

# Baptist And Reflector

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## Eleven Tennesseans Appointed Missionary Journeymen By FMB

Eleven young people from Tennessee were among 85 young adults approved for training as missionary journeymen at the April meeting in Little Rock of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Journeymen are college graduates 26 years of age and under who serve overseas in jobs alongside career missionaries for a two-year term. They accept assignment based on specific job requests from missions. The 85 will be commissioned for overseas service on July 26 in Richmond, Va.

The Tennessee young people include: **John S. Basham**, employed as an evangelist, Tukuyu, Tanzania. Basham, a senior at University of Tennessee, is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer L. Basham**, Bristol, Tenn. He is a member of Calvary Church, Knoxville.

**Melanie Ann Cooke**, employed as a general staff nurse, Sanyati Baptist Hospital, Rhodesia, is now a senior at East Tennessee State University. She was born in Johnson City and is the daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Cooke** of Mountain City.

A native of Fayetteville, **Sherri M. Halcomb** will serve as a youth worker in Greenville-Sinoe County, Liberia. Now a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, she is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie S. Halcomb** of Fayetteville and a member of First Church of that city.

**John A. Johnson**, employed as youth and music worker, Naha Calvary Baptist Church, Naha, Okinawa, is a senior at East Tennessee State University. He is a member of Central Church, Johnson City and the son of **Mrs. Arch C. Johnson Jr.**

A Belmont students, **Mary Elizabeth Mangrum**, has been employed as an elementary teacher for missionary children in Turrialba, Costa Rica. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Eulis H. Mangrum** of Nashville, her hometown. Her membership is in the Westwood Church of that city.

Employed also to teach missionary children and English in a Baptist school and good will center is **Judy Morgan**, who will serve in Itacoatiara and Manaus, Brazil. She is a member of Immanuel Church, Knoxville and the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Jesse P. Morgan Jr.** of Seymour. She was born in Cosby and grew up in Knoxville.

**John L. Parsons**, a senior at University of Tennessee at Martin, will be employed as a student worker in Hue, Vietnam. He attends Southside Church, Martin, and is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Parsons** of Memphis.

Employed as an English teacher in Seinan Jo Gakuin Kokura, Japan, will be **Charlene Robinson**, a senior at East Tennessee State University. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Robinson** of Mountain City.

**Kay Rodgers**, employed as music and youth director, Immanuel Church, Taichung, Taiwan, is a senior at Carson-Newman College. She is a member of First Church, Jefferson City and the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers**, Kingsport.

**Camille Sawyer**, employed as staff member for weekday ministry, Kyoto Friend-

ship House, Kyoto, Japan, is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. James F. Sawyer** of Benton, Ark. She is a senior at University of Tennessee and a member of First Church, Knoxville.

An elementary school teacher in Church Hill, Tenn., **Kathy Emily Young**, will be employed as medical records librarian and teacher in Mbeya Baptist Hospital, Tanzania. She is a graduate of Austin Peay State University and a member of First Church, Kingsport. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Young** of Clarks-ville.

## Vandy BSU Students In Summer Missions

Ten members of the Baptist Student Union at Vanderbilt University in Nashville have been selected for special mission ministries for the summer of 1974, according to **Jim L. Sparks**, BSU director.

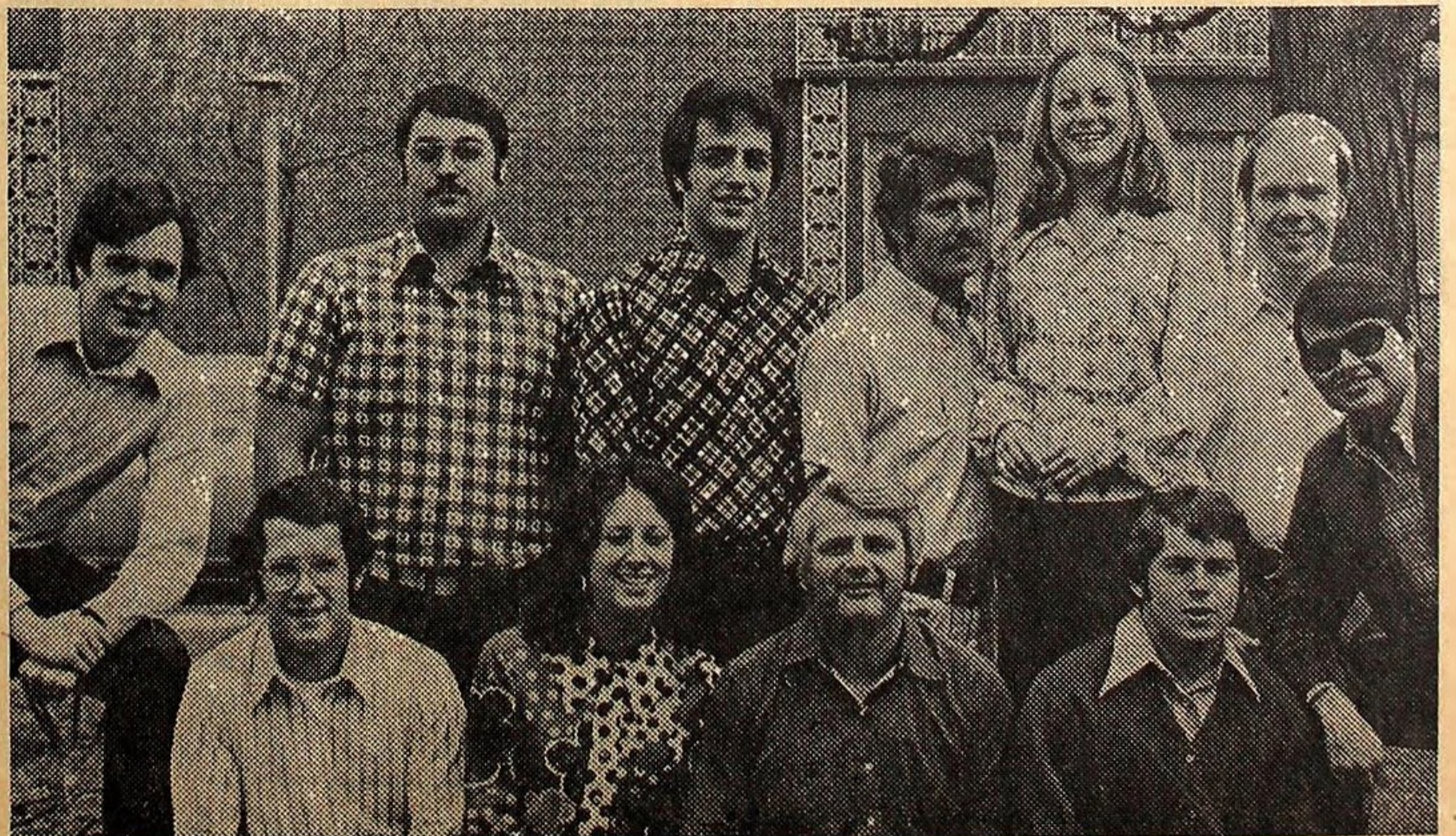
**Carol Caine**, Jackson, Miss., will serve as a student summer missionary to Hampton Beach, N.H. through the BSU, Student Summer Missions program, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Appointed to serve under a similar program sponsored by the Home Mission Board, were **Larry Johnson**, Nashville, to serve in West Virginia; **Mark Freeman**, Memphis, to serve in New York; **Tom Alex-**

**ander**, Potomoc, Maryland, to mission work in Montana.

Working this summer as youth ministers in Nashville churches are: **Lee Royce**, Miami, Fla., Crieviewood Church; **John Michael Jones**, Fairfield, Ohio, Eastland Church; and **Harold Phillips**, Nashville, Woodmont Church.

In addition, two students have been called to serve on the staff of their home churches. **Stewart Clifton**, Jonesboro, Arkansas, will work in First Church, Jonesboro; and **John Finley**, St. Louis, Mo., will serve the Hanley Hills Church in that city.



Vanderbilt BSU students selected to serve in summer missions are pictured with BSU director **Jim Sparks**. **Lee Royce**, **Sparks**, **Marian Bingham**, newly elected president, **Stewart Clifton**, **Larry Johnson**, **Carol Caine**, **Tom Alexander**, **Harold Phillips**, **John Michael Jones**, and **John Finley**.



# The Assurance Of Experience

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life"—1 John 1:1

John wrote this epistle probably A.D. 85-95. It was after his Gospel (about A.D. 80) and before Revelation (about A.D. 95). He was writing to refute the false teachings of Gnostic philosophers who regarded Christ as a created being possessing very little deity. Colossians and John's Gospel oppose the same philosophy. Thus they exalt Christ as God of very God (Col. 1:15-19; 2:9; John 1:1-14).

The Gnostic philosophers were divided into two groups concerning Christ. The Docetic Gnostics (from *dokeo*, I seem) claimed that Christ did not have a real flesh and blood body, only seemed to have. Thus they denied the humanity of Christ. The Cerinthian Gnostics (from their leader, Cerinthus) said that Christ neither was born nor did He die: that He came upon Jesus at His baptism (Matt. 3:16) and left him on the cross (Matt. 27:46). They denied the deity of Jesus. It is just as great an error to deny Christ's humanity as to deny Jesus'

deity. John begins this epistle by affirming both.

He calls Jesus Christ "the Word of life." Only John uses "Word" as a personal name for Christ (John 1:1, 14; 1 John 1:1; 5:7; Rev. 19:13). In fact "Christ" may be substituted without changing the meaning. *Logos* (Word) means the open, spoken manifestation of the speaker. It was used by Greek writers and by Philo, Jewish philosopher-theologian of Alexandria (about 1300 times). But John's writings are Hebrew in nature. Some see his source of Word in the Hebrew *dabar*. "Beginning" here and in John 1:1 suggests Genesis 1:1. Each new phase of creation is introduced by "And God said" (Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26). It seems that this is the basis of John's choice of "Word."

"That which was from the beginning" says that He was eternal, not a created being. "Heard" and "seen" are perfect tenses of completeness. Over more than half a century these experiences were so real that John still hears and sees Him. He heard Him with his ears and saw Him with his eyes. No imagination, but real experiences. "Looked" and "handled" are aorist tenses expressing the historical reality. "Handled" suggests Luke 24:39. So John cites three of the senses (hear, see, handle) to declare the reality of Christ's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth. And he calls Him "the Word of life." "Life" means spiritual, not the animal principle of life.

Thus John clearly refutes the Cerinthian Gnostics by calling this flesh and blood man "the Word of life" or deity. He refutes the Docetic Gnostics by showing that this "Word of life" had a flesh and blood body.

