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Mrs. Marilyn James, left, house parent at the Glisson Cottage, Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Franklin, bids farewell to four children departing for school. Left to right are Missie Pierce, 6, Ruby Parks, 11, Babs McFarland, 10, and Johnny James, 6. The home at Franklin is one of four locations operated by the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. (See feature story, page 3).

Photo by Bobbie Durham



# "Freedom '76" Slated For San Antonio

NASHVILLE—San Antonio, Tex., home of the historic Alamo, will be the site for "Freedom '76," Dec. 28, 1975-Jan. 1, 1976.

This national meeting for students and young adults will be held in Hemis-Fair Plaza, within walking distance of the Alamo.

Charles Roselle, general chairman of the Freedom '76 coordinating committee and secretary of national student ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said the conference "is to speak to student and other young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation."

"It is hoped that the participants will come to realize that they do not live in a world of isolation but a world of missionary responsibility," he continued.

"Freedom '76 will enable college students, single young adults and young couples to take a look at their heritage in light of Christ's freedom," Roselle said.

"They will have a chance at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of our nation to establish direction concerning what part their vocation will have in the world mission of the church," he said, "and will have the opportunity to examine those values significant toward meaningful home life and integrity in society."

Objectives of Freedom '76 include renewal of historical awareness of the gospel, which results in responsibility and service; motivation and commitment to world missions and church vocations; and encouragement of the application of the gospel as a life style.



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Participants at the meeting will be students, young adults and workers with students and young adults. Approximately 7,000-10,000 are expected to attend.

Freedom '76 is a cooperative project of several boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ed Seabough, Home Mission Board, is chairman of the promotion-registration committee; W. F. Howard, Baptist General Convention of Texas, is chairman of the program committee; John Seelig, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is chairman of the materials-follow-up committee; and Ben Connell, Brotherhood Commission, is chairman of the logistics committee.

## Union Fall Enrollment Reflects Eight Per Cent Gain

Enrollment figures for the fall semester at Union University reflect an eight per cent increase over last year, according to Milburn Blanton, director of admissions at the school. Total students registering this fall was 977 compared with 906 for 1973.

The freshman class is 40 per cent larger with a total of 365 freshmen.

Now in its 150th fall semester, Union has students from 19 states and several foreign countries. Eighty-one per cent of the student body is from 36 counties in Tennessee, and 80 per cent of the students are Baptist.

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

Ours is such a complex age that it seems we need to go into an all-out program of simplification rather than complication.

That was excellent advice from the wife of the preacher who sent her husband a note just before he preached, with one word printed thereon: "K.I.S.S.". This is especially true when you realize that it meant, "Keep It Simple, Stupid."

I also like the incident concerning the 16-year-old boy who volunteered to substitute-teach a Sunday School class for four-year-olds.

Asked what he planned to do, he replied, "Well, the lesson plan says, 'Show them that each person is an individual with different potentialities and abilities, that each person is valuable for these separate capabilities, and that there is value in differences as well as in conformity.'"

"If that doesn't work," he said, "we'll take play dough and make clay bunnies."

## Devotional

### I AM THE DOOR

By David W. Renaker, Pastor  
Riverside Baptist Church, Nashville

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved . . ." John 10:9

A door is a divider that serves a particular function. So, Jesus



Renaker

Christ stands as the divider of men, when He states, "I am the door". He says you may come into a new relationship of life and find safety and fulfillment. If you have through faith stepped through that door, you have found that Christ has offered you more than you could ever imagine.

Once you are inside the door of salvation you find doors of great opportunity for service for your Lord. Paul, the apostle, found this true. He said, "For a great and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." (I Cor. 16:9) Sometimes Christians are disconcerted when they encounter difficulties in their service for Christ. They often think that the fact of an "open door" means little or no opposition. What they fail to realize is that identification with Christ in His service also many times means suffering for Him as well. (I Peter 2:21)

Regardless of the difficulties you may encounter and the battle you may lose in this life, you may be assured of an open door to ultimate victory. He has set before us this open door which no man can shut. (Rev. 3:8) Jesus holds the keys to all doors in your life, and when you are submissive to His will, you will "go in and out and find pasture." The keynote of a victorious life is found in simple trust and obedience to Him who said, "I am the door." Enter and find life abundant and eternal! He is awaiting at the entrance to walk with you.

## Hultgren Succeeds Robinson As Chairman

NASHVILLE—Warren C. Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Okla., has been named chairman of the Southern Baptist Committee on Mission Challenge. He succeeds R. J. (Jack) Robinson of Augusta, Ga., who resigned as chairman for health reasons.

Hultgren is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and is a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The Southern Baptist Committee on Mission Challenge is a special 21-person committee approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas last June to study the overall mission challenge. The committee will report at Norfolk in 1976. (BP)



# HISTORY OF TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

By James M. Gregg

The establishment of the Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home originated in the heart and mind of Mrs. Roger Eastman of Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Eastman first talked with her husband about the interest of her heart for an institution for homeless, motherless, and fatherless boys and girls. They decided to talk with their pastor, W. R. L. Smith of the First Baptist Church, Nashville. Smith suggested the matter be presented to the Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference.

On Monday, April 28, 1891, Mrs. Eastman, accompanied by other women of her church, met with the pastors. Smith presented the women, and Mrs. Eastman spoke to the group. The pastors were greatly pleased with the suggestions. They advised that the women of the churches organize and launch the undertaking and promised their cooperation.

## Organization And First Board of Managers

On May 5, 1891, the organization committee met at the First Baptist Church, Nashville. Mrs. Roger Eastman and 22 women were present. The orphanage was formally organized and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Roger Eastman, president; Mrs. I. N. Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. Lucie Cunningham, secretary; and Mrs. A. J. Harris, treasurer. This constituted the first Board of Managers.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers on May 11 of that year, a Men's Advisory Board was appointed as follows: First Baptist Church, Judge R. R. Caldwell; Central Church, T. S. Meeks; Edgefield Church, Capt. A. J. Harris; North Edgefield Church, Rev. T. T. Thompson; Third Church, W. F. Sloan; Howell Memorial Church, W. N. Polhman; Immanuel Church, W. F. March; Seventh Church, S. A. Davidson; and Mill Creek Church, A. J. Wheeler.

At a Board meeting on June 20, 1891, the Women's Board of Managers and the Men's Advisory Board were consolidated. A reorganizational meeting was held on June 27 at which time Caldwell was elected president; Mrs. Eastman, vice-president; Mrs. Cunningham, secretary; Wheeler, treasurer; and Thompson, financial agent.

## First Building Secured

It was reported at this meeting that H. W. Buttorff, a member of Edgefield, had a large brick building known as the Railroad Hotel (also known as Hotel Delaware) on Delaware Avenue in west Nashville "near Howell Memorial Baptist Church" which he would sell for \$15,000 to be paid \$3,000 annually. The building was large enough to house 50 or more persons. On July 6, 1891,

*(Note: Gregg is executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc.).*

this property was purchased by the Board of Managers.

## Matter Presented To Convention

The Board of Managers met at the First Baptist Church, Nashville, on September 7, 1891 and voted "to present the entire undertaking to the Baptist State Convention, which was to meet in Clarksville, October 15-17, 1891. Those selected to present the matter to the Convention were Caldwell, Thompson, and Smith. Their report was unanimously adopted by the Convention.

Although the Home had been made a part of the State Convention by resolution in 1891, it was not until 1894 that it became an organic part and was accepted as a Tennessee Baptist institution.

## Home Opened

The Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home was opened to receive children on November 16, 1891, in the Hotel Delaware building in West Nashville (in 1971 this building was razed). The first child received in the home was a little girl, Dessie Allen of Cocke County. There were only three children in the home when it opened. However, four more children were received in that year, and 22 children were received in 1892.

In 1910, several children were afflicted with pellagra. This disease is understood today to be caused by a deficiency in diet and is not contagious, but at that time it created quite a scare in the home. The "infected" children were segregated and sent to a farm to recover. A U.S. Health officer came to Nashville from Washington to examine the children and the living quarters but offered little help. The administration could not understand how rapidly the children recovered who were sent to the farm. Quite likely the rural diet remedied the situation.

