lewis Bratcher**.

In New Duck River Association, several resignations have been announced. **Charles Houston**, pastor of Bell Buckle church, has moved to Prospect church in William Carey Association. **Carvis Tutor**, pastor at Edgemont, has gone to Knob Creek church in Maury Association; and **Jerry Cook**, Holt's Corner, has gone to Mt. View church in Concord Association. Other resignations include **Hubert Terry** from Immanuel church; **Carlton Bell** from Southside church; and **William Delius** from Hickory Hill chapel.

**Roy Hewlett**, the new pastor of Flintville church, William Carey Association, is on the field. **Willie Banks** has been called as pastor of Molino church in the same association; and **Jesse Hawkins** was called from West End church to serve as pastor of Fairview church in Paris.

**Terry Coffman** has accepted the call to serve as minister of music for Dalewood church in Nashville. He has been serving in a similar post of Whitsett Chapel church.

In Lawrence County Association, **Thomas Hill** resigned from Barnesville church; and **Wiley Powell** resigned from Beech Grove church. **Charles Peters** resigned as pastor of Brace church. The Deerfield church called **Robert Sanders** as pastor, and he is already on the field. **Lawrence Steiner** was called as pastor of Ethridge church. He comes from Rock Springs church in Greenbrier. **Milton Michael** was called as pastor of Mars Hill church. Pleasant Grove's pastor, **Lewis Flatt**, resigned recently.

In Knox County Association, **Frank Floyd** resigned as pastor of Euclid Avenue church to accept the call of Park Lane church in the same association. **David Webster** returned to the Valley Grove church as associate pastor.

Christiana church, Concord Association, called **Carwell Creel** as pastor. He is a student at Belmont college.

In Cumberland Association, Alva church accepted the resignation of **T. A. Pursell**, pastor; and Little Hope church accepted the resignation of **Julius Bradshaw**. Gracey Avenue church called **Mark Weatherford** as minister of music. **Glenn Hester** is pastor.

## Pastors To Meet For Urban Training Conference

Urban pastors from Kentucky and surrounding states will meet in Louisville Oct. 15-18 for the regional Urban Training Conference on "Communities in Crisis."

The conference will be held on the Southern Baptist Theological seminary campus.

Major conference participants will include: **Kenneth Chafin**, pastor, South Main church, Houston; **G. Willis Bennett**, William Walker Brookes, professor of church and community at Southern seminary; **Don Mabry**, secretary, Department of Survey and Special Studies of the Home Mission Board, Emmanuel McCall, associate in the Home Mission Board's Department of Co-operative Ministries; and **Otis Moss**, pastor of Mount Zion church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Olin T. Binkley To Speak

### At Southeastern Alumni Meet

The Tennessee alumni of Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary will meet at the Second Baptist church in Memphis at 6:00 p.m., Nov. 13.



Binkley

The featured speaker for the meeting will be **Olin Trivette Binkley**, president of Southeastern seminary. Binkley is a graduate of Wake Forest college, Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Yale University Divinity school, Yale university, and Campbell college. He has served in his field as a pastor,

lecturer, professor, dean, and author, and assumed his present post in August 1963.

**John H. Tullock**, chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Belmont college, is the Tennessee president of Southeastern alumni.

Second church, Dyersburg, called **Wallace Vaughan** as pastor. He comes to the position from Mary's Chapel church where he served for eight years. Fort Hudson church called **Charles McCall** as pastor; and Gates church called **Dallas Carpenter** as pastor. Both are already on the field. **Don Williams** has accepted the call of Lenox church to serve as pastor. He comes from the Cottonwood church in Beulah Association.

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## Christian Life Commission Confronts Social Issues

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission spoke out against political abuses, honored two Southern Baptist leaders and listened to a searching probe of trends affecting Southern Baptist Christian social concerns during the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission approved a letter, designed for all U. S. Senators and Representatives, calling for "a recovery of integrity in the life of our nation" and support of legislation aimed at correcting political abuses.

The letter also encouraged the national leaders to help "bring about a recommitment to those basic moral principles on which this nation has traditionally stood."

The 30-member commission, social concerns agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, approved a \$291,000 budget, up \$7,000 from last year, and re-elected Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist church, Asheville, N.C., as its chairman.

To reflect the Christian Life Commission's efforts to help Southern Baptists develop creative resources to minister to families, the commission changed the title of

staffer Harry N. Hollis Jr. from director of special moral concerns to director of family and special moral concerns.

T. B. Maston, professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., examined the future and implications of Christian social ethics in the denomination—probing trends which affect the Christian social concerns of Southern Baptists.

E. Clinton Gardner of the Candler School of Theology, Emory university in Atlanta, Ga., addressed the commission on the Christian ethics scene outside Southern Baptist circles.