This verse speaks to our day. For anyone who denies the deity of Jesus or the humanity of Christ is a Cerinthian or Docetic Gnostic respectively. These positions are not modern advanced thought, but ancient pagan philosophy in modern form. John declares the deity-humanity of Jesus Christ out of experience. We can have the same assurance through a personal experience of faith in Him. He is the God-man in whom both God and man meet in reconciliation.

## Commemorating Our Heritage—



## Committing Our Future

## Devotional

## An Amazing Way Of Life

John 12:24-26

By Keith Wilson, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Grand Junction

The Christian stands in amazement and awe as he views the faithfulness of his Lord. Our Lord possessed such a loyal love that he took no thought of ever refusing to do the Father's will. Even in the face of inhuman treatment and disgrace, Jesus would not accept defeat in following the command given him. Such treatment as he received would, I am sure, cause most either to turn back or to call for a destructive force against those who were the tormentors.

Yet, Jesus of Nazareth willingly set himself toward the goal of dying on a cross for the redemption of the world.

Only by death comes life. vs. 24. The grains of wheat never produce so long as they are sacked up in a dry storage bin. Only when the grains are placed in the soil where they die to themselves, do they produce the multiplied harvest. The great struggle of our time, or of any age, is not that struggle between nations or that between men—the great struggle goes on in the human heart to determine who is Lord in your life.

The Jews thought of conquest by armies, Jesus thought of surrender of the will; the Jews thought of personal gain, Jesus thought on sacrifice and death; the Jews thought of national identity, Jesus thought of identity with the Father's will. Jesus did not fit the pattern that his people had prescribed for him, He was content to follow the will of his Father. It will be by death to personal desire and ambition that we begin to identify with the kind of life that Jesus spoke about for his followers.

Only by losing life do we retain it. vs. 25. One who loves his own life only is selfish and vain. We may call it desire for security, but our only wish is to keep what we have gained. We may boast about our life, seek to protect our life or even try to hoard our life and exist—but we will never really live like this.

Only by service comes greatness. vs. 26. Those whom we remember in love are those who have served others. Jesus comes to us with a new way of life—life through denial and death! He sees glory in a cross and He was willing to bear his. Now He asks us to assume our cross as a symbol of discipleship. How will you answer this proposition?

## Pulpit To Pen

By Jim Griffith

Christian Home Week is an opportune time to be reminded that marriage is a school in which the "students" often learn too late.

Courtship may be thought of as lovely oceans of emotion; but after the marriage the operation of the home can be defined as "vast expanses of expenses."

And many a man has asked for a girl's hand—only to discover later that he was actually under her thumb.

But the wise bride is the one who waits for a reasonable length of time—after being carried over the threshold—before she puts her foot down.

Still, in fairness to the ladies, it should be said that often when a man climbs the ladder of success, there is a fine, Christian wife standing nearby to steady the ladder.

And no doubt, many homes of today would be a little corner of heaven if they were less mechanized and more Christianized.



# 39th Annual Pastors' Conference

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June 9-10, 1974

Theme: "There Is Hope For Your Church"

## Sunday Night Spectacular

- 6:30 Concert by 500 voice choir, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.  
7:10 Scripture and Prayer, Don Dyer, Baton Rouge, La.  
7:15 "Pastor and His Resources," Henry Brandt, Michigan  
7:45 Testimony, Governor Dolph Briscoe, Texas  
8:00 Congregational and Special Music, Dan Sampson, Pasadena, Tex.  
8:10 "Amen," S. M. Lockridge, San Diego, Calif.  
8:40 Offering  
8:45 Special Music, Claude Rhea, Samford University, Birmingham  
8:50 "Old Time Religion," W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex.  
9:30 Benediction, Bill Sutton, Orlando, Fla.

## Monday Morning Session

- 9:15 Hymn, Doug Scott, Mobile, Ala.  
9:20 Scripture and Prayer, John Morgan, Houston, Tex.  
9:25 Special Music, The Free Spirit, Mobile, Ala.  
9:35 "The Pastor and His Tools," Henry Brandt  
10:00 "The Church's Prophet," Bailey Smith, Del City, Okla.  
10:25 Special Music  
10:30 "The Church is Here to Stay," Ronald Prince, Minden, La.  
10:55 Congregational Sing, Doug Scott  
11:00 Offering

- 11:05 "The Undershepherd of the Flock," J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.  
11:35 Special Music, Doug and Mary Scott, Mobile, Ala.  
11:40 "Lordship of Christ," S. M. Lockridge  
12:10 Benediction, Larry Kennedy, Amory, Miss.

## Monday Afternoon Session

- 1:45 Concert by the Centurymen  
1:55 "Pastor and His Family," Henry Brandt  
2:20 Special Music, Centurymen  
2:25 "The Priority on Evangelism," Harold Fickett, Van Nuys, Calif.  
2:55 Congregational Sing  
3:00 Election of Officers  
3:10 Offering  
3:20 "Pastor's Power," James Pleitz, Pensacola, Fla.  
3:40 Special Music, Nettie Weber, Lubbock, Tex.  
3:50 "Where Pastors Often Fail," Warren Hultgren, Tulsa, Okla.  
4:20 Benediction, Clark Hutchinson, Georgia

## Monday Evening Session

- 6:45 Hymn and Prayer  
6:55 Presentation of New Officers  
7:00 "Preacher's Paradox," Eddie Leiberman, Greenville, S.C.  
7:25 Concert, Robert Hale and Dean Wilder, New York City Opera  
7:40 "The Preacher's Message," Andrew Tampling, Birmingham, Ala.  
8:05 Congregational Sing  
8:10 Offering  
8:20 "The Pastor's Authority," Edwin Young, Columbia, S.C.  
8:45 Special Music, George Beverly Shea, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
8:50 "The King is Coming," Cliff Barrows, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
9:30 Benediction, A. O. Jenkins, Homer, La.  
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## Livingstone To Speak At Religious Education Association

The Tennessee Religious Education Association will hold its spring retreat at Henry Horton State Park May 30-31, according to Lyn Brasfield, TREA secretary.



Livingstone

The featured speaker for the retreat will be Charles Livingstone, group leader of the Church Program Organization, Baptist Sunday School Board. Livingstone has been a pastor, editor, and author, and has written many articles for Sunday School Board publications, including "Using the Sunday School to Reach People."

Bob Stitts, Chattanooga, will bring the inspirational message at the two sessions; and devotional periods will be led by Mary Jane Nethery, state WMU director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and Roy Gilleland, director of Brotherhood for the TBC.

Entertainment will be brought by Bob Norman, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, and Frank Marshall, minister of music at the same church.

President of the group is Greer Ruble, minister of education at First Church, Kingsport.

## C-N Presents Honors Day Awards

Walter B. Shurden, associate professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, was selected to receive the distinguished faculty award during honors day ceremonies held at the school recently.

The recipient of the Lane Bryant award for community service went to Paul R. Cates, assistant professor of education and director of Upward Bound. The student foundation scholarship faculty grant was awarded to Sherman B. Vanaman; and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award was presented to Academic Dean Walter Guyton and students Virginia Travis and Greg Sharpe.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan award is presented to someone demonstrating evidence of possessing such characteristics of heart, mind, conduct, and showing a spirit of love for and helpfulness to their fellow men and women.

Over 30 other students were recognized for their outstanding achievement at the Honors Day convocation.

## Letter To The Editor

That was such an interesting first page you used for **Baptist And Reflector**, Thursday, April 11 about the old receipt!

It might interest you to know that I have been reading **Baptist And Reflector** since I was old enough to read. I am now 85 plus. It used to come to my "Pappy" Jones (George Washington Jones), an old timey preacher at Wheat, Tenn., which is now Oak Ridge.

How he loved his Baptist paper! Each copy was placed on top of the last one on a rope 'kitty-cornered' by the big open fireplace. The rope was stretched across the corner of the room. It was the only paper they took.

Thanks.—Maggie Lee Minton, Route 8, Box 314, Crossville, Tn. 38555



## ***State Papers Must Not Reduce Quality***

At a time when the first literate generation in the history of the world exists, it would be sheer folly to begin thinking of downgrading religious publications.

Yet all our Baptist state papers and newsmagazines are feeling the kind of economic pressures which send them scurrying to find ways of reducing costs.

As might be expected in a time of inflation, none are found save those avenues open to a publication willing to reduce quality and service. Such a compromise should be unthinkable in any state convention since these official journals are the chief means of communications concerning the denomination to our constituents.

Communists understand the power of the printing press, and consequently own and operate the largest and fastest ones in the world. Every country which has fallen prey to their ideology has done so through the influence of the printed page.

All of the sects and cults make much use of printed materials.

Jehovah's Witnesses know that the printed page is more powerful than the spoken word. Observers see the patience of their colporteurs, looking as though they are accomplishing nothing while actually planted leaven for the purpose of doing its nefarious work in silence and secrecy behind the closed doors of those they reach with their beguiling message.

**Our state papers face the paradox of being pulled in both directions from the center.** The more successful we become through increased circulation, the more critical is the economic stress we experience.

We understand our mission to be that of getting into every Baptist home for the purpose of communicating happenings in our churches and denominations around the world. When we succeed, the local church, the denomination, and the Kingdom of God all profit in increased interest and participation.

This network of state papers is the most effective instrument the denomination has for increasing Cooperative Program interest and support.

Gene Russell, freshly come as pastor of Florida Street Church in Greensboro, wrote to his congregation. "In going over the budget, I see the state Baptist paper is not included. That is difficult to understand. Every Southern Baptist church ought to have its state paper in the budget for each family . . . If we are Baptists, then we need to be informed about Baptist work."

The family which does not want it and does not read it is somewhat like the patient in a hospital bed who turns away from the steaming and appetizing meal brought to him.

He has no appetite for it because he is sick! Plan to send the state paper to every family.—Woodrow W. Hill, North Carolina. Reprinted from the **Ohio Baptist Messenger**.

## ***About Vineyard Keeping***

It's often unfortunately true that the busy pastor-minister is not as accessible to his own wife and children as he needs to be.

His concern for others impels him to give the last ounce of strength toward alleviating the distresses of everyone who will accept his ministrations. This has ever been the case of the true pastor.

However, commendable zeal in extending Christian ministry sometimes leaves but little time to see the need close by—perhaps in his own household.

In that wonderful way most pastors' wives have of doing the best they can with sometimes very little help from a busy pastor-husband, they wrestle with the ever-present problems of household finance, child-rearing, and myriads of other daily chores. Their stand "by the stuff" is often a lonely one.