## New Location Purchased

On January 10, 1911, the Board of Managers voted to purchase the 75-acre farm of Major C. T. Cheek (of Maxwell House Coffee fame) for \$12,000. This was located 12 miles south of Nashville and near Franklin, the present site of the Franklin Home. At this meeting, William Jesse Stewart was elected superintendent. He had served as Secretary of the Orphanage for two years. In this position he gave full-time traveling across Tennessee raising money for land and buildings, and "creating wholesome sentiment in favor of the larger undertaking."

Stewart, a former Nashville pastor, served for 32 years, until his retirement at the age of 75 in 1941. Under Stewart's ministry, the home was moved to the Franklin site after two dormitories were constructed.

William Clarence Creasman, who had served as assistant superintendent for two years, at the retirement of Brother Stewart, was elected to succeed him as superintendent. Creasman held this position until December 1951 when he was elected as general superintendent-treasurer and his office was moved to Nashville. Assistant superintendent John M. Wenger was elevated to the office of resident superintendent of the Franklin Home. He resigned in 1963. Lucius W. Hart was elected to this position and served until his retirement in 1971. Robert E. Nelson is the present superintendent.

During the administration of Creasman, three branch homes were established; the Memphis, Chattanooga, and Min-Tom Homes.

## Expansion

Interest for the establishment of a branch home in West Tennessee began to develop in the 1940s. A farm, located on U.S. Highway 70 at the intersection of U.S. 64, just 15 miles east of Memphis, was given for the site of the home by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Rock.

On June 11, 1950, the West Tennessee Children's Home was dedicated. E. R. Webster became the first superintendent at the Memphis Home. He resigned in 1953 to accept a pastorate, and James Tanksley succeeded him and served until 1956. Erba A. Butler became superintendent in September 1956 and continues in this position.

Recognizing the needs for a home in East Tennessee and seeing the wonderful growth of the Memphis and Franklin Homes, many Baptists of Chattanooga led the Children's Homes Board to establish a branch home in that city. Sixty-six acres of land were purchased on Lee Highway, just a few miles east of Chattanooga, and two cottages were erected to house children. The home was opened February 15, 1954 and dedicated March 7.

The name was changed from Tennessee Baptist Orphan's Home to "Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Incorporated." This legal transaction took place on December 28, 1953.

In 1954, the Board of Managers accepted from Hamilton County Baptist Association, the Min-Tom Home for Black children.

Mrs. C. M. Deakins, who was the superintendent of the Department of Negro Missions of the Association, began this work. She was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Smith and named the home for her parents, using their given names, "Minnie and Tom." The name has never been changed.

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## Networks Do It Again!

By Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

An old Halloween story tells of pranksters who slip into a jewelry store and rearrange all the price tags in the display window. Values are turned upside down as expensive items are given cheap prices and vice versa. The next day the laughing pranksters watch customers rush into the store to take advantage of the changes.

NBC's decision to pay ten million dollars to show a movie called "The Godfather" on prime time television on two nights this November is an outrageous example of upside-down values, but there is nothing laughable about it.

The new TV season with its shoddy exploitation of sex and violence makes a mockery of the networks' claim that they recognize they are guests in our homes. "The Godfather" is the essence of unhealthy violence. It is a feast of violence and the food it serves is poisonous. "The Godfather" elicits sympathy for some underworld people who make violence a way of life, and this is what is most harmful about the movie. Furthermore, we have no real hope that the excessive violence will be edited out for TV because Mr. Herminio Traviesas, the NBC official responsible for editing "The Godfather," has offered the ridiculous observation that it "is an anti-violence show." Tell that to a ten-year-old child!

Excessive television violence does cause some people to act violently. To say that TV does not influence behavior is utterly foolish in light of the fact that sponsors will pick up the ten-million-dollar "Godfather" tab to motivate people through TV ads to buy their products.

At a time when U.S. Attorney General Saxbe has warned that the very order of society is threatened by violence and crime, it is incredibly irresponsible to show "The Godfather." What is wrong with the NBC decision makers? Are they not more than business executives trying to make profits for their company? Are they not also citizens of this country whose streets are unsafe to walk? Do they not care that our cities

are concrete jungles of violence? And what about the advertisers? Is profit all they care about? Do they not realize that short-term profits will vanish if order and justice go down the whirlpool of violence?

If the television networks do not do a better job of regulating this kind of violence in their shows, they can expect tighter governmental controls. The people will demand it. But there is a better way: NBC should announce that it is going to cancel "The Godfather" and review all of its other shows to remove excessive violence. The other networks should clean house also.

Southern Baptists should not try to get NBC to adopt a denominational position on morality. But Southern Baptists, and all American citizens, should try to get NBC to exercise social responsibility in the face of our moral crisis related to violence.

Christians, called by God to be salt and light, must work to diminish violence. Here are some actions we can take:

1. Write or wire Mr. Bob Howard, President, NBC television, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, to protest the showing of "The Godfather."
2. Write to Mr. Richard E. Wiley, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, 1919 "M" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, to express concern about the showing of "The Godfather" in particular and about excessive TV violence in general.
3. Call the station manager of your local NBC station to urge him or her to reject the showing of "The Godfather."
4. Write to companies in your area who sponsor NBC's Saturday and Monday Night at the Movies to protest the sponsorship of this movie. When we stop buying products from sponsors of exploitive violence, programs will rapidly change.
5. Offer Christian love and justice as the best hope to diminish the violence that is so widespread in our society.
6. Act now; the time is short!

*Hollis is Director of Family and Special Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.*

## Little Effort Might Stop Big Fire

National Fire Protection Association released a study recently on fires in churches. Some 4,300 places of worship were damaged by fire during 1972 for a loss of over \$28-million.

According to the study, arson has become the single leading cause of church fires for which a cause could be determined. This is double the percentage of arson-attributed church fires since a similar study was made in 1965.

A principal reason for vulnerability of churches, according to the report, is that they are unoccupied a large part of the time.

Because of most church construction, large rooms and areas with highly combustible materials, fires might gain headway

before being discovered since buildings are largely unoccupied.

Experts say that automatic sprinklers are the best preventives for destructive fires, but many churches may feel costs prohibitive. There is another measure that churches could take. It won't stop a fire from starting, but may prevent it from spreading. It certainly will reduce smoke damage to other areas.

That measure is installation of five doors as recommended or required by local fire officials—and using them.

Most churches would like to think that they have an "open door" policy. However, when it comes to leaving doors open, thus cutting fire retardant measures, churches could suffer more loss than necessary should fire strike. It takes a little effort to close those doors, but you might wish you had.

—Robert E. LaFavre, Associate Editor, *The Christian Index*.



# Executive Board Approves \$7,600,000 Budget Goal For 1975

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in its annual meeting Sept. 24 in Brentwood.

James McCluskey, president of the 75-member body, and pastor of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, presided. The group heard reports from Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Norton.

Major actions of the Board included approving a proposed \$7,600,000 Cooperative Program budget goal for 1974-1975; recommending that the number of trustees for Union University be increased from 45 to 48 members; and reaffirming commitment to the Cooperative Program as expressed in the Declaration of Cooperation adopted by the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion in annual session in Dallas in 1974, subject to approval of the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Murfreesboro, Nov. 12-14.

This proposed budget goal is an increase of \$600,000 over last year's goal.

The Board also approved a "Resolution of Acceptance" of 175 acres of land near Dandridge on Douglas Lake, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Catlett, for the establishment of a total-care retirement village; recommended amendment of Article XII of the Executive Board Bylaws, and went on record as approving a motion from the Administrative Committee, O. M. Dangeau, chairman, that the Executive Board adopt a personal individual goal to enlist one other church in the Every Family Plan of the **Baptist And Reflector**.

President McCluskey asked that each member also promote the paper in his as-

sociation. **Baptist And Reflector** will observe its 140th anniversary in January.

In the Administrative Committee meeting Monday night prior to the Executive Board meeting, the committee heard a report from the acting editor of the **Baptist And Reflector**, Eura Lannom. Following the report Gaye L. McGlothlen stated that he was going to recommend to his church that they restore the Every Family Plan in their budget. It had been taken out a few years ago because of a tight budget. He also pledged his support in making it a personal goal to enlist another church in the Nashville Association to place the Every Family Plan of the **Baptist And Reflector** in its budget. Other members of the committee agreed to do likewise.