The commission's 1973 Distinguished Service Award went to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, and Walker L. Knight, editor, of "Home Missions" magazine, both of the SBC Home Mission Board, for their team effort in leading Baptists to apply Christian principles.

Maston cautioned Southern Baptists to maintain concern for personal morality as well as social morality, to stay close to the Bible, to center ministry on people—especially the underprivileged and down-

trodden—and "couple a basically conservative theological stance with our social concern."

He told the commission it has had impact on SBC programs and agencies during the past 20 years but warned it to guard itself against success.

In other action the commission approved a six per cent cost of living raise for staff members and slated its 1975 national seminar, which will deal with integrity, for Louisville, March 10-12. The 1974 seminar on economics will be March 25-27 in Houston.

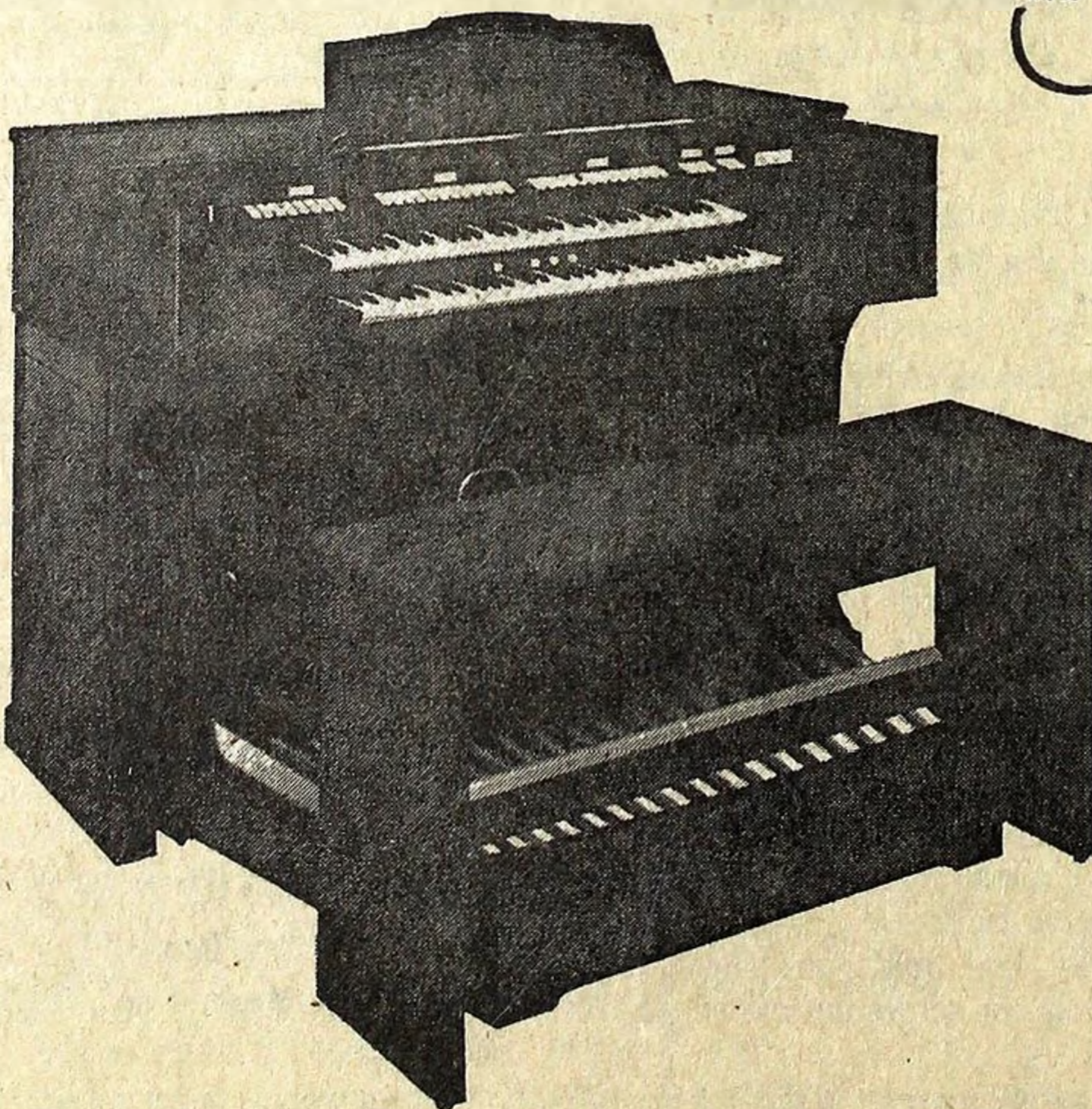
Also approved were 1974 Christian Life Conferences, July 27-Aug. 2, at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, on Christianity and Women, and Aug. 10-16, at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, on the Bible and Christian social ethics. (BP)

