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From the Office of Pastor Fred M. Wood, Th.D., D.D.

Eudora Baptist Church

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

October 22, 1973

Dear Tennessee Baptists:

This will be my final letter to you concerning motel rooms for the Tennessee Baptist Convention. I am endeavoring at this end, to help you all I can.

There are still rooms available, but you must identify yourself as being with the Tennessee Baptist Convention or Woman's Missionary Union. In fact, ladies should also mention that the WMU Convention is related to the Tennessee Baptist Convention since some of the motel clerks may not understand our Baptist organizational life.

Remember these rooms are being held for us only until November 1. After that you are "on your own."

If you get into difficulty, you may call me at 901-682-8647 or 901-683-6366. I will do all I can to help you even at the last moment but don't expect a miracle. Make your reservation NOW.

Sincerely,
Fred M. Wood

FMW/jb

West Tennessee Meetings Scheduled For Nov. 5

The West Tennessee Pastors' Conference will convene Monday, Nov. 5, in the Ellis chapel of Union University, at 11:00 a.m. John Wintermute, First Presbyterian church, Selmer, will be the guest speaker. Those attending will be guests of the college for lunch.

The Pastors' Wives' Fellowship will meet at the same hour in the president's dining room, and will see a demonstration on Christmas decorations.

Robert L. Newman, president of the West Tennessee Historical Society, announced that his organization would meet at 10:15 a.m., Nov. 5 in Ellis chapel.

Two Churches Accepted In Hamilton County Assn.

Billy Kennedy, pastor of Central church, Hixson, was elected moderator of Hamilton County Association.

Elected to serve with Kennedy were vice moderator G. H. Gilbert, Clifton Hills church; treasurer Raymond F. Hale Jr., Central church, Chattanooga; and clerk Mrs. Claude A. Park Jr., Oakwood church.

New churches accepted into the association included the Charity church and the Hilltop church. According to superintendent of missions J. V. James, the Bayside church will be voted on next year.

Earl Lane Elected Moderator Of Sevier County Association

Earl Lane, pastor of Gum Stand church, was elected moderator of Sevier County Association at its annual meeting.

Other officers elected to serve for the first time included: Vice Moderator Ulysses Thomas, pastor of Dripping Springs church, Treasurer Mrs. Paul Parrott, a member of Alder Branch church; and clerk Marilyn Householder, a member of Zion Hill church.

Bill Atchley is superintendent of missions for the association.

Nashville Association Accepts Three Churches, Elects Officers

Nashville Baptist Association, meeting in annual session accepted three new churches into the full fellowship of the association and took one church under watchcare. The three new churches included: First, Millersville; College Grove, and Eastside. The Radford church was accepted for watchcare.

Norris Hite, pastor of Old Hickory church, was elected moderator succeeding J. L. Ford. Elected vice moderator was Ray B. McCall, pastor, Glenwood church, succeeding David L. Renaker.

Harold Gregory, superintendent of missions, was elected treasurer, and Mrs. Helen Faustman, First church, Nashville, was elected clerk.

MITCHELL LYNN BRACKLIN, CLEVELAND, TO SERVE US-2 PROGRAM IN MAINE

A Cleveland, Tenn., native, Mitchell Lynn Bracklin was among 41 Baptist young people appointed to serve through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's US-2 program in ceremonies in Atlanta recently.



Bracklin

A graduate of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Bracklin will begin a two-year assignment in Lewiston, Maine this January, where he will work in church extension.

The 41 new appointees join a mission force in the United States that includes 940 students serving during the summer, and more than 2200 career and associate missionaries supported by the Southern Baptist denomination.

J. L. Trent Dies

J. L. Trent, 78, of Kingsport, retired Baptist pastor, died Oct. 25 in a Kingsport hospital after a short illness. Services were conducted Oct. 27 at Sullivan Baptist church, Kingsport with burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

A native of Edison, he was a son of the late George and Mattie Cope Trent.

In 1965, he was named "citizen of the year" by the Kingsport Civitan Club.

He was active in the Holston Baptist Association and had served as a director of the Baptist Orphanage, Holston Valley Community Hospital and East Tennessee Hospital.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Beulah Bull Trent; a son, George Trent, Donelson; a daughter, Mrs. Willis B. Wiley, Kingsport; a sister, Mrs. Simon Castle, Edison, and a brother Coy Trent, Rogersville.

Macedonia Church Accepted Into Wilson County Association

Wilson County Baptist Association accepted Macedonia church, New Middleton, into the association recently. The church's pastor is James Peak.

Officers elected at the annual meeting included: David Jicka, pastor, Fairview church, moderator; James Owen, pastor, Alexandria church, vice moderator; Wilbert Taylor, pastor, Barton's Creek church, treasurer. James Hutchings, pastor of Prosperity church, was re-elected to serve as clerk.

Tennessee Layman Enters New World Of Non-Readers

KINGSPORT, Tenn.—Nick Deskins, a shift worker at a paper plant here, “jumped at the chance” to learn to teach non-readers because he “always had a real feeling for people who couldn’t read.”

And in the process, Deskins, who completed a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board course in literacy training, opened up two new worlds: the limited world of non-readers and his own concept of how to help others solve their problems.

But he had to wait nearly a year to put into practice what he had learned in the 32-hour course, which equipped him to teach adult non-readers how to read and internationals how to speak English.

“One day I received a call from Dan Fowler, a deacon at Colonial Heights Baptist church where I’m a member. I was thrilled when he said ‘Nick I think I’ve found your first student.’”

Deskins’ new pupil proved to be a real test of literacy training.

“The man was not only an adult non-reader, but he had a mental learning disability because of epilepsy at birth,” Deskins explained.

Shortly after Deskins began his twice weekly sessions with the man, he realized his new student would probably never read fluently because of his disability.

“Nevertheless, he learned quickly those first few weeks,” Deskins pointed out. “He was an extreme introvert who lived with his parents. I had to pry every word out of him.”



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“When he reached his learning capacity in reading and writing, I forgot about attempting to teach him to read and I just tried to be his friend,” the layman said.

Through Deskins’ suggestions, his student began attending a neighborhood church.

“During our weekly sessions I tried to share my faith in Christ with him and he assured me he knew the Lord.

“In spite of his limited reading level, our friendship seemed to draw him out of his shell. He went and purchased a new desk, a bunch of new pencils and numerous note books.”

Before long Deskins launched into another phase of literacy work, with a young Hindu girl from India who could neither speak nor write English.

“My wife, who is Japanese, hosts a Bible study for internationals in our home,” Deskins said. “The study meets weekly and the girl came to the meeting and expressed the desire to learn to read and write English.”

While Deskins has twice weekly lessons with the Indian girl, his wife teaches the girl’s mother who came to the United States from Bangladesh.

“In our training sessions in literacy, we were told that a person’s reading disability might lead us to other needs in a person’s life,” Deskins said. “In the case of the Indian family, we found this to be true.”

The girl has since been baptized at Colonial Heights church. She is an active member, and her husband, although he has not accepted Christ, attends church regularly. (BP)

Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

In this day, when it is difficult to keep certain church situations at a continuous maximum level of success, the pastor makes a mistake if he focuses too much on self.

He should not take all the credit for success nor should he take all the blame for failure.

Apologetic mirror-gazing is not an accurate reflection of one’s ministry. For the minister, there may be more important questions to ask than, “What’s the matter with me?” If the work is slipping, it could be that members of the congregation have dropped a few banana peelings along the way.

Sooner or later, the pastor who spends most of his time walking through the “house of mirrors” is going to see a very depressing image.

In fact, the minister who wants to sing a happy song would do well to stop running by all the notes of the scale—the do and the re—and getting stuck on the me.

Devotional

Profound Simplicities

By Mrs. Robert H. Gay
P.O. Box 116, Lawrenceburg

Many times I have asked God not to let me be a “dummy” Christian. Here are some of the “receivings” He has given.



Mrs. Gay

Do you ever hear at the close of a prayer “in Thy name I pray?” There is no way to communicate with the Father in the Father’s name, we can only get to God the Father through God the Son, Jesus. (John 16:23)

Christian, how often do you ask God to “be with you?” We insult His gracious omnipresence.

He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. (Heb. 13:5)

The initial prayer at worship reveals our ignorance or carelessness if we tell God “we come into Thy presence”. We have never been out of His presence. (Ps. 139: 7, 8)

Heartaches, trials and afflictions are to be accepted with thanksgiving! God says, “In everything give thanks”, knowing (do we?) that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Nothing can hurt us if our reactions are as Joseph’s, “ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good.”

