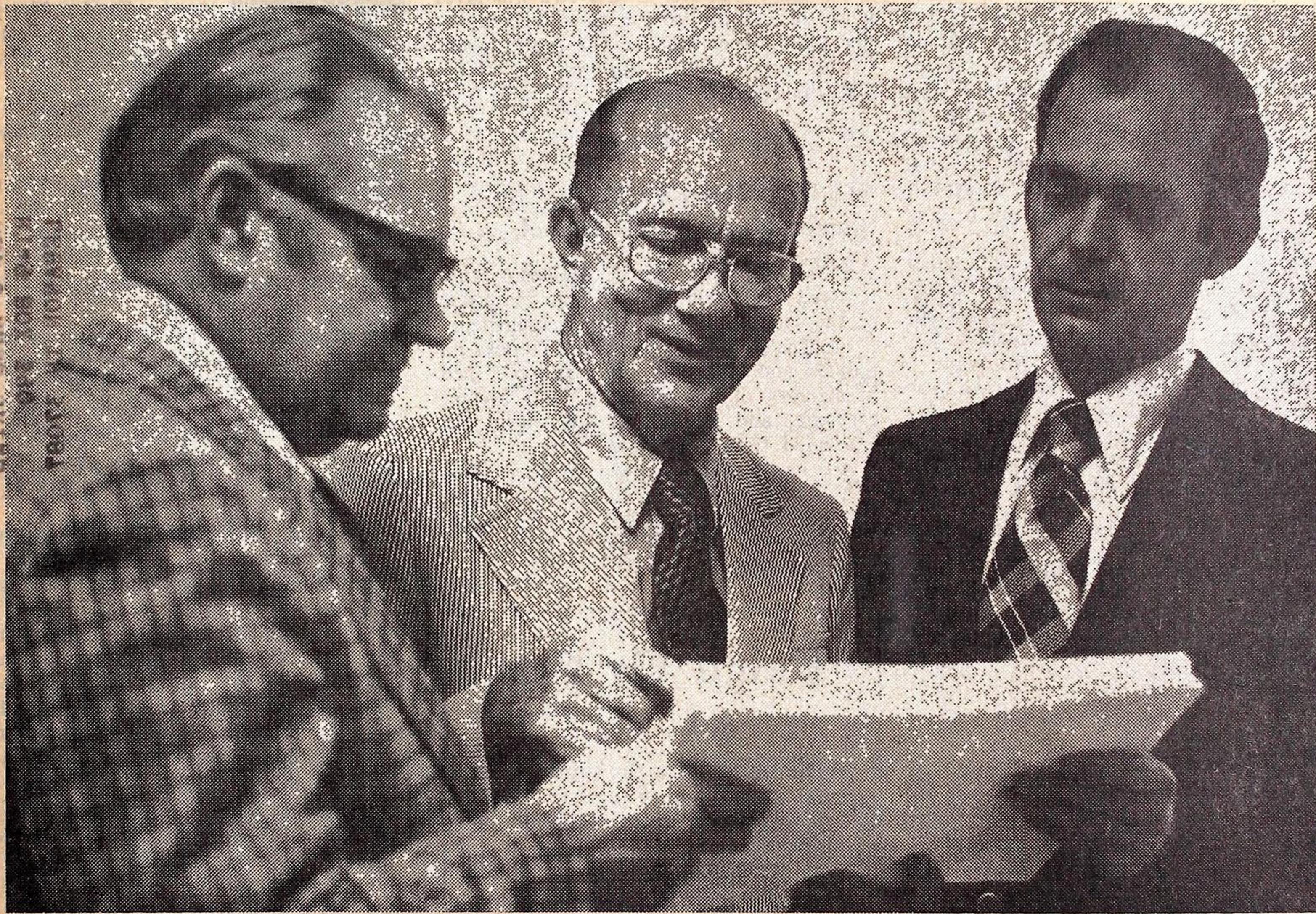


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## A HISTORY OF TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION



*Photo by David Keel*

**Dr. Ralph Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Dr. Fred Kendall, author of "A History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention," and Dr. Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, look over page proofs of Kendall's book which should be in the Baptist Book Stores not later than November 1.**

**The publication of this history is one of the major undertakings of the Convention in observance of its Centennial. The history begins when Baptists first came into Tennessee and brings us up to date.**

**"The History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention" will be sold through the Baptist Book Stores in Tennessee. Pre-publication price is \$4.95. This price will be good through November 15. Following the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the price will be \$5.95.**

**Three autograph parties will be held in the Baptist Book Store during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Murfreesboro, November 12-14 when Kendall will autograph his book. There is a limited edition of 2500 copies. (See ad on page 9).**

# Divine Assurance

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God."—I John 3:21

In verse 20 John sees a situation in which one's heart condemns him. The word rendered "condemn" means to know something against one. The Christian knows in his heart that his life is out of God's will. But the God of mercy knows every secret of our hearts. And he loves us in spite of what we are. The nearer to God one lives the more conscious he is of his unworthiness. But our worth is in God, not in ourselves.

Greater still, if our hearts do not know anything against us, then we have "confidence" or boldness face to face with God. This does not mean sinless perfection, but a heart wholly submissive to God's will.

Such a condition not only gives God's assurance of a right relation to him. It also gives boldness to approach him in prayer (Heb. 4:16). Furthermore, it produces joy in the expectation of the Lord's return (I John 2:28).

Now no one is righteous within himself. Each is saved by God's grace (Eph. 2:8-10). But this very fact should be an inducement to live a life of service for the Lord. Our assurance is not in good words, but good

works should be an outward evidence of the inward relationship. The old adage is true: we are saved to serve.

To know that one is in God's will gives peace in a storm. And it gives meaning to the sunny days of life. The world needs to see such evidence. But most of all the Christian needs to show it.

## \$10,000 Given To Mercer By Former Head, WMU School

MACON, Ga.—Mercer University has received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of the late Emily Lansdell Weatherspoon.

Designated for the purchase of books on religion and ethics, the gift was established in memory of her father, a 1901 Mercer graduate, and her grandfather, who was graduated from Mercer in 1850.

She was president of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Ky., and later married J. B. Weatherspoon, a professor of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. (BP)

# Sweet Peace

By Mrs. Jane Allison  
200 W. Red Bud, Knoxville

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Is. 26:3.



Jane Allison

No one needs to remind us today how restless the world is. Not just the restlessness of nature with her extremes of violence and calm, her ceaseless changes; but the pushing, busy, craving of humanity which keeps the world charged with fear and anxiety. Man needs peace. The verse from Isaiah 26 has the answer for the restlessness and irritation that spoil life for so many.

Peace does not come as a result of one's sheer will power. Self control and serenity are the results of faith in God and the habit of relying upon Jesus in all matters of life, however small, for this prepares us to meet whatever comes. By grace, peace comes to one whose mind is stayed on God.

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." This spiritual peace Jesus speaks of and is so much needed in our modern life, is not a human accomplishment—it is a gift of God. So much of man's unrest is due to sin. He is living in God's world and yet giving his loyalty to other rulers. He is not right with God, therefore nothing is right and he knows no real peace.

The hymn writer said it well when he wrote:

"Like a river glorious in God's perfect peace,  
Over all victorious in its bright increase;  
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day;  
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.  
Stayed upon Jehovah, Hearts are fully blest;  
Finding, as He promised, Perfect peace and rest."

(Note: Mrs. Allison is the wife of Richard Allison, pastor of South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville.)



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## NOTICE!

Effective February 1, 1974, no pictures are being returned unless a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent with the picture. This is due to the increase in postal rates.

# Christ Loved The Church

"Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." Do you ever wonder why?

I must confess that sometimes I am so ashamed of our ineffectiveness and our unwillingness that I wonder how Christ could love the church.

But the church is never solely what we see on Sunday morning or Sunday night. Its life is not limited to a congregation or even a neighborhood. The church extends beyond these walls.

We continually meet former members of our church who are interested in its present because they have had a part in its past. They sense the spiritual investment which they have made here.

Often it is supplemented by a heavy physical and financial investment. "Where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also" and their heart is here.

It is necessary sometimes to look at our church around the world and not simply on our pews or in our pulpit to see why Christ loves it. It is necessary sometimes to look back 20 years or so to look ahead 20 years to see why Christ loves it.

But Christ can do that, and He loves the church. I love it too—in my own way!

But what is the church? I suggest three answers.

## IT IS THE COMPANY OF GOD

No one of you identifies the church with the building, though beautiful it may be. We know what we mean when we refer to the building as the church. An element of love is apparent even in the reference.

The choice word for church in the New Testament is *ekklesia*. It means "called out."

As Jesus called men out of Galilee, out of fishing boats, out of a tax collector's booth, out of families—to be His Church, so He yet calls men and women, boys and girls—calls them out of themselves, out of business, out of society and insists that they go back in—to be in and not of the world.

A called out company—this is our nature. The company of God is clearly committed to His purpose. God's overwhelming purpose is redemption—redemption of all the world.

The familiar lines remind us of His love: "God so loved the world that He gave . . ." But if they remind us of His love, they rebuke us for our lack of it.