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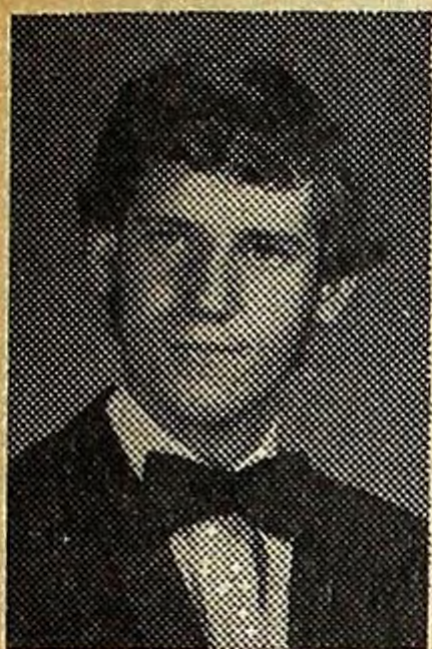
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## Two Royal Ambassadors Awarded Scholarships

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**Johnson**

Ambassador camps.

Steve Johnson, Chattanooga, completed the Application Service Aide Award, requiring 150 hours of service. Johnson is a member of the Lamar Tribble chapter of the Central church in Chattanooga and is a freshman at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

## Union Students Selected For Who's Who Inclusion

Twelve students at Union university have been selected for membership in the 39th edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." All seniors, they were recommended by a special committee and approved by the total faculty.

Recipients of the honor include: Martha Jane Barber, George Gooze, Jack Holmes, Kay Brown, and Anita Baker, all from Jackson. Also selected were Melinda Scott, Scotts Hill; Debbie Burton, Memphis; Kathie Craig, Ripley; Philip Wilson, Grand Junction; Don Wilson, Bolivar; Becky Wilkinson, Palmersville; and Carrey Cole, Parkin, Ark.

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## Children's Home

### 'He Knows His Name'

By James M. Gregg, Executive Director

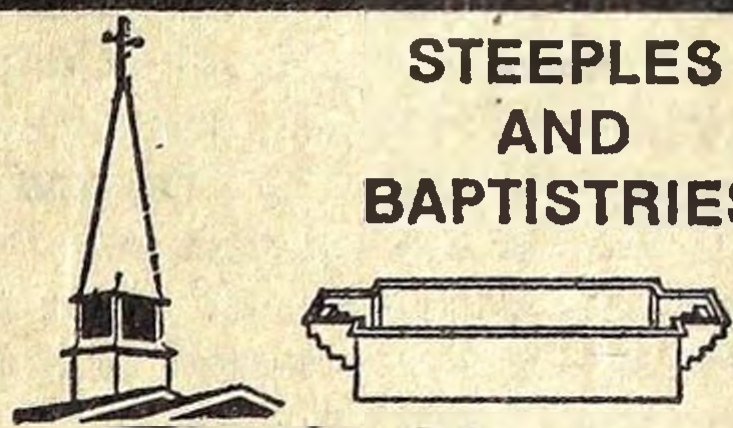
I like to rabbit hunt. Recently in West Tennessee I stopped at a home to see some beagle puppies. The owner's five-year-old grandson went with me out to the dog pen. He and I were petting a beautiful puppy and I asked him, "What is this dog's name?" He said "Oh he knows his name." I said, "Yes, but I don't." I never did get the name.

The children in our Children's Homes know their names and you can rest assured God knows their names. You may know some of them but not all. However, you can pray for them just the same. Thank you, Tennessee Baptists for your prayers and support. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Associations and at the State Convention when I will give you a full report of our stewardship in your child care ministry. God bless you.

**BURUNDI:** Although church groups, primarily Roman Catholic, played a major role in publicizing alleged religious massacres in Biafra and the Sudan a few years ago, a strange silence has been maintained by churches in Burundi, a predominately Roman Catholic land. The heavily Catholic government, mostly members of the Tutsi tribe, has allegedly slaughtered 100,000 members of the Hutu tribe.

