

# Baptist And Reflector

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## New Church Staff Members Introduced At Murfreesboro

New church staff members from throughout the state were recognized during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Murfreesboro. The Convention hosted a reception for them on Wednesday evening at the Ramada Inn. Those present and recognized at the Convention, and their positions are as follows:

### Pastors

Clifton Dillard Alexander, Beaver Dam Church, Knox Association; John L. Ashby, Cedar Hill Church, Hamilton Association; J. A. Atchley, Lincoln Park Church, Knox Association; Bill Bruster, Central Bearden Church, Knox Association; Glenn R. Chance, First Church, Minor Hill, Giles Association; Darrell Clarke, Mt. Tirzah Church, Dyer Association; A. W. Clodfelter, First Church, Ridgely, Beulah Association; Marvin L. Cochran, Highland Church, Giles Association; Larry W. Corder, Olive Branch, Big Hatchie Association; Gale Lyon, Euclid Avenue Church, Knox Association;

Albert J. Gisler, Boulevard Church, Shelby Association; Jim Growden, Hillcrest Church, Nashville Association; W. R. Harrelson, Sharon Church, Hardin Co. Association; Ervin E. Harris, Talbott Church, Jefferson Association; Otis Hinton, Poplar Corner, Haywood Association; Ralph E. Hoover, First Church, Morrison, Central Association; Ivy Ingalls, LaBelle Place Church, Shelby Association; Bob Johnson, Saturn Drive Church, Nashville Association; Joe Knowles, Alpha Church, Nolachucky Association; Doug McPherson, Cedar Grove Church, Chilhowee Association;

Ed Malone, West View, Stone Association; Dale Martin, Clark Street Church, Holston Association; Douglas L. Miller, Philadelphia Church, Hamilton Association; David Moore, Lincoya Hills Church, Nashville Association; Dean L. Pack, Fairview Church, Watauga Association; J. Paul Palmer, Westhaven Church, Shelby Association; Levi Parish, Allen Church, Haywood Association; Howard Ray, First Church, St. Bethlehem, Cumberland Association; Elwood Settle, King's Point Church, Hamilton Association; and Fred A. Steelman, Red Bank Church, Hamilton Association.

### Associate Pastors

David Bayer, Southside Church, Martin, Weakley Association; and Willard G. Wild, Audubon Park, Shelby Association.

**Director Church Relations and Extension**  
J. Donald Mitchell, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson Association.

**Director of Education and Outreach**  
Byron R. Epps, South Fulton Church, Beulah Association.

**Minister of Education**  
Joe Holbert, Leawood Church, Shelby Association.

**Minister of Education and Youth**  
Richard Caperton, First Church Concord, Knox Association.

**Minister of Music**  
John O. Hamblen, Bayside Church, Hamilton Association; and Herschel Spivey, East Ridge Church, Hamilton Association.

**Minister of Music and Youth**  
Derrell L. Billingsley, First Church Columbia, Maury Association; Calbert Lee Bowden, First Church Lexington, Beech River Association; and Kenny Bryan, Brownsville Church, Haywood Association.

**Minister of Youth**  
Archie Fendley, Central Church, Holston Association.

## Baptist And Reflector Receives New Budgets

Three Tennessee Baptist Churches placed the **Baptist And Reflector** in their budgets this month.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Big Emory Association, **Middle Creek Church**, Lloyd Napier;

Big Emory Association, **Union Church**; McNairy Association, **First Church**, Counce, Bobby Burress.

Five additional Tennessee Baptist Churches are receiving the **Baptist And Reflector** through the Trial Plan.

The associations, churches and pastors are:

Cumberland Plateau Association, **Bethlehem Church**, Jerome McCoy;

New Salem Association, **Hickman Church**, C. E. Hall;

Big Emory Association, **Pine Orchard Church**, Ed Willis;

Nolachucky Association, **Alpha Church**, Joe Knowles; and

Indian Creek Association, **Friendship Church**, James Andrews.

## Centennial Convention Adopts CP Declaration

During the Centennial Convention of Tennessee Baptists, observed in Murfreesboro, Nov. 12-14, Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, and representatives of the Convention's institutions and agencies signed a statement of reaffirmation of a commitment to the Cooperative Program.

