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SBC Cooperative Program Receipts Show Increase

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget receipts increased over June of last year with designated receipts for the first nine months of the current fiscal year also up for the same period.

But designated receipts for the month of June were down from June, 1973.

Cooperative Program undesignated gifts convention-wide for June, 1974 were \$3,156,941 for an increase of \$161,797 and 5.4 per cent over June, 1973. Designated receipts for June were down \$19,018, with the month showing \$2,515,372 as compared with \$2,534,390 for the same month last year.

Designated receipts for the fiscal year to date, however, were \$31,204,213 as compared with \$27,560,381 for the first nine months of the previous fiscal year. That constitutes an increase of \$3,643,832 or 13.22 per cent in designated gifts over the same span in 1973, according to John Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Undesignated and designated receipts combined for the current fiscal year to date, October, 1973 through June, 1974, were \$59,974,383, an increase of \$7,034,561 and 13.29 per cent. Cooperative Program undesignated totals for October through June were \$28,770,170 for an increase of \$3,390,729 and 13.36 per cent over fiscal 1973.

Combined totals (designated and undesignated) for June were \$5,672,313, an increase of \$142,779 and 2.58 per cent.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions total for 1974 to date was given as \$21,934,693, an increase of \$2,549,917 over 1973, and a percentage increase of 13.15. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions total to date was \$7,103,104, for an increase over 1973 of \$1,093,875 and 18.20 per cent. Total gifts for other designated causes were \$2,166,416, an increase of only \$41. (BP)

Johnson, Morrow Join Sunday School Board Staff

Two new staff members have been added to the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Ron Johnson, a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a new editor in the area of administration materials. Prior to coming to the Board, Johnson was pastor of Chaplin Fork Church in Chaplin, Ky., and was sports editor for the Carroll Publishing Co., Carrollton, Ga.

A North Carolina native, Mic Morrow, has joined the department as an editor of adult materials. He comes to the position from the Kentucky Baptist Convention where he was an associate director in the Church Training Department. Previously he served as minister of education at Ralph Avenue Church in Louisville, Ky.

Ryan Named Associate Director Of Boyce Bible School

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—James L. Ryan, 37-year-old native of Arkansas and professor at Florida's Baptist Bible Institute has been named associate director of the newly-approved Boyce Bible School in Louisville, Ky.

Ryan, professor of religious education at the Graceland, Fla. school, will assume his new position in Louisville Aug. 1.

As associate director of the Boyce School, Ryan will direct the field education program and handle general administrative responsibilities in addition to teaching basic religious education classes.

Ryan received his doctorate in education from Southern Seminary in 1973.

The Boyce School, a training school for the Christian ministry, was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention at its June meeting in Dallas. The school will open Aug. 26 in Louisville.

Courses in biblical studies, the work of the pastor, evangelism, preaching, English communications, and religious education will be offered during terms ranging in length from two days to eight weeks. Boyce director Allen W. Graves explained that course schedules are being arranged to allow pastors to study at the school over an extended period of time or on a short-time commuting basis.

Gaines S. Dobbins, George Redding, Wayne Dehoney, and Kevil Judy will be serving on the school's faculty. Ryan said: "The Boyce School will have one of the most-practically-oriented faculties anyone could possibly gather."

Tennesseans Serve At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N.C.—Twenty Tennesseans are serving on the staff this summer at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

They are Jerry Allen, Nashville, dining hall; Jeff Binford, Brownsville, conference organist; Nathan Bishop, Bolivar, dining hall; Dan Cockrum, Knoxville, kitchen; Sara Cotey, Murfreesboro, staff linen room; Gloria Finley, Chattanooga, hall girl; Leann Grubbs, Greenbrier, registration desk; Deborah Ann Hawkins, Columbia, kitchen; Jack Hedrick, Columbia, staff dining hall; and Pamela Ann Hicks, Chattanooga, guest dining hall.

Also serving are Martin Eric Hill, Hermitage, kitchen; Owen Jarrett, Memphis, Media Center; Martha Lowry, Nashville, gift shop; Jacque Meade, Milan, hall girl; Artie Rivers, Clarksville, lobby boy; Jenny Peerey, Adamsville, Press Office secretary; Stephen

Lawrence Shoulders, Clarksville, Nibble Nook; Penny Lynn Stephens, Memphis, preschool; Dennis Suits, Smyrna, Media Center; and Catherine Whitfield, Nashville, Nibble Nook.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center is a year-round religious retreat owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Commemorating Our Heritage—



Committing Our Future

Literacy Workshops Set For July 29-Aug. 1

Two Literacy Workshops for adults are scheduled for July 29-Aug. 1 at First Baptist Church, Jefferson City. Orientation for these workshops will be held on Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m. at the Jefferson City Church.

Day classes will be held from 9 a.m. till noon. The evening workshops will be from 7 to 9:30. These are county wide workshops with training under the direction of Mrs. Thurman Allred, Nashville. Mrs. Allred is a master-tutor trainee for the National Advance for Literacy Affiliation (NALA), Syracuse, N. Y. She will use the Laubach method for training.

Those interested in the workshops should contact First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, immediately.

New Church Training Concept Introduced At Conference Center

GLORIETA, N.M.—“Adults Lead the Way,” a new concept in the church training program for Southern Baptist churches, was introduced at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here during the recent Church Training Leadership Conference.

According to Luell Smith, supervisor of the church training department's adult section at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the idea is that “adults do lead the way, either directly or indirectly.”

During recent years much emphasis has been given into enrolling youth in Training Union, said Smith. “This is good,” he added, “however, the adults bring the youth to Training Union, so we need to enlist them, too. We need to get them involved in the training of their children.”

Smith pointed out that church training leaders only have a maximum of 52 hours a year with the youth provided they come every Sunday and have an hour-long Training Union program.

“Therefore, if children are going to have the knowledge every Southern Baptist should have in Baptist theology, church polity and beliefs, then adults must do most of the training at home.”

Another segment of this new training concept is called “Training in Family Clusters.” In this plan, the family is not broken up into different groups but receive their church training together as a unit. “This project works especially well for small churches who might not have many in

their Training Union,” Smith told the conference participants. “It involves family members from preschoolers to grandparents.”

Most of the materials developed to complement “Adults Lead the Way” are designed to help adults train their children. These materials include “Source,” “Young Adults in Training” and “Baptist Adults.”

Harold Freeman Named To Southwestern Faculty

FORT WORTH—Harold Freeman, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Dallas, has been elected associate professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, effective Aug. 1, 1974.

A native of Elvins, Mo., Freeman, 38, attended high school in Dallas. He was graduated from Baylor University and holds the master of divinity and the doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to becoming pastor of the Dallas church in 1967, Freeman served Texas churches in Waco, Sulphur Springs, Jacksonville, Cresson and Denton. (BP)

Devotional

The Continuing Church

Matt. 16:18

By Lawrence Steiner, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Ethridge

It is not likely that the death of Jesus produced a profound impression upon the populace of Jerusalem. A businessman visiting the city at the time would be assured that matters were going well. Crops were good; the wool market was favorable. To be sure, there was a little trouble at Passover time. A Galilean radical made a little disturbance and had to be dealt with quite severely; unfortunate, but these things do happen.



Steiner

There was a little group in Jerusalem to whom conditions were anything but favorable. They were huddled together in fear and desolation. They had experienced devastating grief. It seemed only yesterday that their beloved and now crucified Master had declared to them, “I will build my Church.”

In the face of dismal, heartbreaking facts, He said to them, “Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (Luke 12:32)

Today, we who live in a rational universe where real results come from real causes, must ask what is the power that has carried the Church to victory over the conquest of other religions? What will be the result on this modern world when Christianity confronts the powerful religions? We face the same conflict; and we believe the results will be the same. We know that Jesus Christ conquers. He conquered through the Church in the Roman world, and He will in ours. Jesus believed in humanity because He believed in the individual's essential goodness.

Yes, the confident Christ conquered through His Church then. Is it so now for us? Christ came generations ago and gave the world a new heart, fresh faith in God, a new life, and a larger freedom. He still comes.

In a day of confusion and hope, of dismay, when many find fault and faint away, we turn to you, our confident Christ, hearing you say to us, “I will build my Church.”

Pulpit To New

By Jim Griffith

Adhering to the establishment of the national speed limit at 55 miles per hour on all highways has been a difficult adjustment for many of the heavy-footed drivers.

And this includes clergymen who have been described by some as “among the worst speeding offenders.”

Of course, there is a ready explanation for this. In this day and time, “you have to go fast if you are going to stay ahead of the devil.”

Perhaps this was what a minister had in mind as he was recently driving down the freeway at a speed “slightly higher” than the limit allowed.

Pulled over by the patrolman, the preacher began pleading his case, offering several excuses, but the officer continued to write out a ticket.

Desperately, the minister tried again. “Surely,” he said, “you wouldn't give a minister a speeding ticket. I'm just a poor preacher.”

“I know,” said the officer, “I've heard you.”