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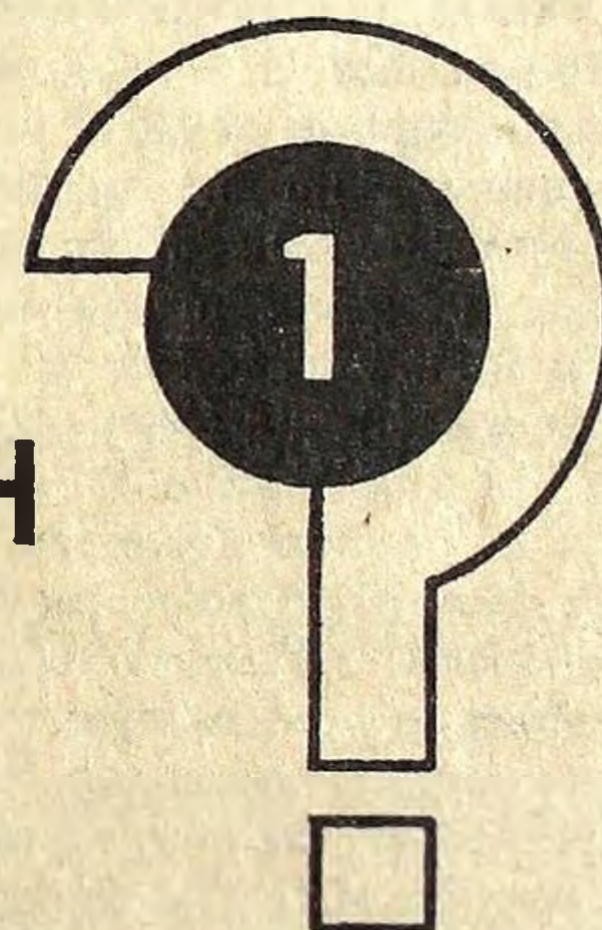


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# What Is The Cooperative Program?

By W. C. Summar, Secretary  
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The Cooperative Program is associational missions. The Cooperative Program is state missions. The Cooperative Program is home missions. The Cooperative Program is evangelism. The Cooperative Program is Christian education. The Cooperative Program is care for the aged. The Cooperative Program is child care. The Cooperative Program is medical care. The Cooperative Program is help in time of disaster.

The Cooperative Program is the channel through which churches send their mission gifts to support mission work that they cannot do, because of the nature and distance, but it is necessary for the fulfillment of the Great Commission. What the unified budget is to each church, the Cooperative Program is to each state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. As individual church members join their fellow members in making one gift for all of the expenses of their church, individual churches join their sister churches in making one gift to be used in the support of all of our mission work, beginning with the association and extending into 78 nations of the world. The Cooperative Program makes possible a partnership in the gospel for all churches.

Democracy is an attractive and valuable feature of the Cooperative Program. It is democratic in structure from the beginning to the end. Each church decides whether to use the Cooperative Program as a channel through which to send mission money and if so the amount. Messengers elected by the churches to the state convention determine the division of the funds between our state and the Southern Baptist Convention. Too, messengers elected by the churches to the Southern Baptist Convention control the division of money received by SBC from

the state conventions. The Cooperative Program is a Southern Baptist plan controlled by Southern Baptists in a democratic manner.

Success appeals to all of us. The Cooperative Program has been a success story from the very beginning. The Lord is in it. It is a story to be told again and again in all of our churches.

October is Cooperative Program Month. It is not a time for a special offering. A part of every Sunday offering should be very special for use through the Cooperative Program. Cooperative Program Month is the time the churches are to tell their members about this wonderful success story . . . what it is, how it works, and what it is doing, etc.

Some of the people in some of the churches are well acquainted with the Cooperative Program, but there are some people in all of the churches who know little or nothing about it. Few people will be a part of something about which they have little knowledge. The nature of the Cooperative Program makes it urgent for the church leaders to become well acquainted with it in order to be able to inform and inspire other church members. In most cases the interest and enthusiasm of the church members will not go ahead of their leaders.

As a church becomes better informed about the Cooperative Program usually that church wants to share more and more of her funds for the support of world missions through the Cooperative Program. Now is the time to increase knowledge and increase sharing.

Two features of the New Testament churches greatly impress me. They cooperated with one another. They were interested in the total welfare of people just like the concern of Jesus. The Cooperative Program is true to New Testament principles in that it is a plan through which the churches can cooperate to meet all types of human needs in the name of Christ.

## Teletype Machines Purchased For H-C Deaf Students

Two teletype machines for use by deaf students have been purchased by Harrison-Chilhowee academy from a memorial gift received recently.

The gift was made in behalf of Mrs. Asenath P. Estus, who died earlier this year in Miami, Okla. Her husband had established the memorial in her name. A granddaughter of the couple, Tammy Carson, is enrolled as a student in the academy's program.

An attachment on the teletype machines allows the deaf student to make and receive telephone calls.

## Holston Valley Association Pastor Dies In Knoxville

Ruble Thompson, pastor of Big Creek church, Holston Valley Association, died in Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, last month following a long illness. He was 55.