We disregard God’s onnipotence often by talking with Him as if He were a prisoner with His hands tied behind Him. This legend illustrates:

Alexander the Great boasted that his subjects could approach him any time with a request. Thus, a beggar came one day and brazenly requested a farm for himself, a dowry for his daughter, and an education for his son. The monarch’s aides were astonished that Alexander granted all three requests. “Why?” they asked. The king replied, “I get weary of people who come to me in fear and timidity, asking for small gifts. That beggar treated me like a king. He asked big!”

With our sins forgiven up to date—come, ask, receive and then give. To stop growing is the first symptom of decay!

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Home Board Appoints 26 Missionaries And Associates

ATLANTA—The Southern Baptist home missions force of more than 2200 received another boost with the appointment of 26 missionaries and missionary associates.

The 13 men and 13 women work on mission fields across the U.S. under the joint appointment of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the state Baptist conventions in which they serve.

Career missionaries are as follows:

Duane and Edith Highlander serve in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he directs Christian social ministries for Hamilton County Baptist Association and the Baptist center. An Alderson, W.Va., native, he is a graduate of Temple Baptist seminary in Chattanooga. She is a native of Paducah, Ky.

Donald and Peggy Pinkerton, Asheville, N.C., natives, serve in the New South River Baptist Association, Fayetteville, N.C., where he directs Christian social ministries. He is a graduate of Western Carolina university, Cullowhee, N.C. and Southeastern Baptist Theological seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

A Detroit native, Joyce Mitchell directs Priscilla Hall, a Baptist mission center in her hometown. She holds a B.A. from Wayne State university, Detroit, and an M.R.E. from Southern Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Larry Baldridge is pastor and director of weekday ministries at Caney Creek church, Pippa Passes, Ky. A native of Hueysville, Ky., he holds degrees from University of Kentucky, Lexington, University of Louisville and Southern seminary.

Baldridge's wife, Martha Sue, the daughter of retired Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, James and Nelle Lingerfelt, is a graduate of Carson-Newman college, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Southern seminary. Appointed missionary associate by the Home Mission Board in 1965, her status has been changed to missionary.

Appointed to El Portal (Calif.) Baptist mission, Kenneth and Shirley Brooks are natives of Las Cruces, N.M., and Purcell, Okla., respectively. Both hold degrees from University of Oklahoma at Norman. He also is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

William and Wilma Bell are pastoral missionaries serving First Baptist church of Cucamonga, Calif. A Muldoon, Tex., native, William is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. Wilma is a native of Haskell, Tex.

Thomas and Barbara Davidson serve in Warren, Ohio, where he is superintendent of missions. A graduate of Georgetown college, Georgetown, Ky., and Southern seminary, he is a native of Catliffe, Ky.

Barbara is a native of Newcomb, Tenn.

The missionary associates are as follows:

Delbert and Barbara Penrod, to serve in Springfield, Ill.; Domingo and Dolores Ozuna, Chicago, Ill.; Antonio and Margurita Ramos, Miami, Fla.; Manuel and Ivete Alonso, Tampa, Fla.; Fred Everson, Oakland, Calif.; German and Gloria Ballesteros, San Antonio, Tex.; David and Marisa Lages, Fort Worth. (BP)

New Publications

Commemorate Lottie Moon

The centennial of Lottie Moon's arrival in China has caused the creation of three commemorative publications.

"In the Spirit of Christmas" is a handsome 16-page historical booklet. A brief graphic text and rare photographs tell the meaning of Miss Moon's missionary service. It fills the requests of many for "something about the life of Lottie Moon." The booklet comes with an envelope, making it suitable for mailing for Christmas. The booklet sells for \$1.00 and is available from both Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, and from Baptist Book Stores.

Another historical product is a set of 12 note cards with matching envelopes. The photographs of Lottie Moon's China on the note cards are borrowed from Foreign Mission Board archives. A brief caption explains each picture's significance. The cards are suitable for all-purpose corresponding but especially for Christmastime notes. The price per 12-card set is \$1.00. They are available from WMU and Baptist Book Stores.

A brightly colored filmstrip, also entitled *In the Spirit of Christmas*, relates Miss Moon's service to today's need for missionaries. The filmstrip is recommended for use during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The filmstrip, \$6.00, is available from Baptist Book Stores only.

Seminary Gets \$370,000 Bequest For Endowment

FORT WORTH—Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary here has received a \$370,000 bequest for use as endowment.

The money came from the will of the late Laura Dunlap Sampson, a philanthropist and active supporter of worldwide Baptist causes.

Mrs. Sampson's bequest has been set up through the Baptist Foundation of Texas, as has a trust fund which she and her late husband, W. Emmett Sampson, established to provide regular income to the seminary. (BP)

Lem B. Stevens Named Chairman Of Baptist Hospital Trustees

Lem B. Stevens, Nashville business executive, has been elected chairman of the 27-man Board of Trustees of Baptist Hospital in Nashville, according to a recent announcement by Gene Kidd, president.



Stevens

The action was taken Oct. 18 by the Board during its annual meeting at the hospital.

Other officers installed to serve with Stevens included: Tom Madden, pastor, First church, Tulsa, Okla., vice-chairman; Kenneth L. Ross, insurance executive, Nashville secretary, and G. Frank Cole Jr., First American National Bank officer, Nashville, treasurer.

Named to complete the executive committee were Dr. Russell Birmingham, Nashville obstetrician and gynecologist; Sam Ridley, Smyrna businessman, and James H. Winters, president of Winters and Koonce Inc.

Kidd presented a plaque of service recognition to those trustees rotating off the board this year, including the immediate chairman, Charles E. Creagh.

Two additional trustees are scheduled to be elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis this month, Kidd stated.

Grand Canyon College Inaugurates New President

PHOENIX, Ariz.—William R. Hintze has been inaugurated as president of Grand Canyon College, a Southern Baptist school here.

Hintze, 58, first joined the college faculty in 1969 as an assistant professor of religion and director of religious activities. He was vice president for academic affairs and professor of religion when appointed president.

A former Southern Baptist missionary to Ecuador, Hintze has served as pastor of churches in Clarksville, Tex., Dallas, Tex., and Elvins, Mo., and as interim pastor of eight churches in Arizona and Oklahoma.

While on the mission field he served as both professor and director of Ecuadorian Baptist Theological institute and president and treasurer of the Ecuadorian Baptist mission (organization of missionaries).

A native of El Paso, Tex., Hintze holds a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso, and B.D. and Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

Hintze succeeds Arthur Tyson, who joined Dallas Baptist college earlier in the year as director of development. (BP)

EDITORIALS

Foundation Continues To Minister

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is continuing to increase its ministry among Tennessee Baptists, under the leadership of Jonas L. Stewart who is in his sixth year as executive secretary-treasurer. At the end of a twelve-month period ending August 31, 1973, total assets of the Foundation at that time were \$6,141,621.25, a gain of \$427,742.90 over last year.

Total income distributed to all causes during the past year was \$316,137 an increase of \$42,907 over the previous year. Significant also is the fact that of the income distributed, \$83,287 was paid to the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Of this amount, \$72,295 was for the Cooperative Program.

Institutions this year have received from the Foundation office the following: Belmont college, \$56,172; Carson-Newman college, \$20,582; Union university, \$84,694; Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist academy, \$17,342; Children's Homes, \$7,964. Income paid to individuals from living trust funds amounted to \$25,930. Additional income was paid to hospitals, Home and Foreign Missions, scholarships, associations and local churches.

It should be noted that it has been a difficult year for all those in investment finance but with competent investment counsel and men of experience serving on the Foundation Board, things for them have been better than the market reports would indicate. We thank the Lord for this year's increase and for all those who have made it possible.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is the one agency designated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention through which gifts, wills and trusts may be given which will and do benefit every phase of our Baptist work. The gains for this past year speak well for the growing interest upon the part of Tennessee Baptists in "living after death," and for the way in which the Tennessee Baptist Foundation ministers.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has a new film, "Watch Out—Tomorrow is Coming," now available, rental free. It is a 15-minute, color, dramatic film being booked for JANUARY MAKE YOUR WILL emphasis.

Sources Of Foreign Missions Funds

The Foreign Mission Board receives operating funds from many different sources. The total estimated amount available for 1973 operating budget has been \$33,891,996.43. The mainline of support was from the Cooperative Program with \$16,319,959. At least \$12,500,000 has come from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Close to \$2,000,000 came from designated gifts; \$964,000 from miscellaneous income. This miscellaneous income comes from permanent and temporary investments, sale of "The Commission," book royalties, and income from Baptist foundations.

Capital funds—for missions buildings and properties—came from the Lottie Moon Offering. At least \$5,000,000 was needed for capital expenditures.

Similar lines of support will provide the upcoming 1974 budget of \$42,425,284.

We Want The News

The **Baptist And Reflector** is interested in serving the churches throughout Tennessee. We want the news from your church regularly. But there does not seem to be a clear understanding of what church news really is for the state Baptist paper.