While it is proper for the pastor to live sacrificially for others—his own family surely falls into that category. He doesn't have to give them all his time—but a pastor, if he has a family, should first of all be a husband and a father. The responsibility he urges other husbands and fathers to take with respect to their families must be assumed by himself.

A great and noble pastor-preacher a good many years ago, heartbroken over a wayward son whose dereliction was at least in part due to his own neglect, quoted Songs of Solomon 1:6, "They made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyards have I not kept."

The pastor is just as responsible for the physical and spiritual well-being of his own family as is any other father. He must see that they are fed, clothed, housed, loved, cherished, and won to the Lord Jesus Christ. He **MUST** do this!

The apostle Paul, who never married as far as we know, refrained from doing so that he might be married to the Lord and to His service. Yet, this man said that a husband, no matter what his occupation, was to provide for his family. "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (I Tim. 5:8).

While rejoicing is in order over every spiritual victory won in other households, those victories must not have been won at the cost of neglect of the pastor's own household.

Herbert V. Prochnow has told the story about a six-year-old daughter who was sick and was put to bed early. As her mother was about to leave her side, she called her back. "Mommy, I want to see my daddy."

"No dear," her mother replied, "your daddy is busy and must not be disturbed."

"But mommy," the child persisted, "I want to see my daddy."

The mother again replied, "No, your daddy must not be disturbed."

But the little one came back with more determination. "Mommy, I am a sick woman, and I want to see my minister."

Even the wisdom of Solomon will not enable the pastor to rightly divide his time. Only the wisdom of God, imparted by the Holy Spirit, can do that.

No matter how busy we are keeping the vineyards of others, we all must keep our own vineyards. God's Word says it.

—C. L. Pair, editor, **Arizona Baptist Beacon**





Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Calvary Church, Brownsville, for a new sanctuary. Located on a four-acre site, construction will begin this month by the Foster Construction Co., Brownsville. Pictured above, left to right are: Dorsie Watridge, Jerry Foster, Wiley Harwell, Romus Hight, Bill Robbins, Frances Byrd, and June Brantley. Robbins in pastor of the church.

# POWERLINE

## A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

### YOUNGER SISTER TRYING DRUGS

Dave is in high school, was once on the drug scene, and has a 13-year-old sister who is getting seriously involved with drugs. His problem is not only her actions and attitudes but also family relationships.

My little sister is smoking grass quite often—and she has been tripping a little on acid. I cannot say I am an innocent person to confide in. I was pretty bad. I drank a lot, smoked some weed, and did a lot of stealing. Now with the help of our new pastor I have straightened out by realizing that all I was doing was trying to prove I was cool and get attention. I have talked to my older sister, and we were going to take it to my Mom and Dad but my brother-in-law said not to. He said we should try to convince Alice that it's all wrong. I need some help with her, please. I like POWERLINE very much. It was one of the things that helped me keep on the track.

A disturbing thing is that drug experimentation and use has moved downward in the age scale. This is inevitably what happens in fads or life styles. The young are caught up in the example they have seen in their older peers.

It may well have been a wise choice not to have taken the matter to your parents immediately. However, our counsel is that you will have to be discriminating as to how long to keep it from them. If you can shock your sister into her senses quickly, well and good, but you cannot delay indefinitely communicating this important matter to her parents. They not only love her more than anyone else, they also have the responsibility.

Shake her up any way you can. She might be able to play with marijuana but there is no way to control LSD. Drugs put filters on the mind to distort things, standing on one's head as it were. It is a declaration that she cannot take real situations so she bends them into fantasies. It doesn't change facts, it only changes her perception of them. This means that the child needs unusual attention or counselling or even treatment. This is why I suggest that her parents have the right to know. I am sending along some drug information. Your sister's lucky to have someone else in the family like yourself.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

### Wayne Oates Resigns Southeastern Faculty Post

LOUISVILLE—Wayne E. Oates has reconsidered his earlier acceptance of a professorship at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., although already elected to the school's faculty.

In a letter to Southeastern officials, Oates declined to accept a position as distinguished professor of psychology of religion, which he was scheduled to assume in August.

The 56-year-old professor, who had resigned from the Southern Seminary faculty, effective July 31, to accept the Southeastern post, said in Louisville he will remain there where he will continue his writing and serve as a theological consultant at Norton Psychiatric Center of the University of Louisville.

He has been connected with the psychiatric center for several years in a part-time capacity. (BP)

TANGIER, Morocco—American mothers may complain about too many children in school at once, but Southern Baptist missionary mother, Mrs. Merrel P. Callaway, has voluntarily taken in more than her own. The Callaways now have "twins plus two" with the addition of two Moroccan girls, Miriam and Leila, to their household. The Moroccan girls live with the Callaways and attend school with the Callaways' twin daughters, Margaret and Martha, age 14.

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# 1974 Annual Meeting *Woman's Missionary Union*

**Auxiliary To Southern Baptist Convention**

**June 9-10, Dallas, Texas**

**Dallas Convention Center Arena**

**Theme: "Listen To Your World"**

## **Sunday Evening, June 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"—Sights and sounds of world missions through mixed media, produced by Foreign Mission Board

Sacred Concert, "Praisetime," congregation and guest artists:

Concert bass, Sidney L. Buckley, Easley, S.C.

Concert soprano, Irene Jordan, New York

Duet, Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Concert organist, Joyce Jones, artist-in-residence, Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Concert pianist, George R. Beasley-Murray, professor of New Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

## **Announcements**

Prayer time, James L. Sullivan, president, Baptist Sunday School Board

Music, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Keynote Address: "Listen to Your World," Gardner C. Taylor, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Concert, The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red, New York. Max Lyall, Nashville, accompanist

Commissioning Service for new foreign missionaries, directed by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Testimonies by new appointees

Solo, "The Lord Is My Light" (Allitsen), Irene Jordan

## **Monday Morning, June 10, 9:30 a.m.**

Multimedia Theme Interpretation "My Father's World"

Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley

Address: "Beyond the Ironing Board," Mrs. James Fancher, Jackson, Mississippi, author

Prayer time, Winston Crawley, director, overseas division, Foreign Mission Board

Concert, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Address, "Sounds of Action in Evangelism," C. B. Hogue, director, division of evangelism, Home Mission Board

## **Honoring Alma Hunt:**

To represent the state WMUs, Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, president of Alabama WMU; Mary Essie Stephens, Montgomery, executive secretary of Alabama WMU

To represent WMU, SBC, Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, N.Y., former president, WMU, SBC

To represent the Southern Baptist Convention, Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee

Solo, "Here Is My Life" (Bartlett), Sidney L. Buckley

Address, Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU

Solo, Irene Jordan

## **Monday Afternoon, June 10, 2:00 p.m.**

Multimedia Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley with Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Address, "To the End of Her Heartstrings," Mrs. James Fancher

Prayer time, Mrs. James Landes, Dallas, Tex.

Piano Concert, George R. Beasley-Murray

Address, "Old Word in the New," Mrs. George

R. Beasley-Murray, Louisville, Ky., former president, Baptist Women's League of Great Britain

## **Business**

Concert, The Bahamas Baptist United Choir, directed by Mrs. Ernest E. Brown, missionary to the Bahamas. Introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight C. Clark, missionaries to the Bahamas.

Address, "A World Away," Anita Roper, missionary to Nigeria

Solo, Irene Jordan

## **Monday Evening, June 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Multimedia Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley with Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Organ Concert, Joyce Jones

Address, "To Every Tongue and Nation," Mrs. Olivia S. D. deLerin, El Paso, Texas, executive secretary, WMU of Mexico; WMU editor, Baptist Spanish Publishing House

## **Hymn**

Prayer time, Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board

Feature, "Missions Mosaics in Our Land," presented by Oscar Romo, secretary, language missions department, Home Mission Board, and featuring:

Sami Ammari, Arabic, catalytic missionary, Boston, Mass.

Juana Luz Garcia, Cuban missionary, Atlanta, Ga.

Jimmy Anderson, Creek Indian general missionary, Shawnee, Okla.

Kagenobo Nakamoto, Japanese general missionary, Houston, Tex.

Richard deLeon, Spanish, former US-2 missionary, Southwestern Seminary student, Fort Worth, Tex.

Jerry Seale, director of work with the deaf, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, Tex.

## **Hymn**

Address, "The Word in the World," Eugene Nida, executive secretary, Translations Department, American Bible Society, N.Y.

Solo, Irene Jordan

## **Children's Homes**

### **'My New Sister'**

**By James M. Gregg, Executive Director**

On a recent visit on the campus of one of our Homes, the Superintendent stopped a beautiful teen-aged girl and said, "Brother Gregg, this is your new sister." She was puzzled by his statement, but I said immediately, "Praise the Lord, when were you saved?" She smiled sweetly and said, "Last Sunday." She is my new sister in Christ. Many of our children have had this born again experience during the past year. The greatest of all experiences. The homeless children who come under our care, respond to the loving Christian care of our dedicated and consecrated houseparents and other staff members.