He had served as pastor at Shiloh church in Sevier Association; Providence church, Chilhowee Association; Highland and Salem churches, Knox Association; Garrison church, Tennessee Valley Association; Dumplin church; Jefferson Association; Calhoun church, McMinn Association; and Henards chapel and Big Creek in the Holston Valley Association. He served in various associational capacities during his ministry and had been moderator of the association on two occasions.

Funeral and burial services were held from the Seven Islands church in Knoxville with Henry C. Ruth, Troy M. Cody, and Henry Guy Jackson officiating.

Thompson is survived by his widow, Elizabeth Huffaker Thompson; two sons, Kyle Thompson, Houston, Tex.; Ruble E. Thompson, Jr., Knoxville; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Davidson, Rogersville; and five grandchildren.

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## SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Rise To Record Total

NASHVILLE—The Southern Baptist Convention's unified Cooperative Program budget ended the 1972-73 fiscal year \$745,050 above operating and capital needs, pushing receipts from SBC churches to the highest total in convention history.

Gifts in September totaled \$2,929,817 (19.59 per cent above the same month last year) to increase the 12-month Cooperative Program total to \$33,832,932.

That figure represents an 8.48 per cent increase over last year, the highest percentage of increase from one year to the next in a decade, according to John H. Williams, finance planning director and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

"We are grateful to God that the \$745,050 will help meet some of the erosion of inflation suffered by SBC agencies during the year," said Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Routh said the increase in Cooperative Program giving makes possible the first "advance funds" (receipts above both operating and capital needs) since 1967 "and reflects an increase in the percentage from the states for SBC causes, as well as increased participation by churches on the part of church members."

By action of the Executive Committee, the additional Cooperative Program funds have been distributed to the 19 SBC agencies on the basis they received the regularly budgeted 1972-73 Cooperative Program receipts.

For example, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, which received \$382,062 and \$136,344 respectively, will be able to strengthen missionary and evangelistic outreach, Williams said. The additional funds to the Foreign Mission Board, he said, will help "overcome the inroads of dollar devaluation abroad."

Williams said the 8.48 increase "will help shore up the diminishing buying power of the dollar during this inflationary spiral."

Southern Baptists gave an additional \$29,079,065 in designated gifts during the fiscal year ending September 30, including contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated giving increased 12.54 per cent over last year's total of \$25,839,254.

Combined world missions contributions, including both designations and Cooperative Program gifts for 1972-73, totaled \$62,911,997—a 10.32 per cent increase of \$5,885,396 over last year's total of \$57,026,600.

## MINISTER MARKS 100TH BIRTHDAY

NORTH BRENTWOOD, Md.—The Rev. J. D. Pair, retired pastor of First Baptist church here, who turned 100 years old on Aug. 31, was honored by his former church on reaching this significant milestone.

He was 85 when he retired, but still preaches occasionally.

Pastor of the church here for 16 years, Pair is the congregation's pastor-emeritus. He was 69 when he came to First Baptist in 1942. Five Presidents since then have cited him for his uncompensated service to the nation, beginning with President Roosevelt and including President Johnson.

The son of a preacher, Pair graduated from Howard University's School of Religion in 1911. He has four living children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, all of whom were present for the birthday observance. (RNS)

For September alone, both Cooperative Program receipts and designated giving showed large increases over the same month last year. Besides the 19.59 increase in Cooperative Program gifts, designated giving soared 78.45 per cent from \$251,748 in September, 1972, to \$449,241 in September, 1973.

Total gifts for September were \$3,379,058, a \$677,451—or 25.08 percent—increase over September of last year. (BP)

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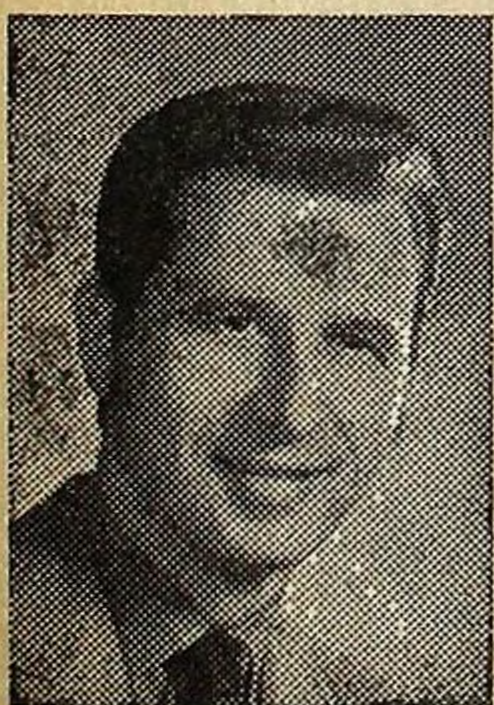
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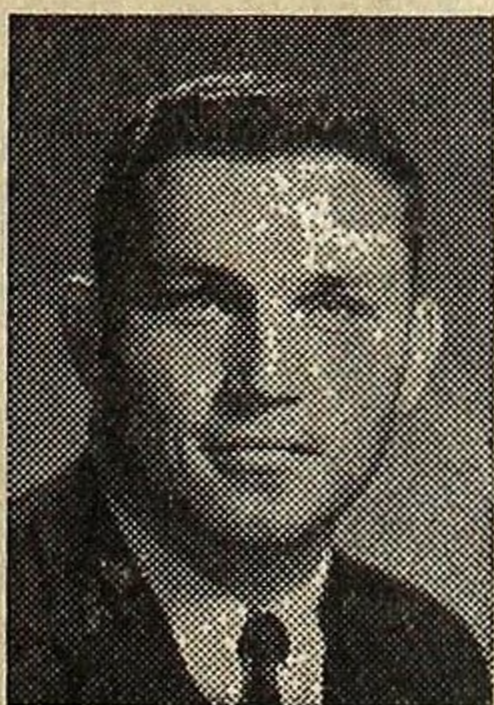
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# Sharing My Personal Experience