We spend a great deal more time bemoaning its fate than we do in loving the world to God. Indeed it is difficult for some of us to move in our love beyond the city limits and certainly beyond the bound-

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By J. Estill Jones

(Sixth in a series of seven articles)

Ephesians 5:21-32

aries of our state to love the world. But it is God's world. To love the world of God: this is our service.

The company of God is gladly gathered for His glory.

Always God can speak with a lone individual, one man all by himself. But the clearest proof of His presence is in a group—two or three are not gathered together in His name but what He is there.

The gathered company is the center of worship and the challenge for service. As personality is never fully developed in solitude, so Christian personality depends for its development on the company gathered for God's glory. To praise God before the world—this is our worship.

Our roots go back deeply into the Old Testament where God chose a man, a family, a nation, and then, because not all of the nation chose God, God majored on a remnant to whom He promised a new covenant, to whom He promised a Messiah—and the Messiah came and the covenant was sealed in His blood, and here we are—a company of the committed—a company of God. This is the church Christ loves.

## IT IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

We know about the body. It is our own flesh and blood. When the church is continually defined as the body of Christ the meaning ought to be clear.

We are the flesh and blood of Christ. The church is His body, of which we are members. This is New Testament doctrine. It is a spiritual symbol encompassing the church around the world—all true believers, all true Christians.

There is an old definition on which I cut my eye teeth: "the church is a body of baptized believers." It was notably simple and contains great truth, and in the absence of a more sophisticated definition of the local church, it will do.

I would add a pronoun here—and insist that it is not just a body. It is His body—but perhaps the original framers intended that.

And I would insist on the significance of baptism rather than the mere mode, though I am not likely to offer another physical mode for Christian baptism than immersion.

The significance is manifold to be sure, but this much at least. It is the initiation into His body.

Both baptism and the Lord's Supper attest the reality of the body of Christ. But baptism symbolizes the beginning of the Christian experience—one is immersed into the body of Christ—partaking of death, burial and resurrection in one commitment.

I would insist even more strongly on the "believer" aspect of the definition. It is impossible for one who does not believe to be a member of the body of Christ. The body is held together by the grace of God—and thrives on the faith of its members.

The body of Christ hangs together by faith. There must be faith in one another—one member must trust another member.

This body is organized for action. There is no other excuse for its organization or organizations.

It has no head but Christ. He does not need to be organized. But its hands, its feet, its tongue, its members—these need organizing.

We need to be organized for ministry. As He came not to be ministered unto but to minister, so the church is organized for ministry—His ministry in our day.

We are equals before Him, so ours is a democratic body. Every member has a vote regardless of age, education, wealth or any other familiar characteristics.

We are specialists in Him, so we offer our various gifts. To some He has given one; to some another, but all our spiritual gifts are to be exercised in ministry.

We are as one body in Him and so should we work together. Under these circumstances the church looks like the body of Christ.

Together with other bodies of believers we associate ourselves for the task. All together now—no pockets of stubborn "cussed" independence and certainly no super organization.

Those who accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ and agree that God's purpose for the world is redemption—these look like the body of Christ.

## THE CHURCH IS BELOVED

What does it mean to say that Christ loves the church? Let me sum it up.

He gave Himself for it. In his life He gave Himself to ministry—and the church is a continuation of His ministry.

It is not only a ministry to which we give ourselves in the church. Christ ministers through us. It is yet His ministry.

Jesus gave Himself in death—a sacrifice for all the sins of mankind. To say that Christ loved the church is to say that He gave himself up for it.

He nourishes the church—He provides for  
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# Golden State Missions Offering

By Mary Jane Nethery

The Golden State Missions Offering is a special missions offering for States Missions. It forms a world missions triangle when placed together with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions . . . or perhaps better said it becomes the foundation line on which the other two lines are built. Sadly, however, it is oftentimes the line in the triangle with the least support from the churches.

The 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in Tennessee amounted to \$1,462,471.38. The 1974 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in Tennessee totaled \$524,760.09,

while the goal for the Golden State Missions Offering for 1974 is only \$225,000.00. Perhaps one reason for the great variance is the lack of information.

Did you know that the state missions offering contributes to seventeen different areas of work? Among them are disaster relief for churches which become victims of tornados, floods, fires, etc.; resort missions which minister to campus and tourists in the state; international students studying in our state; ministry to the handicapped; financial assistance to young mission churches; mission center ministries; student summer missions; our state camps and proposed assembly; United Tennessee League; gifts to Tennessee missionaries (home and foreign) at Christmas and to their college age children doing undergraduate work; Negro work; scholarships to Tennessee young people; and the preachers schools held annually at our three Baptist Colleges.

Did you know that all the work labeled "home missions" in Tennessee is also state missions? The Tennessee Baptist Convention underwrites financially 70% of all the work done under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. By no means, however, is all of the work labeled "state missions" also home missions. We, therefore, have a state missions program directed by Leslie Baumgartner, Secretary of the State Missions Department, in addition to the cooperative work done with the Home Mission Board. A large portion of the Golden State Missions Offering is administered by the State Missions Department.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST not only is the theme of the Week of Prayer for State Missions this year but also is the reason for its existence—that through the prayers of Tennessee Baptists and the various ministries made possible by the offering, a portion of Tennessee's one and a third million unsaved might come to find new life in Christ.

September 8-15, 1974 is State Missions Week. Let us so strengthen the supportive line of state missions in the world missions triangle that it truly becomes foundational for all other efforts. After all missions begins at home.



Miss Nethery is executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## Coming Events

- Sept. 8-15—Golden State Missions Offering Week.
- Sept. 12—Sunday School Leadership Briefing, First Baptist Church, Cookeville.
- Sept. 13—Sunday School Leadership Briefing, First Baptist Church, Donelson.
- Sept. 16-17—Sunday School Teaching Conferences, Highland Heights and Parkway Village Churches, Memphis.
- Sept. 20-21—Semi-Annual Brotherhood Officers Meeting, Brentwood.
- Sept. 21—Church Training Leadership Retreat, Camp Carson, Newport.
- Sept. 28—Church Training Leadership Retreat, Camp Linden, Linden.

## 'Time' Seminar Set At First, Chattanooga

The Five Star Chapter of Church Business Administrators and Church Secretaries' Conference will host a seminar on "Time, How You Can Have More Of It" at the Chattanooga First Baptist Church on Sept. 19-20.

Church business administrators from five states will share in the seminar instruction along with denominational and secular leaders from throughout the state.

Registration will begin Thursday at the church at 1:14 p.m. with sessions beginning at 1:44.

Lucy Hoskins, consultant, Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead the secretaries' conference on "Increasing Efficiency." W. D. Southerland, director of Enlargement, Membership Services Inc., Irving, Tex., will lead sessions on computerizing church records for pastors, church staff members, CBA's church secretaries, and laymen.

The Friday sessions will convene at 8:14 a.m. and continue until noon. Features for the morning will include a CBA conference on time, the National Association of Church Business Administrators report, and the CBA certification program.

Other leaders scheduled to participate include: Ben Gross, head of Chemistry Department, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and chairman of the deacons at Chattanooga First Church; Mrs. Frank Ingram, secretary; Thornton Marshall, business administrator, Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis; Jack McEwen, pastor, Chattanooga First Church; Jerry Prickett, minister of activities; George Rush, business administrator, First Assembly of God, Memphis; and Wayne Turner, minister of education and administration. Mrs. Robert Dorrell, soloist, will bring the special music.

# Five Literacy Workshops Set For September, October

Five literacy missions workshops have been scheduled for Tennessee and Kentucky, Sept. 16-Oct. 20, according to Mrs. Thurman Allred, Nashville, workshop trainer. Mrs. Allred is a special resource literacy worker for the SBC Home Mission Board.

Tennessee and Kentucky volunteers will meet Sept. 16-18 at the First Methodist Church in Murray, Ky. Night sessions will be held from 6:30-9:30.

The second metro workshop will be held in Memphis for a group of volunteers from Sept. 24-26. The location and times for the day workshop has not been set, but registration should be made through Mrs. Muriel Briggs of First Baptist Church in Memphis.

Beginning in October, Mrs. Allred will conduct workshops in Jackson, Oct. 7-10, Jefferson City, Oct. 14-17, and Oneida, Oct. 18-20. The Jackson group will gather from 5:45-8:25 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Two areas of outreach will be given in Jefferson City. A workshop for high school students will occur at Jefferson City High School Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Other volunteers will meet at the Dandridge Baptist Church

Monday through Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30.

Workers interested in the Oneida area workshop should contact Dee Parnell of the Scott Morgan Project for time and location.

Following this literacy schedule, Mrs. Allred will travel to New York as a guest of the American Bible Society for a three-day seminar in Stamford, Conn.

## Alaska Baptists Adopt Budget; Name President

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Messengers to the 29th annual session of the Alaska Baptist Convention, meeting at Calvary Baptist Church here, adopted a record 1975 budget of \$437,177 and elected a new president.

The convention set a 1975 Cooperative Program unified budget goal of \$130,000 from its churches, with \$37,600—or 29 per cent—of that amount going to Southern Baptist Convention-wide causes.