Other action of the Board included approval of a financial campaign for Carson-Newman College for \$2,000,000 to be in two steps. The first period will begin Oct. 1, 1974 and end June 30, 1975; the second period beginning Jan. 1, 1976, and ending Dec. 31, 1976, and requested that the Public Affairs and Christian Life Committee prepare a resolution or recommendation for presentation to the Convention concerning the deteriorating television movies.

## Good News/Bad News At Sunday School Board

**NASHVILLE**—Good news and bad news has followed the first quarter of computerized handling of church literature orders at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

The good news is that the computerization makes possible faster and more accurate order filling and gives easy access to information related to the more than 65,000 orders handled each quarter.

The bad news is that when something goes wrong, it goes wrong in a big way—like in September when 1,100 orders on tape were processed and filled twice.

The board has advised that churches receiving duplicate literature orders for the October quarter, send one set of the materials back right away—collect.

Churches who ordered late may find that some substitution will have to be made in the order, board spokesmen said.

Most regular orders that were received on schedule will be filled, according to Allen B. Comish, director of the board's Church Services and Materials Division. The ability to fill late orders in some cases will depend on how quickly duplicate orders are returned. He said some items are being reprinted, but not all items in every curriculum and for every age groups are expected to be available for all churches.

"We will do our best to work with each church to iron out problems," said Comish, "so that no church will be without materials. Churches which have received duplicate orders can help others by returning the excess material promptly."

In the meantime a lot of people are working extra hard to minimize the possibility of this kind of bad news cropping up again, Comish noted. (BP)

# State, Regional Brotherhood Officers Elected For 1975

Twenty-six associations and 109 leaders were represented at the semi-annual meeting of state and associational Brotherhood officers meeting in Brentwood, Sept. 20-21.

There were additional sessions for the church leadership for Baptist Men and Royal Ambassadors, with 34 church leaders present. Finley Baird, Fred Pinckard, and Paul Pratt led the training in the area of lay witnessing and renewal.

The following officers were elected at the business session and will take office Jan. 1, 1975: president, Wendell W. Crews, Athens; vice president, Morris L. Frank, Smyrna; recording secretary, John R. Myers, Jackson; and Fred Pinckard, Cleveland, vice president in charge of lay evangelism.

Regional officers elected included: R. Harvey Wyatt, Jackson, Southwest; W. Luther Carlisle, Memphis, Southwest; James Willoughby, Dyersburg, Northwest; Gerald A. Arnold, Humboldt, Northwest; Malcolm Barrett, Nashville, Central; Howard Broadbent, Woodlawn, Central; Marshall Griffin, Lebanon, Northcentral; Roy V. Hopkins, Morristown, Northeast; A. F. Curbow, Old Fort, Southeast; Leonard M. Brannan, Chattanooga, Southeast; St. George S. Jones, Rockwood, East; R. H. Filler, Knoxville, East; and Hubert B. Smothers, Seymour, East.

Regional Pastor Advisors: Paul Williams, Jackson, Southwest; A. Sidney Waits, Memphis, Southwest; George M. Horton, Union

City, Northwest; Hiram A. LeMay, Nashville, Central; Virgil Allison, Clarksville, Central; William Delaney, Columbia, Southcentral; J. H. Harvey, Murfreesboro, Northcentral; E. C. Dearing, Morristown, Northeast; James E. Harris, Johnson City, Northeast; Allen E. Bates, Etowah, Southeast; Edward R. Seanor, Chattanooga, Southeast; Robert W. Campbell, Rockwood, East; Wray Smith, Knoxville, East; and Glenn Grubbs, Maryville, East.

Regional Royal Ambassador Leaders: Richard Lewelling, Jackson, Southwest; Ray Cox, Memphis, Southwest; James A. Kinsey, Union City, Northwest; Bobby Brittain, Humboldt, Northwest; Don Mauldin, Nashville, Central; H. L. Thomas, Lawrenceburg, Southcentral; Tom Seat, Smyrna, Northcentral; C. S. Inman, Morristown, Northeast; C. E. Deskins, Kingsport, Northeast; Max L. Thomas, Chattanooga, Southeast; B. R. Scott, Kingston, East; Carroll Bales, Corryton, East; and Buford Dunn, Knoxville, East.

Regional Lay Witness Leaders: Ronald Young Sr., Memphis, Southwest; J. W. Robertson, Nashville, Central; Bill Potter, Jamestown, Northcentral; James Shanks, Morristown, Northeast; James Sproles, Jonesboro, Northeast; Nick Nave, Kingsport, Associate in Northeast; E. L. Bates, Benton, Southeast; Ray Hawkins, Hixson, Southeast; Paul Pratt, Clinton, East; and Jack Cunningham, Knoxville, East.



# Oscar Eugene Bryan: Executive Secretary

By W. Fred Kendall

Dr. Bryan was born in Mississippi, August 4, 1873. He graduated from Baylor University in Waco, and from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He was bestowed with honorary degrees, receiving the D.D. degree from Baylor and Georgetown College in 1921 and the LL.D. degree from Union University in 1931.

He married Fannie Elizabeth Davidson of Glen Flora, Texas. She was quite active in mission work and helped originate the Sunbeam band, edit the "Sunbeam" magazine, write Baptist literature, and work to evangelize the Jews. Dr. and Mrs. Bryan had two sons and three daughters who were most successful and a very able family as they each had distinguished records in their adult years.

Bryan engaged in general evangelistic work focusing on work for Southwestern Seminary. From 1913 to 1916 he served as pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. He served as State Mission Secretary in Kentucky from 1916-1921, and was head of the Department of Evangelism and Enlistment for the Home Mission Board, 1921-1923. He served as budget director of the 75 Million campaign 1923-1924.

In 1924 he was elected by the Executive

Board to become the Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It was during his administration that the Executive Board changed the title of the office to that of Executive Secretary-Treasurer which it has remained.

Bryan was a very able leader, and his experience and background had equipped him for the difficult years following the 75 Million Campaign. He led Tennessee Baptists in reducing the indebtedness on their institutions by \$750,000.

Bryan was called "the father of the Cooperative Program" because he led Tennessee Baptists to follow the closing of the 75 Million Campaign in 1924 with the

adoption of a unified budget for 1925. This was before the Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention the following spring. He was an able administrator and promoted the policy of "pay as you go if you possibly can."

He became ill during his last months and submitted his resignation in 1932. Death came January 24, 1933.

Bryan had made a great contribution to Southern Baptists and to Tennessee Baptists as a pastor, denominational leader, author and able administrator. He greatly strengthened the work in Tennessee and furnished an enlarged vision and challenge for the difficult years of the latter part of the decade of the 1920's when there were so many problems in America. It was during his administration that the Scopes trial was conducted in Dayton and the evolution controversy was at its height. Displaying able leadership and scholarly qualities for these difficult years, Tennessee Baptists will always remember him as a great and deeply dedicated leader.

*(Note: Bryan was the twelfth secretary to serve the Tennessee Baptist Convention.)*

## Creedalism Trend Must Be Stopped, Say Deweese

**RIDGECREST, N.C.**—Southern Baptists must face up to a subtle form of creedalism that is seeping into their lives, a Southern Baptist Historical Commission staffer said here.

"This creedalism exists in the movement which suggests that all Southern Baptists give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message," said Charles W. Deweese, the commission's assistant director of editorial and research services at a conference he led on Coping with Baptist Controversies and Building Church Fellowship.

"A series of dangerous tendencies issue from the renewed attention directed to the Baptist Faith and Message," which "in itself was a worthy effort," first adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 and revised by the SBC in 1963.

"First, there is a tendency to place all Southern Baptists into a common doctrinal mold on every point of belief," he said. "This is an impossible and inappropriate objective. Southern Baptists differ today on numerous points listed in the 1963 confession," he added.

Deweese said historically Baptists have encouraged each church member to interpret the scriptures for himself or herself. The current trend "virtually denies this privilege by absolutizing a particular doctrinal expression and recommending it for the use of all Southern Baptists," Deweese continued.

He told Baptist Press, "The authority of

the Bible as God's Word is superior to the authority of any statement of faith that any group of Christians have ever constructed."

Deweese also noted his belief that "Baptists should continue to point efforts toward evangelizing the world for Jesus Christ, rather than becoming bogged in doctrinal arguments and controversies."

"Second, there is a tendency to let the Baptist Faith and Message take the place of scripture," said Deweese at the Ridgecrest conference. "This is an impingement upon the authority of the Bible."