The pastor, church secretary, church clerk or some other person who will do it, should be designated to send in the news from the church. Each news item should be signed, and the address and telephone number of the person sending it included so that we can write or call for additional information if needed. But what is news?

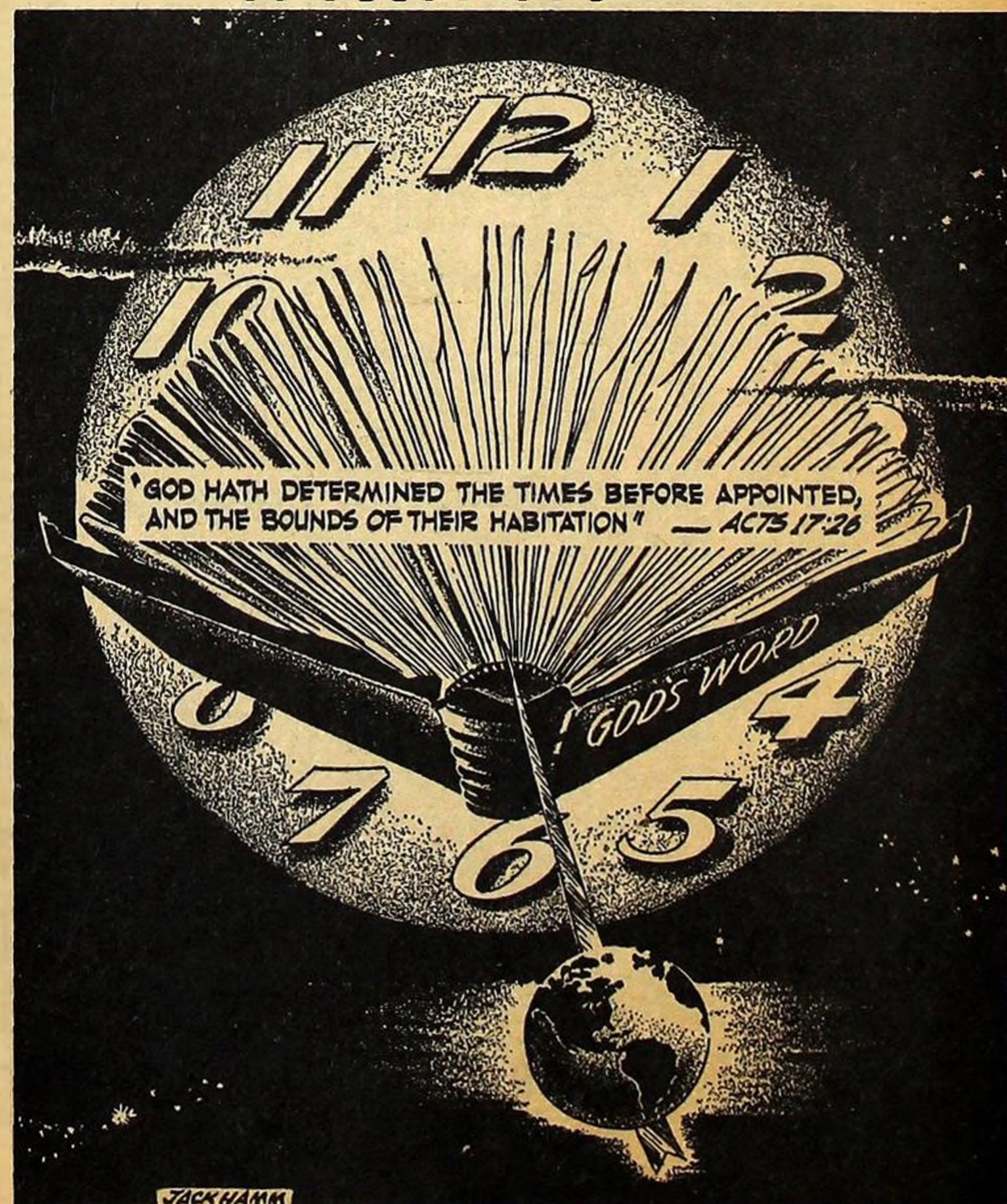
The routine activities of the church are not news. For instance, this includes food poundings, money trees, sweetheart and youth banquets, Vacation Bible schools, study courses, coronation services, Christmas and Easter music presentations, birth announcements, ordinary anniversaries and a great many other activities. We do not announce revival meetings in advance, but we like to publish revival reports with specific information including the number of additions by baptism, letter and statement to the church.

News is about events which are significant or unusual. This would mean things of interest to those outside the local church. For instance, this includes plans for expansion, ground-breaking, completion and dedication of new buildings, ordination of pastors and deacons, major staff changes, and unusual and successful projects.

Remember, we like pictures but they must be good, sharp and clear, black and white pictures. Do not send color photographs. And do not send Polaroid Swinger pictures, which usually do not print satisfactorily.

But please do send the news!

So Goes the Pendulum



Cost Recovery Possible For Tennessee Churches

An anti-trust suit against certain gypsum companies involving approximately \$67,500,000 is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, and may involve some Tennessee churches, according to Earl McFarland, business manager, Harrison-Chilhowee academy.

McFarland stated that institutions and large churches in our convention who underwent building programs using gypsum wallboard, lath, and plaster during the period Jan. 1, 1963 through Dec. 31, 1967, may be subject to a recovery of some portion of their cost under this litigation.

He suggested, further, that any Tennessee church or institution desiring information and notice of action on the case write a letter similar to the following:

Fergus R. Pettigrew, Acting Clerk
United States District Court
Northern District of California
P.O. Box 36014
450 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Gentlemen:

Concerning Gypsum Cases—Civil No. 46414-A AJZ in United States District Court—Northern District of California:

We request the name of our Institution (or Church) be placed on the mailing list of all notices pertaining to the above captioned matter, including copies of notices possibly previously mailed.

Our name and address is:

(Name of Church or Institution)
(Street or P.O. Box No.)
(City, State, and Zip Code)

Please direct such notices to the attention of the undersigned.

Church or Institution

By:

Title:

David H. Coombes Resigns At Baptist Hospital, Memphis

David H. Coombes, administrative assistant at Baptist Memorial Hospital, has accepted the position of executive director of the Tennessee Health Facilities Commission, effective Nov. 15. The commission is responsible for administering the Tennessee Health Facilities Act enacted recently by the 88th Tennessee General Assembly.



Coombes

The principal provision of the act is the requirement for a certificate of need before any new health facility may be built, existing health facilities expanded, or major new services instituted where \$100,000 or more of cost is involved.

Coombes holds a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the administrative staff at Baptist, he served as administrative assistant to the director of research in the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Blevins And Jeffers Re-elected As Officers By New River Assn.

Roy Blevins, pastor of Bethlehem church, Oneida, was re-elected to the post of moderator at the New River associational meeting last month. Elected to serve with Blevins were: Hayes Bass, vice moderator, pastor, Mountain View church, and James Jeffers, re-elected to serve as treasurer and clerk. Jeffers is a member of Low Gap church.

Robert Burchfield is superintendent of missions.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni To Meet At Glen Park, Nov. 13

New Orleans Baptist Theological seminary alumni and former students will hold their annual reunion at Glen Park church, Memphis, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5:00 p.m.

Ray Rust, executive assistant to the president at the seminary, will be present for the occasion, according to Jim Dusek, state alumni president. Other Tennessee officers include: John Crawford, vice-president, and Bobby Douglas, secretary.

Churches Include

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

The following churches have included the **Baptist And Reflector** in their church budget programs:

(New Budgets)

Pleasant View Baptist Mission
Pleasant View, Tenn. 37146

Rev. George Clark, Pastor

Tumbling Creek Baptist Church
McKenzie, Tennessee 38201

Rev. Jerry Dunn, Pastor

Bayside Baptist Church
Harrison, Tennessee 37341

Rev. Robert C. Stitts, Pastor

Durhamville Baptist Church
Ripley, Tenn. 38063

Rev. James Beard, Pastor

Bethel Baptist Church
Route 6

Sevierville, Tenn. 37862

Orbin Flanary, Jr. Dies

Orbin Flanary Jr., pastor of Choptack church, Holston Valley Association, died at Hawkins County Memorial Hospital, Rogersville, Oct. 8 following a long illness.

He was ordained to the ministry by Vernon Heights church, Holston Association, in 1963, and worked in evangelism until he was called as pastor of the Moores Memorial church, Clinch Valley Association, Virginia, in 1967. That same year he was called to Choptack church.

He served as moderator of Clinch Valley Association and held several committee positions in Holston Valley.

Funeral services were held at the Choptack church with burial in the church cemetery. Flanary is survived by his widow, Thelma; two daughters, Mrs. Susan Wilder and Kathy Flanary; one son, Billy; and his father, Orbin Flanary, Appalachia, Va.