A sharp increase in the budget reflects the operating expenses for the Alaska Baptist Family Services Center, which will be operating by Jan. 1, 1975, according to Troy Prince, executive secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

Budget for the child care and family counseling center, apart from administrative expenses, will be \$65,570, Prince said.

Virgil Chron, pastor of Muldoon Road Baptist Church, Anchorage, was elected president of the convention, succeeding a layman, Herbert L. Cotton, the first black president ever of a state convention of Southern Baptists. Cotton received a plaque from Prince in appreciation of two-and-a-half years of service and a standing ovation.

Other officers include Keith Foster, pastor of University Baptist Church, Anchorage, first vice president; and Gene Medaris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fairbanks, second vice president. (BP)

## WANTED AND NEEDED

**Baptist And Reflector** is continuing its search for a copy of **The Baptist** printed during the year of 1874. If one of our readers happens to have a copy which he/she would contribute to us, we shall be most grateful. We would like to have it for our files, and also use articles from it during our Centennial Year. It should be wrapped carefully and sent to **Baptist And Reflector**, P. O. Box 347, Brentwood, TN. 37027.

## Mrs. Cassie Newcomb Dies

Mrs. Cassie Newcomb, 87, Nashville, died Thursday night, Sept. 5 in a Nashville hospital of heart failure. Mrs. Newcomb was the mother-in-law of Mrs. Wilson Thomas, Program Services Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A member of the Edgefield Church in Nashville for over 40 years, she had been active in the educational programs of the church and during the war years took part in church correspondence with the soldiers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Woodlawn Funeral Home. Roy Babb, pastor, Edgefield Church officiated. Mrs. Newcomb is survived by one daughter, Louise Thomas, Nashville; two sons, Harry Thomas, Jackson, and Wilson Thomas, Nashville; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

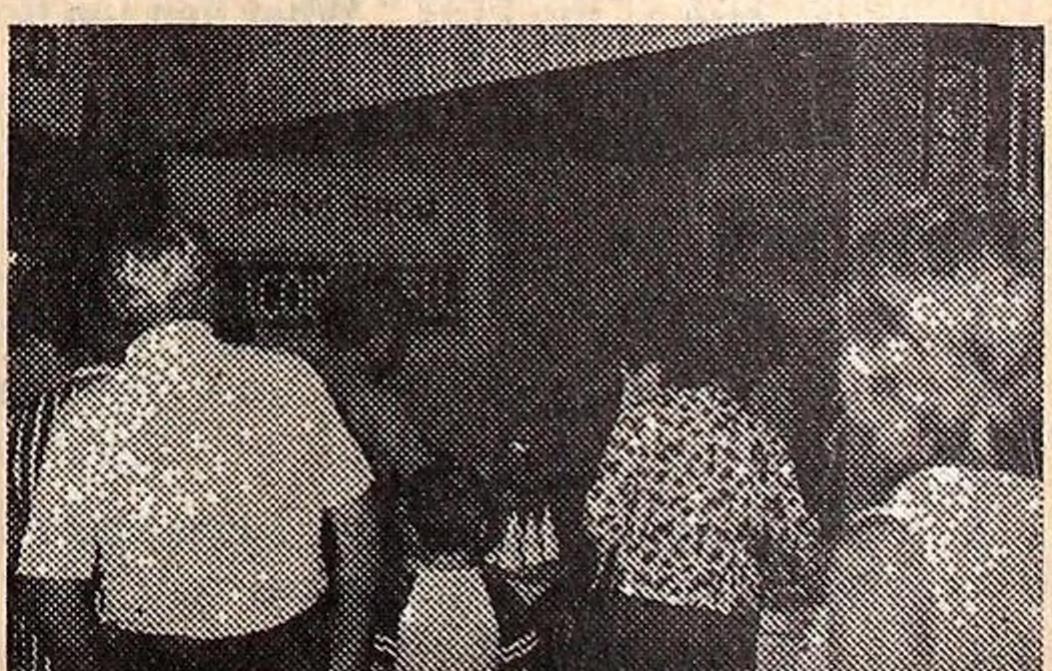
## Royal Ambassadors Receive Fifth Service Award

Two members of the Whitehaven Church in Memphis, Paul Brent Howard and Charles William Dixon, have completed five service aide awards in the areas of worship, education, and application. For the five awards, each boy has earned \$1200 in scholarship money to any of the three Baptist colleges in Tennessee.

The award requires 750 hours of work. Each boy also received the "Service Aide National Award" from the Brotherhood Commission.

Dixon plans to enter the University of Tennessee this fall, majoring in medicine, and Howard will enter the University of Tennessee to major in physical education.

The Ambassador Service Aide Award is part of the Royal Ambassador program for boys ages 15-17, sponsored by the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.



Over 11,000 cups of cold water were given out by Baptists working at the Holston Association Booth during the recent Appalachian Regional Fair. Baptists also distributed religious literature and gospel tracts which were provided by the Program Services Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board, and the American Bible Society. Lyndell Kerley, layman from Jonesboro First Church, organized the work and prepared the booth for the annual ministry.

# Christ Loved The Church

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it—He brings it up and nurtures it. He adds to it those folks who are being saved from day to day. Just as He once called men, "Follow me," so He still calls.

He feels the church, He animates it, He strengthens it. He abides in the church and ministers to our needs and through us to the needs of others. We too minister as members of His body, but our ministry is dependent on Him.

He cherishes the church—He cares for it—He treats it with tenderness and affection. He challenges it on occasion with a marvelous task and then gives strength to it.

He comforts it in its sorrow and His grace is always sufficient. His presence is evidence that He cares.

He claims the church. It is His. It is not ours; it is Christ's church—by all the rights of founding and fostering, of challenging and comforting, of provision and providence.

He pronounces it acceptable—even as He pronounces us acceptable. He does not pronounce it spotless—yet—or blemishless—yet, but it is acceptable, and that is enough if He says so.

He presents it to the Father as His trophy—as proudly as a son presents his first fish or his first deer to his father as a trophy. And He says, without apology: "Father, this church is what I died for!"

Would you die for it?

Would you live for it?

Seventh in a Series on  
Secretaries for the TBC

Corresponding Secretary  
Tennessee Baptist Convention

JOHN D. ANDERSON:

By W. Fred Kendall

Because of the lack of any stewardship program or of an administrative Board and a financial budget for the State Convention, the problem of paying the salary of a secretary was a major one.

In 1879, the Convention was five years old and was in debt for past secretaries' salaries. Reporting for the State Mission Board, T. G. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, said he had reviewed the financial problem and suggested that "In view of these things the Board would most respectfully suggest the appointment of an able and judicious layman among our brethren who, supported by his regular secular business, would require no salary, yet be able to render most important service, gratuitously, for love of his Divine Lord and His blessed cause."

Businessman John D. Anderson, a layman and deacon of the Edgefield Church was chosen and accepted this position. He served from 1880 through 1882. Proving to be a very able leader, he set in motion some programs to better organize and promote the work of the Convention across the state.

In 1882 he notified the State Mission Board that his business would require all of his time and he could not serve any longer. The Board was hesitant to lose his able leadership, and therefore, elected James Waters, pastor at Edgefield, and Anderson's pastor, to be his assistant.

The arrangement was not successful, however, and Anderson resigned after six months. During his period of service, the work was greatly strengthened. The Convention owes this great layman a debt for bailing it out of trouble and for serving so ably with no salary. He is the only layman who has filled this position in the century of the history of the Convention.

We have been unable to secure much information about Anderson. Further research is being pursued to ascertain more about his life and his business.

It is regrettable that the biographical material on some of the corresponding secretaries who served in the early years has been lost and not been preserved for history. Anyone who has any information about them or members of their families should give it to the office of the Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to be added to the historical materials of the Convention. More information is needed on E. C. Gates, J. W. Gillon, Lloyd Wilson, and John Anderson.

(Editorial Note: This is the seventh in the series on secretaries for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, but the third to serve.)

## POWERLINE

### THEY DON'T FIT IN

*Sometimes we dislike most in others the characteristics which we, too, demonstrate. Here's a good example.*

About six months ago some new teenagers moved into our community. They wore their hair long and dressed in jeans most of the time, but basically they were much like the rest of us. Some of the adults in our church objected when these new kids started coming to church looking this way and eventually they said something to hurt our friends' feelings. Now they never come. Besides all this we have a new preacher, and he and his wife just don't understand us. They always want us to play dumb, childish games at fellowship. We really don't like the way they act either—"just like one of the kids." What can we do?

It is unfortunate that people have not yet learned to accept one another for the best qualities they offer rather than looking for points of criticism. We wonder, however, if your youth are not being just as intolerant as some of the adults in your community. They disapproved of the new teenagers because they didn't fit in. You disapprove of your new pastor and his wife because they aren't what you think they should be.

It seems that some of these conflicts could be resolved with honest communication. Have you tried sharing with the adults some of your feelings? Have you looked for times when you could listen to what they are saying? Perhaps you could appoint a leader to present your point of view to the pastor. Demonstrate your maturity through cooperation and look for compromises that will be acceptable to both sides.

Love can go a long way in bridging the communication gap between generations. This is a basic principle in Christ's teachings and example. Why not give it a try?