"Third, there is a tendency to assume that the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message has continuing validity for Southern Baptists in all times and in all places," Deweese asserted.

"Actually a statement of faith represents the opinions and doctrines only of those people who write and approve it. It is not valid for everyone afterwards. There is no binding quality to the 1963 confession," he added.

"Last," said Deweese, "in the effort to confine the beliefs of Southern Baptists into one definitive statement, there is a tendency to deny the validity of new insight to be gained from the Bible, the Holy Spirit and our Baptist heritage."

He concluded that "Although the 1963 confession was a worthy effort, it was not the final expression of the Baptist faith. Modification will prove imperative as time advances." (BP)

## History Of Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

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In 1946, Mrs. Deakins made her own personal note to buy thirty acres of land in the East Brainerd section of Chattanooga. A building was constructed and the Home was opened for children. In 1951, it was licensed by the state as the only licensed Black orphanage in Tennessee.

By 1952, the work had assumed such size that its operation was transferred to the Hamilton County Baptist Association and in 1954 to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. William M. Bobo is the supervisor of this Home.

W. C. Creasman retired in 1961, and James M. Gregg succeeded him as general superintendent-treasurer. In 1967, his title was changed to executive director-treasurer, and the Board of Managers became the Board of Trustees.

The four homes continue to operate with about 500 homeless children receiving care annually. The Central Office is in the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building at Brentwood.



# God's Concern About The Leaders Of Human Affairs

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

Bible Material: II Samuel 7:1-29

Lesson Text: II Samuel 7:8-10, 21-29

Recently a small group of people were asked, "What do you feel God's reaction is to the American political situation?" One person seemed to sum up the general feelings of the group by responding, "He is probably too occupied with more important matters, like the crisis in the Middle East, to pay much attention to the actions of America's politicians." It constantly ought to be kept in mind that God is interested in the quality of religious leadership of both church and denomination. However, it must not be overlooked that God is seriously concerned with all kinds of leaders of human activities at every level. Just what are some of the characteristics which God seems to indicate are most desirable?



Byrd

## DETERMINE WHOLESOME PRIORITIES

Everyone has priorities. However, it is not sufficient merely to have them. God seeks leaders of human events who will be sensitive enough to discover and achieve really worthy priorities. An examination of the larger lesson material shows that David seems to make the mistake of setting standards on the basis of his own personal experience. In II Samuel 7:1-2 David is described as concluding that since he enjoyed living in a house that God also would.

### Community Matters

David was reminded (7:6-7) that God's blessing on the community had not required the construction of a permanent temple. God's blessing and steadfast love for his people or their leader was not based on the erection of a physical house regardless of how great was its beauty.

### Personal Matters

If human leaders possess a sense of God's direction in the affairs of life, there will be greater desire to serve him. David was reminded that his position was the result of God's action (7:8). In addition it was shown that it was more important to make preparation for the continuation of effective divinely-directed leadership (7:12-14).

## EXPECT GOD TO BE ADEQUATE

It is sheer folly for any person to feel

that the ultimate welfare of persons under his control rests on his own shoulders.

### Community Needs

Speaking for God, the prophet Nathan declared that God was capable and prepared to take care of his people (7:10). This was a call to this human leader to have confidence in God to meet the needs of the community. The ruler David needed to discover his own place of responsibility in God's will. In his prayer of dedication, David reflected on this and exclaimed, "What one nation in the earth is like thy people" (7:23-24).

### Personal Needs

A good leader ought to be characterized by confidence in God to meet the needs of individuals—particularly his own. Already Nathan had encouraged the king by stating, "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure" (7:16). King David had been assured that his deepest personal needs would be met. God had promised, "I will build thee an house" (7:27).

## GLORIFY GOD

The leaders of human affairs and government of every level should be characterized by worship of God. David shows such a desire as he prayed, "Let thy name be magnified" (7:26). Perhaps the best worship which a leader could offer would be courageous, fervent prayer. David's confidence in God freed him to pray, "Therefore thy servant has found courage to pray this prayer unto thee" (7:27).

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Hines Creek Church, Midland Association, ordained **Bobby R. White** to the gospel ministry, and **Joseph C. Williams** and **Harley W. Grissom** as deacons. **Walter W. Hill**, superintendent of missions for the association, served as moderator. **Dewey Raley Jr.**, **Ralph Wyrick**, **James Capps**, **Bob Williams**, and **Lee Walker** assisted. **Erby Russel** preached the ordination message. **White** will serve as assistant pastor at the church. **Rupert Hopper** is pastor. In the same association, Mount Zion Church ordained **James Miller** to the gospel ministry and **Ray Fielden** as a deacon. **Glenn Tudor**, **Leslie McCormick**, **Joe Butts**, **Ernest Maples**, and **Leon Pickett** assisted in the services. **Carl Asbury** delivered the ordination message, and **J. E. Hale** served as moderator for the church. **Miller** will serve the Mount Zion Church as its new pastor.

**Jerry Gage**, **John Doub**, **Greg Frye**, and **Jack Horner** were ordained as deacons at McKenzie First Church. **Robert Armour**, superintendent of missions for Beulah Association, preached the ordination sermon. **O. M. Dangeau** is pastor.

**Howard D. Jeffers**, member of Oneida First Church, and civic and governmental leader in Oneida for several years, died recently. Funeral services were held at the West Funeral Home with **Philip Kazee** and **Roy Blevins** officiating. Burial was in Carson Memorial Park. He served 12 years on the Oneida City School Board and three terms as a city councilman.

In East Tennessee Baptist Association, Northport Church ordained **Clarence Myers**, **Douglas Jenkins**, and **Jack Owenby** as deacons. Pastor **James Kinser** preached the ordination sermon. Cave Hill Church ordained **Jimmy Butler** and **J. C. Williams** as deacons. **James Suggs**, pastor of Shady Grove Church, brought the ordination sermon.

**Bill McKinney** and **Stan Carver** will be ordained as deacons at White Oak Church, Chattanooga, Sunday, Oct. 6. **Ray E. Fowler** is pastor.

**Ernest Ogg**, deacon and church leader at Sharon Church in Knoxville, died recently. He had been a member at Sharon for 62 years and served as a deacon for 42 years. **Jim Robertson** was his pastor.

**Robert L. Biddle**, **W. David Driskill**, **William Highsmith**, **Hollis E. Johnson III**, and **Maynard O. Patterson** were ordained as deacons Sept. 22 at Belmont Heights Church, Nashville. **Robert Norman** is pastor.

## LEADERSHIP . . .

Former superintendent of the Middle Tennessee Baptist Children's Home at Franklin, **Lucius Hart**, has been called as associate pastor at Lockeland Church in Nashville. A native of South Carolina, he is a graduate of Clemson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Ardmore, Mt. Pleasant, Gallatin, and Old Hickory, Tenn., and in Athens, Ala. **Harold Sorrells** is pastor at Lockeland.

In Clinton Association, Poplar Creek called **C. W. Church**, Oliver Springs, as interim pastor; and Royce Church called **Leland Thomas** as interim pastor. **Thomas** resides in Oliver Springs also. Mineral Springs called **Harold Smith** of Kingston as pastor.

Hillcrest Church, Nashville, **Jim Growden**, pastor, observed its 28th Annual Homecoming Day on Sunday, Sept. 8. In connection with the special observance, the new Fellowship Hall of the church was dedicated.

Alder Springs Church, Campbell County Association, called **David Chapman** as pastor. **Chapman** is a former pastor of Mount Olive Church in Kokomo, Ind.

At First Church, Jackson, **Keith McVay**, minister of activities and youth, resigned to move to East Monroe, La. **Trevis Otey** is pastor at Jackson First.

In Central Association, **Ralph Hoover** is the new pastor at Morrison First Church. Westside pastor **Fuller Neely** resigned.

Members of the Concord Church in Chattanooga honored **Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Woodburn** on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. A reception was held at the church for the couple on Sunday, Sept. 22. The anniversary date was Sept. 24. **Mr. and Mrs. Woodburn** have three children, **Lynne**, **Jeff**, and **Gary**, who were all present for the event. **Woodburn** serves as associate pastor at Concord. **B. Carter Elmore** is pastor.

In Central Association, Northside Church will ordain **Dennis Stapleton** to the gospel ministry on Sunday, Oct. 6.

Hillvale Church, Clinton Association, ordained **William Dawson** to the gospel ministry following his call to pastor the Red Hill Church.