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

**Focal Passages: Acts 26: 9-12,13-18; 19**

It is certainly not immodest to share our experiences with Christ in an humble spirit.



White

Paul did not hesitate to narrate his experience to kings and it is very fortunate for posterity that he did. It is still more fortunate for all mankind that the Holy Spirit inspired the recording of that experience in Holy Scriptures.

We should never let the dramatic and colorful experience discourage us from sharing our simple experience with Christ. A fact is not less significant and vital because it is not so earth-shattering as Paul's experience. The quiet, serene, sweet experience of lovely music is no less actual than much more emotional response.

If we have passed out of darkness into light, then our experience is real.

We are under divine imperative to share it.

## A Fierce Enemy Acts 26:9-12

Christianity never had a more relentless foe than Paul and added to it was the fanatical fury of religious sincerity.

His vehement persecution caused many disciples to blaspheme. In agonies indescribable many others did not break but went down in victorious martyrdom. Stephen was in that last group. In his angelic serenity and Christlike spirit of forgiveness he shot an arrow into Paul's heart and stung his conscience. It threw him into a spasm of misery. His first reaction was like the thunderous fury of a savage beast.

## The Great Reversal Acts 26:13-18

With the proper papers in his hands, Paul headed toward Damascus, determined to hunt down every disciple and exterminate Christianity—root and branch. He had the surprise of his life awaiting him. He and those with him fell to the ground. The Lord Jesus spoke to him from glory, bidding him to arise to his feet. Then He called his at-

tention to his infamous, demonic persecution of the risen Lord, by assassinating His body, the Church. Paul capitulated immediately. He was given instructions to find a faithful disciple, Ananias, who would teach him the way of the Lord more perfectly.

## A Fanatical Follower Acts 26:19

That experience on the road to Damascus changed Paul from a fanatical foe to a fanatical friend of the cause of Christ. This intelligent Pharisee was no victim of a hallucination. The reversal was too great and forever afterwards it was too costly. The fanaticism of a great hate gave way to an equally fanatical love. For a long time the very name of Saul caused all Christians to tremble. His name was changed to Paul. That name came to cheer every Christian to the depths as soon as they came to know the good news of the change.

The ages have felt the impact of his witness. It has been the subject of study by both friendly and cynical experts. The friendly have not been able to fathom its depths but they have come to revel in it. Unfriendly critics have not been able to explain it away. It stands so convincing and so comforting to millions.

It is our business to share ours and tell his. Our Lord will not likely reproduce Paul's full experience in us but something unique which He has planned for you and me. We can't do Paul's witnessing for him and he cannot do ours for us.

There is a special place for each of us. No one else can do our work for us. Both the Lord and a needy world waits on us. Will we, dare we fail?

## Foundation

## No Help For The Poor?

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

A recent letter received in our office was very critical of our Tennessee Baptist programs because we "do nothing for the poor people." When I read it I began to reflect on what we really do in this area.

The first thought I had was that we gave approximately seven million dollars in free services to the needy through our hospitals last year. We took care of more than 400 unfortunate children in our Children's Homes. A program for deaf students was promoted at Harrison-Chilhowee. Our colleges, by grants and loans, made it possible for many students to get a college education. Our office sent checks to 31 individuals. Many people in poverty areas receive food, clothes and health aid through our mission centers. A growing number of churches have their own benevolent funds and distribution centers for the needy. In addition to this we are preaching the gospel in 77 countries and all 50 states. These programs also include tremendous allocations for the physical and material as well as the spiritual needs of people.

The individual who wrote said he was joining a group that does help the poor. He just may help the other group find a way to do a small part of what our programs are doing.