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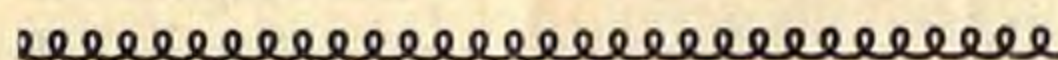
Today's **Baptist And Reflector**, journal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, began as the private venture of a concerned Baptist statesman 139 years ago. Robert Boyte Crawford Howell, native of North Carolina, came from Norfolk, Va., to Nashville in 1835 to be pastor of First Baptist Church of Tennessee's capital city, then a community of some 6000 people. Baptist ranks in Middle Tennessee had been decimated by the ravages of Campbellism. Only a handful of members were to be found in what had been Nashville's First Baptist Church, depleted by defections to the followers of Alexander Campbell. The members who had remained true to New Testament faith as Baptists were few in number, discouraged, disorganized and badly divided.

To this situation Howell responded by launching an ably written, constructive, 16-page paper, strengthening Baptists in their self-identification and aiding them in their recovery of educational emphasis and missionary and evangelistic outreach. His paper, **The Baptist**, was first issued in January 1835 as a monthly and became semimonthly two years later. Its impact was soon felt beyond Nashville, influencing thought in a widening area in the mid-South. A strong, well-educated, respected leader, Howell helped lay the foundations for Southern Baptist development. He succeeded William B. Johnson as president of the newly organized Southern Baptist Convention.

In its 13th year **The Baptist** passed into a different phase with James Robinson Graves who became Howell's assistant and then assumed full control in June 1848 when Howell resigned as editor. Howell had given **The Baptist** to the General Association of Baptists of Tennessee and North Alabama in 1846. But through nonfunctioning of the Association's board of directors after electing Graves editor, the paper, almost by default, became the property of Graves and his associates who took control.

A native of Chester, Vt., Graves came to Tennessee by way of Ohio and Kentucky. Largely self-educated but possessing exceptional ability, Graves plunged into almost constant personal and denominational controversy. **The Baptist**, which he renamed, **Tennessee Baptist**, became a sounding board through which he sharply attacked personally those with whom he differed and policies to which he was opposed. The polemical paper's circulation shot up to near 12,000, a high figure for the times. It was widely read in Arkansas, Louisiana,

By Richard N. Owen



and Mississippi, as well as Tennessee. Editor Graves championed the Landmark Movement with its fight to limit the power of the Foreign Mission Board, and its criticism of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, then functioning at Charleston, S.C.

Publication Ceases For Five Years

With the capture and occupation of Nashville in February, 1862 by Federal forces, **Tennessee Baptist** ceased publication. It resumed in Memphis five years later as **The Baptist**. The paper was still the private property of Graves, who with his associates, organized a stock company to publish the paper and also Sunday School literature and books. This was in competition with Southern Baptist Publication Society at Charleston. The venture failed through poor management. Financial reverses in a succession of publishing enterprises marked Graves' last ten years following a stroke in 1884 which had a marked effect on changing Graves from agitator and antagonist to a milder, less dogmatic writer and personality.

The Baptist again became **Tennessee Baptist**, Sept. 9, 1882, then five years later reverted to the shorter name following merger with **The Baptist Gleaner** of Fulton, Ky., owned and edited by J. B. Moody of Paducah. He became co-owner with Graves in 1887 of **The Baptist**. Graves' son-in-law, O. L. Hailey, bought Moody's interest, was given Graves' interest, and became editor before **The Baptist** merged with **American Baptist Reflector** of Chattanooga in Aug. 1889 whose editor was Edgar E. Folk. The combined papers became **Baptist And Reflector** and moved publication to Nashville.

It is well at this point to note that Morristown was the site of **The Reflector's** origin in 1874 where it was begun by O. C. Pope. This paper was published in Nashville from 1878 to 1882 when it merged with **The Baptist Sun** of Rome, Ga. and began publication in Chattanooga. In 1885 it was bought by A. W. McGaha together with a man who later was to head the Foreign Mission Board, R. J. Willingham. From these men **American Baptist Reflector's** ownership passed to Folk.

Born in Brownsville, educated at Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Folk had been pastor of

First Church, Murfreesboro, in this state and served in Kentucky and at Albany, Ga., before becoming editor. He was one of the leaders in establishing the Sunday School Board of the SBC in Nashville, May 26, 1891. During the early years when the board was struggling for its existence, Folk provided space in the office of **Baptist And Reflector** for James Marion Frost, the Board's first secretary. Folk was an outstanding leader in Tennessee in the cause of education and temperance. He edited **Baptist And Reflector** for 28 years till his death in 1917.

Convention Buys Paper

Albert R. Bond bought the paper in 1917 and edited it. M. R. Cooper followed him in this capacity. He was the last to own the weekly journal and publish it as a private business. It was bought by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1921. Hight C Moore briefly served as editor, succeeded by his brother, J. D. Moore who edited the paper for four years, followed by John D. Freeman from 1925 to 1933.

Freeman, an able writer, author of several books, came from the pastorate of Nashville's Belmont Heights Church to this denominational post. He travelled tirelessly over the state, writing understandingly about Baptist life and interpreting in lucid, strong editorials Baptist doctrines, policies and programs.

When Freeman became Executive Secretary of the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, O. W. Taylor, pastor at Halls, was elected editor in September 1933. Taylor's staunch doctrinal stance impressed Tennessee Baptists over the following 18 years till his retirement to author a volume of early Baptist history in Tennessee.

Richard N. Owen, who had served in all three sections of the state as pastor, and who was president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1947, was elected by the Executive Board at its June session in 1950. He assumed the editorship in September after resigning a 12-year pastorate at Clarksville's First Baptist Church. Owen sought to interpret Baptist doctrines and principles in keeping with the paper's masthead "Speaking the Truth in Love." He wrote a series on Basic Beliefs and endeavored to lead his readers to keep in step at the center of denominational life, work, and thought. He served 18 years until retirement Sept. 30, 1968.

The Executive Board named James A. (Continued on Page 6)

EDITORIAL

The Supreme Court And Obscenity—The Dilemma Revisited

BY DAN PLEITZ

No area of the law has given the Supreme Court more trouble than obscenity. Trying to weed out filth without infringing upon Constitutional rights has produced judicial gymnastics that leave ministers, church members, and even pornographers in a tizzy.

The current standards for obscenity were established in the 1973 case of *Miller v. California*. The opinion required a consideration of three questions in determining if a book or film was smut unworthy of Constitutional protection:

1. Does the work, taken as a whole, appeal to a base interest in sex?
2. Does it portray sexual conduct in a patently offensive way?
3. Is it without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value?

If the answer to all three questions was "yes," then the material was to be ruled obscene. A local jury, applying the standards of their own community, had to come up with the answers, subject to the review of a higher court if they responded incorrectly.

Last month the Supreme Court exercised this review for the first time. In this new case, *Jenkins v. Georgia*, the court watched "Carnal Knowledge" and then unanimously concluded that a Georgia jury, even though it must have been more familiar with community standards than they were, had gone too far in deciding the movie was obscene. In effect, the Court applied the same tests the jury used, but substituted its judgment for theirs.

The *Jenkins* opinion is confusing. It emphasized the role of a local jury, but rejects a jury's findings. It shows that the Court is willing to reverse a finding of obscenity, but leaves intact the same guidelines that made the reversal necessary. It demonstrates that the Supreme Court is going to keep a tight rein on would-be censors, but in doing so may have dampened the right of local people to decide for themselves what is obscene in their communities.

These contradictions reflect the greater struggle of the Court to balance freedom of speech with the desire to prohibit filth.

As Baptists, we have often oversimplified this delicate equation. Of course we are right in demanding that hard-core pornography be squashed. The commercial exploitation of the human body is utterly antithetical to the God-given sanctity of man.