In Shelby County Association, **Jerry Winfield** has accepted the call of Wells Station Church to serve as associate pastor and minister of education. He served formerly in Mullins Station Church as associate pastor. **Winfield** is a senior at Memphis State University. **Mike Pennington** is new associate pastor for youth and outreach at Parkway Village Church. A native of Columbia, he is a 1974 graduate of Union University. **Danny Roberts** has been called as minister of music and youth at Wells Station Church. He comes from serving as minister of youth and bus evangelism at Berclair Church and is a senior at MSU. **Larry Nelson** is the new minister of music and youth at Cherokee Baptist Church. He comes to the position from New Sarepta Church in Sarepta, La. where he was minister of music and youth.

**Dale Higginbotham** is the new minister of music and youth at Central Church of Bearden in Knoxville. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and received the Master of Arts degree in music from the University of Arkansas. **Higginbotham** comes to the position from Redland Church in Derwood, Maryland.

In Midland Association, **Bill Martin** was called as pastor of Beaver Dale Church; and **Jack Gosnell** has been called to serve as pastor of Pleasant Gap Church. The new pastor of Pleasant Hill Church is **Elbert Kitts**. **Herman Faddis** has resigned his position from Bethany Church. **James Miller** was called as pastor of Mt. Zion Church following his ordination there; and Hines Creek Church called **Bobby White** as assistant pastor following his ordination. **Rupert Hopper** is pastor at Hines Creek.

**Harry E. Welch** began serving as pastor of Woodcock Church in Nashville recently, coming to the position from Cedar Hill Church in Chattanooga. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he did graduate work at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and American Seminary in Chicago where he received the Th.M. and D.D. degrees. Other churches he has served include South Daisy Church in Chattanooga; pastor; First Church, Chattanooga, associate pastor; and South Seminole Church, Chattanooga, pastor.

**Samuel McCutchen** who served as minister of recreation and youth at Blue Grass Baptist Church, Hendersonville, during the summer has gone to the university of Hawaii as assistant BSU director. His work there is through the semester mission program of the Home Mission Board. **McCutchen** is a native of Clarksville and a 1974 graduate of Belmont College. **Robert Woody** is pastor of the Blue Grass Church.



# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## CHURCHES . . .

The youngest Southern Baptist church in Giles Association, Prospect Church, has voted to give 10 per cent of its offering to the Cooperative Program and is giving regularly to the associational missions.

In Sevier County Association, French Broad Valley Church observed homecoming and moved into a new building last month. The structure is 44 by 72 ft., full basement, central heat and air. Cost of the building was \$83,960. **Ray Carr** is pastor.

Hendersonville First Church celebrated its 30th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 15. The theme for the day was "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." **Ralph Norton**, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, spoke during an afternoon service. An offering goal of \$30,000 was set to complete payment of a \$100,000 renovation program that provided additional educational space and a music suite. The suite has been named the "Jerry Clark Memorial Suite" to honor the former minister of music who died in 1973. In the near future the church will begin construction of a family life center with additional educational space and complete recreation facilities. **E. Courtney Wilson** is pastor at Hendersonville.

In Clinton Association, Grave Hill Church organized a Royal Ambassador chapter. **Carvin Phillips** is pastor. New Salem broke ground for a new sanctuary. The building committee is composed of **Charles Denton**, **Roy L. Harber**, and **Robert Stone**. **Henry Hollar** is pastor.

The Audubon Park Church will celebrate its 30th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 9, according to Pastor **Howard Kolb**. A historical program will be given on Sunday and a recognitions banquet served Wednesday evening. Charter members will be recognized.

Saturn Drive Church, Nashville, will hold special services commemorating its 25th anniversary and homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 13. **G. Daniel Miller** will be the speaker. **Robert Johnson** is pastor.

- **HOMEOMING**—Saturn Drive Baptist Church, 1212 Saturn Drive, Nashville; 25th anniversary and homecoming services, Sunday, Oct. 13.
- **Dr. G. Daniel Miller**, church's first pastor will speak ● Dinner at the church and special afternoon services to follow ● Former members and pastors to be recognized ● **Robert Johnson** is pastor. (adv.)

## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Keith Wilson**, pastor of Grand Junction First Church, led in revival services at the Harmony Church in Stanton. There were three additions to the church, including one profession of faith and two additions by letter. **Bennie Morrison** led the music. **Adrian Knipper** is pastor at Harmony.

**R. C. Harless**, Buffalo Church, Rutledge, led revival services for Rocky Valley Church, Wilson Association. There were three additions by baptism. Music for the services was under the direction of **David Jicka**. The church installed a new baptismistry in August. **James W. Clapp** is pastor.

Calvary Church, Cumberland Plateau Association, held revival and homecoming recently. There were five additions to the church. **Jerry Randell**, Cookeville, was the evangelist. **Noel Turner** is pastor. In the same association, Clear Creek held revival and homecoming with **J. C. McCoy** serving as evangelist. **J. R. Sisco** is pastor.

There were three additions by letter and 11 for baptism following revival services at Union Hill Church in Goodlettsville. **John Humphrey** was the evangelist. **James L. Harney** is pastor.

Bethlehem Church in Oneida held dedication and homecoming services on Sunday Sept. 22, according to Pastor **Roy Blevins**. Members dedicated a new fellowship hall which was constructed in 1973. Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Scott County. It moved to the present location in 1888 and built the original frame structure, the first program of construction. The final construction on the church, before fellowship hall, was the enlargement of the sanctuary and changing the front entrance of the building. **Blevins** has served as pastor since October 1937.

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## PEOPLE . . .

**Earl Rogers**, brother-in-law to **Gene Kerr**, assistant to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, died Friday, Sept. 27. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 30, in Maryville. Burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery at Greenback.

**John Freeman**, senior minister of Belmont Heights Church, Nashville, who has been sick for two weeks, entered Baptist Hospital Monday morning, September 30. He is a former executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and former editor of **Baptist And Reflector**.

## Church Music Workshop Scheduled At Jackson First

The Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will host a Church Music Leadership Workshop, Oct. 10-11, for workers throughout the state. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. at Jackson First Church.

Sessions will be held Thursday and Friday at the church and at Union University and will conclude with a banquet Friday evening.



**Jim Woodward Betty Woodward**

Workshop leaders will be Dr. and Mrs. **Jim Woodward**, Shawnee, Okla. Woodward is a faculty member in the Music Department at Oklahoma Baptist University, and his wife has done music work in several areas.

She will conduct conferences Thursday morning, afternoon, and evening for younger children's workers, and Friday Morning and afternoon for older children's workers. He will work both days with youth and adult choir workers.

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1974-75

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7. Lee Morris, Oak Ridge E
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6. James Hutson, Madisonville E
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23. Robert L. Orr, Dyersburg W
24. Carroll C. Owen, Paris W
25. Thomas W. Pope, Somerville

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11. W. Elmer Crosby, Sparta M
12. Bill Delaney, Columbia M
13. James L. Harney, Goodlettsville M
14. Ray Mabey, Cookeville M
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18. Raymond Boston, Humboldt W

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20. Jerry Glisson, Memphis W
21. W. Fred Kendall, II, Union City W
22. John F. May, Memphis W
23. R. Trevis Otey, Jackson W
24. Dillard West, Trezvant W
25. Keith Wilson, Grand Junction

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\*replace David Nunn, resigned

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4. Mrs. Lawrence Freeman, Murfreesboro
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6. Lloyd Lawrence, Memphis
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7. Gordon Stoker, Nashville
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10. Walton Chappell, Franklin
11. Donald Owens, Lebanon

Term Expiring 1976

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3. James R. Harrell, Nashville
4. Charles Hitner, Nashville
5. Ken Hubbard, Chattanooga
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10. E. Jack Sherwood, Knoxville
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2. Bernard Campbell, Cleveland
3. John Holland, Knoxville
4. Granvil Kyker, Oak Ridge
5. J. M. Lobetti, Alcoa
6. Stan Rushing, Knoxville
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Term Expiring 1975

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2. John Buell, Knoxville
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7. M. F. Keathley, Memphis
8. Thomas L. Moore, Dresden
9. Adrian Rogers, Memphis
10. Bob Sellers, Memphis
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Term Expiring 1976

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7. George B. Jones, Memphis
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9. Ralph R. Lawler, Trenton
10. Mrs. Joseph H. Miller, Memphis
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# Nancy Dill To Speak At Sunday School Meet



Dill

Nancy Dill, assistant professor of education, of the City University of New York, Queens College will deliver five major lectures at a conference for church workers in Sunday School, Oct. 24-25, at Bearden Central Church, Knoxville.