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, in June, adopted a declaration of cooperation to the Cooperative Program. The Tennessee Baptist Program Committee adopted a statement on Sept. 5 for presentation to the Executive Board. The Executive Board approved the statement and presented a four-part recommendation to the recent Murfreesboro Convention. These are as follows:

1. That the Tennessee Baptist Convention in annual session, 1974, reaffirm our commitment to the Cooperative Program as expressed in the Declaration adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, 1974.

2. That the executive secretary-treasurer, the Convention president, and the president of the Executive Board be authorized to sign the recommitment as representatives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and that the presidents or administrators of the institutions and agencies or a representative of their trustees be invited to sign for their institutions.

3. That the Declaration of Cooperation be signed at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami in 1975 by the executive secretary-treasurer for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

4. That the churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention be urged to have a recommitment service to the Cooperative Program during 1975.

## WMU Annual Meeting Arrangement Committeemen

The local arrangements committee for the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting held Nov. 11 at First Church, Murfreesboro, included Betty Frank, Jeanette Rolater and Mary King, co-chairmen. Committee chairmen were Elaine Dement, Sammie Farris, Carol Hix, Pearl Davis, Virginia Carr, Barbara Lamb, Ursula McRae, Peggy Summer, Sue Seat, Flo Nickelson, Evelyn Smith, Ila Smartt, Mrs. J. H. Harvey and Mrs. A. J. Ellis.

The WMU meeting was held prior to the Centennial meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

# Love In Perspective

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—1 John 4:10

Since God is love (4:8) it naturally follows that He is the source and ground of love as He is of truth. This means that love in the true sense, whether it be warm friendship or the highest love of God's nature, is a revelation from God. It is not something that man discovers through reason or research. You cannot isolate love in a test tube—or even define it, for that matter—because to define something is to limit it. Love is a spiritual quality, like faith, which admits no limits.

Love is at the very heart of the Christian faith. The difference between the Judeo-Christian religion and others is that in the latter man is reaching up after God; in the former God is reaching down after man.

Furthermore, this means that God has taken the initiative in regard to saving men. His love is not mere sentiment. It is love in action, as God gave His Son to provide the means whereby He may forgive man's sin. Love costs the lover. It is more than idle words. It does not ask, "How much must I do? but "How much can (may) I do?"

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11).



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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Since you published the statement Mr. Dewese made at Ridgecrest about "Creedalism Must Be Stopped", please publish this and let the other side be heard.

I grow tired of hearing some of the Brethren mouth the Unitarian line that implies that one can believe anything and still be a Southern Baptist. They sound as if we had one doctrine only and that one was religious liberty. The simple truth is that in our individual interpretations of the word of God we have for many years held common and voluntary agreement on certain key doctrines—inspiration and authority of the Bible, salvation by grace through faith, eternal security, baptism of believers only by immersion only, and separation of church and state to name only a few. Anyone who doesn't believe these things simply isn't a Baptist. If that isn't true, then we stand for nothing and will fall for anything; we have no distinctive message for the world and ought to take "Baptist" off our church signs and just put "Church" there.

We do disagree on many things, but we do AGREE on certain major things, and it is wrong to say "I am a Southern Baptist" and disagree with those doctrines. That's what needs to be stopped, and I'm with the Brethren who intend to stop it with all my heart and soul.

Respectfully,  
Don Strother, Pastor  
University Parkway Baptist Church  
209 University Parkway  
Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

### Pulpit To Pen

Jim Griffith

On this Thanksgiving Day, 1974, I am thankful:

That some still know how to laugh, admitting that "mirth is the medicine of God."

That although life is sometimes like eating hash—and is hard to swallow—you can eat it with faith.

That first and foremost, just as last and always, the word is, the promise is, the startling magnificent reality is: God loves each one of us as though there were but one of us to love.

That some people not only pray all the right prayers, but also try to do all the right things.

That many persons realize that concern for the lost can best be magnified through the telescope of tears.

That the faithful put their "words" to the beautiful music of dedicated effort for the Kingdom of God.

That one with God is always a majority.

### Devotional

### Forget Not

By J. David Jicka, Pastor  
First Baptist, Daisy, Tenn.

Thanksgiving has always been a special day in America. When our founding fathers observed the first Thanksgiving, they did it in the spirit of Psalm 103:2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Reduced to common speech, this means to thank God and be sure not to forget all that He has done for you.