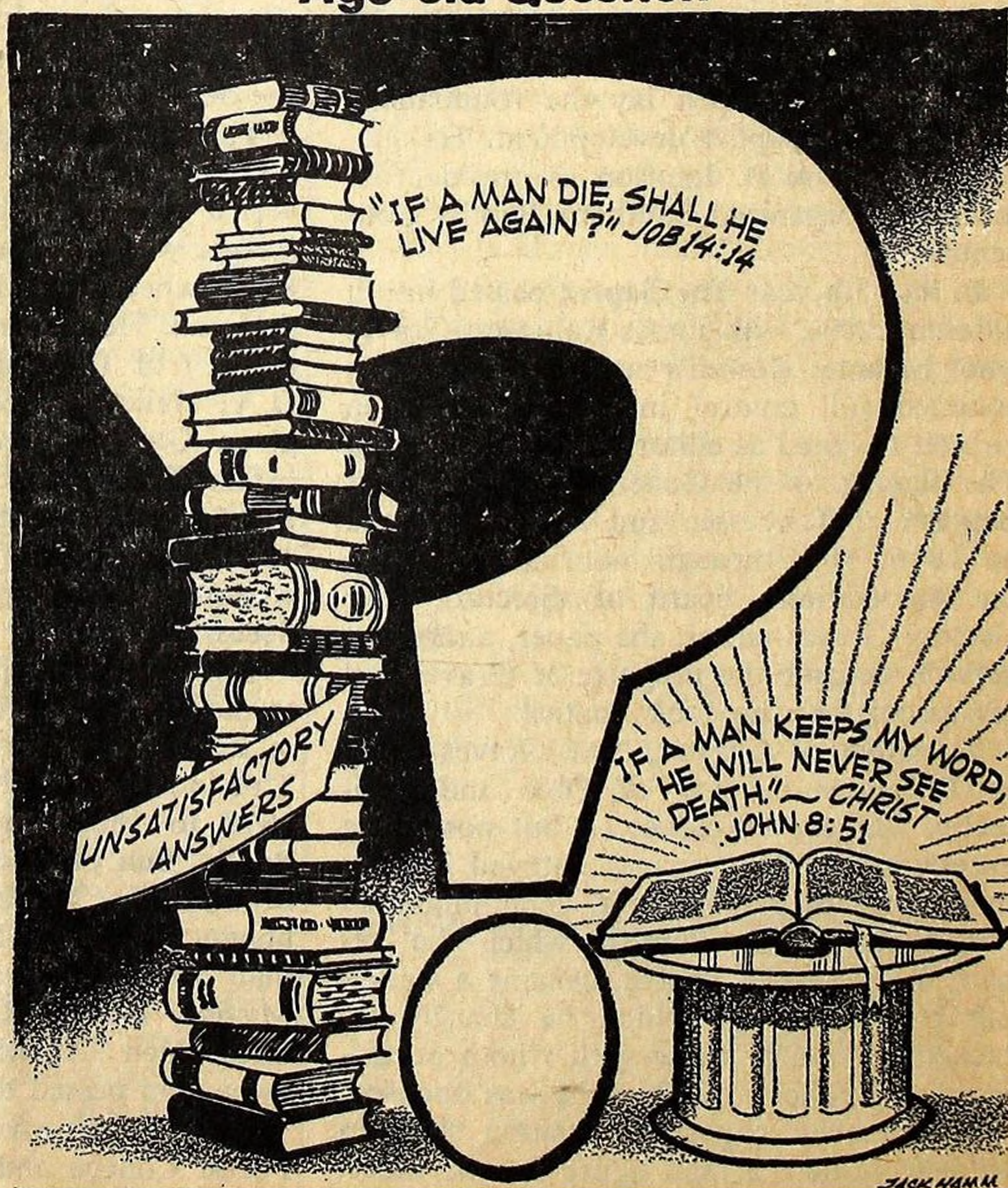
Yet we also cherish our own freedom of speech. Too often we forget that an indiscriminate exorcism of offensive books or movies may undermine this fundamental right.

Our response to the issue must combine moral outrage with clear thinking. Here are some things we can do as Christian citizens:

1. Determine for yourself your own stand on the issue; don't let extremists bend your ear.
2. Invite an attorney to speak to your church on the status of obscenity laws in your community.
3. Practice aggressive evangelism. Leading others to a whole life, secure in the One who makes the urge for pornography unnecessary, is the ultimate solution to the obscenity problem.

(Note: Dan is serving this summer as the Commission's Intern for Legal Affairs. He is in his third year at Duke Law School and is a 1972 graduate of Baylor University. He is the son of James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida and newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.)

Age-old Question



Southern Baptist Missionary Dies While On Furlough

W. Maxfield Garrott, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, died June 25 following coronary bypass surgery. The Garrotts had returned to the States in May for a four-month furlough and were living in Tigerville, S. C.

A memorial service was held at the Baker J. Cauthen Chapel at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., with Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, officiating. The body was cremated and burial is to be in the cemetery of Seinan Jo Gakuin, a Baptist girls' school in Kitakyushu, when Mrs. Garrott returns to Japan.

At the time of his death, Garrott was chairman of the board of trustees and a professor at Seinan Gakuin University in Fukuoka. He has been one of a team of

Harold K. Graves Elected AATS Vice President

ATLANTA, Ga.—Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., was elected vice president of the American Association of Theological Schools, (AATS) in the United States and Canada at their annual meeting here.

Graves was elected to a two-year term, 1974-76. Frederick W. Whittaker, president of Bangor Theological School, Bangor, Maine, was elected president. Jesse H. Ziegler is executive director of AATS, with offices in Vandalia, Ohio. (BP)



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FREE BUS TOUR—During the free afternoon at the Southern Baptist Convention, delegates took advantage of the free bus tour from Dallas to Fort Worth to see firsthand the work of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Among those coming from Tennessee were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris of Huntingdon.

—Radio-TV Commission Photo

Humboldt Layman Elected To Serve As Brotherhood Commission Trustee

Gerald A. Arnold, a member of First Church, Humboldt, Raymond Boston, pastor, an active Baptist layman, has been elected as a trustee of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis. He is employed at the Milan Army Ammunition plant as an Industrial Hygienist.

While serving as Gibson County Association's Brotherhood director, he initiated an annual observance of Baptist Men's Day

three persons translating the New Testament in the Japanese language. He completed a ten-year term as president of Seinan Jo Gakuin in 1972.

Other survivors include: four children—Miss Elizabeth Garrott of Kitakyushu, William C. Garrott of Louisville, Miss Alice Garrott of Tigerville, S. C., and Jack M. Garrott of Fukuoka; and a sister, Mrs. C. T. Bahner of Jefferson City.



Arnold

in January each year. He also began a Sunday School Class at the St. Mary's Nursing Home in Humboldt and succeeded in leading Baptist men to witness one Sunday each month at the Gibson County jail in Trenton.

He is serving currently as regional vice president of the northwest

section of the state for the Brotherhood department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Roy J. Gilleland, director.

In his local church, Arnold serves as deacon, Church Training director, Royal Ambassador director, and, director and assistant teacher of the Sunday School Class held at the former St. Mary's Nursing Home (Nursicare Convalescent Center) under the direction of the Humboldt church.

POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

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

GRADUATED BUT FRUSTRATED

"What should I do with the rest of my life?" This is perhaps the most frightening question anyone faces. Graduation focuses the problem more clearly.

I am really feeling depressed. I graduated from high school last spring and I didn't go to college this fall. I haven't got a job or many friends. I'm really in a rut! I don't know what to do with my life!

No longer do you have ready access to high school activities and friendships. Suddenly, no one is telling you where to go and when and with whom and why. It's a whole new ball game. **You** are in control of your life. It's a big challenge, but that's what adulthood is all about!

We suggest that you take action. Feelings are important, but you can't just sit around waiting for emotional contentment. Neither do you judge the validity of things by whether they are emotionally satisfying. Emotions are likely the results of action, not the cause for action. So act the way you want to be and you may discover that the feelings will follow!

Take a look around you. Set some manageable goals for yourself. Scope out various employment centers or job training programs. Get involved in new activities which offer exposure to new friendships and romantic ventures. Begin making some decisions about how you want to spend your life.

And since life is a process of becoming, why not involve God in the decisions you will be making? We think you will find his guidance is vital in the adventure.

A weekly radio program for youth broadcast nationwide by So. Baptist Radio-TV Commission. For information write **POWERLINE**, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response.

Lester of Atlanta, Ga. who took responsibility as editor Oct. 1, 1968. He brought newspaper expertise from previous work with the New Orleans **Times-Picayune** and applied to the paper his talents and experience in promotion and public relations in which he had been engaged by Georgia Baptists before coming to Tennessee. Lester resigned in five years following a six-month leave of absence due to ill health. As of this writing a successor has not been named.

Some fifty years ago when **Baptist And Reflector** became property of Tennessee Baptists, its business management was looked after by the Executive Board. In time this responsibility was made the charge of a business manager. Circulation was very small in the 1920s. **Baptist And Reflector** struggled even to survive in the depths of the great depression. Operation was often in the red. Deficits had to be made up at each year's end.

Printing contracts costs rose especially after World War II. Facing this situation Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc., was set up by the Convention in 1948. With a nine-man directorship this new corporation was in business to publish the paper and do other work in the publishing field for Tennessee Baptists. A limited amount of capital was invested in printing equipment consisting of two flat-bed presses, a linotype machine, a paper folder, some type, and a few other necessities, which were used by the job printer, who under these conditions gave a more favorable contract for printing the paper.

This new arrangement, together with greatly enlarged subscription lists averaging more than 73,000 weekly circulation in the 1960s, put **Baptist And Reflector** in a good financial condition. Promotion of the paper as a budget item by the churches providing it to their members, increased circulation. Aided also by an Executive Board allocation the paper operated in the black from 1950. This annual allocation offset cost of promotional matter printed in the paper for the Executive Board.

Administrative Committee Responsible

Following a survey, made by a professional business consultant firm, of the Convention's structure and program, Tennessee Baptist Press, as a corporation, was dissolved and its assets and work turned over to the Executive Board, May 31, 1960. The Board's Administrative Committee was made responsible for operation of **Baptist And Reflector**, becoming its Board of Directors with direct supervision through three of its members, composing a Liaison Committee, working with the editor. To further the outreach of the paper a Circulation Manager was added to the staff. Richard David Keel has served in this post since 1961.