Designed for workers with ages birth through 11 years, the two-day conference will probe Christian education approaches to promote effective outcomes. Sessions start with registration at 9:00 a.m. and close with a banquet Friday evening.

Charles Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, will be the featured speaker at the Friday night banquet.

Dill, who served formerly with the state Church Training Department and the Baptist Sunday School Board, will deliver lectures on "Open Education: Its Promises and Problems;" "The Acquisition of Language in Children as One Aspect of Cognitive Growth and Development;" "Writing and Using Behavioral Objectives in the Classroom;" "A Look at Teaching Behavior;" and "The New Media of Instruction." A graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dill received the Master and Doc-

torate degrees from Columbia University.

Jack Naish, minister of education, Central Church, Miami, Fla., will lead five conferences for workers with pupils in grades five and six. Florrie Anne Lawton, consultant with preschool section, Baptist Sunday School Board will convene with workers of ages birth to two years.

Nora Padgett will lead workers with ages four and five. She is a consultant with preschool section, BSSB. Ray Evette, director of preschool and children's work for the state Sunday School Department, will work with those in two and three-year-old leadership.

Workers with children in grades three and four will be led by Mark Moore, editor, children's section, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Eldon Boone, interim director of children's work for state Sunday School Department, will lead conferences for workers with pupils in grades one and two.

Coordinators for the conferences are Jesse Meek, director of preschool work for the Sunday School Department and Wendell Price, director of the department. The Sunday School Department's special workers, numbering around 100, will be participants.

All preschool and children's workers in all churches are eligible to attend the seminar. Registration should be made through the Sunday School Department, Box 347, Brentwood, 37027.

## Tennessee "Genesis Law" Ruled Unconstitutional

NASHVILLE—Tennessee's 1973 "Genesis Law" was ruled unconstitutional on September 10 by Chancellor Ben H. Cantrell of the Nashville Chancery Court.

The 1973 state law required the State Textbook Commission to select textbooks and research materials for biology courses which give equal consideration to all theories of creation, except "satanic" and "occult" theories. According to Chancellor Cantrell, the purpose of the state legislature in enacting the law was to see that the Biblical Genesis account of origins is given preference to other mere "theories." The law required that all biology texts carry a disclaimer that "it is a theory as to the origin and creation of man and his world and is not represented to be scientific fact," but that the Bible shall be declared a "reference work" and shall not carry the textbook "theory" disclaimer.

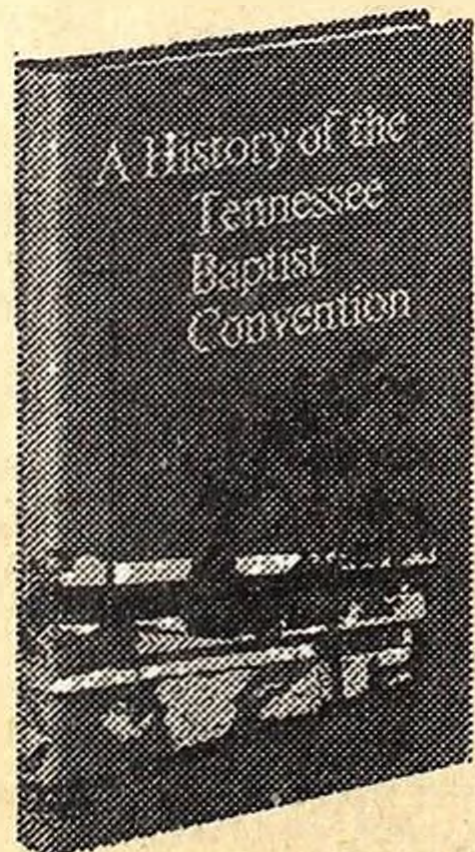
Chancellor Cantrell held that the state law had an "essentially sectarian, religious purpose" and therefore was an act "respecting an establishment of religion" violating the religious liberty provisions of the U.S. and Tennessee Constitutions.

The suit, *Steele v. Waters*, was brought by local taxpayers, educators, and the Nashville Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The plaintiffs were joined by the National Association of Biology Teachers. (C/SNS)

## Record Enrolment Set At Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas—A new record enrollment of 2394 students, among which 111 are from Tennessee, has been reached at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. According to Registrar L. L. Collins the figures represent a seven per cent increase over last fall semester's record enrolment.

Students at the Fort Worth seminary, according to an enrolment report, came from 47 states and 20 countries.



## The heritage of Tennessee Baptists is something to read about . . .

**A History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention** by W. Fred Kendall relates this history of Baptists in the Volunteer State from their beginning two centuries ago to the present. The 384-page book, written to commemorate the 1974 Centennial of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, is available to you through November 15 at the pre-publication price of only

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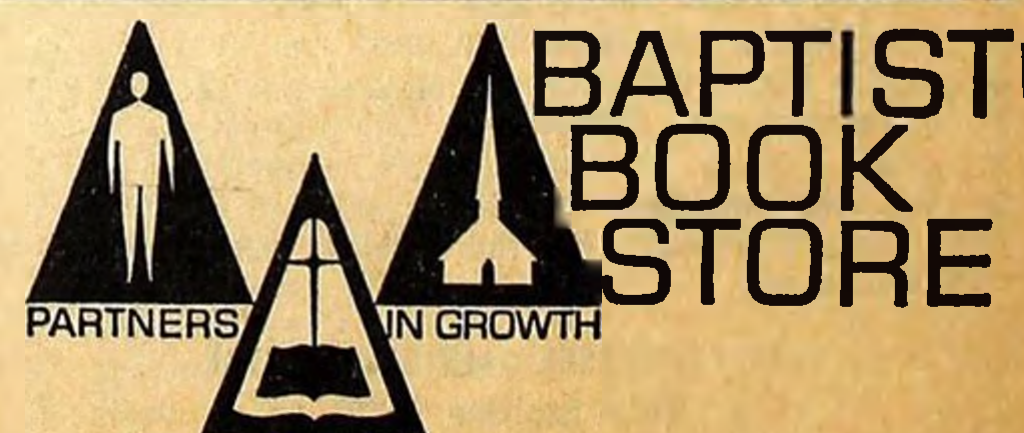
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# People Accept Christ; Result Of MK Tragedy

**PETALING, Malaysia**—God has been working in the lives of several students at the International School here as a result of the death of the 16-year-old son of Southern Baptist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Smith.

Three young people from the school accepted Christ at the grave of Jay Scott Smith, son of the Smiths, who was killed August 10 when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car.

A fourth student became a Christian in the Smith's home following the funeral, according to Charles H. Morris, missionary press representative. He said that others are coming to the family seeking answers to problems and guidance.

Pastor Lloyd deRun of First Baptist Church here officiated at the funeral along with some of the Smiths' missionary colleagues. There were 300 attending, including the United States ambassador to Malaysia, the consul-general of Singapore, a representative of the United Nations and almost the entire missionary family. Scott's school friends and basketball coach were pallbearers.

One Chinese mother told Smith as he sat by the casket at the church, "I have one son—he'll be half yours and half mine." That son, a member of Mrs. Smith's Sunday School class, will be baptized by Smith.

The Smiths conduct a Bible study in a home where Scott helped the daughter come to know Jesus. She said Scott told her the night before the accident, "I'm not afraid to die—the first thing I'm going to do when I get to heaven is sit down beside Jesus and talk to Him."

The next day he was doing just that.

## Southern Seminary Library Joins Cataloging Project

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.**—The James P. Boyce Centennial Library, located on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has become a leader among seminary libraries through the joining of a computerized library cataloging project which includes major research and university libraries throughout the Southeast.

Known as SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network), the Atlanta-based system links some 100 member schools to a central computer which will have the catalog listing of every item entered in each of the system's libraries.

The program was initiated by funds totaling \$250,000. SOLINET recently received a \$600,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, making it one of the most viable of all such cooperatives in the country.

The seminary library will be connected to the computer by long-distance telephone lines. Library personnel in Louisville will have access to the holdings of all other libraries merely by punching an appropriate code on a keyboard terminal located in the library.