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The Tennessee Baptist Convention will be meeting in its ninety-ninth session November 13-15 at the Eudora Baptist Church, Mem-



Norton

phis, Tennessee, with Dr. Fred Wood, pastor of the Eudora church and president of the convention, presiding.

The sessions of our convention meetings are always significant in that reports which are given and recommendations presented reflect successes and failures over the past year and give direction to challenges for the

coming year. Next year will be an exciting year for Tennessee Baptists particularly because it will mark the last year of the first century of the history of our convention. Plans for the centennial year are being made and all Baptists in our state should look forward to this special time of celebration.

We believe the program for this convention in Memphis will be an interesting one in which all of our churches should become involved. Unfortunately, many churches do not send messengers. In most instances, those who do send messengers send only the pastor or other staff members. During the past several months there has been increasing interest on the part of laymen to become more actively involved in the many areas of our convention programs. Our churches would benefit tremendously if many laymen across our state could attend our conventions as messengers and thereby participate in the business sessions as well as the fellowship of these meetings.

May I suggest that an effort be made to determine whether or not it would be practical to defray the expenses of many of our laymen who could attend this convention. We believe if this were done that more messengers would be in attendance and the convention itself would be given invaluable help and encouragement through the participation of many loyal and dedicated members of our churches who serve alongside the pastor and other staff members.

## Historically:

### From the files

#### 50 YEARS AGO

The scheduled opening for the new Administrative Building of the Baptist Orphans' Homes was slated for Oct. 28 in Nashville. With the opening of the new building, the capacity of the home was increased to 200 and was located on 264 acres with seven buildings.

J. R. Mantey, head of the Department of Greek at Union university, received word that his article, "Unusual Meanings for Prepositions in the Greek New Testament," would be published in London's "Expositor" magazine. It was his fourth article to be published.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Plans were being finalized for the state Baptist Student Union Convention to be held at Central church, Johnson City, Oct. 23-25. Luell Smith was state B.S.U. president. Major speakers included J. P. Allen, pastor, First church, Charlottesville, Va., and Wendell H. Rone, pastor, First church, Middlesboro, Ky.

Flatwoods church, between Parsons and Camden, announced construction plans for a new church building. Woodard Bartholomew was pastor. The church was affiliated with the Southwestern District Association.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Plans were being made for the 89th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to be held in Nashville at the Belmont Heights church. Major sermons were to be delivered by Ansell Baker, Chattanooga; J. Hardee Kennedy, New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary; and Paul S. James, New York City.

Dedication ceremonies and open house were held at the Peoples Missionary Baptist church, Corryton, with Henry M. Chiles as guest speaker. The church dedicated a new sanctuary, chapel, and educational wing. Charles E. Stunell was pastor.

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## Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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### Youngsters' Closeness To Parents During First 3 Years Held Vital

"Fifty per cent of the adults in mental hospitals are there because they had disturbing experiences with—or felt some form of alienation from—their parents in early childhood," said Dr. Lee Salk.

Despite general recognition that the foundation of mental health or illness is laid in the first years of life, adults' preoccupation, even obsession, with their own needs is causing continued neglect of the emotional needs of the young child, the head of pediatric psychology at N.Y. Hospital indicated.

"It's wrong to solve the oppression of one group with the oppression of the rights of another," says Salk, a supporter of women's lib "but not its extremes." Children's right to close contact with parents during their first crucial three years must be respected, he says. "I don't believe in substituting day care centers for mothers."

So important is parent-child contact that mothers who work should be permitted to return home for two hours each afternoon to be with their young children—with no reduction in pay, he holds. "Parenthood is the most important career."

"Every children under three needs to have contact with a parent in the middle of the day. A gap of eight to nine hours away from home isn't good. Under the age of one year, constant contact is crucial to the child's development. After three the child, though still very dependent, is ready for nursery school."



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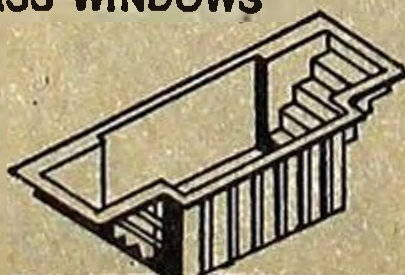
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# Catholic Bishops Ask Religion In Schools

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON—The United States Catholic Conference (USCC) injected "a whole new ball game" into the national controversy about prayer in public schools by proposing a comprehensive constitutional amendment that would include not only praying in schools but also religious instruction.

The Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments is currently conducting a series of public hearings on proposed constitutional prayer amendments similar to the Wylie Amendment, defeated in the House of Representatives in 1971.

Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R.-Pa.) and others have vowed that the Senate will be forced to vote on a prayer amendment before the adjournment of the first session of the 93rd Congress sometime before Christmas.