Jicka

It is proper that we have such a special day. Thanksgiving is perhaps the most American of all our national days. But

we must not limit our thanksgiving to one day. I believe the individual who learns to practice thanksgiving on a continued basis will be given continuous victories and blessings from God. Paul emphasized this when he wrote, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Thanks-giving does lead to thanks-living.

The psalmist speaks first of what God has done for him personally. There is always reason for gratitude even in darkness. Perhaps you're down and discouraged, why not take this time to thank God for His many benefits. We do well to show gratitude for what is given rather than complain about what is lacking in life.

Another way to practice thanksgiving is to remember the wonderful country we live in. Our nation was given us by God. In the New England Confederation they wrote, "But all came into this part of America with one and the same purpose to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel." Things change. Millions never pause to show gratitude. We live day by day, eating and making merry with no thankfulness. We ought to recognize there is a debt we can never pay God. Our hearts should swell with love for a God who has given so much. Scriptures tell that a lack of giving is the beginning of the downfall of individuals and nations.

On this Thanksgiving Day pause to praise God for all He has done. Let us keep God in all we do and thank Him for those things money cannot buy. These are the true things of life. Thank you Lord. . . .

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# Worship Experiences Available For CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place

A 24-page Program Help booklet which provides resources to help churches conduct several types of worship services is available.

Suggestions for the different kinds of worship services are contributions from churches which have experienced these services. Some of the worship experiences suggested include: An Alabaster Service (to give people an opportunity to express appreciation for and to one another and to receive praise and thanks from others); Worship in the Round (to seek informality in summer services and to promote fellowship and friendship); Youth-led Worship Services (involving youth); Dealing with Controversial Issues (a series); The Spirit-led Service; Dialogue Sermon; Charlie Brown Series (to lead people to worship by helping them to see that biblical characters were human); Mutual Understanding Through Association (used for Race Relations Sunday); Know Your Neighbor Night; Worship and Fellowship Under the Stars; Sermon in Songs; Salt Serv-

ice (to stress the worth of each person); Drama; and many others.

The booklet includes one section on Great Nights of Decision. This emphasis consists of a series of four Sunday nights of revival services focusing attention through music and sermons on great nights in the Bible. Help will be provided in developing the night of the new birth, the night of prayer, the night of humble service, the night of denial, the night of nevertheless, the night of the great confession, the night of the empty net. Another section of the booklet consists of ways to celebrate the church ordinances.

Cost is 29 cents from the Materials Services Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Cumberland Plateau Officers Reelected

All officers for the Cumberland Plateau Association were reelected during recent annual sessions. J. E. Parrott, pastor, Mayland Church, will serve as moderator; and Mont Hooper, pastor, Oak Hill Church, will serve as vice moderator.

Treasurer is Sam Ryan, a member of Crossville First Church; and clerk is Mrs. Tilbert Teeple, a member of Crossville First Church.

## Hear Herschel H. Hobbs On The Baptist Hour

"What men need primarily is not new thoughts but new hearts, not meditation but regeneration," said Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs. "And these new hearts and regeneration can only come from Jesus Christ."

Hobbs, opening his December series of sermons on "The Baptist Hour," will continue the "Guideposts to Life" theme. His Dec. 1 message is titled "Jesus Only."

On Dec. 8, in a sermon titled "So You Want To Be A Big Shot," the Baptist Hour speaker reminds, "The most important service often goes unseen except by the eyes of God. In ways the world cannot understand, God will acknowledge the greatness of him who renders unselfish service."

In "The Forgiven Should Forgive," Hobbs tells listeners, "Forgiving means more than removing the wrong. It means a restored fellowship between you and the one doing the wrong."

In "Putting Christmas In The Proper Context," he warns against relying on human means instead of God. In his New Year's sermon, Dec. 29, he says, "The fact that you have previously broken firm resolves to give God your best does not mean that you should not try again. So long as in your heart there is a will to do, there is hope. God is able to enable you to live victoriously."

"The Baptist Hour," heard on 397 stations across the country, is produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

## Preaching Point Grows; Child Gets Medical Care

**LORENZO MARQUES, Mozambique**—When Mrs. C. Ernest Harvey, Southern Baptist missionary, and her daughter Ruthie attended a meeting near here in a grass hut, a preaching point grew stronger and a sick child found medical care.

As Mrs. Harvey and Ruthie arrived at the preaching point, they heard the noises of a meeting going on in a nearby hut.