Eric Howard, Miss Nancy Callicott Win In State Competition

Eric Howard, a member of Highland Heights Church, Memphis, representing Shelby County Association and the Southwestern Region, won first place in the State Bible Drill, held July 2 at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Board Office Building, Brentwood. Miss Nancy Callicott, a member of First Church, Paris, representing Western District Association and the Northwestern Region, won first place in the State Youth Speakers' Tournament, held following the Sword Drill.

Jerry Duffey, a member of Emmanuel Church, Humboldt, and representing the Northwestern Region, was named alternate in the Bible Drill competition and Miss Debbie Tyler, of Manley Church, Morristown, was named alternate in the Speakers' Tournament.

Participants in both the Bible Drill and Speakers' Tournament had already won on the local church, association and region levels.

Howard is the third in his family to reach the point of representing Tennessee at Ridgecrest which he is to do as well as Miss Callicott the week of July 13-19, the second Church Training Week.

Each participant in the Speakers' Tournament received a \$100 scholarship, to be used in either of the three senior colleges operated under the auspices of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

As winner, Miss Callicott was presented a second \$100 scholarship by Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC.

Miss Mary Allen, director of Youth Work, Church Training department, TBC, coordinated the Sword Drill and Miss Mary Anderson, director of special projects and Library Services for the Church Training department, coordinated the Speakers' Tournament.

Other participants and churches, associations and regions represented in the Bible Drill competition were: Keith Smith, Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, New

Duck River Association, South Central; Robin Thompson, Grace Church, Nashville, Nashville Association, Central; Donna Bond, Shellsford Church, McMinnville, Central Association, North Central; Jeff Ross, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Hamilton County Association, Southeastern; Tammie Lee Phillips, First Church, Rogersville, Holston Valley Association, Northeastern; and Jeff Moore, Pond Grove Church, Rockwood, Big Emory Association, represented the Eastern Region.

Other participants in the Youth Speakers' Tournament were: Stephen Anderson, Eudora Church, Memphis, Shelby County Association, Southwestern; Tim Prowse, First Church, Fayetteville, William Carey Association, South Central; Tammy Fitzgerald, Immanuel Church, Lebanon, Wilson County Association, Central; Robert Hunt, New Middleton Church, Gordonsville, New Salem Association, North Central; Teresa Jarvis, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, Hamilton County Association, Southeastern; Ella Nell Payne, Oakwood Church, Knoxville, Knox County Association, represented the Eastern Region.



Miss Mary Allen presents certificate to State Bible Drill winner Eric Howard. Jerry Duffey, center, was named alternate.



Ralph Norton and Miss Mary Anderson, right, congratulate Miss Nancy Callicott, Speakers' Tournament winner as they present her with winner and scholarship certificates.

Baptist And Reflector has operated week by week with a very small staff. Four assist the editor in production of the issues and in keeping up lists of subscribers and advertising accounts. This brief history does not permit listing the numerous company who by time, talent, and conscientious work have made **Baptist And Reflector** a welcomed visitor week after week in homes across our state. But the unusual record of Eura Rich Lannom must be noted as an integral part of the history of the Convention's weekly journal into which her more than 30 years' faithful service have been written through her competent composition, make-up, and production of each issue of **Baptist And Reflector**.

Advance With Christ: Partners In The Gospel

Dr. Robert O. Byrd, Asst. Prof. of Religion, Belmont College, Nashville

Bible Material: Philippians 1:1-30; 2:19-30; 4:1-23

Lesson Material: Philippians 1:1-11; 4:10-13

INTRODUCTION

Background of the Letter

The city of Philippi was founded by and took its name from Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great. Philip recognized it as a vital military location and utilized it to guard the eastern frontier of Macedonia. Later one of the really decisive battles of history occurred here when in 42 B.C. Antony and Octavin (Augustus) defeated Brutus and Cassius. Its continuing importance was demonstrated by the victors who made it into a Roman colony and settled the area with veterans. Consequently, the city functioned as a vital fortress which served as a defense against invaders on that frontier of the empire.

This military outpost which as a Roman colony had the advantage of being a miniature Rome also possessed solid commercial interests. Two factors contributed to this enterprising atmosphere. First, there were effective means of transportation and communication. These were provided by the Roadway of Egnatia which channeled traffic toward Rome and the nearness of Philippi to the Sea. In addition, the city was located in a fertile, well-watered, agricultural area.

Paul's first extensive evangelistic ministry in Europe had been performed in Philippi. The Acts account (16:9-40) of these events indicates that Paul's work had been successful and so powerful that he encountered strong opposition. After being beaten and imprisoned, Paul and his cohorts departed to return afterwards only for brief visits (Acts 20:1-6; II Cor. 2:12-18; 7:5-7).

Purposes of the Letter

It is probably better to think of Paul's purposes rather than of a single purpose in penning this epistle. His immediate intention was to express his gratitude in response to their gifts which had been delivered to him by Epaphroditus (2:25; 4:10-20). Paul used this opportunity to react to some of the needs of the congregation. This resulted in an occasional emphasis upon his own joy (1:18-19) and encouragement for them also to rejoice (4:4). The contents of the epistle indicate that Paul saw growing signs of disruption in the church. This seemed to manifest itself in pride (note the emphasis on humility in 2:3-11 and dis-

unity in 2:14; 4:2-3). If the most important kinds of advance were to be made in the Philippian church, Paul saw they needed to affirm their sense of partnership.

A CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP

In a brief salutation, Paul acknowledged his own equality with Timothy in their dedication to Christ Jesus. His particular mention of "bishops and deacons" (1:1) is perhaps a way of stressing to the readers that his comments were for all of them equally. (Notice the emphasis on "you all" even in a section as small as the lesson text. See 1:1, 4, 7a, 7b, 8.) The next section is something of an open-eyed prayer in which Paul bares himself to those who had been committed to an ongoing partnership with the apostle and God.

Paul was deeply thankful that the Philippians had from the beginning realized that they had an opportunity and a responsibility to support his work. It was, no doubt, especially encouraging for him to reflect on the spontaneous and generous support which had come from those converts of his first European mission. They not only had responded to his needs from the first of his work among them but he recalled that when his work took him to Thessalonica they had repeatedly sent gifts (4:15-16). Now he was imprisoned and their care for him was flourishing once again. The constancy of the Philippian Christians reminded Paul of the certainty of God's power. He related his continuing partnership with them to their partnership with God (see 1:6).

The most significant ministries are built on this kind of continuing partnership. Often both churches and pastors seem to build their partnership on a strictly business basis. The outcome is that if either does not see the desired results, then the spirit of cooperation is broken. Another profit-loss pattern that seems to dominate some church members' thinking is that every ministry and mission should be ultimately self-supporting. What ministries in your community need to be undertaken by your church whether or not the project ever becomes self-supporting?

A CARING PARTNERSHIP

Although the Philippians had caught the vision of the great potentiality of a continuing comradeship with Paul, the apostle

seems to have some concern about their grasp of the character and conduct of the partnership. A major concern of this prayer of Paul's is to encourage these Christians to invest more Christlike qualities in their lives and ministries.

The apostle told them in his prayer that his desire was "that your love may abound." The basis for their ethical conduct and their evangelistic outreach could only be solid if it was founded upon love. Paul doesn't say they have no love. They needed to let their love break all bounds.

Paul knew if they were motivated by love they could conduct themselves in "knowledge and judgment" (1:9). The comment of Dr. Stagg in the Broadman Bible Commentary is incisive at this point. "Love is seen as ideally having the moral instinct to perform what is right. . . . It must also be informed if it is to function adequately."

Rites Held At Lawrenceburg For Rev. Bernard Scates

Services for Albert Bernard Scates, 66, of 410 Greenway Avenue, Nashville, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Ripley, were held July 8 at First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg. Gaye L. McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel Church, Nashville, officiated. He died July 6 following a lengthy illness.

A native of Huntingdon, he was the son of A. Judson and Annie M. Scates. He was a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary. He married the former Flora Bratschi of Erin in 1937.

He served as pastor of churches in Camden, Erin, Huntingdon and Bemis during his seminary days. Later he served First Church, Lawrenceburg. Prior to his retirement in 1970, he had been pastor of First Church, Ripley, for 18 years.

Scates served on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for seven years.

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LEADERSHIP . . .

In Big Hatchie Association, **James R. Jones** resigned as pastor of Walnut Grove Church in Ripley to accept the position of pastor at First Church, Maury City. He served the Ripley church for three and a half years.

Hugh Willoby is the new minister of youth at Lincaya Hills Church in Nashville. A native of Oklahoma, he earned the B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served previously as director of youth work for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

Valley View Church, Bradley Association, called **Donnie Thomas** to serve as music director. He comes to the position from Big Spring Church, Cleveland, where he was active in the youth program. **M. L. Arbuckle** is pastor of the Valley View Church.

Larry Eugene Scott has been called to Mountain Terrace Church in Memphis where he will serve as minister of music and youth. **Scott** comes from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. A native of California, **Scott** was serving the Bethesda Church in Fort Worth, Tex. when he was called to Memphis. **Clint A. Oakley** is pastor of Mountain Terrace.