Paul Baird And Charlotte Smith Named To Admissions Staff At C-N

Carson-Newman college Admissions Department has announced the additions of Paul Baird and Charlotte Smith to serve on the admissions staff.

Baird, a Carson-Newman graduate, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baird, Nashville. His father is consultant, Church Campus Ministries, National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board. Paul served at Belmont college in the Admissions Department before returning to Carson-Newman.

Miss Smith, a former music instructor at the college, will serve as an admissions counselor. She will concentrate on college day programs in surrounding states and will visit churches and schools to talk with prospective students.

Tennessee Baptist Convention

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS
NOVEMBER 13-15, 1973
ENDORA BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 13, 1973

THEME: "SHARING CHRIST THROUGH HIS WORD"

- 10:00 Worship In Song, Harold Maples
- 10:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 10:20 Special Music, Gerald Morrow
- 10:25 Organization of Convention
- Report of Credentials Committee, William W. Cope
- Report of Committee on Arrangements, Richard Patton
- 10:40 Welcome, Fred Wood
- 10:45 President's Announcements, Fred Wood
- 10:55 Centennial Committee, Tom Madden
- 11:10 Protection Plans, Vern Powers
- 11:25 Special Music, Hoyte Mulkey
- 11:30 Convention Sermon, George E. Capps, Jr.
- 12:00 Benediction, Herschel Woodburn

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 13, 1973

- 2:00 Worship in Song, Leroy Summers
- 2:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 2:20 TBC Schools
- 2:50 Special Study Committee, Gaye McGlothlen
- 3:10 Constitution & Bylaws Study Committee, Gaye McGlothlen
- 3:25 Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, James Gregg
- 3:40 Congregational Singing, Leroy Summers
- 3:45 Business
- 3:55 Presentation of Budget, Ralph Norton
- 4:05 Sunday School, Wendell Price
- 4:20 Baptist And Reflector, James Lester
- 4:35 Benediction

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 13, 1973

- 6:45 Volunteer State Chorale, Louis Ball
- 7:00 Worship in Song, Lee Simmons
- 7:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 7:20 TBC Activities, Gene Kerr
- 7:35 President's Announcements
- Recognition of SBC & Fraternal Messengers, Ralph Norton
- 7:45 Special RA National Award, William Highsmith
- 7:50 Special Music, Jerry Neely
- 8:00 President's Address, Fred Wood
- 8:30 Presentation By Union Trustees
- 9:05 Benediction, Lewis Sewell

Wednesday Morning, Nov. 14, 1973

- 9:00 Worship in Song, Billy Appling
- 9:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 9:20 Recognition of New Pastors, Educational & Music Directors & Other Church Staff, Ralph Norton
- 9:35 TBC at Work
- Report of Executive Board, Clarence Stewart
- Report of Treasurer, Ralph Norton
- Adoption of Budget
- 10:30 Congregational Singing
- 10:35 Committee on Arrangements, Richard Patton

- 10:40 Committee on Boards, J. L. Ford
- 10:50 Committee on Committees, Tom Madden
- 11:00 Election
- 11:10 Business
- 11:25 Special Music, George McFadin
- 11:30 Message, Adrian Rogers
- 12:00 Benediction, John Churchman

Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 14, 1973

- 2:00 Worship in Song, Norman White
- 2:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 2:20 Tennessee Baptist Hospitals, Frank Groner
- 2:35 Election—Continued
- 2:45 Evangelism Department, F. M. Dowell
- 3:00 Missions Department, Leslie Baumgartner
- 3:15 Congregational Singing, Norman White
- 3:20 Woman's Missionary Union, Mary Jane Nethery
- 3:35 Church Music, Frank Charton
- 3:45 Stewardship, W. C. Summar
- 4:00 Special Music, Bill Choate
- 4:05 Message, William Hull
- 4:35 Benediction, Lacy Freeman

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 14, 1973

- 6:45 Prelude, Organ and Piano
- 7:00 Worship in Song, Charles Bingaman
- 7:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 7:20 Church Training, Charles Norton
- 7:35 Foundation, Jonas Stewart
- 7:50 Student Department, Glenn Yarbrough
- 8:05 Discussion & Action on Union University
- 9:00 Benediction, Maurice Coleman

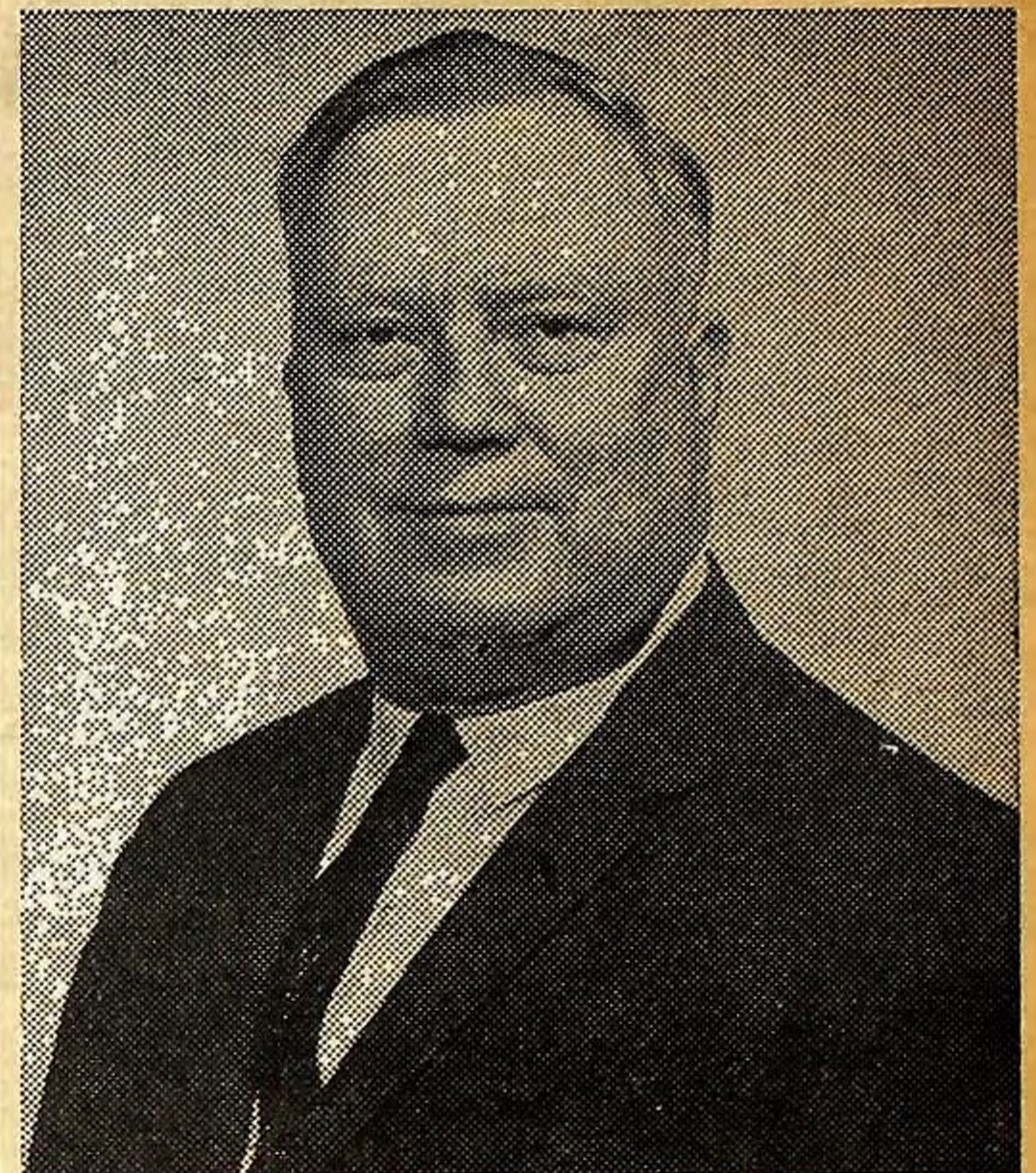
Thursday Morning, Nov. 15, 1973

- 9:00 Worship in Song, Ken Miller
- 9:05 Devotional, Cal Guy
- 9:20 Special Music, Mark Borum
- 9:25 Memorial Service, John D. Freeman
- 9:35 Committee on Resolutions, Bill Delaney
- 9:40 Committee on Audits, Maurice Coleman
- 9:45 Committee on the Journal, Lynn May
- 9:50 Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, John Bolton
- 10:00 Program Services, Wallace Anderson
- 10:15 Brotherhood, Roy Gilleland
- 10:30 Library, Mary Anderson
- 10:40 Special Music, Kent Jackson
- 10:45 Message, Franklin Paschall
- 11:15 Benediction, Fate Morris

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Baptist Hospital Dedicates Fred L. Bell Memorial Chapel



In special services at Baptist Hospital in Nashville last week, the hospital's chapel was dedicated to the late Chaplain Fred L. Bell, who served on the administrative staff for more than 22 years. The services were held in the auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10:30 a.m.