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

# God Seeking A Leader For Liberating The Oppressed

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

Bible Material: Exodus 3:1-22; 14:1-31; 19:1-25

Lesson Text: Exodus 3:7-10; 19:3-8

This lesson is the second of a series devoted to the study of the personalities of four individuals who were chosen by God to be responsible for "guiding a committed people." All too frequently there is a tendency to isolate such characters into a special category of persons who lived long ago and far away. The result is that we do not deal seriously enough with the message of God for us. The claim "I'm no leader" or "One person won't make any difference" may serve as an alibi which will deter us from adequately considering either our own abilities or responsibilities.

Much more might be gained by a serious study of these lessons. A study of these men could serve to challenge us as we see what individuals of the past have accomplished. In addition, new insights could be gained which would help us perform better those tasks in which we are involved. Finally, even though we never receive special leadership responsibilities, the careful consideration of the needs and abilities of God's best leaders may serve to equip us to be better workers. The church is in dire need of committed, informed, faithful workers. A study of Moses will contribute to an understanding of the characteristics one must possess to contribute to the releasing of those in bondage.

## AWARE OF THE OPPRESSED

Oppression comes in a variety of shapes and sizes. Too often we are only vaguely aware of the painful consequences of someone being tyrannized in one way or another. The really tragic thing about suppression is that it happens to people. However, Moses was characterized by a kind of sensitivity that was aroused when persons were repressed. The emphasis in Exodus is clearly upon God's seeing and hearing the tragic plight of his people (2:23-25; 3:7-9), but Moses also was aware of the situation of his fellow Hebrews. For his was an eyewitness view of their downtrodden predicament (2:11-12). In addition, as Moses was working under God for the deliverance of those enslaved people, he would see how much harsher the bondage could become. Because of their slavery, the demands of their masters would be intensified (5:4-13) and they were severely punished (5:4). Perhaps the greatest tragedy of the oppression of the Hebrews was that as a result of it

they became satisfied enough that they lost any real desire to be free. In spite of some temporary surges of independence (4:30-31) they had been robbed of spirit, and it was said of them, "They did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel bondage" (6:9 RSV).

Sensitivity to and willingness to identify with the condition of those who are enslaved is a primary attitude of anyone who desires to participate in their liberation. If Christians really want to help others, it is necessary for us to learn how to be more understanding. The best help many oppressed persons could receive would be for someone to prepare them to experience freedom.

## AN OFFER OF DIVINE LIBERATION

It is to the everlasting credit of Moses that his attitude was one of recognition of God as the actual doer of whatever was done. The excuses offered by Moses for his reluctance to accept the call of God (3:11-4:17) show more than a reluctant man. They show that Moses was a realistic person. He had no illusions about his own abilities or position. If God's people were to be set free it would have to be at the instigation of some personality with more authority and ability than Moses. This divinely appointed leader asked "Who am I?" (3:11), but he was "met with no divine assurance that he is just the man for the task but only with the promise: 'Certainly, I will be with thee'" (James). Always after this, Moses was conscious of speaking for God in a unique sense. Moses thus became the instrument of leading the newly freed slaves into a covenant with the God who really was their liberator.

Not only was this covenant not forced upon the Hebrews, but the offer was made after their delivery already had been begun. But freedom from slavery was only one part of God's offer of liberation to them. For them as for us, full liberation is possible only when man responds to God's offer with the same dedication uttered by Moses and his followers: "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do" (19:8).

The church must always remember that God is on the side of both full freedom and full responsibility. A later worshipper of God would express this same sentiment by proclaiming, "For freedom Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1 RSV).

## Arkansas Honors McDonald, Approves Record Budget

LITTLE ROCK—Erwin L. McDonald, retired editor of the "Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine" was unanimously approved for editor emeritus status by the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention meeting here.

McDonald, who edited the Southern newsmagazine longer than any other editor of the publication was recognized at a meeting in which the board recommended a convention budget of \$4,294,047, the largest in its history.

The recommended budget will be presented to messengers at the November 1974 annual convention of Arkansas Baptists for their approval.

Arkansas Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft said that by 1975 receipts (including anticipated overages) will have doubled over 1968.

"In 1972, we were able to send \$1 million to Southern Baptist causes. In 1975, we should be able to give \$1.5 million," Ashcraft said.

McDonald served as editor from March, 1957 to Jan., 1972 and is the first person from the news magazine to be granted emeritus status. (BP)

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Dennis Lyle is the new minister of education at Haywood Hills Church, Nashville, the first person to serve full-time in the position in the church's history. A native of Cleveland, Lyle is married to the former Ressa Love Utsey, and the couple has two daughters, Mrs. Eddie Joy and Royda Lyle. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served in Christian education capacities in Lubbock, Canyon, and Belton, Tex., and at the Belmont Heights Church in Nashville, where he was director of program activities. Roger Shelton is pastor at Haywood Hills.

Sand Hill Church, Weakley County Association, called Bob Swift as pastor; and Gleason First Church called Lynn Walker as pastor. Both men come to the positions from Kentucky. Virgil Allen has accepted the call of the Oak Grove Church #2, coming from Moore's Chapel.

Joey Rosas has resigned as pastor of Calvary Church in Memphis to continue his education at Union University. He will continue pulpit supply work and revival work.

Sky View Church, Memphis, called Toby Everett as director of education, music, and youth, according to pastor Joe Shaver. Everett is a graduate of Mississippi Baptist College at Clinton and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bill E. Spencer resigned from Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson, Miss. to accept a call to the Germantown Church as director of music and youth. Ken Story is pastor at Germantown.

Ferris Jordan, pastor of the Clarendon Hills, Ill. First Church, has accepted the call to serve as associate pastor of the Two Rivers Church in Nashville. A graduate of Louisiana College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Jordan will be on the new field of service Sept. 22. He served previously with the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. Jim Henry is pastor of the Two Rivers Church.

Wade Trimmer, pastor of the Leoma Church in Leoma, has resigned to enter full-time evangelism. He has conducted revival services in several states over the past five years and will make his home in Lebanon where he will be associated with Outreach Ministries.

## PEOPLE . . .

In Weakley County Association, P. J. Scott, pastor of Jolley Springs Church, recently lost his home in a fire. The Scott family is living in the superintendent of missions home, Robert L. Newman, in Dresden, until a new home can be constructed.

Central Church, Martin, ordained Roger Winsett to the gospel ministry. He has been called as youth and music director of Mt. Pelia Church in Beulah Association. J. Victor Brown is the pastor at Central.

Mount Carmel Church, Chilhowee Association, ordained Dennis Roberson to the gospel ministry. Roberson is the new pastor at Burchfield Church. Bill R. Dixon is pastor at Mount Carmel.

Howard T. Rich, former pastor of Speedway Terrace Church in Memphis, has moved from his home in Memphis to Elizabethton. His new address is Route 7, Box 266, Elizabethton, 37643. Rich resigned as pastor of the church recently following a heart attack.

Johnny Powers was ordained to the gospel ministry by Rocky Mount Church, McMinn Association. Powers has been called as pastor of Walnut Grove Church. Keith Wilson is pastor at Rocky Mount.

In Holston Association, Oak Dale Church ordained Ray Milligan as a deacon. Participating in the special service were Tom Turnmeyer, John Paul Bowser, and James C. Campbell, pastor. In the same association, Texas Murray, former leader of the children's church at Skyline Heights Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry. He is currently enrolled in Graham Bible College and resides in Johnson City.

Lemuel F. Wade was ordained to the ministry by Lookout Valley Church in Chattanooga last month. He is serving in chaplain training at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. In July he received the Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Douglas Jenkins, Clarence Myers, and Jack Owenby were ordained as deacons at Northport Church in East Tennessee Association. J. H. Stogner, superintendent of missions for the association, assisted in the service. James Kinser, pastor, preached the ordination message.

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## CHURCHES . . .

In Clinton Association, Black Oak Church paved the parking lot and made other improvements of the facility. Delbert Payne is pastor. Fairview Church held special services ending the indebtedness on the church. The interim pastor is Dan Taylor, Carson-Newman College. Island Ford Church is bricking the outside of the building and remodeling the Sunday School rooms. Charlie Mac Marlowe is pastor.

Hillsdale Church members, Bledsoe Association, voted to conduct worship services every Sunday. Previous services have been held twice monthly. Wert Campbell is pastor.

In Chilhowee Association, Zion Chapel is building a new building and working toward a standard Sunday School. W. L. Henderson is pastor.

Public Well Church, Weakley County Association, redecorated the auditorium and installed new carpeting, pews, and pulpit furniture. Bobby G. Pruitt is pastor. In the same association, Dresden First Church has a new church building under construction.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Wayne Tarpley, Auburntown, led revival services for Eastview Church in Shelbyville. The church reported one addition by letter and nine additions by baptism. Music for the services was under the direction of Clarence Jones. W. C. Carlton is pastor.

There were 11 professions of faith during revival services held at Friendship Church in Friendship where David Walker led in preaching. Mike Walker, minister of music for the church, led the music, and John McCommon is pastor.