"We went to see what was going on," Mrs. Harvey said, "and found a group of women and small children holding a prayer meeting for a sick child."

The woman in charge claimed to be a healer and with the aid of secret chants and charms was trying to restore the child to health.

"We talked with the women," said Mrs. Harvey, "telling them who we were and explaining to them that they should take the child to a doctor."

They also invited the women to the service the Harveys were about to conduct. The leader of the group suggested a deal. If the Harveys would stay until they finished their meeting then they would go to the Harveys' meeting.

"We did, and they did, 53 strong," Mrs. Harvey said. "People were literally spilling out of the windows and doors of the small home where we met."

The child is well now after receiving treatment at a medical clinic. The preaching point is stronger with the new group of women attending.

## Salary Committee Completes Work

In 1973, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, meeting in Memphis, authorized the creation of a special salary committee. The purpose of the committee was to survey Tennessee Baptist churches regarding salary and benefit information of the professional as well as the office and manual staff; prepare summaries, and mail findings to the churches.

The committee completed its work in September and the salary booklets were mailed in October.

The committee members were laymen from various areas of Tennessee. They were Jack Knox, Memphis; Clark Huffman, Oak Ridge; R. Eugene Galloway, Elizabethton; Carmen R. Keathley, Memphis; James S. Lunceford, Covington; Lawrence B. Miller, Hixson; Rudy Newby, Tullahoma; Lynn Rouse, Morristown; Donald E. Russell, Germantown; Clifton Ward, Chattanooga; and Leonard E. Wedel (chairman), Franklin.

Questionnaires were mailed to 2372 Tennessee Baptist churches and to all superintendents of missions. Approximately 1050 questionnaires were returned.

Copies of the salary booklet were mailed

to the chairmen of deacons, chairmen of the finance committees and to the pastors.

Generally, the results of salary survey revealed that most churches had not kept up with the cost of living increases since 1970. In addition, the salaries and benefits of practically all the workers on the various church staffs need upgrading.

Specifically, a few highlights of the survey revealed that:

26% of the pastors who responded to the survey are not in the annuity plan

36% of the wives of pastors have regular or part-time jobs.

65% of the pastors prefer a cash allowance rather than have a home provided by the church

10% on the churches have no formalized budget

42% of the churches are debt free

37% of the debt free churches have a membership of less than 250

The salary committee expressed hope that the salary booklet will be useful and helpful to the leaders of Baptist Churches, and that staff salaries and benefits will be upgraded where needed because of this study.

# EDITORIAL

## “Grace So Amazing . . . Love So Divine”

“Grace So Amazing . . . Love So Divine,” is the theme for the annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 1-8. The national goal is \$23,000,000. Tennessee’s goal is \$1,625,000.

During this season of prayer in December, many of the 2536 missionaries in 81 fields are facing political and economic situations that only miracles of prayer can solve.

We, as Southern Baptists, have an opportunity to show our concern in the worldwide program to proclaim the good news of Christ’s coming at the same time that we celebrate his birth. The observance of the 1974 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions using the theme, “Grace So Amazing . . . Love So Divine,” features not only the story of God’s gift of his son, but also his modern-day miracles in missions.

Critical needs for prayer at this time of the year are real and evident. Davis L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, speaking of the situation said, “Missionaries assume that we are praying for their personal safety. Danger does exist and could be eminent, and we have plans ready to help in case of personal danger. But missionaries feel peace. Their main prayer request is for reinforcements.” Saunders requests special prayer for the missionaries and Baptists in Ethiopia, Uganda, Rhodesia, Mozambique, and Angola.

Ethiopia missionaries request prayers for additional mission personnel rather than for their personal safety during the change of government. A plea from those working in Uganda is that we pray for resources.

In Angola, Saunders says, the work is growing so fast that prayer, personnel, and money are equally urgent needs. New missionaries have been sent to Angola because of the over-the-goal Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year, but missionaries need even more reinforcements.

According to Frank Means, secretary for South America, there are similar trends of unusual opportunity in troubled areas of that country. “The missionaries have a sense of well-being and security,” Means said, although he stressed that terrorist kidnappings and killings have made a tense environment. “The missionaries are praying for resources to face up to the opportunities that are created in times of trouble.” Missionaries in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay are requesting prayer and funds. Missionaries in Chile have survived the Communist crisis, but face great economic problems. They give thanks that they have been able to remain there.