The U.S. Catholic Conference is the action agency of the Catholic church. It has an administrative board of 28 bishops.

The Catholic conference was opposed in 1971 to the Wylie Amendment, and, judging from its present proposal, has not changed its opposition to this type of amendment.

Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the USCC, explained the Catholic Bishops opposed the Wylie Amendment in 1971 because it "would accomplish nothing on behalf of the goals it purports to serve and would represent a threat to the existing legality of nondenominational prayer."

It would be expected that those who have opposed constitutional prayer amendments, including most of the major denominational bodies in the United States, would continue to oppose the new proposal of the Catholic bishops.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, indicated in a statement that no ground would be given in any effort to upset the present protection of religious liberty guaranteed by the First Amendment as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

Wood said he profoundly regretted the action taken by the 28 bishops who comprise the administrative board of the USCC. "The action," he continued, "cannot help but bring confusion concerning the whole issue of religion and the public schools."

The Baptist executive was distressed that the Roman Catholic bishops would draw up a constitutional amendment to be presented to Congress. He said, "It is not difficult to imagine the religious tensions which may be created if each religious denomination were to submit its own versions of a proposed

constitutional amendment affecting religion and the public schools.

"To provide that religious instruction in public schools must not be prohibited, even if under private religious auspices, is to nullify the landmark decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, as in the McCollum case. In that decisions religious denominations were clearly denied the right to provide religious education on school property during regular school hours, whether such instruction was taken voluntarily or not," Wood pointed out.

"Such a proposal cannot be taken lightly," he declared, "and will provoke vigorous opposition from many Americans who view such legislation as eroding both the 'no establishment' and 'free exercise' clauses of the First Amendment."

The proposed amendment by the Catholic bishops has three major provisions: 1. It allows prayer in public places, including schools; 2. It allows religious instruction in public places, including schools, "if such instruction is provided under private auspices whether or not religious," and 3. It provides the right of the people to participate or not to participate in such prayers and religious instruction.

The immediate effects of the proposal by the Catholic bishops are speculative. However, here are four possibilities:

1. It could divide the religious community of the nation as to the best way or ways to solve the problem of the proper relationship between religion and public education.

2. It could have the effect of avoiding an immediate crisis in Congress on proposed prayer amendment. The fact that an entirely new type of religious constitutional amendment is being proposed and should demand long and thorough national discussion and debate. A constitutional amendment of this impact should not be approved without a complete understanding of what it means.

3. It could create such national discussion as to result in a better understanding and support of the Supreme Court decisions on prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

4. If ratified as a part of the U.S. Constitution, it could open the doors to extensive abuses of separation of church and state and make it possible for public funds to be available to private and church-related education.

At the time of the USCC proposal, no member of Congress had introduced the Catholic proposal into the legislative hopper. It is not anticipated, however, that it will be difficult to find sponsors in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. (BP)

## EDUCATION: WHAT'S HAPPENING Education Commission, SBC

### Education Now Biggest U.S. Enterprise

A record \$96.7 billion in government and private funds will be spent for educating about 59 million students this year, making education the nation's largest enterprise, the U.S. Office of Education said recently.

"Education will be the principal occupation of 30 per cent of the population," said John R. Ottina, commissioner of education. "In fact, education may now be considered the nation's largest enterprise in terms of the number of people involved and the number of dollars expended."

The agency's back-to-back school statistical report said the \$96.7 billion in total spending for education during this school year, up from \$89.4 billion last year, amounts to 8 per cent of the Gross National Product. It estimated 59 million students enrolled in schools and colleges this fall and nearly three-million persons were involved in classroom instruction.

Elementary school enrolment continues to decline because there are fewer children in the five to thirteen age group, the report said. But it predicted a continued rise in high school enrolment and a small increase in college enrolment.

### New Books

**Heralds of God** by James S. Stewart, Baker, 222 pp., \$1.95, paper. A fervent plea for preachers to be direct, simple, and forceful in their proclamation of the commanding relevance to the timeless gospel.

**Right With God** by John Blanchard, Tyndale, 137 pp., \$1.25, paper. A straightforward book to help those searching for personal faith in God.

**Two Wheelchairs and a Family of Three** by Fred V. Camp, Tyndale, 134 pp., \$1.25. From a useless invalid to a highly successful businessman, victorious Christian, husband and father is an amazing story.

**Between Hammer and Sickle** by Michael Wurmbrand, Tyndale, 172 pp., \$1.95, paper. A story of a 10-year-old school boy when his father-pastor was kidnapped from the streets of Bucharest by the Communists and imprisoned, then the imprisonment of his mother, and the survival and God's faithfulness in the midst of desperate circumstances.

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