Central Church, Chattanooga, called **Brenda Jennings** as minister to children. She is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is already on the field.

In Holston Association, the new pastor at Telford Church is **Jimmie Rogers**, former associate pastor at Skyline Heights Church. **Bobby Coates** has been called as full-time worker for the summer at Glenwood Church in the same association. **Freeman Wright** is pastor. **Ed Robinson**, Richmond, Va., has accepted the call as summer youth director at Erwin First Church. **Melvin G. Faulkner** is pastor.

Fairview Church, Cumberland Plateau Association, called **Delbert Johnson** as pastor. **Johnson** has been a student at Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky.

Jimmy Clay was called as pastor of Elim Church, Big Hatchie Association. He formerly served this church. Mt. Lebanon Church called **Roy Stinson** as pastor.

Winchester Church, Duck River Association, called **Ron Brown** as full-time associate pastor in charge of music and youth.

PEOPLE . . .

G. A. McGrew, pastor of Jasper First Church for 25 years, will be honored at a reception at the church on July 21. According to a church spokesman, the reception will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Robert Armour, superintendent of missions for Beulah Baptist Association, and **Mrs. Armour**, were honored recently for their 10 years of service to Baptists in Obion, Lake, and Weakley Counties. The **Armours** were presented a plaque and a trip to the Holy Land from the 13,000 Baptists in the area. **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, spoke at the gathering. **Armour** has served as pastor of several churches and was superintendent of missions in Western District and Weakley County Associations before assuming the Beulah post.

P. J. Scott, pastor of Jolley Springs Church, Dresden, received a Master of Science degree in education from the University of Tennessee at Martin last month. He received his B.S. degree in June 1973 from the same school. He has served as pastor of the Jolley Springs Church since May 1969. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Pat Scott**, New Albany, Miss.

Howard T. Rich, pastor of Speedway Terrace Church, Memphis, is in Baptist Memorial Hospital following a heart attack he suffered earlier this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hutson, members of the Smithwood Church, Knoxville Fountain City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception in their honor on July 14. They have been members of the church since 1938. The **Hutsons** are the parents of **James A. Hutson**, pastor of Meridian Church, Knoxville.

Members of Piney Flats Church, Holston Association, honored their pastor, **William F. Duncan**, on the occasion of his 10th anniversary with the church. A love gift was presented to **Duncan** and his wife, **Ann**, by the church.

New officers for the West Tennessee Pastors Conference for 1974-75 are president **Frank Kemper**, pastor at Antioch Church, Humboldt; vice president, **J. D. May**, pastor at Greenfield First Church; **Paul Clark**, secretary-treasurer, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson; music director, **James Smith**, pastor at First Baptist Church, Whiteville; and pianist, **Jerald Smith**, pastor, Woodland Church, Jackson.

CHURCHES . . .

Mt. Zion Church members, Midland Association, dedicated their remodeled sanctuary in an all-day service recently. **Walter Hill**, superintendent of missions for the association, delivered the morning message. Dedication and note burning services were held following the noon meal. **J. E. Hale** is pastor.

Thirty-seventh anniversary services were held recently at Shelbyville Mills Church in Shelbyville. **Don Madaris**, state Music Department, was the guest soloist for the day. One of the original 12 members of the church, **Mrs. Johnnie Rich Ragan**, attended the services. **Shelton L. Smith** is pastor.

Savannah First Church has begun construction work on a planned three story educational building which will be linked to the present educational unit. The building, approximately 18,000 sq. ft., will contain education, fellowship, and recreation space. **Jim R. Osborne** is pastor.

In Cumberland Plateau Association, Pomona Church has added new educational space which furnishes six Sunday School rooms, new pews and a baptistry will be installed in the future, according to Pastor **J. C. McCoy**.

In Holston Association, dedication services were held for the educational building at Calvary Church, Erwin. Members also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church. **David Gregg** is pastor.

Providence Church, Chilhowee Association, paid off the church debt. Dedication services were held last month with **John Estes** preaching. **Marvin Hood** is pastor. In the same association, Pilgrim Church will have its pastor, **Kenneth Holder**, on the field full time beginning this month.

Fellowship Church, Knox County, now meeting in the Grange Building off Tipton Station Rd., has purchased four acres off John Sevier Highway for a new building. Construction is expected to begin soon. **R. E. Hollingsworth** is serving as interim pastor.

In Concord Association, Grace Church purchased 10 acres on Dill Lane as the location for a new church. Hillview Church added an education wing to the church building. Mt. View purchased six acres of land adjoining the church property, and Smyrna First Church announced plans to begin construction on a new auditorium in the near future.

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LEADERSHIP . . .

In Chilhowee Association, Hillview Church called **Gary Graves** as music director. **Isaac Linginfelter** is pastor. **Doug McPherson** is scheduled to begin his ministry with Cedar Grove Church on Aug. 4. He comes to the church from Dixie Drive Church in Houston. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and attended Carson-Newman College and University of Tennessee. **James Ivey** has been serving the church as interim pastor. **Henry H. Russell** has begun his ministry with the Immanuel Church, coming from Elyria, Ohio where he was an associate pastor. He was born in Blount County and grew up in the Piney Level Church. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. **W. H. Lodwick** was interim pastor. **John Franklin** is the new pastor at Everett Hills. He comes from a pastorate in Hazel, Tex.

Christiana Church, Concord Association, called **Joe Johnson** as interim pastor; and Laverne First Church called **Harry Nichol** as interim pastor. The new pastor at Green Hill Church is **Johnny Dalton**, and **James Keith** is pastor at Florence. **Roy Bethune** was called as music director at Fellowship Church.

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PEOPLE . . .

Sam Dean, pastor of Jonesboro First Church, was honored with a fifth anniversary dinner at the church last month. Love gifts were presented to the family by church members. **Dean** is a past moderator of the Holston Association.

CHURCHES . . .

In Holston Valley Association, Maple Hill Church held dedication services and note burning ceremonies recently for new Sunday School rooms and other improvements to the church. Total cost of the project was over \$3000. **Milum Livesay** is pastor. Rogersville First Church burned a note for \$67,500 recently. **James Austin** is pastor.

In Grainger County, **Pat Daniel** resigned Sunrise Church to accept Head of Richland Church, and **Charles Smith** resigned Head of Richland to accept Fernwood Church near Morristown.

Gilbert Barrows Is Alumni President For New Orleans

Gilbert Barrows, pastor of First Baptist Church in Leesburg, Fla., is the new president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association. Named as president-elect of the association, during an annual luncheon in Dallas recently, was Charles Christmas of Alabama. Others elected were Mrs. Elwood Ulmer of Maryland as secretary and Joe Courson of Florida as treasurer.

A Southern Baptist Convention release from Dallas noted that the New Orleans alumni heard a progress report from the seminary's acting president, Ray P. Rust, and set a goal of \$15,000 for alumni fund raising for the coming year, an increase of \$3,000 over the 1973-74 goal. J. Hoffman Harris, the pastor of Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., was recipient of the faculty's outstanding alumnus award. (BP)

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Choir Makes Sacrifices To Sing For Convention

By Orville Scott

DALLAS—A black choir from Nassau, Bahamas, shared a first at the Southern Baptist Convention with the denomination's first black officer, second vice-president Charles King of Frankfort, Ky.

The 100-member United Baptist Choir was believed to be the first black group from a foreign mission field to sign for the convention.

Choir members raised their own travel expenses—many at great sacrifice—to fly to Dallas where they were guests in the homes of white Baptists.

Publicity back home had led the choir members to believe that blacks were not accepted in the United States. What they discovered in Dallas was beyond their expectations, one member explained.

"They have been overwhelmed with hospitality and love," said Ernest Brown, Southern Baptist missionary traveling with the group. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are from Georgia.

As the mellow strains of "What a Mighty God We Serve" reverberated through the massive convention hall, more than 10,000 white Baptists gave the black choir a standing ovation.

"Beats anything I've heard so far on the scene," a veteran newsman was overheard to explain.

The choir's spokesman, A. S. Colebrook, vice-president of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, told SBC messengers, "We are thankful for the fact you are sending missionaries to help us in our work."

Perhaps the most far-reaching result, one not expected by most of the choir members, was the warm reception they received in homes of white Baptists.

"What I've experienced is quite different from what the press portrayed," said Alfred N. Brown, one of the soloists and the pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Nassau.

Mr. Brown said he was treated "like a son" and the Morris Hanscom family in Grand Prairie where he stayed has changed

vacation plans from Maine to the Bahamas.

The choir members who were designated: "Good Will Ambassadors" by the Bahamian government, also view themselves as missionaries.

Every choir member interviewed said the results were worth the sacrifices, which for many were considerable.

The missionaries explained that the group includes domestic workers, teachers and a wide range of occupations.

One member was told he would lose his job if he came, said the missionaries, but he felt so strongly that God wanted him to do it that he made the sacrifice.

He applied at the government-owned electricity corporation and ended up with a better job than before.

The choir returned home still owing nearly \$2,000 in travel expenses. Their charter flight cost them more than \$23,000.