Argentina missionaries, in the process of transferring major responsibilities to nationals, want to establish a revolving building and loan fund for churches. Only if the Lottie Moon Offering passes its goal will they get the \$220,000 needed for this purpose.

The Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each provide approximately half of foreign mission support. The first \$14,500,000 of the Lottie Moon Offering will be used along with supplemental Cooperative Program allocations to maintain the basic operating budget for overseas missions.

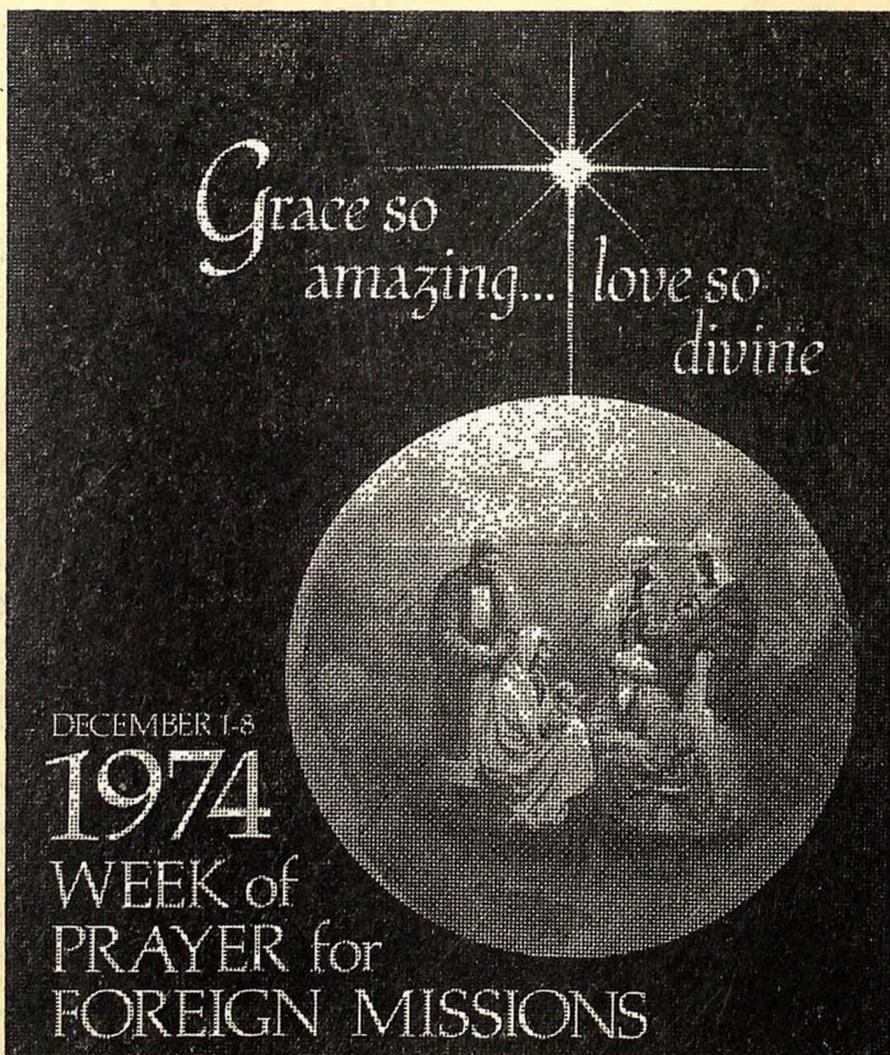
All Christmas offering money beyond \$14,500,000 will be allotted according to a priority listing of special advance projects, the purchase of new equipment and property, and the improvements of mission facilities. It is most important that Lottie Moon funds provide sufficient supplement to offset inflation. If it doesn’t provide enough money, these new items will be sacrificed.

Will what you give adequately express your love to the Lord and his work? Spend some time in prayer, and ask our Heavenly Father to show you what you should give this year.

As you think of the question: Who will go as missionaries?, it could just be that God is calling **you**. Are you ready and submissive to His will? Many need to pray for their children or grandchildren that the Lord might call them to go and tell others about Christ.