G. Allen West, a former hospital trustee and pastor of Woodmont church in Nashville, delivered the dedicatory address. West serves presently as executive director of the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville.

The invocation was brought by Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of the Immanuel church in Nashville; and the dedication prayer was delivered by R. W. Lashbrook, trustee. Mrs. Fred L. Bell unveiled the plaque paying tribute to her husband. Statements of remembrance were brought by William C. Mays, director of pastoral services at the hospital.

During his time of service with Baptist Hospital, Bell was chaplain, director of religion and personnel, director of personnel and administrative, and employee consultant. He died March 6 at the hospital following a brief illness.

Belmont Alumni Meet Scheduled For November 13

The Belmont College Alumni Association has announced plans for an alumni banquet Tuesday, Nov. 13, during the annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Noel E. Loper, association president, stated that the banquet will be held at Eudora church in Memphis at 5:15 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Belmont Reasons, college performing tour group. Belmont president Herbert C. Gahart will report on recent events on the campus and will make a report on homecoming.

Tickets may be obtained through the school's alumni office through Nov. 7 and at the Belmont booth during the convention.

Life In The Christian Community

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

Background Scripture: Romans 12:1-13; I Corinthians 12:1-13:13

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:1-8; I Corinthians 12:12-13

The previous unit (3) of lessons dealt with God's word about salvation, while we begin today a new unit (4) which deals with God's word about victorious living. The next four lessons are transitional from doctrinal to practical: a sort of giving out of that which has been wrought within. Static salvation results when there is no giving out into the community of the gifts which salvation has brought into the redeemed life. Christianity is not a religion of isolation, it is a religion of social confrontation. It is not a religion of adjectives which are used solely to praise God, it is a religion of verbs which produce the muscles for service.

Practical Christian living can be described in three words: Appropriation, affirmation, and affiliation.

Appropriation: Give to God a Living Sacrifice

Most people hope that when a gift is given to a loved one it is an appropriate gift. Paul felt the same way about the Christian giving to God. He felt this so strongly that he "besought, pleaded, urged" his brethren to present their bodies to God as a living sacrifice. The Jews presented animal sacrifices to God but God accepted them as a type not as the true sacrifice. Since Christ willingly gave his life a ransom for all, God's gracious mercy should have nothing less than a living body in total self-dedication, not a dead body in peaceful repose. Redeemed man should appropriate unto God his body in the most appropriate manner. And what manner is that?

(1) The total body, a living sacrifice. God does not want martyrs, he wants witnesses. He wants man so completely that man will be willing to sacrifice, give without reservation, every aspect of his life.

(2) Holy. A holy body is one that is clean, without spot or blemish, not serving two masters, subservient to his will. The body, sin marred and scarred, must be washed by blood of Christ before it is presented.

(3) Acceptable. God can refuse a gift. He will not accept that which is hypocritical, half-hearted and in love with the world.

(4) A reasonable service. The more correct rendition would be "spiritual service, or an act of worship." Worship is a form of service and service is a form of worship.

(5) Not being conformed to this world. The gift to God should not be molded by the things of the world to conform to the world, but fashioned by the hand of God to conform to his pattern. And this is done by the Spirit renewing man's mind. As a man thinketh, so is he. His thoughts mold his

face. When man thinks upon those things which are pure, lovely, just, honest and of good report, then the transformation occurs, he changes into the transfigured life. His gift then is appropriate.

Affirmation: Use God's Gifts in Christian Service

Whenever man appropriates his life fully in God's service, then he will be using God's gifts in him. Paul admonishes the practicing Christian to use whatever gift God has given him, and all gifts are not the same to every man. Seven gifts are enumerated:

(1) The gift of prophesy. Some men are called to proclaim under immediate inspiration, moved by the Spirit, God's message for mankind. They are the "forth-tellers" for God.

(2) Or ministry. The gift of ministry is given to some who are to care for the needs of others, both physical and spiritual.

(3) Or teaching. The teacher is one who imparts knowledge which he has gained through study. He imparts information, ideas, historical facts, and insights of Biblical truth under the leadership of the Spirit.

(4) Or exhortation. An exhorter is one who appeals to the will primarily, while teaching appeals to the mind.

(5) Or he that giveth. This man is one whom God has blessed and in return for God's blessings, he shares with others, cheerfully, without secret reluctance.

(6) Or he that ruleth. Some men have the

capacity, God-given, to be bishops, overseers. These men are to rule not as lords but as servants.

(7) Or he that showeth mercy. Many believers are called to devote themselves to the visiting of the sick and afflicted. What about our wonderful doctors and nurses?

Affiliation: In the Spirit, unity in diversity

Christians sing, "All one body we," yet there are over 250 different denominations. As there are many parts of the body, yet one body; as there are many gifts, different in different bodies, the many parts of the one body and the various gifts within different persons should be all one body in Christ. If diversity of gifts are administered by the Spirit, there should be no clash or conflict of interest. Paul says that Christ is the head of the body which has many members.

In the church which Jesus Christ established there is no distinction of race, color, culture or economic status. There is no such thing as pigmentation priority, ethnic indispensability, or economic front-seaters.

Just as there are many members of one body and different gifts in different people, functioning for different reasons and expressing themselves differently, yet in Christ as one without favor, so should the various members of the local church function without thought of favor or rank. If the eye should not say to the foot, "I don't need you," neither should one Christian say to another, "I don't need you." We need each other. We need each other to complete the whole.

The Spirit in bringing unity out of diversity doesn't destroy the diversity. He, through making possible love without dissimulation, an abhorrence of evil, a cleaving to that which is good, and a brotherly love which in honour prefers one another, brings about a beautiful relationship of unmatched love and brotherhood.

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Tennessee News Briefs

Central church, Hixson, ordained **Glen Burgess, Richmond Lane, Bob Martin, and Bill Moore** as deacons recently. **Bill Kennedy** is pastor.

Valley Grove church, Knox Association, ordained six deacons recently. They included: **John Bright, J. C. Cupp, Bob Dagley, Ike Freels, Sherrell Ownby, and Steve Vineyard.** **James R. Ely** is pastor.

Joe L. Orr, pastor of First church, Seymour, was married recently to **Mrs. Ruby Collins Disspayne** of Nashville. **H. Franklin Paschall**, pastor, First church, Nashville, performed the ceremony at First church, Clinton. **Mrs. Orr** served the Baptist Sunday School Board for 21 years.

Brownsville church, **H. K. Sorrell**, pastor, joined in sesquicentennial celebrations with Brownsville and Haywood Counties recently. The church, which is only two years younger than the counties, was organized in 1825. **Sorrell** delivered a sermon on "The Good Old Way."

First church, Dandridge, ordained **Curtiss D. Kesterson** as a deacon recently.

First church, Lenoir City, ordained **Herb Linginfelter** as a deacon on Sunday, Oct. 14. **C. A. Redmond** is pastor of the church.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Maurice Blanchard is the new pastor of Lookout Mountain church in Chattanooga. A Tennessee native, he has served as associate pastor of Oak Park church in Chattanooga since 1972. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman college, and Eastern and Louisville seminaries.

Zion church, Haywood Association, called **Rudy Rideout** as minister of music and youth. He has been serving in the same capacity with First church, Huntingdon. **Billy J. Turner** is pastor.

Beverly Dietzschold, minister of children, Central church, Chattanooga, has resigned to accept a similar position with First church, Montgomery, Ala. **Miss Dietzschold** was honored by the church recently. **Bill Hartley** is pastor.

Allen Snow resigned as pastor of the Westel church, Cumberland Plateau Association, recently.

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Zion church, Brownsville, reported, in the annual church letter, mission gifts above 24.7 per cent of total offerings received. **Billy J. Turner** is pastor.

Poplar Springs church, Gibson Association, held note burning ceremonies last month signifying the final payment for additional Sunday School rooms, bath rooms, and bricking of the entire church. **Vance Rushing** serves as pastor.

Alice Bell church, Knoxville, ordained **Troy Dyer, Bill Johnson, Buster Mills, and Harold Waddell** as deacons.

In the Cumberland Plateau Association, the Mayland church ordained **Bill Phillips** as a deacon recently. **J. E. Parrott** is pastor. The ordination council was composed of **Charles Rector, Jim O'Dell, Sam Keyes, Harry Pugh, Lee Moore, and Burl Reeves.**

Central church, Chattanooga, held an ordination service on Oct. 21, in which five men were ordained as deacons. Those ordained were: **Jerry Daniels, Charlie Holder, Ed Malone, Jack Sample, and Max Thomas.** **Bill Hartley** is pastor of the church. **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary of the TBC, delivered the ordination message.