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## **Writers Workshop**

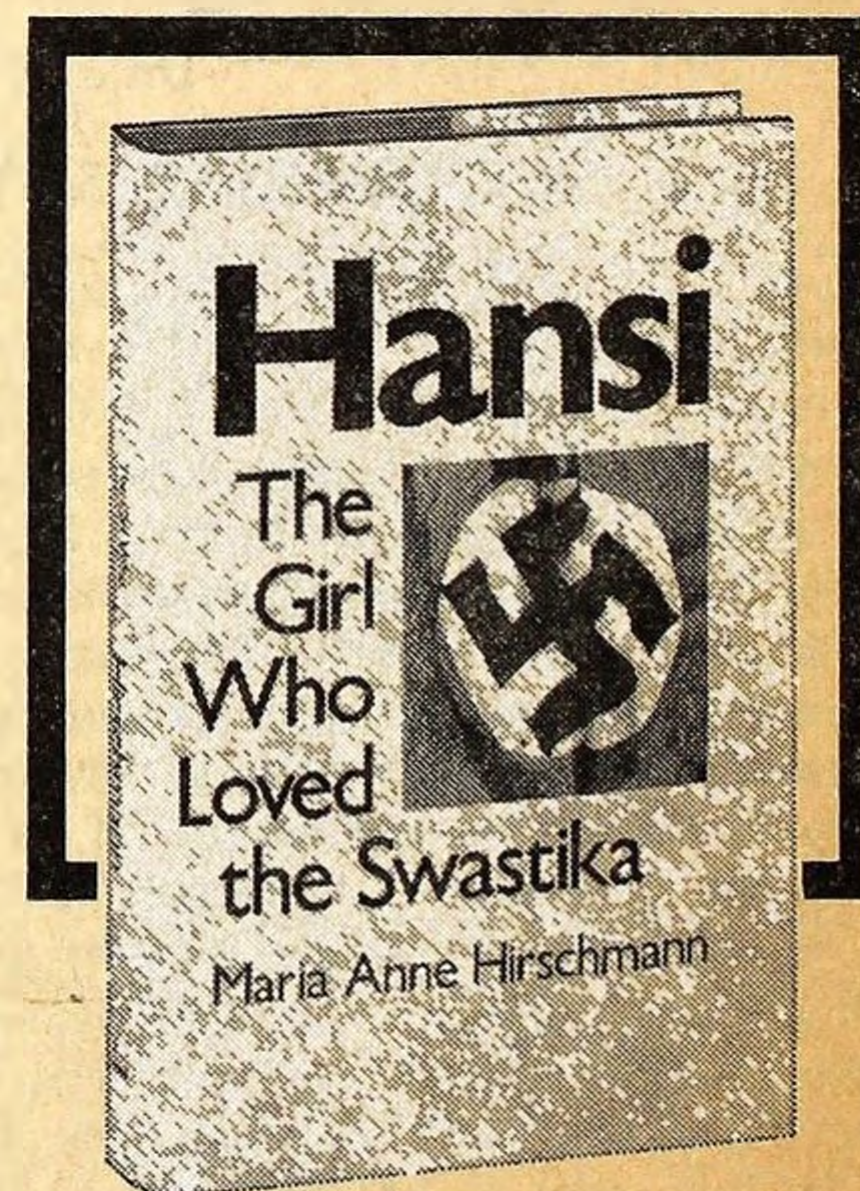
**Set For June 24-28**

A writers workshop, offering practical training in curriculum and article writing, will be conducted at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, June 24-28.

According to Lynn Davis Jr., workshop director and manuscript analyst in the board's Church Services and Materials Division, participants will receive training in actual writing under direction and criticism. They will receive exposure to curriculum and article writing needs and techniques. Each participant will select either type writing and will work to develop skills in his selected area.

The workshop is designed for persons who desire to develop skills in writing articles for church-related publications or in curriculum writing for the board. Melvin Elling Lorentzen, associate professor of English at Wheaton College, will be the main lecturer and consultant. In addition to Lorentzen, selected members of the board's editorial staff will discuss types of manuscripts needed by the board and how to write for curriculum periodicals.

The workshop is limited to 40 persons, and registration must be made in advance.



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# Varied Responses To The Gospel

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

Background Scripture: Acts 17

Scripture Lesson: Acts 17:1b-5, 8-13



Gabhart

The responses given to the Gospel then and now have been of great variety. People in different cities react differently from those with different backgrounds and cultures. People have frequently found the Gospel unpalatable; others have reacted instantly and affirmatively. Jesus in the Parable of the Sower recognized this fact as he described the different soils—the hearts of men—as stony, shallow and fertile, with a wide variation in fruit bearing.

From Philippi, Paul and Silas went to Thessalonica, a distance of 100 miles. Thessalonica was on the main land route from Rome to the East. It survives today as modern Salonika. Men of feeble faith than that of Paul and Silas might have been daunted by their experiences in the former city, but opposition seemed to affect Paul and his companions about as little as a passing hailstorm dents a rock. When men just have to tell others about Jesus, obstacles are nothing more than opportunities and stumbling blocks become stepping stones.

From the encounters in Thessalonica, Beroea and Athens, Paul received a mixed response because he used different tactics in different cities with different groups. Let us look at how he adapted his message and the reception he received in presenting the unchangeable Gospel.

## At Thessalonica—Reception and Opposition

In the largest city of Macedonia on three consecutive sabbaths Paul “reasoned,” explained, discussed, argued “with them out of the Scriptures.” He presented the Christian message, Jesus as the Christ, the Saviour of all men, out of its background in the Old

Testament. Some Jews and a few more Greeks, Gentiles, and a few of the leading women were persuaded (accepted Christ as their personal Saviour) and joined Paul and Silas. However, the Jews as a whole were jealous and took wicked fellows and set the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, Paul’s host. It appeared that the Thessalonians were an easily excitable people.

The religious demagogues catered to the low feelings of the populace. They became the victims of ignorant fears of sordid and selfish minds. They were unwilling and ill-disposed to analyze an uproar. Motivated by jealousy and fear, the Jews tried to make it appear that Paul and Silas were vicious and dangerous men and that they should be driven out of the city. The mental lassitude and gullibility of a “stirred up” crowd, looking for something more substantial than the rabble of a quickly gathered group, began to wave the flag of patriotism: “these all do contrary to Caesar, saying there is another king, one Jesus.”

Patriotic hysteria, when used in defense of personal privilege and profit, is difficult to cope with. When that was fueled by sectarian pride, as in Thessalonica, it created an untenable situation and the brethren sent Paul and Silas by night to Beroea, but a spiritual force had been released in the city.

## At Beroea—Acceptance and Interruption

Beroea was located 15 miles southwest of Thessalonica and immediately upon arrival Paul and Silas went to the synagogue of the Jews and found there the Jews more noble (more open-minded, eager to listen, inquisitive, liberal). The message was the same as at Thessalonica. (The people in Beroea decided to pursue the course of honest investigation of Paul’s message. They tried to give him a fair hearing because they were eager to know what the word of God taught. God revealed himself and his message of redemption to them through Paul.) Many Jews believed along with a few Greek men and women of high standing (17:12).

But selfishness, sectarian pride and jealousy, wafted by emotionalism and nationalism, soon blew into Beroea from Thessalonica. Those disgruntled at Thessalonica were determined to stop the outreach of the Gospel and hastened to Beroea to continue their attack upon “those that had turned the world upside down.” Their accusation was the same: disloyalty to the emperor and it was

a trap that the Jews didn’t want to be involved in. However, the Christians at Beroea, sensing the situation, sent Paul away before any charges could be brought. Even though his ministry was cut short in Beroea, Paul left the nucleus of a new church in Beroea.

He left Silas and Timothy behind to live with the results of his preaching and to carry out the “mopping up activities.” Credit should be given them and to all those who through the centuries have played these roles so acceptably.

## At Athens—Respect and Indifference

It seemed that immediately upon his safe arrival in Athens from Beroea that Paul sent back instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him there. It appears, however, in I Thess. 3:1-3 that they did not join Paul in Athens but Silas went to Philippi and Timothy to Thessalonica.

So alone in “violet-wreathed” Athens, Paul started to reason, dispute, in the synagogue on the sabbath with the Jews and God-fearers. During the weekdays he talked with the Gentiles in the marketplace, the Agora, where Socrates had taught. Since Athens was most famous as a city of philosophers, Paul found the philosophers most cynical and derogatory of him. They cynically asked, “What does this babblers,” seed-picker, parasite, bum, “want to say?”

The philosophers were no more cynical of Paul than he was provoked at them and the city as he observed omnipresent idols which crowded the city of Athens. He was embittered that in Athens, the city of knowledge, it was so given to idol worship. Provoked, he stood up in the midst of Mars Hill and using the words of an inscription he had seen, “To An Unknown God,” he launched out with his message. The message was quite straight forward: God who made all things cannot be contained in man-made temples, nor is he to be worshipped through idols. The true God is Father of all and his Son came to be redeemer of all. His message was also one of repentance.

The reception the Gospel received at Athens was twofold: some scoffed while others procrastinated. Someone rightly said, “Faith in tomorrow, instead of Christ, is Satan’s nurse for man’s perdition.”

No one can fault Paul for being provoked while in the city for there is an appropriate time to be provoked spiritually. Not even the highest achievements in art and the memorials of human wisdom should ever cloud spiritual reality while paganism reigns. Whenever people are in bondage to sin, devoted to material idols and blinded by their own superficial wisdom, the Christian should be stirred within.

Regardless of the reception given the gospel in Athens, Hyde Park, Fifth Avenue or Hollywood, a Christian should be faithful in the proclamation of the Gospel, never surrendering out of fear or indifference.

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# Tennessee News Briefs

Jack Armstrong, Guill Wright Jr., and Allen Withers were ordained as deacons at Hermitage First Church last week. The ordination service was part of homecoming day activities for the 25-year-old congregation. Bill Hamrick is pastor.

Friendship Church, Medina, dedicated its new sanctuary on Sunday, April 21. Tom Lewis, missionary, was the guest speaker. R. J. Akin is pastor.

Funeral services for Joe H. Hilliard, a retired Huntingdon merchant, were held recently with Pastors George Hill, James Fortner, and W. T. Barnes officiating. A member of First Church, Huntingdon, and a charter member of the Brotherhood of that church, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie Suggs Hilliard of Huntingdon; one daughter, Mrs. James Fullerton, Nashville; two sons, Joe Hilliard, Jr., Burlington, Ontario, and Richard Hilliard, Nashville.

Maggie Pierce Ausmus, mother of the late Rev. Dr. Charles Ausmus, pastor of the Lincoln Park Baptist church in Knoxville for 26 years, passed away April 10 at the LaFollette Community Hospital. Services were April 12 at the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, LaFollette, with Pastor K. V. Holt, Fred Garner and Elmer Russell officiating.

Central Church, Kingston, held formal dedication services for a new sanctuary, second part of a major building for the congregation in seven years. Hershel Chevalier is pastor. Participating in the ceremony were Lane Parkison, chairman of the building committee; Clarence Taylor, chairman of deacons; Gary Marsh, First Church, Kingston; Bob Campbell, First Church, Rockwood and moderator of Big Emory Association; Morris Hunt, Kingston; E. H. Howard, retired missionary, and J. W. Bargiol, superintendent of missions for Big Emory.

Zion Church, Haywood Association, voted to begin work on a new parsonage. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately.

In Bradley Association, Council moved into its new church building on Easter Sunday. Construction began a year ago. Thomas Franks is pastor.

Stuart Heights Church, Chattanooga, will hold homecoming day celebration activities on Sunday, May 5. Former pastors and workers will direct the morning services with a dinner on the ground to follow. The afternoon session will consist of films, singing, and a church history presentation. B. B. Dawn Jr. is pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Churches in the Madison-Chester Association holding revivals recently included Antioch, Ararat, Bemis First, Malesus, North Jackson, Parkview, Poplar Heights, Sanford Hill, Southside, Wards Grove, and West Jackson. Antioch, under the leadership of Pat Kough, pastor of First Church, Bemis, reported three rededications. O. C. Azbill is pastor. Ararat's evangelist was Mike Pennington, and song leader was Mike Nolen. There were three professions of faith, one addition by letter, and 24 rededications. Robert Benson is pastor. Jerald Stowe led services at Bemis First and reported 37 professions of faith, six additions by letter. Pat Kough is pastor. Malesus' services were conducted by John P. S. Humphreys, and songs were led by Paul Griz. James A. Nunnery is pastor. Two professions of faith were reported at North Jackson where Howard Kolb of Memphis assisted Pastor James Glisson.