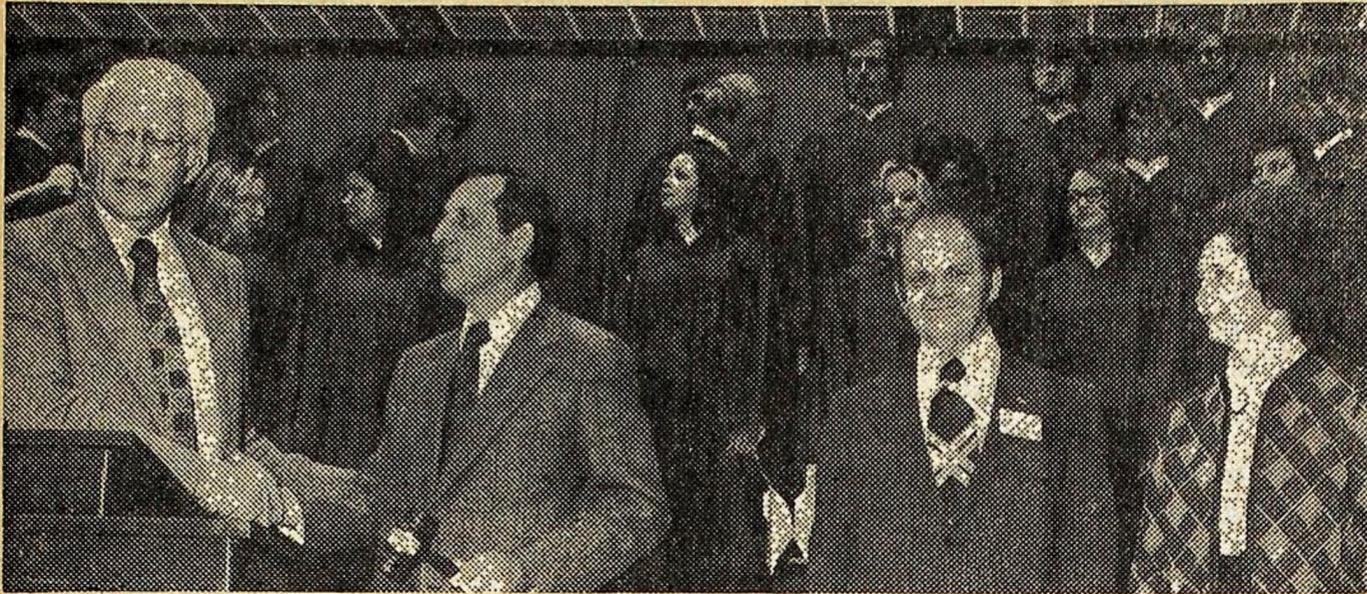
When church members gather during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and pray for the missionaries and their needs, remember those young people in your church and pray that they might hear God’s voice speaking to them to “go and tell.” Many can volunteer to work in Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Acteens, or Royal Ambassadors. This business of praying and giving is not limited to the mission organizations. It is open for all of us. If you cannot attend the Week of Prayer in your church, then you can pray at home or wherever you are. At the Woman’s Missionary Union annual meeting in Murfreesboro, William R. O’Brien, former missionary to Indonesia, told the ladies that if they wanted to be engaged in the greatest, the most crucial warfare at the moment, it is prayer.

Prayer is more than uttering words, it is communicating with the Lord. His lines of communication are never too busy.—  
E.L.



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal \$23,000,000**  
**Tennessee’s Goal \$1,625,000**

# Profile of New Tennessee Baptist Convention Officers



Grant Jones, left, pastor, First Church, Sevierville, transfers the Convention gavel to incoming TBC president H. Eugene Cotey, pastor, First Church, Murfreesboro, as he introduces to the Convention's closing session Cotey and other newly elected officers—Edwin Deusner, pastor, First Church Lexington, first vice president, and Mrs. Bob Peek, wife of the pastor of East Athens Church, Athens, second vice president. The Belmont College (Nashville) chorale, takes its place on the platform for the closing music special of the Convention. The chorale was directed by Jerry Warren.

## H. Eugene Cotey

H. Eugene Cotey, president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was born in Alexandria, La., and grew up in Louisiana and Tennessee. After serving in the United States Navy in the Philippines, he attended Union University where he received a B.A. degree, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, awarded him the B.D. and Th.D. degrees in 1952 and 1957. He serves presently as pastor of Murfreesboro First Church.

In Tennessee, Cotey has served on several associational committees and has served as moderator of Concord Association. He served on the Administrative Committee and the State Missions Committee of the Executive Board and on the building committee for the state board building. He is a trustee of the Nashville Baptist Hospital, and in 1968-69 was president of the executive board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He is, additionally, a trustee at Belmont College. He also served on the Baptist And Reflector Liaison Committee.