Southern's library, represented by director Ronald Deering, was a charter member of SOLINET and will be one of six seminaries in the Southeastern United States which will have access to the program's facilities.

During the initial years of the program SOLINET will be connected to Ohio College Library Center in Columbus.

## National Teacher Exams To Be Held At Union

The National Teacher Examination, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J., will be offered at Union University November 9, according to Clyde Fugate, director of testing.

The examination is designed for college seniors preparing to teach, teachers applying for certification, licensure, or those seeking positions in school systems requiring the test. The designation of Union as a test center for the examination will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidates throughout the country who take the tests, Fugate said.

Last year approximately 100,000 candidates registered to take the examinations which are designed to assess cognitive knowledge and understanding in professional education, general education and subject-field specialization.

Bulletins of information describing registration procedures and containing registration forms as well as sample test questions may be obtained from Union University or from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, N. J., 08540.

## Enrolment Gains At Belmont

Enrolment at Belmont College is at the second highest point in the 23-year history of the school, Ronald E. Underwood, director of admissions-register, has announced.

A total of 1,070 students have enrolled for the fall semester, according to Underwood, as compared to 1,033 at this point a year ago.

"We have gained significantly for three consecutive years from a downward trend after our all-time high of 1,082 in 1966," said Underwood. "As a matter of fact, our increase shows a net gain of 20 per cent over the last three years."

The current semester at Belmont ends Dec. 20 with the second semester starting Jan. 9.

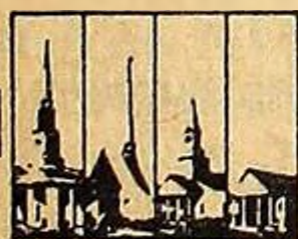
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# Mutual Concern

By Dr. W. R. White  
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Basic Passage: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
Focal Passage: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Paul and his churches showed their mutuality very obviously in the main. Paul was working to make it more mutual but never sacrificed principle in his effort. He wanted that mutuality to be more than a mere sentimental superficiality.



White

Mutual concern should exist among all Christians. It must be based on conviction, character and compassion.

We do not have to agree on everything to have a mutual concern

for each other. Yet, great conviction shared by each can drive people to each other. Agonizing for each other, like precious faith, creates a very strong tie. There are some things so valid, so real and so valuable that are available to many without compromise.

A strong foundation of integrity and character can be common ground for mutual caring. If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do? Those who are fighting for the great foundations and standing on them have each a mutual concern for the other and the course involved.

Compassion for each other and common objectives will develop in mutual concern of the highest order. Unity through mutual concern is a prior need in the church.

## Cordial Greeting 2 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul followed very much the form of greeting that was prevalent in his day. However, it included the divine. If fills good, well known words in grace and peace with dynamic meaning. He wanted to establish a cordial rapport with his churches and

fellow disciples. He wanted mutual concern.

## Pass It On 2 Cor. 1:4

God's comfort was given to us that we might become comforters of others. This is true of other blessings, too. We are blessed but we must bless others. We are not to become a terminus but a channel. "This was not given to you alone, pass it on."

Some of us have had to go through dark valleys even in youth. God's grace has brought us through them all. Through the necessity of comforting many others, we have understood our suffering much better. At least the Lord has been able to use us more effectively in helping others.

## Partners In Contrast 2 Cor. 1:5-7

Paul and his fellow-disciples had similar experiences of fluctuating affections and consolations. They suffered and they rejoiced. At times the suffering was severe and long. Then the joy would be deep and so meaningful. Christians seem to carry trials with more fortitude and hope. In fact they had a peculiar radiance never seen before. Paul's triumphant victory was contagious. Their poise in turbulence and their joy in anguish impressed pagan historians.

## Superb Illustration 2 Cor. 1:8-11

Paul shares an experience he had in Asia Minor when he came to the point of despairing of life itself. He put his trust in the God who raises from the dead and not in himself, a frail, mortal being.

God delivered him, continued to deliver him and now he believes this same God will yet deliver him.

He recognized that their prayers had joined his prayers in all this. He tells them about the wonderful team work in prayer by which they had been helping each other. This glorious partnership in wonderful mutual concern has been duplicated many times at home and abroad.

## Inflation Affects Buying Power Of CP Budget

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptists' gifts to the Cooperative Program (unified budget) have continued to exceed the rate of inflation, Robert Bingham, Home Mission Board program services section director, said at a conference here to discuss ways of promoting the convention's \$150 million Cooperative Program goal for the 1975-76 financial year.

However, conferees also heard evidence that the projected goal will actually have only \$87 million in real buying power.

John H. Williams, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee, said the projection of \$150 million for 1976 would represent an increase of 48.9 per cent in the Cooperative Program budget, increasing 12 per cent in 1974, 14 per cent in 1975 and 16.7 per cent in 1976.

But the purchasing power would be only \$87,584,522, for a decrease of 71.2 per cent, using the 1967 Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a base, Williams said.

He explained that by setting the CPI in 1967 at 100, by December of this year the index was projected to be 152.4, and by December 1976 to be 171.3. This is based on 10 per cent inflation during 1974, with continued, but smaller increases, continuing until 1976.

The goal of \$150 million dollars has been set to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program in 1975. Rudy Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission, told conferees that "Rope of Sand" the commission's film commemorating the 50th anniversary will be released during Baptist state conventions this fall.

Stewardship Commission personnel, who co-sponsored the conference with the Executive Committee, which met in semi-annual session here have said they hope to obtain three million signatures on a "Declaration of Cooperation" being solicited by state conventions, which will be another major part of the convention's observance of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

Purpose of the declaration is to challenge individual Baptists to a deeper commitment to the Cooperative Program as a primary challenge of world mission support. (BP)

## New Book

The Deacon Family Ministry Plan Resource Book, Convention Press, \$3.95. A small loose leaf notebook which contains valuable material to help the deacon be more effective in his ministry.

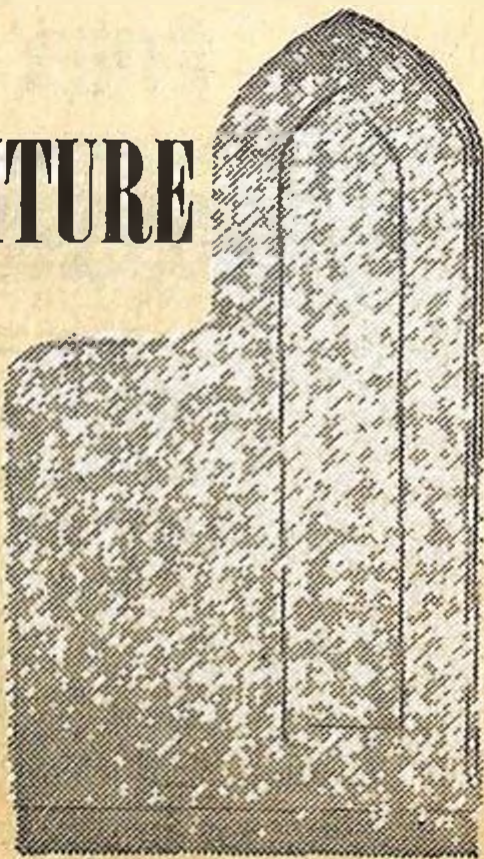
God's People: United for Conquest by Convention Press. A resource kit which offers youth and youth workers enrichment materials for the teaching/learning experiences related to God's People; United for Conquest, the third book in the seven-volume Youth Bible Survey Series.

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### Seeds Of Violence Rooted In Parental Neglect

The seeds of violence are always blowing in the wind, but it should be remembered that the soil that nourishes or rejects them lies within the child, the dean of Erikson Institute for Early Education points out. The kind of emotional disturbance that is likely to lead to violent behavior has its roots in parental neglect in early childhood.

"What distinguishes basically non-violent people from those prone to violence is the capacity to control and transcend destructive impulses—because of contrasting, stronger tendencies such as sympathy, identification with others, and a sense of right and wrong," Maria W. Piers and Eleanor McGovern recently reminded.

That capacity to control and transcend one's violent impulses develops in a home where parents care about and take care of their children and show they care about others as well, they stress.

No matter what their socio-economic backgrounds, children treated for disturbed, violent behavior often have in common parents who did not take adequate care of them or provide enough supervision and guidance, Dr. Piers and Mrs. McGovern wrote in *Parents*.