Phil Glisson, Leawood Church, Memphis, led services for revival at New Bethel Church in Harrison. There were eight professions of faith, six baptisms, four additions by letter, and numerous rededications. Don Hulgan, minister of music, led the singing. Vern Duncan is pastor.

Round Lick Church, Wilson County Association, reports 39 decisions, 15 professions of faith including two additions by letter, and 22 rededications following revival there. Eugene Schmid, pastor, was the evangelist. Elbert Mathis led the music.

More than 50 rededications were reported by the Oak Street Church in Elizabethton after revival was concluded. David Walker, Cleveland, was the evangelist, and Lowell McKee led the music. There were nine professions of faith. Forrest E. Stout is pastor.

Pastor Adrian Knipper did his own preaching in revival services at Harmony Church, Haywood Association. There were 13 additions to the church.

Four churches in Bradley County held revival during the past several weeks. New Friendship had one for baptism, one by letter, and several rededications in its revival with Terry Ailer as evangelist. Ted Wood is pastor. Marvin Gibson led services at Candies Creek where Reed Wright is pastor. Four made professions of faith. Harold Smith, pastor of Westwood Church, reports that there were 13 for baptism and 12 additions by letter in their revival; and Calvary reported 15 professions of faith, three additions by letter, and 75 rededications. Jason Faile is pastor.

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Gary W. Webb, a student at Vanderbilt Divinity School, has been called as pastor of Williams Chapel Church in Springfield. A graduate of Kentucky Southern and an Air Force veteran, he was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by DeHaven Memorial Church in LaGrange, Ky.

D. Lewis White, Baptist Sunday School Board, is serving as interim pastor of the Saturn Drive Church in Nashville. He succeeds Jim Dusek who accepted a position with First Church, Columbia.

David Burton, Union University, has accepted a call to become associate pastor in charge of youth education and activities at First Church, Camden. A native of Tiptonville, he is already on the field. Buck Morton is pastor.

Two Rivers Church, Nashville, called Ken E. McNutt as minister of recreation. Now minister of recreation at Dawson Memorial Church in Birmingham, he came to the new position on May 1. He has been in Birmingham since 1969 and served earlier as minister of activities for River Oaks Church in Houston. Jim Henry is pastor at Two Rivers.

Providence Church, Central Association, called Don Franks as pastor. He is now pastor of DuPont Church, Sevierville. Welchland pastor James Hickey has resigned to become pastor of Shiloh Church in Polk County.

William C. Stockton recently accepted the call to become pastor of the Homesteads Church in Crossville. He has been serving the church as interim pastor for the past several weeks. He is a graduate of Southern



Rev. and Mrs. William Stockton

Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and holds the Master of Arts degree from Tennessee Tech University. His former pastorates include eight years with First Church, Mt. Juliet, and four years with East Church at Lewisburg.

(Continued on page 9)



# Brown Steps Down As Dean Of Southeastern Seminary

**WAKE FOREST, N.C.** — Raymond Brown, academic dean at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here since 1966, has resigned to return to full-time faculty status as professor of New Testament interpretation at the seminary.

Brown, who first joined the Southeastern faculty in 1964, said in a letter to O. T. Binkley, seminary president, that his resignation would become effective no later than July 31, 1974.

The date coincides with Binkley's retirement as president of the Southern Baptist seminary.

"I told Dr. Binkley in October, 1973, I did not intend to remain in the dean's office past his retirement," Brown told Baptist Press. He said Binkley had assured him in a letter in 1969 that his election as dean did not interrupt his tenure as professor of New Testament interpretation.

"I have always felt I would return to full-time teaching, which is my first love," said Brown, who has carried a half-time teaching load at Southeastern during his tenure as dean. "Dr. Binkley said he hoped I would carry the responsibility of the deanship as long as he was in office and that is what I have done."

"Dr. Brown has done excellent work as academic dean and as professor of New Testament interpretation," Binkley said. "I hold him in high regard."

Brown, 50, spent some four years on the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., before joining Southeastern. He is a former professor of Bible and Religion at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., and has held two pastorates in Virginia.

A native of Baker, La., Brown is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Baton

Rouge, and earned bachelor of divinity and master of New Testament degrees from Yale Divinity School and a doctorate in New Testament from Southern Seminary. He has also done post doctoral studies at the University of Tuebingen in Germany. (BP)

## An Added Estate

By Jonas L. Stewart

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

He said, "I have just added an estate to my assets—one that I intend to give away and not affect distribution of the one that passes under my will. It won't cost my heirs one dime."

Upon inquiry as to his plans I learned that he had taken out a life insurance policy and named the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as beneficiary. He wanted to have a trust agreement drawn. The trust will be funded with the proceeds of the policy at his death. If his wife survives him she will receive the income from the trust as long as she lives. At her death the income will be used for World Missions through the Cooperative Program until Jesus comes.

He might have named a college, seminary, children's home, or any other Christian cause as the beneficiary. He has provided an added estate that will perpetuate his testimony for Christ for ages to come. He could have done it by changing the beneficiary of an existing policy or naming the Foundation as a contingent beneficiary.

Your insurance agent can advise you in this or you may write our office: Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

## Nominations For SBC Annual Sermon Preacher Requested

**LITTLE ROCK**—Nominations for persons to preach the annual convention sermon at the 1975 Southern Baptist Convention session in Miami Beach, Fla., are being accepted by the SBC Committee on Order of Business, the committee's chairman said here.

W. O. Vaught, committee chairman and the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church here, said the committee would consider every name submitted before giving its recommendations to the convention in Dallas, June 11-13.

Vaught asked that suggestions be sent to the committee in care of the chairman by writing to him at the church address, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72203. (BP)

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES

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In Bradley Association, **Leonard Guinn** has resigned as pastor of Gum Springs Church.

Brownsville Church, Haywood Association, called **Ken Bryan** as minister of music and youth. A graduate of Union University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, **Bryan** is already on the field. In the same association, **H. D. Hudson** resigned as pastor of Poplar Corner and accepted a call to Puryear Church in Puryear.

**Bob Rose** has been called as pastor of Pleasant Plains Church, Madison-Chester Association. He is already on the field. In the same association, **Maurice Hays** resigned as pastor of Beech Grove Church, and **Harry Hargrove** is serving as interim. Henderson First Church called **John Coppedge** as youth pastor. He is a student at Union University. Pleasant Hill Church's new pastor is **Maurice Hays**.

In Hardeman County Association, **Marvin Robertson** resigned as pastor at Ebenezer; and Hebron Church called **Ewell McKinnie** as interim pastor and **Dennis McKinnie** as music director. Cloverport's new pastor, **Albert Daniel**, will be on the the field some time this month.

## Other Happenings

President **John Fincher**, Carson-Newman College, has announced that in an attempt to recruit more outstanding students from Tennessee, the college will begin offering annually an academic scholarship to the valedictorian in the graduating class of each of the more than 380 high school in the state. The award, valued at \$1200, will be presented to each valedictorian either at graduation or honors day beginning this spring.

The membership of Central Church, Hixson, established a record attendance in Sunday School of 767 and gave a total of \$54,000 for additional land purchase. **Billy Kennedy** is pastor.

**Richard Skelton**, Hickory Grove Church, Gibson County Association, announced his call to the gospel ministry in April 14. **Jerry Legg** is his pastor.

**WANTED**—Retired ministers full or part-time to work with Christians, churches and pastors. Write giving background and phone number to **John McCurley**, P. O. Box 1054, Hendersonville, TN. 37075



# Electronic Communications Seminar Plans Finalized

**BRENTWOOD**—Plans are complete for the Electronic Communications Seminar set for May 23-24 at the Executive Board Building of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Brentwood.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide

sponsibilities in churches, associations and the state convention agencies and institutions.

The program, according to Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is planned to



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information and instruction in the use of electronic media by Tennessee Baptist churches and denominational personnel.

The seminar is the first to be planned by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for in-depth participation by pastors, church staff members, and those persons with communications re-

sponsibilities in churches, associations and the state convention agencies and institutions. provide an atmosphere for full exchange of electronic media information and ideas relative to the local church's proclamation of the gospel.

Registration opens at 12:15 p.m. for those who have not pre-registered. To pre-register write: Church Training Department, TBC, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tn. 37027.

The seminar session begins at 1:30 p.m.

## West Tenn. Preachers' School Scheduled For July 8-12

The annual West Tennessee Summer Preachers' School will be held at Union University July 8-12, 1974, and will feature special studies for pastors and their wives.

Dr. Lewis Sewell, dean of religious affairs and coordinator for the week-long program, stated that the emphases of the school will be study, worship and fellowship.

Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., will lead the ministers in a study of the book of Acts and Dr. Lee Morris, pastor, Robertsville Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, will direct the sessions related to pastoral counseling.

Biblical preacher for the school will be Dr. James C. Taylor, professor of preaching, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. Mrs. Wilodene Peek, Tennessee president of the Woman's Missionary Union, will present a mission study for the wives.

Cost of the school will be \$3.00 for individual and \$5.00 for a couple. This fee pays for all meals, lodging and some school materials.

Registration will be held on the first day of classes, but pre-registration is open immediately. Additional information about the school may be obtained from the office of religious affairs at Union.

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR PROGRAM

### Thursday, May 23

#### Afternoon Session

- 1:30 Music—Frank Charton, director, Church Music Department, TBC; Meditation—Charles Norton, director, Church Training Department, TBC; Don Madaris, associate, Church Music Department, TBC; Welcome—Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC
- 1:45 Radio And Television News—Chris Clarke, news director, WLAC-TV, Nashville
- 2:45 Church Audio-Visual Education—M. F. Mayo, Broadman Consumer Sales Department, Baptist Sunday School Board
- 4:15 Refreshment Break
- 4:30 Private Consultations And Visit Exhibits
- 5:30 Dinner

#### Evening Session

- 6:20 Music—Frank Charton; Meditation—Johnnie Hall, Jr., director of Adult Work, Church Training Department, TBC; Don Madaris
- 6:30 Keynote Address—Jimmie Morriss, (Electronic Media In the Space Age), secretary of communications, North Carolina Baptist Convention
- 7:30 Television . . . Policy-Programming-Production—Bob Thornton, executive television producer, Radio and Television Commission; Charles Roden, vice-president Technical Services, Radio and Television Commission; Tommie King, general sales manager, WSM-TV, Nashville.
- 9:00 Private Consultations And Visit Exhibits

### Friday, May 24

#### Morning Session

- 9:00 Music—Frank Charton; Meditation—

Fred Laughon, special assistant to the President, Radio And Television Commission, Richmond, Va.