In Weakley County Association, Bethlehem Church reported five for baptism and seven additions by letter during its revival. P. J. Scott was the evangelist, and Dean Doster is pastor. In the same association, Sharon First Church was led in revival by Eddie Cole, Stan Smith, Steve Dawson, Billy Joe McDaniel, Jerry Essary, and Phillip Mansfield. Mike Abney was in charge of the music. J. W. Abney is pastor. Mayo Mansfield assisted in revival services at Union Grove Church where there were two professions of faith and several rededications. Jerry Summers is pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

Gladeville Church was led in revival by James C. Hutchings, pastor of Prosperity Church. Troy Daniel, music director of Bakers Grove Church, led the music. Robert D. Agee, pastor, stated that there were five additions to the church.

North Athens Church, Athens, recently closed a youth-led revival with Clarence Sexton, pastor of Calvary Church in Lenoir City, leading in the services. According to pastor Dillard Hagan, there was a total of 90 decisions. Allan Grisham led the youth choir.

In New Salem Association, there were four additions by letter and three by baptism in revival services at Gordonsville First Church. Jack Custer was the evangelist. Lewis Hunter is the church's new pastor. Hickman Church reported nine additions during its summer revival. Tom Henry was the evangelist and Bob Evans led the music. C. E. Hall is pastor. At Peyton's Creek Church, Charles A. Gentry led in services resulting in six additions to the church. Ray Smith is pastor.

There were two additions to Pleasant Valley Church, Bledsoe Association, during its revival. Paul Leftrick was the evangelist, and S. E. Wood is pastor.

Shepards Chapel Church, Holston Valley Association, reports two professions of faith and one re dedication during their recent revival. Ruble Price was the evangelist. S. F. Way is pastor.

### Record Number Attends

### 18th Pastors' Retreat

The 18th annual Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Retreat, sponsored by the Convention's Evangelism department, F. M. Dowell, director, drew a record attendance of 261. Represented in this number were 225 full-time campers. The Retreat was held Aug. 26-30 at Camp Carson, Newport.

John F. Havlik, with the division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, led in a period of Bible study during each session.

Vance Havner, author and evangelist from Greensboro, N.C., and Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Convention, brought messages during the sessions.

The mornings and evenings were given to Bible study and messages as well as discussions on Soul Winning, led by Dowell.

The afternoons were reserved for rest and recreation. Billy J. Edmonds, pastor, Trinity Church, Knoxville, directed the recreational periods.

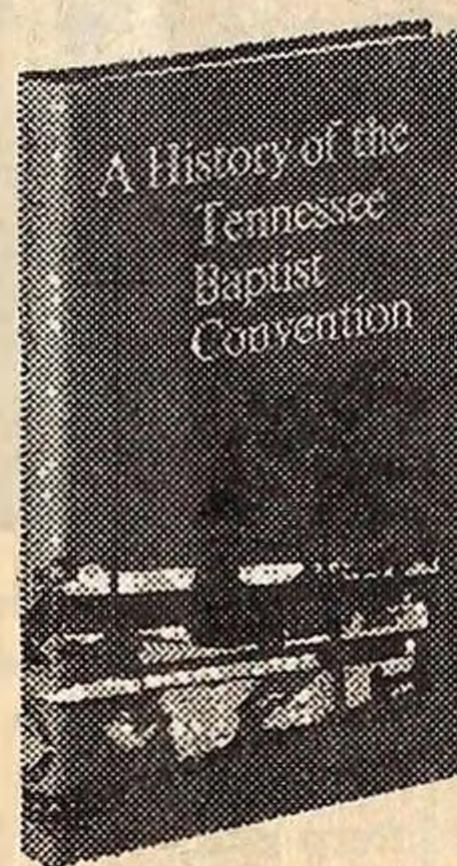
A. A. Carlton, a staff member of First Church, Lenoir City and Don Campbell, minister of music, First Church Sevierville, were in charge of the music for the week.

## 94 AND STILL GOING STRONG FOR THE LORD

During 1920 James H. Hubbard closed a ministry with the Baptist Church in Franklin, Tenn. He had served Southside Church in Nashville prior to its being merged with the Belmont Church to form Belmont Heights Baptist Church, and was instrumental in bringing about the union of the two congregations.

On August 22 this year he passed his 94th anniversary in the flesh. At the present time he is living in Indian Creek Nursing Home, Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Kan. He is serving the home as volunteer chaplain, conducting preaching service at 6:00 P.M. and being on duty day or night for conferences, sick calls and such.

His only serious handicap for his age is poor eyesight, but he continues to write a legible hand and can do some reading of large type or by using a magnifying glass. In a personal letter dated August 11, he sends his greetings to Tennessee Baptists and writes of his plan to attend the Missouri Baptist Convention next October and try to help them iron out some of their serious problems.—John D. Freeman



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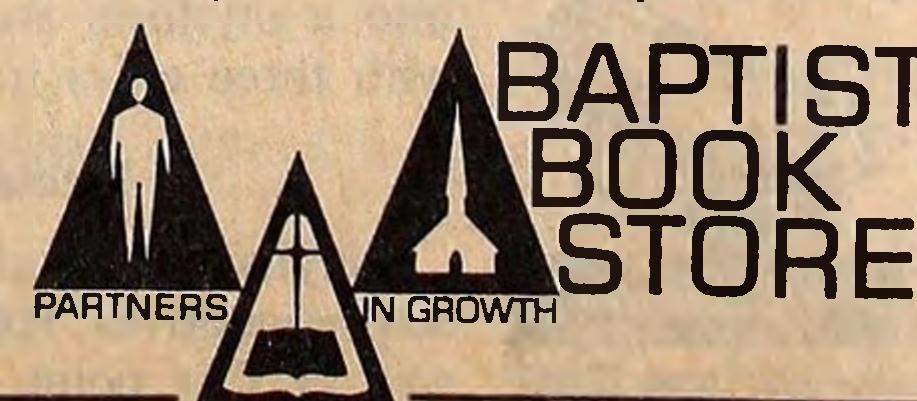
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# Harrison-Chilhowee Deaf Student Elected To Boys' Nation Post

Roy Pearson Blaylock, 19, a senior at Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tenn., was elected vice-president of the American Legion's Boys' Nation at a meeting held recently at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Blaylock is enrolled in the Chilhowee Academy College Preparatory Program for Deaf Students. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blaylock of Memphis, Tennessee, a printer employed by the Memphis Publishing Co. The Blaylocks are members of the First Baptist Church.

Accompanying Blaylock to Boys' Nation was Tim Jones, a certified interpreter for the deaf, formerly a member of the Chilhowee Academy interpreter staff.

## First Deaf Person Elected

The first deaf person ever to participate in either Boys' State or Boys' Nation, Blaylock was elected vice-president in competition within his own political party, and between the two political parties organized within Boys' Nation. As vice-president Blaylock presided over the meetings of the Senate through the aid of his interpreter.

Blaylock was one of the two "senators" from Tennessee who had been chosen to attend Boys' Nation in elections held at the annual Boys' State meeting at Cookeville, Tennessee during the month of June.

The trip to Boys' Nation was made possible by the determined effort of his associates to overcome several barriers.

When the Boys' State representative from Chilhowee Academy was chosen, Blaylock was the immediate choice. At Chilhowee, he had demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership and character. But he is deaf, and it was thought there was little chance he could be accepted as a delegate by Boys' State officials. Another student, Danny Parton, was chosen.

However, the idea of Blaylock's participation had been planted, and the class sponsor, along with members of the academy's interpreter staff, pursued the possibility that both students might be allowed to attend.



Roy Blaylock, Boy's Nation Vice-President for 1974, conducts the last meeting of Boys' Nation Senate in the New Senate Office Building in Washington. Roy is deaf, and Tim Jones is interpreting Roy's "words" to the Senate meeting.

## Assistance Provided

Having discovered that Vocational Rehabilitation could provide financial assistance for an interpreter to accompany Blaylock to Boys' State, his friends contacted Tennessee American Legion Headquarters for advice.

The American Legion agreed that he could attend if certain conditions were met. The interpreter would have to be under 25 years of age and would have to fit into the youthful profile of the program. Also, the interpreter would have to handle the interpretation continuously, and Blaylock would be required to participate in every phase of the scheduled activity.

The final details were worked out on Friday before the meeting was scheduled to begin in Cookeville on Sunday. The American Legion had accepted Blalock and Jones, and Danny Parton as delegates.

At Boys' State—an annual experiment in self-government among high school students—the 600 participants were organized into a mythical state having four counties, with three cities in each county.

## Elected To House

Blaylock was elected to the House of Representatives from Harvill County. He said at that point he had not encountered

any special problems in county and state affairs.

Toward the end of the week, when the cities elected candidates to campaign for the two senatorial seats at Boys' Nation in Washington, he was selected from his city by acclamation.

As the state-wide campaign got underway, delegates from other cities began supporting him, stressing their favor because of his abilities, not out of sympathy for his handicap.

The election to Boys' Nation came on the final day of Boys' State following campaign speeches by each of the candidates. Commander McCullum of the American Legion stood to announce the results, and a hush fell over the auditorium. When Blaylock's name was announced as a winner, a spontaneous cheer exploded from the delegates.

"Even though Roy could not hear the cheers, the long, standing ovation was ample communication of his esteem among his associates," Jones said.