"Such children may have had an abundance of educational, health and recreational advantages, but often—somewhere in their early history—we find that their parents were immature, pleasure-seeking people, unable to be reliably 'there' and consistent in their love or disciplinary efforts."

By the age of six or seven, the child whose character is developing soundly is showing definite signs of increasing inner control, a sense of right and wrong, and the ability to identify with others. Youngsters heading in the wrong direction also give off signals, however.

Signals that spell "danger" include:

1. Estrangement from parents, teachers or any responsible adult.
2. The inability to accept their standards of good and bad.
3. A general callousness toward others.
4. Cruel play with living creatures.
5. Play that is obsessively repetitious . . . or no play at all.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1974

## HISTORICALLY: FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

William Carey Association met in the new church at Petersburg and elected J. B. Alexander moderator and W. O. Phagan as clerk. O. E. Bryan was present for two addresses at the association.

Mrs. A. U. Boone, wife of the beloved pastor of Memphis First Church died suddenly. Besides her husband, she was survived by one son, W. C. Boone, pastor of Owensboro, Ky. First Church and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Leavell, wife of the secretary of the Inter-board Commission.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Wallace E. Keown began his ministry with Madisonville First Church, succeeding Harold Malone.

The 34th session of the Wilson County Association met with La Guardo Church. The moderator was C. W. Leonard, and the host pastor was Ernest Jones.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Rogersville and Trenton First Churches both began holding double Sunday morning services.

Dumplin Church, Jefferson Association, built a three-bedroom, two-bath brick home for Pastor and Mrs. J. J. Bingham. The building committee was composed of J. Mack Elder, Roy S. Elder, and Hall Underwood.

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In Erikson's and McGovern's opinion, brain damage, mental illness and other abnormalities are only rarely responsible for children's tendencies toward violence. Early emotional deprivation and parental neglect account for most or society's violent people, they believe.

"This much about violence we know absolutely: with insufficient early love, attention and education, children become inhuman themselves.

## From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton



Norton

The tremendous challenge of winning our cities for Christ was brought quite forcibly to my attention recently as I attended a meeting at the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. As executive secretaries from across the Southern Baptist Convention met with representatives of the Board, we became acutely aware of the need for mutual concern and unified efforts to project and carry out plans whereby our homeland might somehow be reached with the Gospel of Christ.

The task of our Home Mission Board is one that cannot be accomplished without the support of all Southern Baptists. We have a tendency to forget that we have a vital role to play in the evangelizing of our cities, particularly, with their teeming millions of people who somehow must be reached with the message of Christianity. This truth was made more impressive to me two weeks ago when I spent a few days in New York with representatives of the American Bible Society. A further word needs to be said concerning their efforts to place the Bible in the hands of all people, both at home and around the world, and my appreciation for their efforts has increased considerably since meeting with them and learning more of their plans for accomplishing this task.

Truly the needs surrounding each of us and each of our churches is mounting. Individually, we appear to accomplish little, but as we unite our financial support, our deep concern and our prayers, we need to realize that God can take these combined efforts to permeate our society with His message and transform our society.

My prayer is that we may become more sensitive to the needs of people all about us and more willing to minister to them in all areas of our daily activities. Missions is a world-wide challenge, but it must begin where you and I live.

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# Committee Asks \$51 Million Cooperative Program Goal

NASHVILLE—A goal of \$51 million in receipts through the Southern Baptist national Cooperative Program unified budget was approved here for 1975-76 by the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) Executive Committee.

The goal is subject to approval at the annual SBC meeting in Miami Beach next June. It includes a basic budget of \$44 million, \$1 million in capital needs and \$6 million in challenge funds to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the SBC's Cooperative Program. The total 1974-75 budget is \$40 million.

The Executive Committee also asked SBC agencies to "submit priorities or action plans proposed for the utilization of funds which might be received from the anniversary challenge goals" and that its program subcommittee "evaluate these in terms of the major convention objectives in recommending the distribution of the funds received in the anniversary challenge segment of the total budget."

Other budget action resulted in approval of a \$531,000 operating budget for the SBC Executive Committee for 1974-75 and approval of distribution to the Executive Committee a proportionate share of the Convention Operating Budget overage expected from the Cooperative Program in the final month of the 1973-74 fiscal year.

## OTHER ACTION NOTED

In other business, the Executive Committee declined to extend SBC Cooperative Program financial support to Baptist Bible Institute in Florida, authorized funding of an image magnification system for the SBC's annual meeting in Miami Beach in 1975 and approved transfer of funds and real property from the SBC Home Mission Board to the SBC Foreign Mission Board to facilitate previously approved shifting of mission work in Panama and the Canal Zone from the Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board.

The question of Cooperative Program assistance for the Baptist Bible Institute came from the board of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1972 and resulted in a two-year study by the Executive Committee. The Florida school will continue to receive Cooperative Program funds from the state level.

The committee commended the state convention-supported Bible schools in Florida, Texas, Kentucky and North Carolina "for their forward looking substantial work." It reminded state conventions contemplating such schools "to explore carefully all options open before launching other schools," adding, "We feel that present programs will care for our long range needs in this area."

## FUNDING PROCEDURES APPROVED

The Executive Committee approved

funding procedures for image magnification similar to those used in Dallas—one third from the Convention Operating Budget, one third from the SBC agencies on a proportionate basis and one-third from offerings at the convention. If the offering is more than one third, cost to the agencies and the Convention Operating Budget will be proportionately reduced. If the offering is less than one third, the balance will be paid out of the Convention Operating Budget. The estimated cost to all the agencies would be about \$8,000.

SBC President Jaroy Weber, in his address to the Executive Committee, alluded to the U.S. Bicentennial, saying he hoped Southern Baptists wouldn't stand on the sidelines but would instead "help America keep in mind that it was founded on the principles of God, which we need to survive as a nation."

"I believe God wants to do great spiritual things in every church in America," Weber said, "America and its churches need revival. We are the people God can use."

Weber said Southern Baptists are people who believe in the Bible as the Word of God but aren't bound by creedal statements. (BP)

## C-N To Celebrate Homecoming, Oct. 11-12

Carson-Newman College will celebrate its annual homecoming weekend Oct. 11-12, beginning with the distinguished alumni chapel to be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Jefferson City First Church. Following chapel a luncheon will be held in honor of the alumni and other distinguished guests.

Other activities will include the President's Club dinner, presentation of the musical comedy, "Carnival," a pep rally, open house, a meeting of the alumni debaters, a cross country invitational annual alumni luncheon, and homecoming parade and football game.

## Coming Events

Oct. 10, 11—Church Music Leadership Workshop, First Baptist Church and Union University, Jackson.

Oct. 18, 19, 20—State Student Convention, Workshop, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

Oct. 18, 19, 20—State Student Convention, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro.

Oct. 21—Regional Interpretation Clinics, First Baptist Church, Somerville.

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Oct. 24, 25—Preschool/Children Institute, Central Church, Bearden.

## 38 Missionaries, Associates Appointed By Home Mission Board

ATLANTA—Eight missionaries and 30 missionary associates were appointed for service in 10 states by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here in September.

The board also changed the status of four missionary associates to career missionary and accepted the resignations of two staff members.

The resignations were from James W. Kelly who is retiring after three years as director of the Division of Chaplaincy and from N. Larry Bryson, director of rural-urban missions for the Division of Associational Services, who has been named state director of missions for South Carolina.

The board's executive director Arthur B. Rutledge reported Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts through Sept. 12 had exceeded \$7,692,000, an increase of 18 per cent over 1973. He said both the special offering receipts and Cooperative Program allocations for the board were up 12.6 per cent.

Missionaries appointed included two each for service in Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

John Howard and Shirley Campbell of Louisville, Ky., were appointed by the Department of Christian Social Ministries as directors of weekday ministries in New Orleans.

Tommy L. and Linda Fewell of Huntsville, Tex., were also appointed by the Christian social ministries department for service in North Carolina, a joint appointment with the state convention. Fewell will be director of Christian social ministries for New South River Baptist Association.

The other four missionaries were appointed by the Church Extension Department. Richard G. and Nancy Heaney of Chalfont, Pa., will serve in Hatfield, Pa., where he will be pastor-director. William E. Tritten and Rose Ann Tritten of Scottsbluff, Neb., will continue to serve in that city where he will be pastor-director.

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