- 9:15 Radio . . . Policy-Programming-Production—Ed Malone, vice-president radio production, Radio and Television Commission; Paul Ruhle, manager, WSIX Radio, Nashville
- 10:45 Refreshment Break
- 11:00 Radio And Television Commission and Timerite, Inc.—Charles Roden; W. C. Woody, president, Timerite, Inc., Dallas
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Cable . . . Policy-Programming-Production—Jimmie Morriss; Joe Haas, director of research division, Metro Planning Commission, Nashville
- 2:30 General Question and Answer Period—All Subjects
- 3:00 Private Consultations And Visit Exhibits

## Student Loan Fund To Honor Dr. And Mrs. R. Kelly White

A student loan fund has been established for Belmont College in honor of Dr. and Mrs. R. Kelly White, according to a recent announcement from Ernest J. Moench, Nashville, treasurer of the fund.

White was the first president of Belmont, serving for seven years. Prior to his service at the school, he was pastor of Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. He held that position for 18 years. White will celebrate P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tn. 37027. The Seminar session begins at 1:30 p.m.

## Nashville Pastors Chosen For Bible-Preaching Conferences

Two Nashville pastors have been selected as guest preachers for the Bible Preaching Conferences to be held this summer at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department.

The conference at Glorieta is slated for July 27-Aug. 2; and the Ridgecrest conference will be held Aug. 10-16.

Robert Norman, pastor of Belmont Heights Church, will preach at the evening services at Glorieta; and Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Church, will be featured at Glorieta. Other Baptist leaders who will preach during the day services at both Glorieta and Ridgecrest include Ray Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Church, Springfield, Mo.; and Stuart Arnold, consultant in the extension activities section of the board's Sunday School Department.

Conferences will be held in the areas of church administration, pastoral ministries, family ministry, and vocational guidance.

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# Southern Seminary Damage May Approach \$1 Million

**LOUISVILLE**—Preliminary estimates of tornado damage to property of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here may approach the \$1 million mark, seminary officials report.

Damage to buildings is fully insured, but more than 300 trees on campus, felled by the twisters' fury, are uninsured. Relandscaping efforts alone will exceed \$250,000 in cost, according to estimates. Original estimate of about 75 trees lost has swelled as the seminary continues cleanup operations. Many of the huge trees are 30 to 50 years old.

Although a spokesman said the 18 buildings on the campus sustained no permanent structural damage, as earlier reports had corroborated, Foster Hall, an apartment building for staff personnel, did suffer extensive wind and rain damage. The seminary evacuated nine of the 12 apartments in the building.

Almost every building on campus suffered some roofing loss. Three buildings—Mullins, Fuller and Williams Halls—lost cupolas from their roofs, seminary officials report, and Fuller Hall lost three of its four ornamental columns. Buildings on campus lost hundreds of window panes.

Classes, dismissed for a week following the April 3 disaster so that students could continue relief efforts in the stricken area, were to resume after spring recess on April 22.

Student relief centered not only around the campus but in several devastated towns in Kentucky and Indiana.

Because two power substations were disabled near the campus, the seminary was without electricity and heat for more than a week, following the tornadoes which left a 10-mile gash in metropolitan Louisville, inflicting heavy damage in the Crescent Hill area just north of the seminary.

Both electricity and heat were still unavailable in 16 of the 18 buildings on the main campus three days before the scheduled spring recess, which was to begin on April 12.

No deaths and only eight minor injuries

were reported to members of the seminary community of 1,500 persons. But many student automobiles were damaged or destroyed when hit by giant oaks and beeches uprooted by twisters.

Some 30 student families had to be relocated when their off-campus apartments were devastated in the Crescent Hill neighborhood. Twelve faculty members and staff suffered heavy damage to their homes. (BP)

## C-N Student Body Selects Cheerleaders

**JEFFERSON CITY** — Carson-Newman College cheerleaders for the 1974-75 school year have recently been elected by the C-N student body.

Those elected were: Gloria Anderson (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lowell Anderson of Bristol, Tenn.), Steve Glover (Mr. and Mrs. Edward Glover of Jefferson City, Tenn.), Juanita Heath (Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Heath of Mechanicsville, Va.), Sherry Heatherly (Rev. and Mrs. Paul Heatherly of La Follette, Tenn.), Susan Oliver (Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Oliver of Gaffney, S.C.), Debbie Romans (Rev. and Mrs. Bennett Romans of Marion, Va.), Sally Starnes (Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Starnes of Granite Falls, N.C.), David Shepherd (Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shepherd of La Follette, Tenn.), Clyde Ray Tipton, Jr. (Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ray Tipton, Sr. of Maryville, Tenn.), Angela Wood (Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wood of Charlotte, N.C.), and Brenda Murray (Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murray of Melbourne, Fla.).

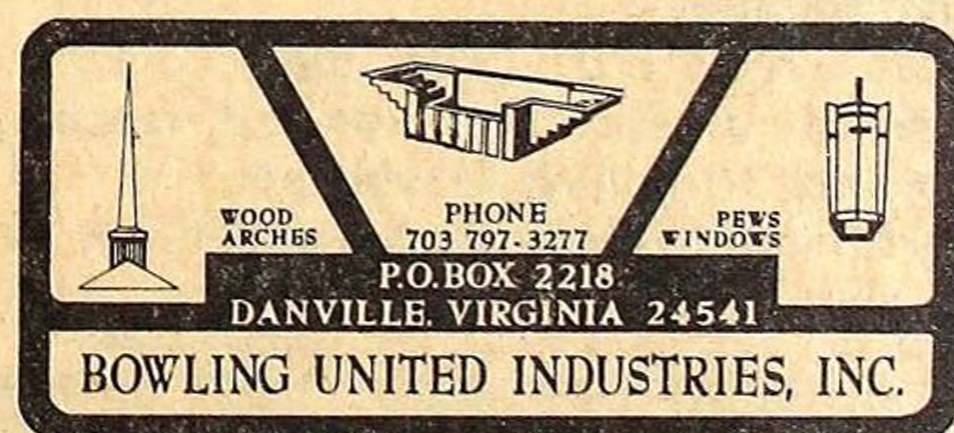
## Annuity Board To Host Breakfast In Dallas

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will host a breakfast for its annuitants who come to Dallas to attend the annual meeting of the SBC this year, according to Kermit E. Whiteaker, vice president and director of retirement guidance.

The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13, in the Crystal Ball Room of the Baker Hotel in Dallas. Anyone receiving an annuity from the board is welcome at the breakfast as guest of the board. Tickets may be picked up at the Annuity Board exhibit in the Convention Hall on Tuesday, June 11.

The Annuity Board has customarily sponsored an annuitants' luncheon during the SBC meetings, but has changed to a breakfast this year to avoid conflicts with alumni luncheons held by seminaries and colleges.

**BANGALORE, India**—A new student center here to be used by students of Bangalore, particularly students at the University of Agricultural Sciences, has been dedicated by the Indian Baptist Mission. The student center, which will open later this year, was made possible through the gift of an Episcopalian layman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jere L. Crook Jr. of Memphis, Tenn. The Crooks gave \$25,000 for the construction of the building and have established a perpetual endowment fund for its operational costs. The center is named the Senter Cawthon Crook Christian Student Center in honor of Crook's brother.



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# Baptists In Portugal See Prayers Answered

By Mrs. John M. Herndon

Southern Baptist Missionary

**LINDA-A-VELHA, Portugal**—Prayers are answered. Portuguese Baptists find this to be true after making a study of the past six years of mission work.

Baptist work in Portugal, which dates back to 1907, has always been slow but progress is evident. In 1967 a study was conducted and goals were set.

A seminary, so badly needed, was only in the planning stage. A search for a location for a Baptist book store had been going on for several years. Property was needed for a national assembly and radio work was but a dream.

Churches began working and praying. They decided to add to the list of goals the beginning of work in at least five strategic cities where no Baptist witness existed, beginning a training school for laymen and aiding in the construction of five new church buildings.

During the succeeding six years God has opened doors in Portugal that many people believed impossible.

A small but thriving seminary is in its fifth year with 11 students.

A Baptist book store is located on one of the busiest streets in Lisbon serving hundreds of people each week plus forty-one churches.

The national assembly program is expanding since property was purchased in 1969 at a beautiful location in the center of the country.

Two weekly radio programs go out over the strongest network in Portugal, reaching the nearly 10 million inhabitants.

New work has been started in not five, but nine new areas.

A training school for laymen is being organized.

Five churches now have new buildings.

In addition, all three offering goals—home mission, foreign mission and co-operative program—were exceeded by at least \$1,500. There is also one more church than the projected goal. Only membership and the number of baptisms do not exceed the goals set. The church membership has increased from 1,658 in 1967 to 2,500, 500 short of the goal. The number of baptisms yearly has increased from 118 in 1967 to 200, 50 short of the goal.

Portuguese Baptists are convinced that goals, combined with hard work and prayer, bring positive results. God is at work in this small country where change comes slowly. But 60 percent of Portuguese cities are without Baptist witness, so prayers continue as Portuguese Baptists look to the future.

## New Books

**Journey Into Fullness** by James Mahoney, Broadman Press, 144 pp., paperback. Using the analogy of God's children of Israel in Egypt as representing the life style of the Christian. The plot of his drama is the journey the Christian takes while seeking to close the gap between God's promises and our possessions.

**The Velvet Covered Brick** by Howard Butt, Harper & Row Publishers, 186 pp., \$5.95. The book takes unfashionable words, authority and submission and dares to suggest their reliance today. It is deeply Christian and personal in tone. The author is his own kind of Christian rebel.



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## Time For Nominations

By Roy J. Gilleland

If you have nominations for men to serve as State Brotherhood Officers for 1975, please mail your recommendations now to the Brotherhood Department, P.O. Box 647, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

The nominating committee will consider nominations from each of the eight regions of the state for regional vice-president, regional pastor advisor, regional Royal Ambassador leader, and regional Lay Witness leader. Other nominations will include the state president, vice-president, and recording secretary. These officers will be elected at the State Brotherhood Officers Meeting at Brentwood, September 20-21, 1974.

The nominating committee is composed of Malcolm Barrett, chairman, 414 Southwood, Nashville 37217; James Maynor, Route 1, Benton 37307; Jim Nugent, 8207 Sawyer Brown Rd., Apt. B-5, Nashville 37221; R. C. Thornbury, 3308 Lockwood Dr., Chattanooga 37415; and Kenneth Rose, 1118 Morningside Dr., Maryville 37801.