Loudon County Association Dedicates Office Building

Dedication services were held recently for the Loudon County Baptist Association Office Building, located on highway 11 between Lenoir City and Loudon. Glenn Melton has served as superintendent of missions since 1959. E. M. Sherwood serves as moderator, and Milton W. Bodlien serves as chairman of the association's building committee.

Program personalities included: Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, who delivered the message of dedication; Leslie R. Baumgartner, director, Missions department, TBC, who led in the prayer of dedication; Dillard Hagan; Melton, who made recognitions; and others.

During Melton's tenure, the association has reached a budget of \$20,069.52, a church membership of 11,057, and bought and paid for a home for the superintendent of missions. When Melton came, the association's budget was \$5670, and there were 34 churches with a total membership of 8106.

SBC Aging Conference Set For October 23-25

NASHVILLE—The first Southern Baptist Conference on the Aging, an event sparked by a resolution at the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Portland by a 23-year-old seminarian, will be held here Oct. 23-25, 1974.

The conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council, will involve 225 invited participants who will develop guidelines to aid SBC agencies, state conventions, associations and churches as they develop ministries for and with senior adults.

Purpose of the conference is to increase denominational awareness of the problems of aging and the aged, to provide an information base from which SBC agencies and state conventions may act in the future and to present some guidelines for developing future programs and projects.

The conference will also seek to clarify the responsibilities of SBC agencies and state conventions in meeting the needs of senior adults.

A group of students, led by Gary Cook, then a second-year master of divinity candidate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, initiated the proceedings last June with a resolution at the annual SBC meeting. The SBC passed a resolution asking the SBC Executive Committee "to do a feasibility study on the need for a major survey of present and future ministry to and with senior adults and to take appropriate action."

The Executive Committee referred the matter to the Inter-Agency Council last September and the Inter-Agency Council, in its meeting last January, authorized a special committee to plan the conference.

The man who first advised Cook to take his concern to the convention in the form of a resolution, Albert McClellan, chairs the special committee to plan and conduct the conference.

McClellan, program planning secretary and associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee, will coordinate invitations to those with responsibilities for ministries for or with senior adults, who are interested in attending, as long as space is available.

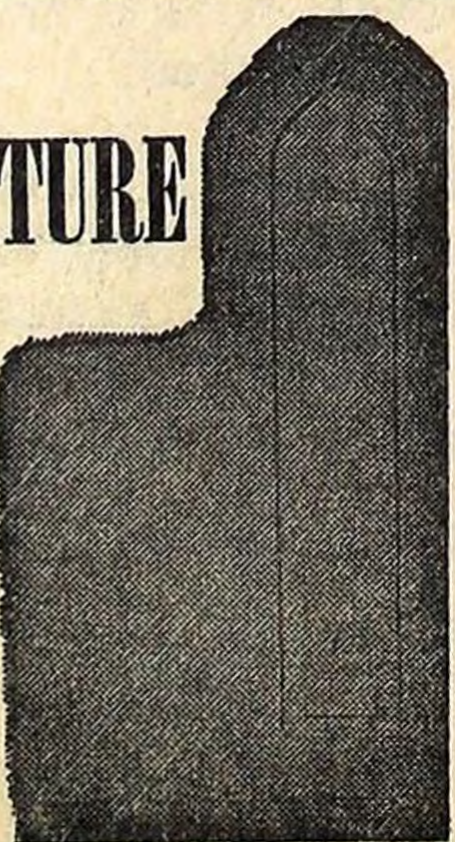
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Baptists Join Interfaith Bicentennial Project

NEW YORK—Baptists will have a prominent role in a U.S. Bicentennial project which will emphasize religious liberty as a foundation for all freedoms and as the basis for the advancement of "real democracy."

Project Forward '76 (acronym for "Freedom of Religion will Advance Real Democracy") was authorized in late 1973 and has now begun its activities. The board of trustees of the Interchurch Center here is the sponsoring body.

R. H. Edwin Espy, a prominent Baptist layman, is chairman of Project Forward '76. James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Jitsuo Morikawa of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. are members of the policy committee.

According to the first Project Forward '76 newsletter, 140 nationally prominent religious leaders are now on the sponsorship list. These include 100 Protestants, 25 Roman Catholics, seven Jews, four from Orthodox bodies and one each from the Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim faiths.

Project Sponsors

The latest list of sponsors includes the following Baptists: evangelist Billy Graham; Owen Cooper, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Peter H. Armacost, president of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.; Coretta Scott King, Atlanta, Ga., Benjamin E. Mays, Atlanta, Ga., Duke K. McCall, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.;

Also, Sandy F. Ray, vice president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, former president of the American Baptist Convention; Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee; Gardner C. Taylor, founding president of Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Mrs. Mary O. Ross, president of women's auxiliary of National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.

In commenting on Project Forward '76, Wood said, "It is hoped that this national effort will serve as a catalyst for national and local groups which are seeking to provide a spiritual dimension to the Bicentennial observance, 1974-1976."

He further explained that "one motivation for the project is the feeling that religion and society have drifted apart over the past few decades and that effort is needed to study and project a healthy interaction of religion and society in the future."

Aims of Project

To achieve its objectives, Project Forward '76 will seek to:

- 1) Stimulate another dimension to the observance of the nation's Bicentennial—ethical and moral values, religious values and the meaning of religious liberty;
- 2) Inform groups what others are doing of a religious nature in the observance of the Bicentennial;
- 3) Multiply denominational effectiveness in the observance of the Bicentennial; and
- 4) Supply materials of various kinds to religious groups planning Bicentennial observances.

Besides Espy as chairman of Project Forward '76, other staff members include Leonard Clough, administrative director, and Charles Brackbill, director of public relations. The project will function from room 1676, the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027. (BP)

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NEW YORK—"Good News, America!"

The American Bible Society today enters the nation's bicentennial era with the announcement of this new slogan—"Good News, America!"—a theme designed to relate the Scriptures to the nation's 200th birthday celebration.

"The best news is that the entire Bible in the 'Today's English Version' will be published in 1976," asserted Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary. "This bicentennial Bible will be the Society's gift to America on its 200th anniversary and may well be the publication event of the decade."

When the New Testament was published in the "Today's English Version" in 1966, it zoomed right to the top of the best seller list and remained on that list for four years. It is now the best selling paperback in history, having taken that place in 1971.

Special Distribution

Encouraged by this skyrocketing success, a team of scholars headed by Robert G. Bratcher, research associate of the American Bible Society, began translation of the Old Testament in the "Today's English Version" in 1967.

"Good News, America!" was launched by the American Bible Society on June 16, 1974, with the presentation and special distribution of a "Good News Pioneer Scripture Selection" at Harrodsburg, Ky. (Fort Harrod), America's first settlement west of the Alleghenies. This "Good News Settler Selection" is illustrated with dramatic full color scenes of Kentucky, and features that

Robert H. Thompson Jr. Earns Degree At New Orleans

Robert H. Thompson Jr. of Memphis was married and the father of three children when he felt the Lord leading him into full-time Christian service. He also had a job with the Illinois Central Railroad. He entered Memphis State University and graduated. Then he enrolled at New Orleans Seminary while at the same time he continued to work for the railroad.

This spring at the age of 44, Thompson received the Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was licensed and ordained by Colonial Church, Memphis, of which he and his family are members.

Thompson and his wife, the former Mary Streebeck, celebrated their 25th anniversary May 30. Their children are Alan, 23, Yvonne, 18, both in college and Terry, 16.

Robert's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Thompson, Sr., also of Memphis. His great-grandfather, Samuel Davis Johns, was a Baptist preacher in Arkansas.

state's bicentennial theme: "200 Years of Faith."

"Good News, America!" will be extended by the Society in October along the banks of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This will be a massive distribution of special "Good News Scriptures" designed to commemorate the trip made by a great religious pioneer and a founding father of the American Bible Society, Samuel Mills, more than a century and a half ago, to assess the need for Scriptures among the new settlers in the Ohio and Mississippi river basins. Where Samuel Mills made his journey by barge and flatboat, the American Bible Society will concentrate on key river-side communities and cities such as Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, W. Va.

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According to Holmgren, the purpose of "Good News, America!" will be a massive and prolonged efforts to put the Scriptures in the hands of every man, woman and child in the nation—in a language each one can read and understand.

Arson Blamed For Fire In California Church

TUSTIN, Calif.—First Southern Baptist Church here, which has been the victim of repeated vandalism, was gutted by fire doing an estimated \$500,000 in damage, and many nearby churches stepped in to help.

The after-midnight fire raged through half of a spacious new building under construction and the older portion of the church containing an auditorium and classrooms. The damage estimate was reported in a story by the California Southern Baptist.

According to pastor Richard Shearer, fire officials judged that the fire had been set in three places. The church had been the target of vandalism for over a year and had been broken into two nights before the fire.

Nearly all the churches of the community offered use of their facilities, and nearby St. Cecilia Catholic Church took up an offering totaling \$1,504 to help the church rebuild.