Hickory Withe Mission Becomes Church In Fayette Association

Hickory Withe Baptist Mission, sponsored for the past four years by First church, Somerville, was constituted into a New Testament church on Sunday, Sept. 30, according to Somerville's pastor, **Thomas W. Pope.** It had 93 charter members.

Pastor of the mission, **John L. Foote**, presided over the ceremonies. **Pope** preached the constitutional sermon. Pastors and other ordained members of the Fayette Association participated on a constituting council with superintendent of missions **Raymond Hollaway** serving as chairman.

The first service at the mission was held May 11, 1969 with 14 members. Since that time a \$30,000 building has been constructed and the membership has steadily increased.

John Lampley Elected Moderator Of Judson Assn.

Judson Association met in its 124th annual session at Walnut Grove church in Dickson, and elected **John Lampley**, pastor of Old New Hope church in Fairview, as moderator.

Elected to serve with **Lampley** were vice moderator **Harley Tidwell**, pastor of Walnut Grove church in Dickson; treasurer **John E. Tidwell**, pastor of New Hope church, Bon Aqua; and clerk **Edward Sullivan**, a member of Old New Hope church.

Thomas Sullivan serves as superintendent of missions.

W. W. Hill Elected Moderator And Chairman Of Evangelism

W. W. Hill, interim superintendent of missions for Midland Association, reported that messengers to the annual meeting elected **Haskew Smart, Ewing**, to serve as moderator for the coming year. Other officers elected included: vice moderator **Jack Day, Knoxville**; **Rex Eledge, Powell**, clerk and treasurer; and **Carl Asbury, Maryville**, assistant clerk and treasurer.

The annual meeting was held at the New Pleasant Gap church in Powell. Additionally, **Day** was re-elected to serve as chairman of evangelism.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION HONORS MIDDLETON FOR 30 YEARS' SERVICE

Emory Middleton, First church, Philadelphia, was honored during the recent annual meeting of Indian Creek Association for 30 years of service as treasurer of the association. Elected in 1943, he has attended every annual meeting since that time, according to **Marvin Suiter**, superintendent of missions. He was presented an inscribed plaque in appreciation for his service.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year included: **Ronnie Wilburn**, pastor, Clifton First, moderator; **H. H. Hurst**, pastor, Calvary, vice moderator; **Middleton**, Philadelphia First, treasurer, and **Suiter**, Waynesboro First, clerk.

Hardin County Assn. Elects Abe Silliman, Jr., Moderator

Abe Silliman Jr., pastor of Turkey Creek church, was elected moderator of Hardin Association at its annual meeting. **Silliman** was elected in July 1973 to a vacated office, and was re-elected.

Jim Hightower, pastor of Mt. Hermon church, will serve as the new vice moderator. Re-elected were **Billy Kerr**, treasurer, a member of Mt. Hermon church, and **Jesse Hunt**, member of Savannah First church, clerk.

Marvin Suiter is superintendent of missions.

Central Association Elects Harold F. Hunter Moderator

Central Association held its annual meeting at Forest Park church, McMinnville, Oct. 15, and at Providence church, McMinnville, Oct. 16.

Harold F. Hunter, pastor of Northside church, McMinnville, was elected moderator, and **Fuller E. Neely**, pastor of Westside church, McMinnville, was named vice moderator.

Mrs. George DeArmond, First church, McMinnville, was re-elected clerk and treasurer; and **Burger Grandstaff**, Shellsford church, McMinnville, was named historian.

Raleigh Brady serves as superintendent of missions. **Brown's chapel** was accepted into the association.

Flood Destroys Life, Property In Oklahoma

By Robert O'Brien

A flickering porch light—the only light in the house still operable—probably saved the lives of a retired Baptist couple in Enid, Okla., during the height of recent flooding in northwest Oklahoma.

The flooding, precipitated by 16 inches of rain over a span of a few hours, caused extensive property damage, including Baptist facilities, and took at least eight lives, including the life of Ed Donnel, a member of Enid's First Baptist church.

Orville Seale, 73, and his wife, Mary, 68, spent nearly four hours atop kitchen appliances as water rose neck-deep in their home before their dramatic rescue.

"Mom said they wouldn't leave the house because of the swift current," said her son, Tom Seale, art supervisor for the marketing services art section of the Broadman Division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Seale said his mother, hearing neighbors calling for help, waded to her front door in neck-deep water and saw men in a boat rescuing people across the street.

"So she flicked the porch light on and off to attract attention," Seale said. "It was the only light working. She didn't think they saw it because they left."

But not long after she had climbed back on top of a washing machine, the Seales, both cold and weak, heard a bumping sound and voices calling.

They waded to the front door, but the water had risen so high they could see only the side of the boat at the front door, almost above their heads.

Seale said his mother and father stood on a chair and the rescuers "tipped the boat onto its side in order to pull them up."

Another son, Robert L. Seale, also works for the Sunday School Board as supervisor of a design section in the art services department.

The flood waters, which severely damaged residences, also damaged Bass Memorial Baptist hospital in Enid, although it didn't lose its power as did nearby St. Mary's Hospital, according to reports.

Three Baptist churches, First, Calvary and Trinity, all in Enid, were holding revival services when the flood hit.

Tornado warnings sent people to the basement of First Baptist church, and some were stranded and spent the night. Heavy rains caused the ceilings in the nursery and education portion to collapse.

Young people spent much of the time helping to mop and sweep water out as it came through floor drains and toilet stools, but the revival continued and ended on schedule the following night, the "Baptist Messenger" reported.

Reports also indicated that a newly constructed Baptist church, First church in Dover, suffered extensive damage.

Several Baptist churches in Enid reportedly served hot meals to flood victims during the cleanup operation and have provided other emergency services. (BP)

Maury Association Elects Dennis Lewis Moderator

Dennis Lewis, pastor of First church, Mt. Pleasant, was elected moderator of the Maury Association during its recent annual meeting. Lewis succeeds Bill Delaney, pastor of Highland Park church. Also newly elected was Don Bouldin, pastor of First church, Columbia, who will serve as vice-moderator. Re-elected to the position of clerk and treasurer was Mrs. C. R. Judkins, a member of Highland Park church.

Special recognition and appreciation went to radio stations WKRM and WKOM-FM for their influence in the area in carrying Baptist produced programs "Powerline" and "The Baptist Hour."

The 1974 meetings will be held Oct. 9-10 at First church, Mt. Pleasant, and Rock Springs church, according to William Dunning, superintendent of missions.

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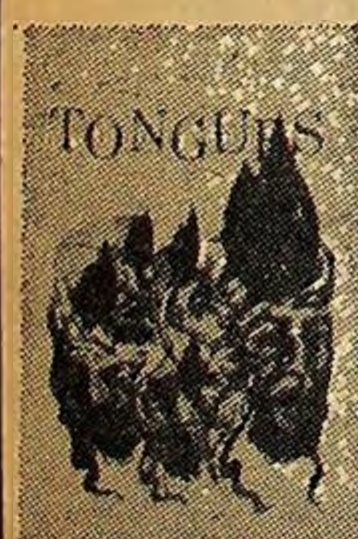
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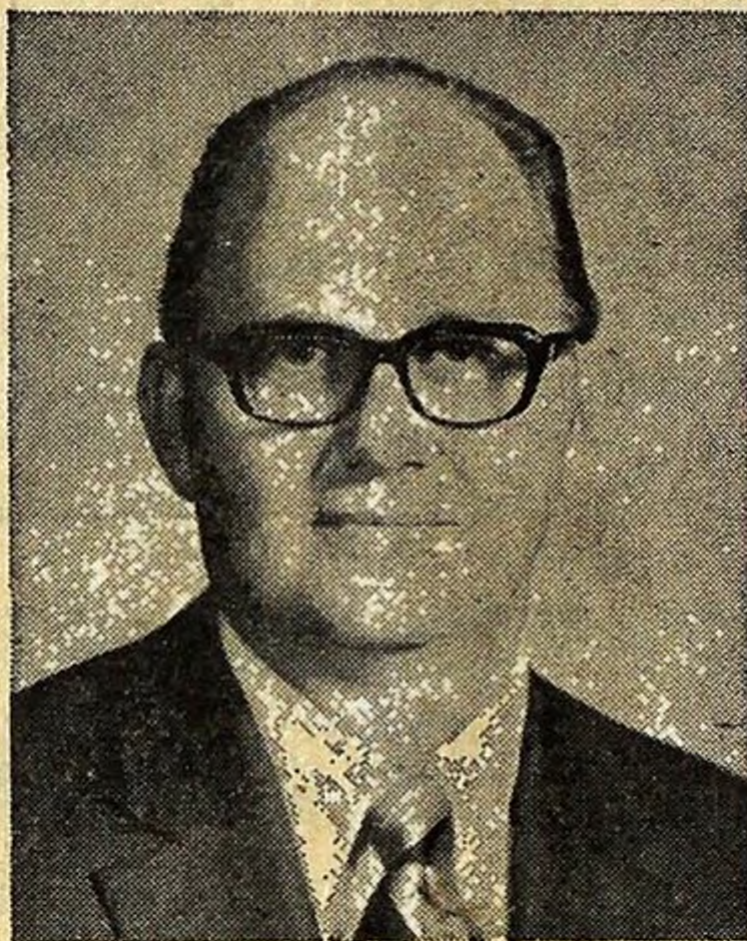
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FMB Reviews Requests For More Missionaries

By Jesse C. Fletcher

RICHMOND—A growing need for overseas workers was evident as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's administrative staff completed its annual review of new missionary requests.