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# 'Send Resolutions Now,' SBC President Urges

**YAZOO CITY, Miss.**—Owen Cooper, a layman and president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), has urged that persons desiring to introduce resolutions at the denomination's annual meeting in Dallas, June 11-13, send an advance copy to the resolutions committee chairman.

Lavonn D. Brown, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Norman, Okla., is chairman of the committee.

Cooper said the large number of resolutions being introduced annually to the SBC, "requires the reduction of time required for introducing resolutions and their referral to the resolutions committee."

Persons desiring to present resolutions are asked by Cooper and Brown to type the proposed resolutions, double spaced, or present them in longhand, if typing facilities aren't available.

If the resolution includes more than 200 words, a summary, in writing, of not more than 100 words must be submitted along with the resolution; the persons introducing the resolution will be required to state his or her name and read the 100-word summary only.

To prevent log-jamming of resolutions,

the SBC three years ago in St. Louis adopted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee that added to the bylaws of the convention a request that "copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairman 30 days before the convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

Resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are usually referred to the resolutions committee, which in turn reports on recommended resolutions during the final two days of the convention.

Cooper and Brown observed that the bylaw doesn't prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that hasn't been sent in advance to the resolutions committee. Rather, the resolutions aren't officially introduced and can't be acted upon by the committee until presented to the full convention, he noted.

Mail copies of proposed resolutions to be submitted to the convention in advance to Brown, the chairman, at First Baptist Church, 211 West Comanche, Norman, Okla. 73069. (BP)

## Belmont Freshmen Award Recipients

A Franklin youth and a Nashville coed were corecipients of Belmont College's annual freshman award presented in student convocation Monday in Massey Auditorium.

Gary Alan Lowry, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Lowry, Franklin, and Karen Medley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Medley Jr., Nashville, received the coveted award.

Presented by Mrs. Andrew Benedict in memory of her mother, a former hostess of the college, the Henriette Richardson Bryan Freshman Award is presented annually. It is given by the faculty awards committee to the two freshmen, man and woman, adjudged "most outstanding in qualities of leadership and citizenship."

Lowry is a music business major and member of the Belmont Reasons, performing tour group. He is an active member of Nashville's First Baptist Church where his father is minister of education.

Miss Medley is a member of Crieveewood Baptist Church and is a biology major. Her father is associate professor of mathematics at Belmont, while her mother is secretary to the Belmont dean of students.

## Ray F. Williams To Retire From Chilhowee Faculty

Ray F. Williams, a teacher, coach, and maintenance worker at Harrison-Chilhowee Academy for over 13 years, will retire at the end of this school year.

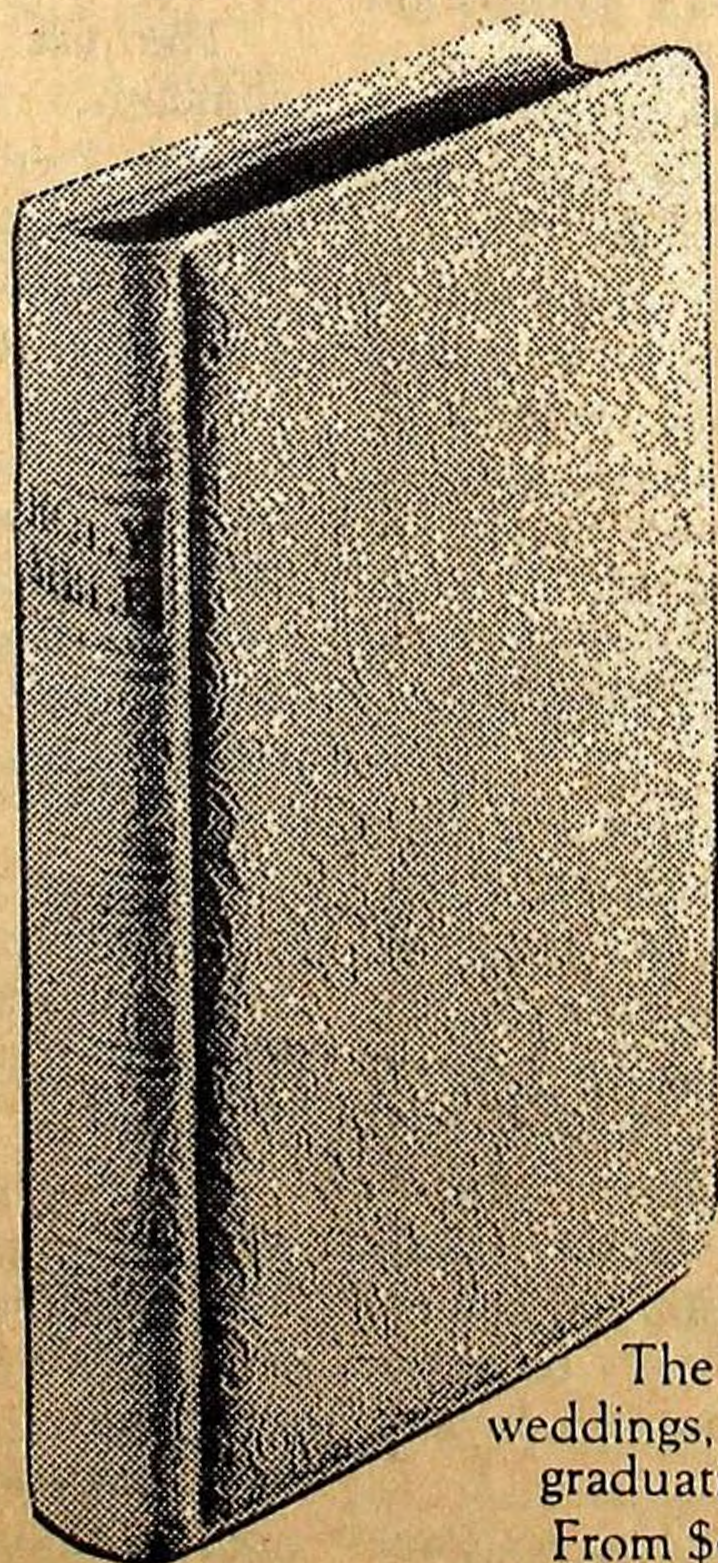
Williams was called to the ministry in Hot Springs, Ark., at the age of 21, and entered the academy in 1933. He graduated in 1935 and received the B.A. degree from Furman University in 1939 and the Th.M. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1945.

He served churches in South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee (Sevierville). He returned to Chilhowee in the summer of 1961 working in the school's farm program, teaching, doing maintenance, and assisting in coaching football and basketball. He later became a full-time teacher and continued as assistant coach. He has served also as pastor of Antioch Church in Sevierville while at Chilhowee.

After retirement, Williams plans to continue as pastor of Antioch Church.

**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..."**

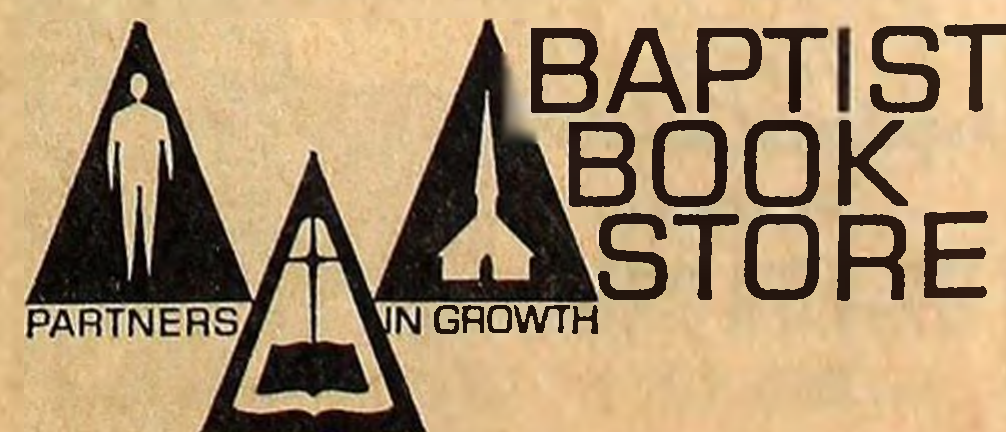
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# Regard For One Another

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

**Basic Passages: 1 Cor. 7:2-5; 13:4-7; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Peter 3-7**

**Focal Passages: 1 Cor. 7:2-5; 13:4-7; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Peter 3-7**

Family life constitutes the very foundation of society. In fact the family is the basic unit of organized life in society. Proper regard of every member of the family for every other member is so essential.



White

The relationship between the husband and wife with mutual love, mutual respect and mutual devotion creates the real attitude and atmosphere for the family. This requires true wholesome affection and eternal vigilance so that

proper relations may be nourished and sustained.

It is also true in case there are children in the home. A basic necessity is for real relations between parents and the children and also among the children for each other. These ideals and standards are not automatic. It is a matter of alertness and continued cultivation. Neither individuals nor families can afford to be isolated units. In fact, neither can exist within a vacuum. There are inevitable relations between both

whether good or bad.

A family should be an orderly unit. Even the atom has subdivisions which actively operate with harmony toward each other. Our solar system is kept in harmonious operation through the influence of the sun. If a comet from outer space comes within the area of our solar system, it is brought into harmonious relations with all parts of the solar system through the influence of the sun. It follows an orderly path with controlled speed, making its movement predictable by astronomers.

The family, however, is not so inevitably orderly. Human viewpoints are involved, therefore it must be somewhat like a game which has rules and regulations or else there is anarchy. No one is interested in watching a game that is not played by any rules. It would not draw many fans of consequence. The home must have its standards and ideals by which it operates.

The great lessons of life, the learning and practice of rules and regulations that will cover the large social order must take place in the home.

## **Rights And Obligations 1 Cor. 7:2-5**

The apostle Paul had been discussing voluntary celibacy because of the unusual situation involved in missionary work in his day. He did not want an abnormal condition to exist to the point where there might be a greater possibility of immorality. He therefore suggested that where it is felt that the test would be too great, they should marry. In doing this he lays down a guiding principle with reference to all married relationships. He commands monogamy or one wife and one husband, mated to each other. He goes into the life of each party in this relationship. Out of these lives grow inevitable obligations, including the most intimate relations.

He suggested further that there is a time for everything which is legitimate. Abstinence is sometimes necessary. We must observe that the idea of one man with one wife in the married relationship has become the regular practice in most advanced civil and cultural societies of modern times. It is this point of view and provides the basis for the most desirable home life and sex relationship. Polygamy creates many unnecessary problems and makes impossible loyalty of the highest order.

We observe also in this teaching by Paul through inspiration that the relationship of an intimate nature particularly, must be based on mutuality.