John Jackson, pastor of Crescent Southern Baptist Church in Anaheim, Calif., wrote in the local associational bulletin, "I want to challenge each church to give ten Baptist Hymnals, and perhaps some churches will give chairs, bulletin boards and other teaching aids to replace those lost in this fire."

A large trailer in the church's parking lot now serves as the church office and pastor's study, which was completely destroyed. The church is meeting for its morning services in nearby Tustin High School. (BP)

Foundation Gives \$100,000 To Stetson University

DELAND, Fla.—Stetson University here has been given a \$100,000 grant by the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., to help with financing of the Baptist school's \$1.65 million activities center.

Announcement of the gift was made by William H. Baldwin, president and trustee of the Kresge Foundation, a private trustee corporation organized under the laws of Michigan, whose stated purpose is to "promote the well-being of mankind." (BP)

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Florida Elects Hickem To Vice-Executive Post

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—B. G. Hickem, pastor of First Baptist Church of Panama City, Fla., was elected assistant executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, effective September 1, at a state board of missions meeting here.

A native of Royalton, Ill., Hickem is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Hickem pastored several churches in Arkansas before coming to Florida. Presently he is chairman of the Florida convention board of missions. (BP)

Singer Tony Fontane Dies After Long Illness

Tony Fontane, nationally known singer and evangelist, died in Los Angeles, Calif., earlier this month after a long illness. He was 47 years old.

Fontane had held numerous crusades and services in Baptist churches in Tennessee, and in November of 1973 conducted an area-wide crusade in Knox County. His father, a Baptist minister in Grand Forks, N.D., did evangelistic work in that area before his death.

Funeral services for Fontane were held July 3 at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills. He is survived by his widow, Kerry, and a daughter, Charae.

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By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Bomb Threat Vacates Louisville Church

LOUISVILLE—A bomb threat interrupted the morning worship service at Walnut Street Baptist Church here where James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., was guest preacher.

The televised service was halted after a telephone call announced that a bomb was planted in the church. A 20-minute search revealed nothing, and the service was resumed.

Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the church, was away on vacation. (BP)

FMB Adds 34 Missionaries; Projects Strategy Studies

RIDGECREST, N.C.—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its July meeting here added 34 persons to its overseas force and made plans for projecting a bold new strategy in foreign missions during the final quarter of the 20th century.

The 15 couples appointed as career missionaries and two couples employed as missionary associates will serve in 13 countries. Two of the new missionaries have formerly served as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen.

The board also voted that a coordinating committee from the board, composed of the president, vice-president and chairmen of regular standing committees, give overall guidance to the recommended strategy study to be highlighted by a consultation on foreign missions to be conducted in Miami Beach, Fla., prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in June 1975.

The board's home office staff and all of the overseas missions in 80 foreign countries are encouraged to participate in the study, submitting their studies and recommendations to the board. Discussions will be held with appropriate agencies, state conventions and leadership groups in the SBC. The study should be completed by December 1975, according to the board's recommendation, and will be presented to the Executive Committee, SBC, in February 1976.

Addressing the board, Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, reported a growth rate in church membership overseas of 121 per cent in 10 years, from less than 365,000 members in 3,391 churches in 1963 to over 807,000 members in 6,907 churches in 1973.

The average overall growth rate for all our work in 1973 was seven per cent, "about

twice the world population growth rate," Underwood said. "The average for Eastern and Southern Africa last year was over 14 per cent while for Southeast Asia it was an amazing 17.6 per cent."

"During the past ten years," Underwood said, "the Foreign Mission Board has involved more than 1,200 preachers, musicians and laymen in 83 campaigns in which more than 312,000 first-time decisions (for Jesus Christ) have been recorded."

He pointed out the necessity of the work of missionaries and national leaders laboring through the years to establish churches that make it possible for such evangelistic campaigns to occur.

The board also allocated \$1,279,260 of last year's record \$22,232,757 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to meet needs in South America, West Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, East Asia and Southeast Asia, and for special projects in evangelism and church development around the world.

Tennesseans Appointed

Among the 34 appointees were Rev. and Mrs. J. Palmer Fletcher Jr., Rev. and Mrs. J. Wendell Powers and Mr. and Mrs. T. Brad Thompson.

The Fletchers expect to be assigned to youth and music work in Okinawa. Palmer received the bachelor of arts degree in church music and mathematics from Carson-Newman College and the master of church music degree from Southwestern Seminary. Mrs. Fletcher, the former Donna McDonald, was born in Ducktown, Tenn., and later lived in Atlanta. They have two sons, David and Clay.

Powers was born in Pruden, Ky. He also lived across the border in Purden, Tenn., and in Speedwell, Tenn., while growing up. He is a Southern Seminary graduate with the master of divinity degree. A native of

Bruce, Miss., Mrs. Powers, the former Laquita Inmon, attended junior and senior high school while living in Memphis, Tenn. They have four daughters, Angela Joy, Monica Michelle, Stephanie Leigh and Melissa Dawn. They plan to go to Taiwan where he will be pastor of an English-language congregation.

Mrs. Thompson, the former Pat Bennett, a native of West Memphis, Ark., moved to Memphis, Tenn. as a child. Her husband is a graduate of Baylor University with the bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and business and Southwestern Seminary with the master of religious education degree. They expect to be assigned to Mexico where he will work as a business manager.

Asian Business Seminar To Be Offered At Belmont

Belmont College will offer a week-long "Seminar for Asian Businessmen" this fall with conferences on the college campus and field trips over the State of Tennessee.

The program is being sponsored jointly by Belmont College, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, and the U.S. Department of Commerce. It will begin Sept. 22.

Approximately 60 bank officials, corporate directors, trading company executives, and investors representing interests in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, and Korea are planning to attend the five-day session.

After a keynote outlook conference and operational seminars on doing business in the State of Tennessee, the Asian executives will visit all sections of the state. They will be brought together with Tennessee business and financial leaders interested in working out investment and exporting relationships with the Asian participants.

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Will God Really Help Me?

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

Basic Passage: Psalms 42-43

Focal Passages: Psalms 42:1-8; 43:3-5

There are billions of people, even as the sands of the sea and the stars of heaven. Will He really, personally take cognizance of me—just one tiny speck?

The Bible teaches that He will and does. Experience of multitudes proves that His care for individuals is real.

The Bible teaches that He made us in His image and after His likeness. The Lord's care for one individual is so beautifully set forth in the Twenty-third Psalm. Jesus tells us that the hairs on our heads are numbered and that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowing.

We may see ourselves in personal experience. In the Old Testament and in the New Testament, especially we have dramatic accounts of experiences with the Lord Jesus Christ, given in John's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Many of you readers have had some unforgettable experiences with the Redeemer.

The Yearning For God Psalms 42:1-5

God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are symbolized by fountains, streams and springs of water. A deep desire for the Lord is described as a poignant thirst. Hunger and thirst are symbols of profound yearnings for satisfying experiences of necessities. Our souls do thirst and hunger after the water and bread of life found in God. A baby may suck its thumb or some material object in ignorance but the reality of true satisfaction in milk is not discounted because of its mistake. There is behind this a legitimate thirst for satisfying milk. The pagan's

bowing to idols and beseeching images in wood and stone are blundering mistakes of ignorance in search of the true satisfaction to be found alone in the living God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

The psalmist describes here also experiences that have been frustrating and disappointing and then tells of joyous moments of going with the multitude to the house of God with joy, praise and satisfying rewards for the questing.

Low moments of inner disquietude and being cast down are set forth. Yet he remembers meaningful experiences with God with a sense of reassurance from it that his questing will yet be satisfied, with high praise to God. Valleys, followed by mountaintop experiences, have appeared in all Christian lives. Some spend more time in the valleys and some spend more time on the mountaintop.

Reminiscing Rewarding Psalms 42:6-8

The writer speaks to his own downcast soul. He reminds himself of glorious experiences with God in the past. This refreshes him with a rekindled faith and hope that such experiences will return. He will be blessed again with God's loving kindness in the daytime and His songs in the night.

The barren, superficial and commonplace will be exchanged by the deep calling unto the deep once more.

Following God's Light Psalms 43:3-5

The psalmist cries unto God to send forth His truth and light to lead him into a higher and more profound experience. He wants God's truth and light not to satisfy his curiosity but to guide him into a greater fellowship with God. He wants to step up to higher ground.

He continues to have recurring experiences of depression and turmoil within himself. An experience and knowledge of God in greater depth will take care of his depression and disquietude. He firmly believes millions have found this to be true.

The psalmist runs the gamut of human moods and problems and proclaims that God cares and really helps.

Nixon Aide Requests, Sent Tape Of Sermon On Truth

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—A Southern Baptist minister's sermon on truth was mailed to the White House after an aide of President Richard M. Nixon heard the message via radio here and asked for a tape.

John McLaughlin, the Nixon aide, was in the Key Biscayne area and heard William M. Hinson, pastor of First Baptist Church here, during a recent Sunday morning broadcast.

Returning to the nation's capital, McLaughlin called the church and asked that a copy of the sermon be mailed to him at the White House.