## Travel To Washington

On July 18th, 95 states' senators met for Boys' Nation on the campus of the American University in Washington, D.C. A senate was organized. A Two-Party political system was established, having Federal and National parties. Party chairmen were chosen, and the senators got down to the business of choosing candidates for the presidency and for vice-president.

A member of the Federal Party, Blaylock was one of the six nominees for the party's candidacy for vice-president in the national election. He won the nomination.

The election campaign began with all of the excitement of a national election: posters, signs, and speeches, each speech written and delivered by the candidate.

The vote was taken by roll call of the states. Blaylock won the election by a wide majority.

During the remaining sessions of Boys' Nation, he presided over the Senate as the senators originated bills, passed them through committees, and debated them on the senate floor.

Jones reported that the Washington "pace" was sometimes tiring for Blaylock, physically, but he was mentally alert and was constantly working and enjoying the activities.

Jones said the words of one of Blaylock's speeches properly summed up his response to his experiences at Boys' Nation: "I am proud to be a senator at Boys' Nation, and I am proud to be vice-president of Boys' Nation. But, most of all, I'm proud to be an American."

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# SBC Preliminary Plans Announced In Miami Beach

**MIAMI BEACH**—“Let Christ’s Freedom Ring” will be the theme for the 118th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting slated for June 10-12, 1975 here, according to Searcy S. Garrison, chairman of the SBC’s Committee on Order of Business.

The six-member committee, which plans the annual meeting subject to approval of the convention in its first session, met in Miami Beach to take the first steps toward planning the 1975 meeting.

“I want us to have a convention in 1975 that people will go away from talking about the things that unite us rather than divide us,” said Jerry Weber, president of the 12.3-million member SBC.

Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., was elected the highest office of America’s largest evangelical group in Dallas in June.

“Every effort should be made in 1975 to focus attention on what made us the great convention we are,” Weber said. “We need to emphasize evangelism, and missions,

and the needs in America. Why, other countries are sending missionaries to us,” he observed.

“We expect excellent attendance in Miami Beach in 1975, perhaps second only to Dallas in 1974 where we registered a record 18,190 messengers,” said Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia.

## Two Celebrations To Be Featured

“We will launch the bicentennial celebration for our nation in 1975 and we will also be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program, the financial base for our world-mission program,” the Georgia executive said.

“We want to focus attention on patriotism, Bible preaching and missions. Southern Baptists are the largest evangelical group in America. We want to do our part in helping our country celebrate its 200th birthday and also emphasize our world-wide responsibilities for Christ.”

Preliminary plans call for an emphasis

on the Cooperative Program in the Tuesday evening session, an emphasis on America and national mission needs in the Wednesday night session and a focus, on Thursday night, on winning the world for Christ through foreign missions.

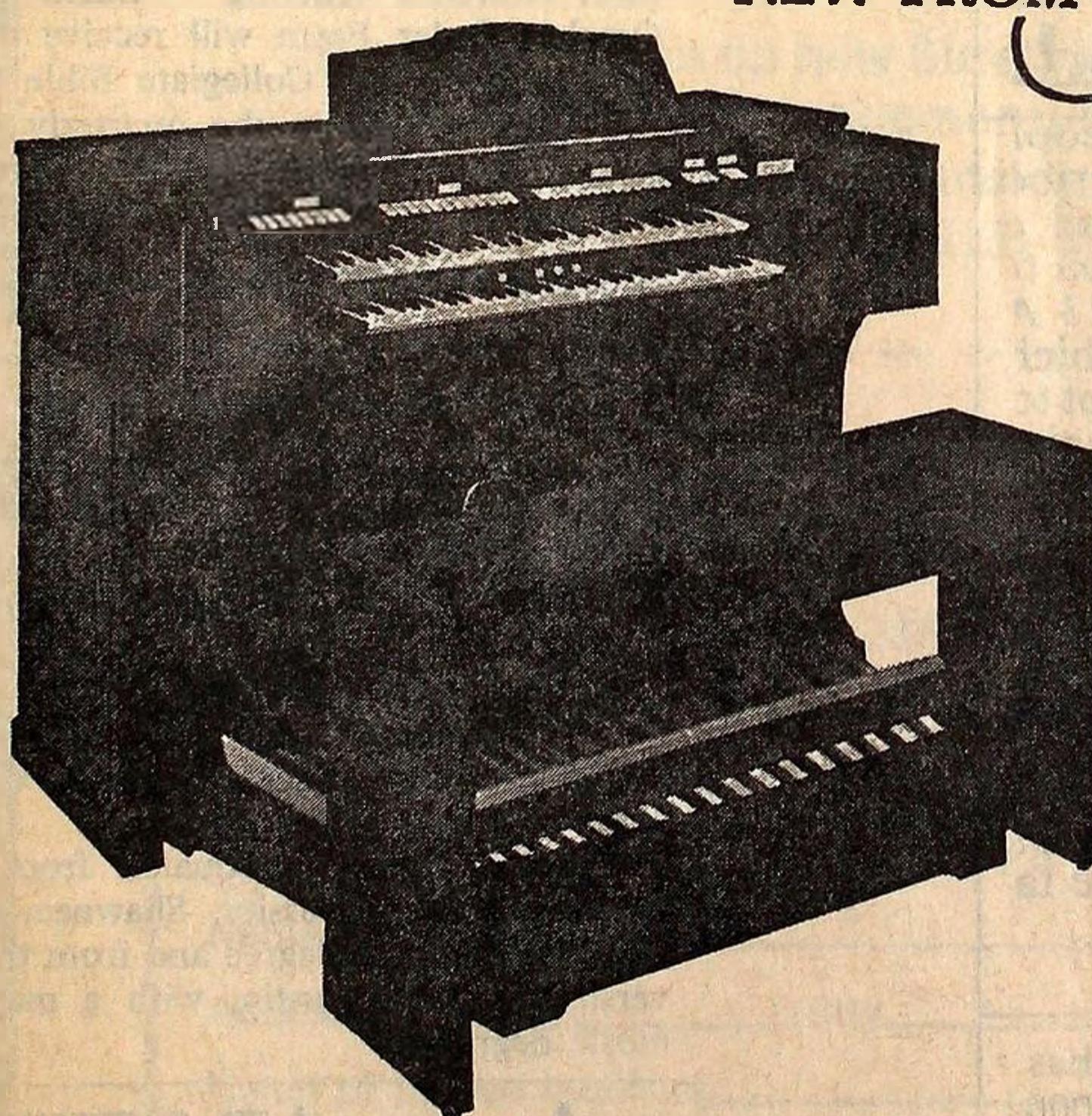
Preacher of the annual sermon, determined by the 1974 convention in Dallas, will be Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

President Weber will deliver his presidential address on Tuesday morning.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will serve as music director for the convention.

The three-day, seven-session convention will be meeting in the enlarged and improved Convention Center on Miami Beach. Seating capacity in the main hall is approximately 16,000.

The Committee on Order of Business hopes to complete its planning by December 1. (BP)



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# Girl's Camp Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—Over 650 persons came to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Camp Crestridge for Girls here recently and pay tribute to Miss Arvine Bell, the camp's first and only director.

Miss Bell worked for a year on the program for Camp Crestridge's 20th Anniversary, only to find the entire program changed without her knowledge to be a tribute to her and her work at the Southern Baptist girl's camp.

"Miss Bell is Camp Crestridge and Camp Crestridge is Miss Bell," seemed to be the general feeling of the guests, and was expressed by one of the speakers, R. L. Middleton, retired director of the business division at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers, as well as Camp Crestridge for Girls and Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, were under Middleton's supervision when he was at the Sunday School Board. He maintains a summer home at Ridgecrest now.

Bob M. Boyd, director of the conference center division at the Sunday School Board,

and J. M. Crowe, executive vice-president of the Board, both were present for the celebration. Crowe brought greetings and congratulations from James L. Sullivan, president of the Board.

Owen Cooper, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, sent a letter to Miss Bell expressing gratitude for her work. Three of Cooper's daughters attended the summer sessions at Camp Crestridge.

Willard Weeks, retired manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, sent a tape to Miss Bell. He was the manager of Ridgecrest Conference Center when Camp Crestridge was founded.

Ken McAnear, manager of nearby Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, said "Those of us that work with Miss Bell recognize her as a true friend."

"The spirit of Camp Crestridge," he continued, "which is really the spirit of God, comes from Miss Bell."

Camp Crestridge for Girls is owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

## 'Illustrator' Coming From BSSB Oct. 1

A new quarterly magazine for adult Sunday School class members, "Sunday School Lesson Illustrator," has been developed in response to continuing requests from churches for more in-depth treatment of background material and factual biblical information.

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Feature articles are based on sound scholarly research but are written in the popular language of the layman.