## **Real Love—Proper Atmosphere**

**1 Cor. 13:4-7**

Christian love provides the best atmosphere for the highest form of happy relations within the home. It is well described in the 13th chapter of Corinthians. This love eliminates egotism, self-assertiveness and it inspires forbearance and fortitude. It removes suspicion and jealousy. It creates the purest affection and the most enduring loyalty.

## **Some Guidelines In Family Life**

**Col. 3:18-21**

Every social organization must have some form of final authority. The Scriptures teach that the husband is the one who exercises final authority. They do, however, make it clear that the husband is to love the wife as he loves himself. His love and respect for her is to be deep and highly emphasized. This would lead us to believe that the teachings of Paul indicate that the man should be considerate and should consult with his wife in all family matters having to do with the home and their joint responsibility in it. The father in the exercise of his authority, should use discretion and sound judgment. He should not so exercise his authority over his children as to provoke resentment.

Children are commanded to obey their parents. They are to respect them fully. Discipline properly administered in the home will insure order, and a meaningful home life. This is the very foundation of every decent social order in the world.

Much love, much prayer, much discretion and firmness must be exhibited.

## **Spiritual Postures In The Home**

**1 Peter 3-7**

The use of the term "weaker vessel" sometimes is both misunderstood and resented. Paul is primarily referring to woman's delicate physical nature in comparison to that of the husband. It does not mean to look upon her as inferior. The truth is that very frequently the woman is superior to the man. She will certainly measure up to him on the average in every form of strength with the exception of physical. Instead of a husband treating his wife as inferior, he should show her every courtesy. This is the very basis of chivalry of the highest order.

He must remember that she is his equal in the grace of God. She has her function and her values in God's purpose and plan. She is just as indispensable in God's scheme of things as a man.

Man's spiritual life and that of the home will be injured if he does not properly honor his companion. She must be loved and cherished by him in all things.

The Christian concept of the home when seen in full perspective is the highest and the noblest known to man. Therefore it is difficult and exacting in its requirements. Adequate love and proper evaluation will make it workable with much greater ease.

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## Alternative Schools Movement Emphasized

"What could be more conservative than letting a parent choose the kind of education he wants for his kid," asks Mario Fantini, dean of education at New Platz College, N.Y.

The alternative schools movement will get the public acceptance and support it needs when parents understand that "the main idea behind educational alternatives is matching teaching and learning styles," and that there will be choices for everybody, he predicted here at the First International Convention on Options in Public Education.

It is vital, however, that traditional education be included among the alternatives, he stressed. "We have to give people a chance to choose that option. Traditional schooling is not right for everybody, but neither is nongraded, continuous progress education."

As the alternative schools movement manages to shed the radical image that has scared away the rank and file of parents, more and more public schools will offer educational options, proponents believe. They are also out to convince the public that alternative schooling needn't cost any more than traditional education.

Sometimes it can be as simple as "just switching some kids from one classroom to another to match them with the teacher that is best for them—and that doesn't cost a cent."

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# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

There is no simple solution to the perplexing and frustrating problems which young people these days are facing. Parents of young people, as well as adults in all walks of life who deal with young people, agree that many of them are unable to project their lives into a satisfying and rewarding vocation. This disturbing situation has led many leaders of youth groups in our churches to seek help and guidance beyond that which they are able to give.



Norton

The Christian Career Conference, sponsored annually by the Church Training Department, and scheduled this year for May 3-5 at Camp Linden, is a definite program planned to answer some of these needs. I have had the opportunity to scan the tentative schedule for this year's conference and I am convinced that it can give invaluable aid to many young people who are searching for a satisfying vocation. It points out the opportunities for a church-related vocation, but more importantly it will give a young person opportunity to explore his own hopes and ambitions for happiness through satisfying relationships with God and man.

I believe this program will do much to meet some of the needs faced by young people today. I hope every pastor, parent of youth, and youth leader will give serious consideration to encouraging young people to attend this conference, for it is planned with them in mind. It will be a challenge to Christian living and provide a longlasting influence for good upon their lives.

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# Historically:

## From the files

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Summers-Booker revival began in the Lockeland Church in Nashville where J. C. Miles was pastor. John D. Freeman, Belmont Heights Church, and singer Carl Cambron were conducting a meeting at the same time with Pastor L. B. Royer at the Centennial Church in the same city.

Lewisburg First Church was constructing a new building which would seat 450 and accommodate 400 in Sunday School. Designed by the Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the building was to cost about \$30,000. L. S. Sedberry was pastor.

### 20 YEARS AGO

The building committee of First Church, Newport, broke ground for a new sanctuary and educational addition. Members of the committee were Charles S. Runnion, Conn Murrell, Ovie Williams, Joe Kyker, and Pastor Lowell D. Milburn. The new building was to cost \$260,000 and include a seating capacity of 808.

Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, was to be the commencement speaker for the first class to be graduated on the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's new \$4 million Gentilly Campus. It was to be the largest graduating class in the seminary's history.

### 10 YEARS AGO

H. B. Clemmons, missionary for East Tennessee Association for over six years, died in a Newport hospital. Before becoming superintendent of missions, he was pastor of Whites Creek Church, Big Emory Association, and Wears Valley Church, Sevier County.

The trustees and faculty of Union University planned to inaugurate President Francis Wright in ceremonies at First Church, Jackson. Wright was elected as the 13th president of the school after he served three months as acting president and nine years as academic dean.



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## Bible Nuggets

# Christ-Centered Confidence

By T. B. Maston

Professor of Christian Ethics, Retired  
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For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. (II Tim. 1:12; KJV)

The time when and the conditions under which words are spoken frequently give them added significance. These words to Timothy were written by Paul as a mature man who had many years of experiences in and with the resurrected Christ. Also, he wrote from prison. His execution was a possibility at any time. He himself said: "The time of my departure is at hand" (4:6). Even when faced with death, and a death because of his ministry for Jesus, Paul said: "I know him." His was a Christ-centered confidence.

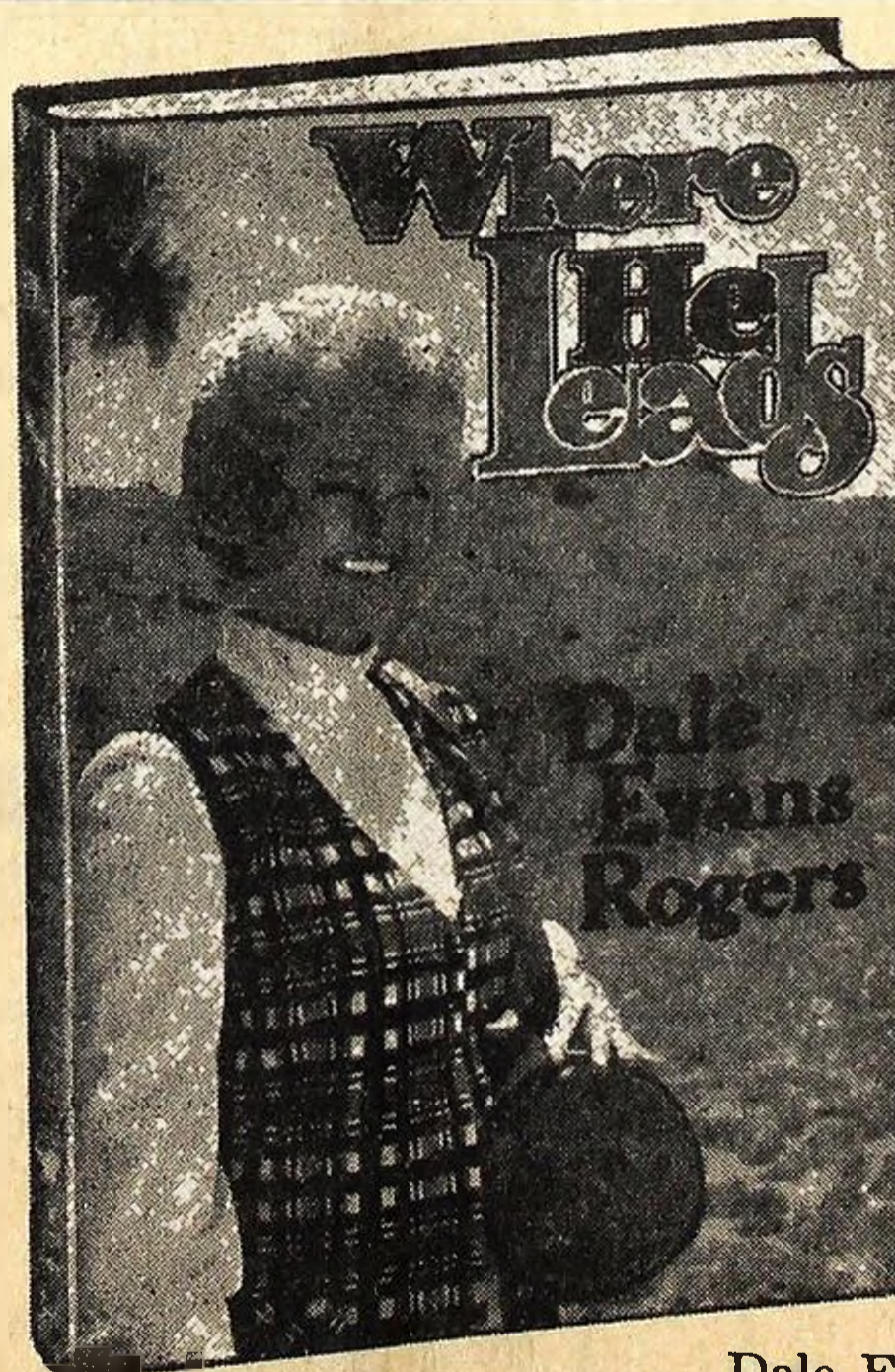
Paul certainly knew what he believed as well as any Christian who has ever lived. He did not say, however, "I know what I believe" but "I know Him." There are some doctrines of our faith that are tremendously important. This is true of what we believe concerning God, Christ, man, sin, salvation, the Scriptures, etc., but our faith should be primarily centered in a person, in Christ.

Paul had many close associates and friends. He found, however, that some of

them deserted him when the going was rough. He himself said: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (II Tim. 4:10). He even said, "No one stood by me the first time I defended myself: all deserted me" (4:16, TEV). But then notice what he said: "but the Lord stayed with me and gave me strength" (v. 17). It is no wonder that Paul would say, "I know Him."

Paul had met the resurrected Christ on the Damascus Road but he had also had many rich experiences with Him in subsequent years. The more mature we are in Christ, the more we will be able to say with assurance: "I know Him." In turn, the better we know Him, the more complete will be our commitment to Him and to His way and will in our lives.

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