Despite the promise of over 200 new missionary appointments during 1973, the personnel secretaries, looking to 1974, were faced with calls for approximately 900 missionary additions to the board's overseas force of just over 2500 missionaries assigned to 77 countries.

Several fields are in critical need of reinforcements, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the department of missionary personnel.

"We are convinced God is calling men and women to join hard pressed missionaries in these areas," Cobbs said. "If we can communicate the needs, perhaps this call can become clear."

Replacements Critical Shortage

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, pointed out that a major need exists for replacements as well as for capitalizing on unprecedented opportunities to begin new work and to continue advance in established work. Over 150 missionaries have to be replaced each year due to rotation of short-term personnel, resignations, deaths and retirements.

General evangelism headed the "type of work" request list. Cobbs explained this is perennially true because evangelism and church development are at the heart of Southern Baptists' overseas strategy.

Despite the priority given to requests for general evangelists in the past, Cobbs indicated that Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay have not been reinforced in this category in over two years.

Pastors, Evangelists Needed

Forty-one missions filed requests for general evangelists. Language study is imperative for missionaries meeting these needs, Cobbs stressed.

Other requests included calls for a total of 14 pastors for international English-language churches. Cobbs expressed hope that these vacancies will be filled quickly.

"Some of the congregations include overseas Americans, others English-speaking internationals and others a combination," Cobbs explained.

Requests for religious education workers, music workers, women's workers, and the-

ological teachers were processed for missions in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Ministries for university students constituted the largest single "type of work" request after general evangelism, according to Cobbs. He noted that the growth of this work overseas has been rapid, but response to student worker requests has lagged noticeably.

Christian Education Urged

Christian education headed a series of needs including school administrators, elementary, secondary and college teachers. Asia, Africa and Middle America fields filed such requests.

Shortages of physicians, dentists and nurses continue, according to Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant. Other requests in the medical field included hospital administrators, medical technologists and technicians and chaplains.

Calls for specialists in a variety of technical fields were prevalent in the lists compiled from the seven administrative areas. Cobbs pointed to agriculture, radio and television and business as areas of special need. (BP)

(Editor's Note: Jesse C. Fletcher is director of the mission support division, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.)

Gratitude: Sermon Subjects For November 'Baptist Hour'

Gratitude is the name of the game Christians play in relationship to God—at least it should be, according to a series of November "Baptist Hour" sermons.

With the approaching Thanksgiving season obviously in mind, Dr. Herschel Hobbs leads up to it by preaching three sermons dealing with gratitude.

The first, to be heard Nov. 4, is entitled "A Thankless Heart." "When Gratitude is Evil" is the title of the Nov. 11 sermon and "The Pinnacle of Praise," Nov. 18, cites the physical and spiritual blessings of those who love the Lord.

"The Baptist Hour" Thanksgiving sermon will be preached Nov. 25 by Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist church in Roanoke, Va.

"The Baptist Hour," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, is heard weekly on 415 radio stations around the United States.

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Big Emory Association Votes To Purchase Office Building

Messengers to Big Emory annual associational meeting, voted to purchase an office building located in south Harriman, according to J. W. Bargiol, superintendent of missions for the association. The new offices will be occupied by the end of November.

In other business at the meeting, Calvary church, Wartburg; and Fairview church, Lansing, were accepted under the watch-care of the association. Calvary's pastor is James Blakney. T. H. Davis serves as pastor of Fairview church.

Officers elected to serve this year included: moderator Robert Campbell, pastor, First church, Rockwood; vice moderator Lloyd Napier, pastor of Middle Creek church; treasurer R. H. Chevallier, pastor Central church, Kingston; and Mark Scarborough, Oakdale.

Holston Association Accepts Wayland, Valley Hills Churches

Messengers to the Holston Association, meeting in annual session, accepted Wayland church, Jonesboro, and Valley Hills church, Bristol, into the association. Paul Persinger serves as pastor of the Jonesboro church; and Bruce Robinson is pastor of the Bristol church.

In other business, members adopted a constitution change requiring churches to make annual reports to the association, with failure to do so for three consecutive years resulting in withdrawal from the association.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year included: moderator Dewey W. Kerr, pastor, Calvary church, Bristol; vice moderator Omer Painter, pastor, Second church, Greeneville; and treasurer Luther Reed, pastor, Beulah church, Kingsport. Mrs. Tenna Eades, a member of Temple church, was re-elected to serve as assistant treasurer and clerk. Mrs. Sarah Tydings, Bowmantown church, was elected assistant clerk. James E. Harris is superintendent of missions.

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New Church Accepted In Polk County Assn.

Polk County Association, meeting in annual session, Oct. 15-16, received Pine Ridge mission into the association as a church, according to W. L. Shipman, superintendent of missions. Shipman stated that the church had been a mission for over 20 years.

Associational officers, all elected for the first time, included moderator Raymond Simpson, pastor of Oak Grove church; vice moderator Huel Hooker, pastor of Pleasant Grove church; treasurer James Woody, a member of Antioch church; and Mrs. Lucille Shipman, clerk, a member of Benton Station church.

Tennessee Valley Association Re-elects Williams And Denton

Messengers to the Tennessee Valley Association met in annual session, at Wolf Creek church in Spring City and Walden's Ridge church in Dayton.

Harlan Williams, pastor of Wolf Creek church, was re-elected moderator by the group. Kenneth Clayton, pastor of First church, Spring City, was elected vice-moderator to serve for the first time. Re-elected to the post of treasurer was Marion Denton, a member of Smyrna church. Mrs. Alvin Gravette, a member of New Union church, will serve as clerk.

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James V. Lackey Resigns Stewardship Commission Post

NASHVILLE—James V. Lackey, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission since 1971, has resigned.

The Stewardship Commission's executive committee, which met here to consider the resignation, announced "regretful acceptance." They also designated Michael L. Speer, associate executive director-treasurer, as acting executive director-treasurer while they seek a replacement.

Lackey explained, "For some time I have felt mentally and physically drained and in fairness to the Stewardship Commission, whose work and ministry I believe in and support, and in the interest of my family

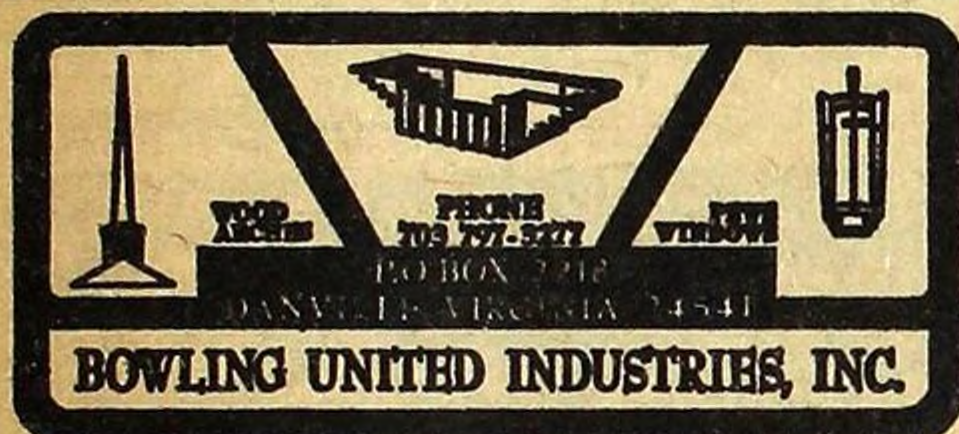
and for my own well-being I felt it best to resign.

"It was a difficult decision to make, especially after having been in denominational work for more than 20 years, including 11 enjoyable years with the Stewardship Commission," Lackey said. "Yet I believe God will bring good to all concerned from my decision."