The sermon, one of five in a series on truth, was titled "Truth Can Be Known." In it, Hinson said that truth is absolute. "Right is right . . . and it can be known. . . . God is the plumbline."

Hinson said, "The 'Watergate Syndrome' has literally spread around the world. It's a sad commentary to hear statement like this, 'You can't trust any politician today,' or 'All public officials are crooks.' The basis for this cynicism is a question of right and wrong." (BP)

Editor To Chair SBC Name Change Committee

LUBBOCK, Tex.—Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), has named C. R. Daley, editor of the Kentucky "Western Recorder," as chairman of a seven member committee to evaluate the work of the SBC Executive Committee and to study a possible name change for the convention.

Other members of the committee are: Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Harold Bennett, Jacksonville, Fla.; Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest, N. C.; Daniel R. Grant, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala.; and W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Tex.

Criswell made the motion during the SBC meeting in Dallas recently for a committee to study the name change. The Executive Committee brought a recommendation that "a committee of seven persons widely experienced in denominational life—study and evaluate the Executive Committee in the light of Bylaw 9, which outlines the work of the Executive Committee, and report to the convention in 1975. None of the seven named are on the Executive Committee.

"I do not believe you could find a committee with wider experience and wider respect in Southern Baptist life than these seven who have accepted the responsibility," Weber said in announcing the committee.

Weber suggested that all who had comments on the name change or who wanted to make input on the work of the Executive Committee should write to Daley at Box 43401, Middletown, Ky. 40243, (BP)

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The Here And Now

During the past decade we've all met persons who are confused and bewildered by the rapid changes which have taken place in marriage and family life styles. It is not easy to categorize and put all the reasons into a box, but here and there we are able to pick up insights as to what is happening and why.

In Kansas City recently—at a lecture to the Central Midwest Association of Marriage and Family Counselors—Dr. Lester A. Kirkendall, professor emeritus, University of Oregon gave some insights.

It would be unfair to attempt to summarize his presentation in so small a space, but a few notes might be of interest as you think through this problem in your own family.

Dr. Kirkendall believes we have moved a great distance away from a life-after-death and futuristic orientation in our philosophy of life. As a society we are now concerned with a here-and-now, personal fulfillment way of life which emphasizes experiencing self-fulfillment.

This view, he believes, has been strengthened by the uncertainty of life on our planet today in terms of ecological and environmental problems, the threat of nuclear war and the general transitory nature of life in violent times. And, further, because of the nature of our society we are in a better position to choose our own lifestyles more easily than most times in the past.

In addition, our value systems are changing. Formerly, we put great stress on acts, on codes of behavior and practices. Today, increasing numbers of persons are turning to find fulfillment through relating to other people.

More and more now we are concerned with process, a process which will promote and maintain relationships or terminate them with as little hurt as possible. Marriage, Dr. Kirkendall noted, is not the problem. The problem is one of relations and being able to establish and maintain them. Very often the same problems of relationships exist between couples whether they are married or not.

One moral which seems clear to us is that while it is important to see a married couple with or without children as an interacting social unit, we must also see them as part of a larger society in which many significant changes are taking place and by which they are deeply affected, whether they recognize it or not.

Historically:

From the files

50 YEARS AGO

Reverend and Mrs. A. R. Gallimore, missionaries in China, were home on their first furlough and were staying in Sharon, Tenn.

C. D. Creasman, pastor of Island Home Church in Knoxville, wrote that there were 14 professions of faith during the church's daily vacation Bible school held that year.

20 YEARS AGO

Twenty-seven years of service to Tennessee Baptists were ended upon the death of J. R. Kyzar in Nashville. Kyzar, a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, served the Grandview Church for 25 years, was interim pastor at Mill Creek Church, served on the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Board of Trustees at Belmont College, director of Tennessee Baptist Press, a trustee of American Baptist Seminary, and a member of the Christian Life Commission, and president of the Nashville Baptist Pastors Conference.

Earl A. Jones was the new pastor at Mouth of Richland Church in Grain-ger Association.

10 YEARS AGO

For the second consecutive year, Pleasant Grove Church, Chilhowee Association, led Tennessee Baptist Churches in giving percentages to missions through the Cooperative Program. The 301-member rural church gave 33.3 per cent of total receipts for missions.

Members of Fairview Church, Paris, entered their new sanctuary built at a cost of \$80,000. Leon Renick was pastor.

From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

Favorable comments concerning the gift of land from Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Catlett for a retirement village are continuing to



Norton

pour into my office. Following the picnic on June 28 at the site of the property, interest has been growing by leaps and bounds in the program for the aging through the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Mr. Gene Kerr, who was asked to assume responsibility for the development of this program, was in charge of the picnic and program which was attended by approximately 700 persons from the East Tennessee area. Along with expressions of appreciation for the gift of land from the Catletts were similar comments for the work of Mr. Kerr and the committee which was appointed to study the development of this program. Their enthusiastic efforts are appreciated by all of us.

While we anticipate the development of this retirement village program, our eyes should be opened to the needs within our churches for an accelerated ministry to senior adults. I am reading frequently in bulletins across the state of expanded programs which not only include interesting activities in which these adults participate, but efforts to meet physical needs as well. An all-inclusive ministry of this type is greatly needed and I believe can challenge the membership to become involved in an effort to serve Christ through ministering to the needs of others.

I urge you to look upon your field of service and consider the needs of senior adults. An awareness of opportunities for ministry will surely lead to action. Let's become involved in a program which not only meets the needs of others but which encourages and brings lasting happiness to all who give of themselves in a spirit of love and concern.

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'Baptist Standard' Building New \$1 Million Facility

DALLAS—The "Baptist Standard," weekly news publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has signed contracts for construction of a \$1 million, one-story building, to be located in a new industrial area, it was announced here.

The "Baptist Standard" is the largest of 33 Southern Baptist state convention news publications. Its circulation is about 375,000.

The building also will house Southwest Offset, Inc., which prints the news magazine. The "Standard's" board of directors authorized contractors to begin work immediately. Construction was to begin in mid-July with completion expected within eight months.

The "Standard", located at 2222 San Jacinto St., in the Dallas central business district for 27 years, purchased four acres in Lone Star Industrial Park last year where the 36,000 square-foot building will be located on the north side of the Dallas-Fort Worth Turnpike.

The "Standard" had earlier given an option on its downtown property. Its directors decided to go ahead with construction before there is a purchase contract because of the time limitations in the option. Reserves invested with the Baptist Foundation of

Texas will pay the construction costs in the event the option is not exercised.

The new building will give the "Standard" its first facilities designed primarily for its use and also for a printing plant. When the present site was purchased old buildings were originally converted into offices. Prefabricated metal buildings were added for some operations and a small addition for offices and storage were later added to the main building. (BP)

President Signs Bill Delaying Postal Hikes

WASHINGTON—The President signed into law a bill which delays postal rate hikes for several types of second, third, and fourth class publications.

The new law, which received speedy and favorable treatment from both the Senate and the House, stretches out from 10 to 16 years the deadline when nonprofit second class publications will be expected fully to pay their own way. The extension affects many church periodicals, newspapers, and newsletters. Certain types of third and fourth class publications including the special library rate are similarly affected.

Also benefited by the new law are regular profit-making second class publications, including many newspapers and magazines. Their deadline has now been extended from five to eight years.

When the U.S. Post Office became a semiprivate corporation in 1970, Congress stipulated that nonprofit publications would have to pay their own mailing costs without government subsidy by 1981. Under the law just signed, they have until 1987 to meet that requirement.

Profit-making, second-class publications now have until 1979 to comply, an extension from the original 1976 deadline.

The legislation drew large bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House. In the Senate, the measure was passed by a vote of 71-11, while the House passed it 227-129.

Although the new law gives temporary relief to publishers and editors, stronger legislation is still being sought which would insure survival both to marginally profitable and nonprofit publications. Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D., Wis.), who supported the measure during debate in the Senate, has promised to push such legislation in the next Congress. (BP)

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Drink From Your Own Cistern

By T. B. Maston

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Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.

(Prov. 5:15, RSV)

This is the first verse of a beautiful passage on the sexual union of husband and wife. This verse and verse 16 are figurative. The cistern and the well were sources of refreshing water attached to or close by a house or a home. In contrast, "springs," "streams of water" are sources of water away from one's house or home. These two verses are interpreted in later verses (18-20).

It is plain from verses 18-20 that the wise man was referring to sexual satisfaction of the husband. He suggested that one should find that satisfaction from his own "cistern," his own "well," with the wife of his youth. The latter expression may relate to the fact that early marriage was the custom of the children of Israel.

The wife in these verses is not portrayed as a bearer of children but as a giver of pleasure. She is described in some rather erotic terms. She is referred to as "a lovely hind, a graceful doe." The admonition of the wise man was as follows:

Let her affection fill you at all times
with delight,

be infatuated always with her love.

He then asked a question which he did not answer directly. The question was:

Why should you be infatuated
my son, with a loose woman
and embrace the bosom of an
adventuress?

He did give an indirect answer to the question. He makes a statement that should be remembered by all of us:

For a man's ways are before the eyes
of the Lord,
and he watches all his paths.

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