## 'Context' Name To Change

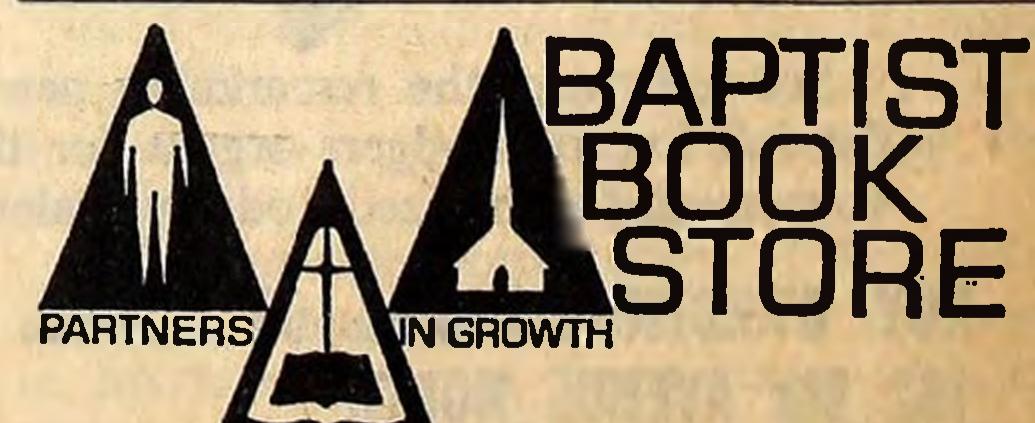
Beginning with the October 1974 issue of "Context," a college Sunday School quarterly, the name will be changed to "Collegiate Bible Study." Because of the time factor and publishing schedules, the new name will not appear on the church literature order form until January 1975. Therefore, churches ordering "Context" on the October Order Form will receive it under its new name of "Collegiate Bible Study." The only change in the quarterly will be the name. Everything else, including the format and focus, will remain the same.

## Blankenship Is New Editor In Church Music Department

**NASHVILLE**—Mark Blankenship, a native of Illinois, is a new editor of adult and youth music in the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Before coming to the Sunday School Board Blankenship was minister of music at North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Blankenship was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, with a bachelor of music degree and from the University of Texas-Austin, with a master of music degree.



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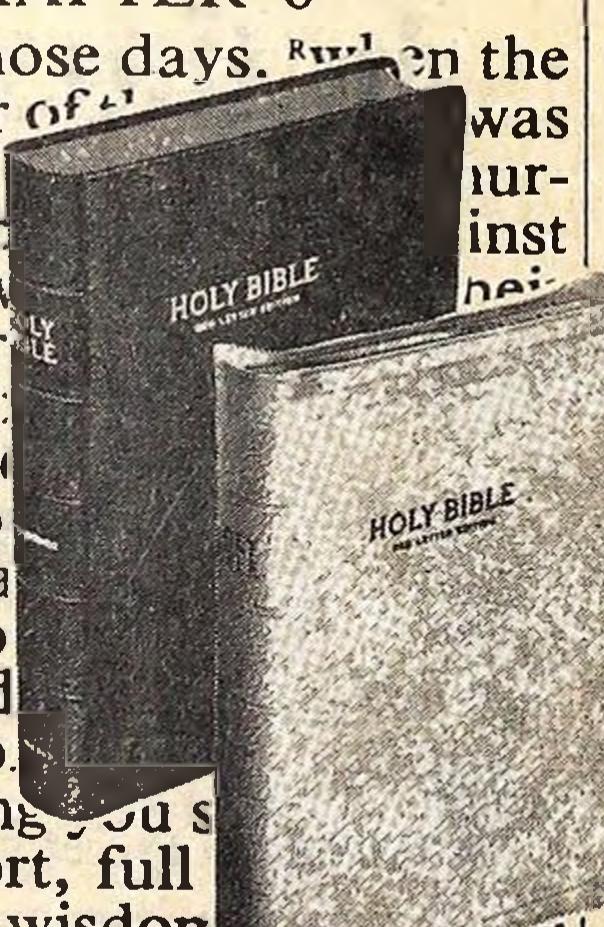
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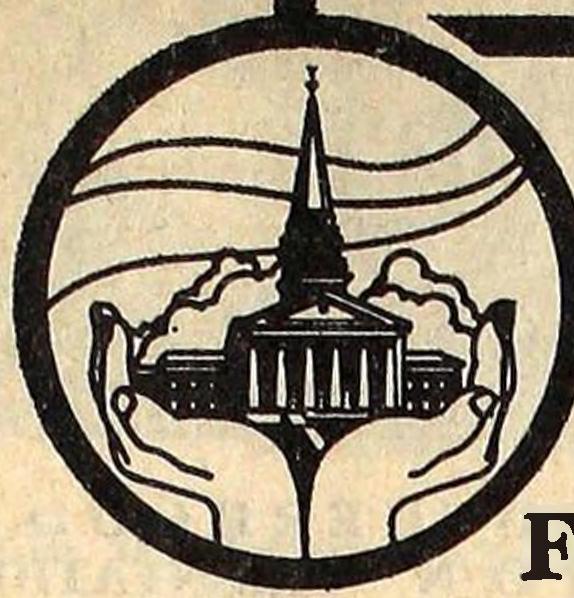
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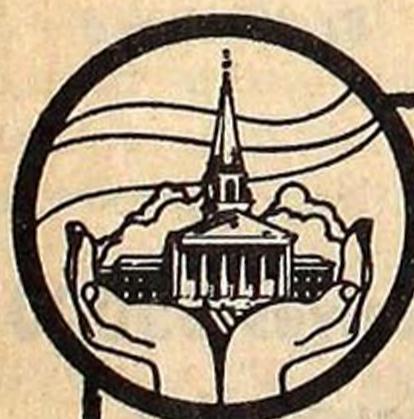


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# An Immoral Woman

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**Basic Passage: 8:1-11**  
**Focal Passage 8:1-11**

Charity has been considered a virtue in most all great cultures at one time or another. The advanced moral codes have usually condemned adultery and fornication. This has been true with certain modifications in many primitive tribes.

The Judeo-Christian concept has been very articulate in approving chastity and condemning illicit sex relations. All cultures and religions have come to a high peak in their development. Then they have started to decline in the most of their material splendor and affluence. As the decline increases, so has the immorality and illicit practices in sex.

Some pagan religions have promulgated prostitution as a part of their ceremonial worship exercises. The Jewish fault has often stood out as a white lily in a muddy pond. Self-discipline, loyalty and strength of character have come out of chastity.

There have been two ways of treating immorality in sex in the Judeo-Christian tradition. One has been severity without mercy, the other has been high standards mingled with mercy and forgiveness.

## The Great Teacher Interrupted John 8:1-2

The Mount of Olives seems to have been a favorite spot with Jesus. He arose early in the morning and went over to the Temple. He sat down and started teaching the people.

He was interrupted by a group of critics who dragged a fallen woman in and put her in the middle of everything, forcing Jesus to face her.

This attracted everybody's attention.

## The Supreme Judge Tested John 8:3-5

The accusing scribes and Pharisees presented the evidence of guilt and quoted the law and demanded a decision by the Supreme Judge of all things. They were not interested in purity nor even the law of Moses. They were trying to trap the Judge. Their motive was a sinister one but they appeared as crusaders for a high morality. The Judge happened to know the truth about them.

## The Prosecution Frustrated John 8:6-9

At first Jesus seemed to ignore them. He looked down and started writing on the ground. This seemed to irritate them but they pursued their demands for an opinion with greater intensity.

Jesus lifted up His head and suggested that they proceed with the execution ac-

cording to the law of Moses but with one provision: That each executor be clean himself. This not only frustrated them—it routed them utterly. Nobody threw a stone at her but each one sneaked away. In complete contempt for their brazen hypocrisy, Jesus had looked down again and had started writing again.

## The Gracious Lord Forgives John 8:10-11

Jesus lifted up His head again and saw the woman but no accusers. The prosecution had evaporated.

No doubt Jesus knew what was in her trembling heart. It must have been a deep sense of guilt and a profound repentance. He said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way and sin no more."

He did not condone sin. He cleansed her guilt and forgave her transgressions. He preferred saving to condemning when given a chance.

The purpose of this was not only to penalize transgressors but lead to repentance. It is a school master to lead us to Christ and a new Judge.

The outcome of this amazing event was not a lifeless, pelted body covered with stones but an evil, redeemed woman starting a new life. That serves the higher purpose of the law and the preference of our blessed Lord. To the incorrigible rebel He has to be a stern Judge but He would much rather be a compassionate Savior.

## Baptist Men To Meet Nov. 11 In Murfreesboro

The State Baptist Men's Convention will be held Monday night, Nov. 11, in the Riverdale High School Gymnasium in Murfreesboro, preceding the Tennessee Baptist Convention, according to Roy Gilleland, state Brotherhood director.

The Brotherhood sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. A banquet will be held at 5:30.

Featured program personalities will include: Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Kenneth L. Chaffin, pastor, South Main Church, Houston; William A. Cox, Jr. sales supervisor, Broadman Consumer Sales Department, Baptist Sunday School Board; Mrs. William A. Cox Jr., organist, Two Rivers Church, Nashville; Joe Ann Shelton, featured soloist; and Loeen Bushman, accompanist for Miss Shelton.

The theme of the convention will be "Committing our Future—Now."



**BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION ORIENTATION**—Gerald A. Arnold, center, newly elected board member to represent Tennessee Baptists on the Brotherhood Commission, receives orientation to Brotherhood materials during the annual Commission meeting August 22-23 at Olive Branch, Miss. Assisting in the orientation are Roy Gilleland, right, Tennessee Brotherhood Director and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Commission. (Brotherhood Commission Photo)



**NEW BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEE MEMBERS**—Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough, left, talks with Brotherhood Commission board members who were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Committee during the annual Commission meeting Aug. 22-23 at Olive Branch, Miss. From left to right are Hovie Revis, South Carolina; Eddie Scroggins, Colorado; and Glenn Rainey, Tennessee. (Brotherhood Commission Photo)

## Belmont Receives \$5000 From Ford Foundation

A \$5000 contribution has been made to Belmont College's Science and Humanities Building projects by the Ford Fund. The check was presented to Herbert C. Gabhart, president of the school, by W. H. Keinath, chairman of Ford's community relations committee in Nashville.

Gabhart said that the grant would be applied to structures replacing historic Blanton Hall, the college's principal academic structure, which burned to the ground in December 1972.

Hitch Science Center, one of the new structures, was opened officially with the start of the 1974-75 academic year, Aug. 26. The other, a humanities building, will open in January, at the beginning of the second semester.

On Matters of  
*Family*  
*Living*

By Dr. B. David Edens,  
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## HISTORICALLY FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

The "Knoxville Journal" announced that the Lonsdale Church of that city had authorized a building program for 1925 to include a \$40,000 unit for the Sunday School, and elected Paul W. Whittaker of Hendersonville, N.C., as educational director, and approved an increase in the salary of Pastor W. A. Atchley.

Pastor J. R. Johnson of Maryville informed **Baptist And Reflector** that the church had voted to make a full 50 per cent record and that he had written a personal letter to every member concerning the importance of a subscription to the state Baptist paper.

### 20 YEARS AGO

The Campaign Baptist Church in Union Association built a new structure valued at \$6000. Most of the material was obtained at cost and over \$1000 in labor was given. Of the church membership, only seven were wage earners, the rest being children or young people. Paul Jones was pastor.

South Pittsburg First Church was constructing a \$70,000 building expected to be completed later in the fall. Norman O. Baker was pastor.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Don Madaris, representing Mt. View Church, Concord Association, had taken first place in the State Speakers' Tournament and went on to deliver the speech at Ridgecrest, N.C. Madaris spoke on "My Responsibilities as a Church Member."

Douglas J. Harris, professor of Bible at Carson-Newman College was elected president of the Association of Baptist Professor of Religion. He succeeded Page H. Kelley of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

September is a significant month in Baptist life. It may be said that the earlier part of the month is given to a thoughtful study of the summer activities and the effect they have had upon the total church program. As church leaders and staff reflect upon the weaknesses and strength evidenced by summer records, they are in better position to project their course of emphasis beginning with the fall program.

Norton

Now that the middle of September is here, in many of our churches the schedules for the new year are already beginning to take shape. In talking to several pastors at the Pastors' Retreat, reading church bulletins, and participating or attending worship services in many of the churches across the state, I am greatly encouraged by the interest that is being demonstrated for a well-rounded program of organizational efficiency and evangelistic zeal.

The year thus far has been an exciting one as we continue to make plans for our Centennial meeting in November. Interest in our heritage and a commitment of our future has been prominent in the thinking of many Baptists in our state, and we believe this concern will be greatly accelerated as the date of the observance draws nearer. We hope you have ordered your copies of the Gospel of John and that they will be ready to use in visitation and revival services. This memento of our Centennial Year is something we feel every church member will want to own as a very special reminder of this anniversary.

I will be thinking of all of our churches in a very special way during this month of September. My prayer is that God will give us the vision and courage to plan for and expect great things to happen during the months ahead as we begin a new church year.

### Commemorating Our Heritage—



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stand must be taken—a stand carefully qualified for a child's ability to understand."

It is interesting, he pointed out, "that most parents have little difficulty in making such definitions about their particular religious belief.

# Our People and Our Churches . . .

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## LEADERSHIP . . .

**Danny Henderson**, music and youth director at Covington First Church, has resigned to enter seminary.

**Nolan S. Barham**, minister of music at Clinton First Church, has resigned to move to Murfreesboro where he has accepted a position as associate professor of education at Middle Tennessee State University. He served as interim minister of music from May of 1971 until he was called full-time this past April. **Hayward Highfill** is pastor of the church.

In McMinn Association, Mt. Harmony Church, Athens, called **Bob Rouse** as pastor. **Rouse** is a former pastor of Central Church and began his new field of work on Aug. 25.

Central Church, Athens, called **Michael Bernard** as pastor, and he has accepted the call. He is a former pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church and is coming to the position from Vine Run Church in Elliston, Ky.

In Holston Association, **Richard Rudolph**, minister of music at Pinecrest, has resigned and moved to Virginia where he and his wife have accepted teaching positions. **Jim Lyon**, former music director at Blountville First, has succeeded **Rudolph**. **Don Wilson** is pastor at Pinecrest. In the same association, **H. E. Booker Jr.** is serving as interim music director at Unaka Avenue Church where **Chester Parker** is pastor. Sulfur Springs Church called **Terry Hensley** as minister of music. **John Outland** is pastor. **Robert H. McGaughey** is serving as interim pastor at Calvary Church in Erwin. **Ray Linville** has returned to Clear Branch Church where he began his ministry 33 years ago. His last pastorate was Pleasant Grove Church in Greer, S.C. **Richard Cassidy** is the new pastor of Baileyton First Church. He is a student at Carson-Newman College. Clark Street Church, Johnson City, called **Dale Martin** as pastor. He comes to the position from Churchland Church in Lexington, N.C. He is a former pastor of New Lebanon Church and Oak Dale Church in Holston Association. First Missionary Church, Johnson City, called **Donald E. Foster**, pastor of First Church, Bunnell, Fla. as pastor. A former pastor in Holston Association, he served Orebark Church in Kingsport.

The new pastor at Gordonsville First Church is **Lewis Hunter**. He came to the position from the Bartlebaugh Church in Chattanooga and began his ministry with the church on Sept. 1.

## PEOPLE . . .

Services for **William J. Lanier, Jr.**, founder of the Lanier Funeral Home, were held recently at Jackson First Church with **Trevis Otey** and **Willis H. Kimzey** officiating. **Lanier** died Aug. 24 in an Orlando, Fla. hospital following a short illness. Born and reared in Jackson, he served as funeral director for 40 years and in 1955 was president of the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association. He was a member of First Church where he served as a deacon for more than 30 years and superintendent of the Adult Five Sunday School Department. Honorary pallbearers were the deacons and members of the Earl Vaughn Sunday School Class of that church.

**Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Potts**, members of Grace Church in Nashville, were honored at a reception at the church on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosting the reception were **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Potts**, son and daughter-in-law of the couple. **Fred E. A. Johnson** is their pastor.

Carson-Newman College was a recent host to the superintendents of missions in East Tennessee. **Leslie Baumgartner**, director of the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, also attended. While on campus the superintendents were luncheon guests and were briefed on the status of the college.

**Gale Hartley**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hartley**, Elizabethton, was licensed to preach the gospel by Grace Church of that city. **Hartley** is a student at Carson-Newman College. **Leslie L. Bruce** is pastor.

## Mrs. James H. Daniel Dies

**Mrs. Edna Daniel**, wife of **James H. Daniel**, group leader in the Church Program Services of the Baptist Sunday School Board, died in Nashville Friday night, Aug. 30, of an apparent heart attack. Mrs. Daniel was also the daughter-in-law of **Jesse Daniel**, Tennessee Baptist Convention retiree who served as Sunday School Department secretary for many years.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2 at Nashville First Church where the Daniels were members. Mrs. Daniel was employed by the Metropolitan Public School System as a teacher.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, **Dee Ann**.

## THE BOY: THE MAN

By T. B. Maston

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But Daniel purposed (resolved, RSV), in his heart that he would not defile himself . . . When Daniel knew that the writing (document, RSV) was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open . . . he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed. (Dan. 1:8, 6-10, KJV)

One can frequently see the man in the boy. Some of the distinctive qualities he had as a lad are evident in him as a mature man. Daniel, the boy or the young man, had the strength of purpose to resist the rich food and the wine from the king's table. A mature man he consistently prayed to his God in spite of the trap his enemies laid for him.

You will remember that the leaders of the kingdom of Darius were jealous of Daniel. They wanted to find something about him that they could bring charges against him to the king. They paid Daniel a great compliment when they said, "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel except we find it against him concerning the law of his God" (Dan. 6:5).

They evidently knew Daniel's regular religious habits. Appealing to the egotism of the king, they led him to decree that anyone who asked a petition of "any god or man for thirty days" except of the king would be cast into the den of lions.

And what was Daniel's response? Using the words that were applied to him when he was a lad, we could properly say, "and Daniel purposed or resolved in his heart that he would proceed with his usual periods of prayer and devotion."

The most thrilling part of this whole story is not the miraculous deliverance of Daniel from the lions; rather, the most thrilling and challenging aspect of the story is the courage of Daniel. It was a courage that came from a deep sense of commitment to God and his purposes. This commitment, with its accompanying courage, was typical of his life from youth to maturity.

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