Lackey, 44, a native Oklahoman, spent more than nine years as superintendent of young people's work in the Sunday school department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board before joining the Stewardship Commission as director of stewardship development.

Before that Lackey, son of T. B. Lackey, former executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, served churches in Oklahoma and Texas as educational director.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist university, Shawnee, and holds master and doctor of religious education degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth. (BP)



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Being Sensitive To Personal Needs

By W. R. White
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Basic Passage: John 4:1-42
Focal Passages: John 4:9-19, 28-29

If we are in tune with God's Spirit, we will be more sensitive to the personal needs of the people whose lives we touch. Some personal needs are more obvious than others. A good knowledge of human nature will often help us sense the needs of individuals but the sensitivity of a spiritually-minded person is more aware than mere human sensitivity.

It is so wonderful to observe the sensitivity of Jesus to human need in different people. Note such individuals as the woman who touched the hem of His garment, Zaccheus and the woman at the well.

We can develop sensitivity by growing spiritually and deepening our concern for others.

A good man I know saw a man in a seat on the train in front of him, several seats down. He felt impressed to pray for him and as he did his concern grew. He dared to get up and sit down by the man and in the course of the conversation he discovered that the man was hungry for some one to guide him to Christ.

While praying one evening a friend of mine felt impelled to go across town to see a prominent citizen who was unsaved. The man was ripe for the gospel and was saved. Philip was guided into a desert to an Ethiopian. It likely changed the course of history in Ethiopia.

Christ Tarried For A Reason
John 4:9-10

Christ and His disciples came to Jacob's well. He sent them into the village while He tarried by the well. A woman with great moral and spiritual need came to the well to get water. This gave Jesus a chance to witness of the water of life. This He did in a most diplomatic way.

The Woman Quibbles
John 4:11-12

The woman observes that Jesus appears to have no way to obtain the water. She asks Him if He thinks that He is greater than His ancestors. She quibbles over minor matters as is often the case when people are confronted with the greatest of all issues.

Jesus Announces The Good News
John 4:13-14

Jesus was not diverted by her evasive questions. He went direct to the heart of the matter. He observed that whoever drinks the kind of water in this well would thirst again and have to continually come for more water. However, the water He has to offer will satisfy once and for all. That is, the basic thrust would be permanently satisfied. He did not mean that we would not

have other spiritual thrusts and hungers that would need to be repeatedly and increasingly satisfied. The initial experience of salvation would not need to be repeated.

Furthermore a spring of satisfying water would be set up in the soul that could be tapped continually and would bubble up refreshingly, eternally.

Jesus Clarifies Her Confusion
John 4:15-19

The woman was still thinking of natural water. She was asking Jesus to satisfy her

natural thirst for water once and for all. This would save her lots of trouble and work. It would be so convenient.

Jesus knew that she would have to be convicted of her sins. He told her to go and get her husband, and return. Then she made a general confession of sin. Jesus became very specific and told her about her past and present life. She confessed Him as a prophet. Then she accepted Him as her Messiah.

She Runs To Witness
John 4:28-29

She left her water pots and ran to the little village to tell about the prophet and Messiah whom she had met. She led them to Jesus.

Beneath the white turbans she saw a multitude of souls white unto the harvest and called for laborers.

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

It is extremely difficult to recognize and pay adequate tribute to all the volunteer workers serving in places of leadership in our many church organizations. We think of the importance of teachers, leaders and directors as they serve so willingly and we are truly grateful for their dedicated service. But my attention has been focused on another group of elected workers as I was invited to bring the ordination message for five new deacons at the Central Baptist Church in Chattanooga recently.



Norton

This service gave me a renewed awareness of the leadership potential of each man who has accepted the role of a deacon, and the importance of his service to the ministry of the total church program. As these men expressed their testimony, it was evident that each one recognized that a deacon must be sound in his theology relating to salvation and to stewardship. They also acknowledged their responsibility in supporting the church program as well as efforts to attend all of its services.

A significant conviction was expressed concerning the role of a deacon as that of a "servant". He must strive to become aware of the needs which he can fulfill, both as an individual layman or a member of the board of deacons.

I believe the time has come when we should recognize that our Christian witness must extend outside the church in a more dynamic way if we are going to make an impact on people who are attempting to attack the churches of today. Certainly a deacon is in a strategic position to help discover means by which this witness can become more effective. I am convinced that a church would not long survive were it not for the laymen who are strong in their convictions and avenues of service.

My prayer at the beginning of this new year is for these men who serve as deacons, that they may be dedicated to their calling and willing to launch forward in new and different ways, if necessary, to accomplish that which God would have them do.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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Mandatory Child-Rearing Course For Every Anticipating Parent?

Many more young people require psychiatric treatment today than even 20 years ago, says Dr. Heinz Lehmann of McGill Univ., but "after the age of 13 or 14, there isn't very much you can do except treat them—just try to put them together again—and often the results are discouraging."

Mental illness can only be prevented by concentrating on the up-bringing of children in the personality-shaping years before 13, the eminent psychiatrist told the **Medical Tribune**. Young parents should be reached through weekly or twice-weekly discussion groups led by someone knowledgeable about child-rearing and child development. At these sessions, parents would share their experiences and receive the support they need to cope with the inevitable problems.

Equally important, children of 12 or 13 should have courses on family dynamics and child-rearing at school so they'll know what they're signing on for if they eventually choose to become parents.

Lehmann believes that courses on child-rearing and child development should be required of every couple planning a baby. "If people want children, which is already a privilege in our overpopulated world, then one should make as sure as one can that the parents do not make major mistakes."

Can't today's parents just rely on their own instincts as generations of parents have done? Lehmann doesn't think so. "It was another society; it didn't have today's instability of all value systems, there was more coherence in the family, more discipline, more self-discipline, more religion. Above all, there was no communication explosion, where everybody is forced to make decisions, major decisions, of his own about war, rebellion, justice or anything that happens anywhere in the world, the minute it happens."

Children have to do this by the time they're 8 or 9 years old—in front of the tv screen, he reminded. "In the past people only heard about a war when it was over."

It is hard for today's parents and children to be sure of anything.

"The authoritarian position of the parents—even in the restricted justified sense—has been given up because the parents often do not have enough self-confidence; they don't know what to do; they're not sure of their identity and their own role in society."

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

The BYPU of the Duck River Association held its first annual meeting at Lewisburg. The president's address was brought by Reverend L. S. Sedberry with special messages by J. E. Williams and S. P. White.

First church, Junction City, reported one of the greatest revivals in its history with 40 professions of faith, 54 additions to the church, and numerous rededications. Sam L. Robarn was the evangelist, and his son, Sam R. Robarn was the music director.

20 YEARS AGO

Newly elected officers for the Middle Tennessee Pastors' Conference were president Lucius Hart, Old Hickory; vice-president Wendell Price, Murfreesboro, and secretary-treasurer Victor Glass, Nashville.

Pastor and Mrs. P. F. Langston were honored by the Shelby Avenue church in Nashville on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church. All-day services were planned.

10 YEARS AGO

First church, Millington, observed its 75th anniversary. H. A. Hunderup, Jr. was pastor of the 1111-member church.

First church, Ripley, dedicated its new \$198,000 sanctuary complex with James L. Sullivan, Nashville, as guest speaker. It was under Sullivan's pastorate, 1938-41, that the building plans were launched.

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FMB Honors Cauthen On 20th Anniversary

RICHMOND—Members of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board have established a special endowment fund and named the board's chapel in honor of Baker James Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, on his 20th anniversary.

The announcement came at a luncheon, widely attended by Southern Baptist leaders, at the board's October meeting.

Board members donated more than \$6000 for the establishment of the Baker J. and Eloise G. Cauthen Endowment Fund, proceeds from which will be used for foreign missions.

The chapel at Board headquarters here, previously unnamed was designated The Baker James Cauthen Chapel.

A Richmond artist has been commissioned by the board to paint a portrait of Mrs. Cauthen to hang in the board's parlor as a companion portrait of the one of Cauthen already hanging there.

Glen E. Braswell, executive secretary for Colorado Baptists, speaking for the board recommended that "immediate steps be taken to find someone to write a joint biography about Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen.

M. Hunter Riggins Jr., board member from Virginia and a Ford dealer, presented the Cauthens with a new Ford on behalf of the board. Mrs. Cauthen was given a world clock that indicates the correct time everywhere in the world.

Before becoming the board's top executive, Cauthen was the board's secretary for the Orient, 1945-53; a missionary to China, 1940-45; a missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, 1935-39; and pastor of rural and city churches, 1926-39.

When Cauthen assumed his present post 20 years ago, 900 missionaries served in 33 countries. Today 2500 missionaries work in 77 countries. (BP)

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