He serves currently as a commissioner of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission and is on the administrative committee. He is married to the former Jean Lipsey of Memphis, and they are the parents of four children.

He has written extensively for Sunday School materials, and his article on "preaching, Southern Baptist" is included in the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, Vol. III.

## Edwin E. Deusner

E. E. Deusner, first vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has served as

pastor of Lexington First Church for 29 years.

He was born in Henderson, Ky., and was ordained at the First Church of that city. He is married to the former Marie Wilson, and they have two married children.

Deusner is a graduate of Georgetown College where he graduated cum laude. He also attended Evansville College, University of Louisville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the Th.B. and Th.M. degrees. Union University has conferred upon him the doctor of divinity and the doctor of letters degrees.

He has served in both associational and state wide denominational work since coming to Tennessee in 1941. For more than 25 years, he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. In addition, he has served as vice president of the convention; moderator of Beech River Association, president and recording secretary for the Executive Board, president of the Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc., and Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Association, a trustee for Union University, and vice chairman of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Centennial Committee.

## Mrs. Bob Peek

Mrs. Peek, second vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the former Willodene Gentry, is a native of Cookeville, and a graduate of Carson-Newman College. She is the wife of Bob Peek, pastor of East Athens Baptist Church, Athens, and the mother of two sons, both students at Carson-Newman College, and one daughter who is still in high school.

Her hobbies are music, sewing, and cooking.

Mrs. Peek's involvement in the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union began in childhood and has continued during the years. She has served as WMU director in her church and association and while at Carson-Newman was YWA president.

She was first elected as president of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, at the November meeting in 1971. She was elected at the annual meeting in Murfreesboro to serve for the fourth consecutive year.

She is now serving as chairman of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC nominating committee to secure a new WMU, SBC president. She is the first woman to be elected as second vice-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

## Coming Events

Dec. 1—Dedication of Baptist Student Center, Cleveland State Community College, Cleveland, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 2-3—Board of Directors, Tennessee Baptist Service Corporation, meeting Executive Board Building, TBC, Brentwood.

Dec. 2—Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Orientation for new trustees, Holiday Inn, Poplar, Memphis.

Dec. 3—Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Board of Trustees Annual Meeting, Memphis Home.

Dec. 1-8—Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Dec. 12-13—Executive Board Meeting, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood.

## Chattanooga Baptist Receives \$1000 Scholarship Award



Howell

Betty Howell of Chattanooga was one of seven outstanding first-year students of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to receive the \$1000 scholarship in the 12th annual Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson Scholar Awards. This award was named for the 19th century Baptist pioneer and is one of the top awards for entering students planning ministerial careers within the United States.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Howell, Chattanooga, she was active in BSU during her college years at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. She served in Israel for ten weeks in 1973 under the state BSU Missions Program.

# Board Appoints 21 Home Mission Personnel

ATLANTA—Eight missionaries and 13 missionary associates were appointed at the November meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for service in eight states.

Missionaries appointed were David and Effie Mae Flick of Canton, Okla., as pastor of an Indian church; John and Virginia Pate of Evansville, Ind., as director of missions for Northwest Indiana; Dean and Lois Preuett of Syracuse, N.Y., as pastor-director of Christian social ministries in Syracuse; and Norman and Patty Wallace of O'Fallon, Ill., as director of missions in Western Association, Md.

Appointed missionary associates were Pedro and Eunice Cervantes of Belton, Tex., as pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church in Belton; Phyllis Kimbrough of Corvallis, Ore., as missionary at the Albuquerque Baptist Center; Manuel and Irma Helen Macias of San Antonio, Tex., student ministry.

Also, Floyd and Betty Merrill of Airway Heights, Washington, as a church starter for the department of church extension in Portland, Ore.; Ralph and Norma Molina of Kress, Tex., as pastor of Mission Bautista El Calvario in Kress; Kenneth and Alice Norton of Fruitland, N. Mex., as part-time student missionary; Mary Liu Sanchez of Mission, Tex., as a kindergarten teacher at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Mission; and Eugene Swindle of New Orleans as a student intern at Friendship House in New Orleans.

In many instances, Home Mission Board appointments are joint appointments with

## Rec Lab For '75 Set At Lake Yale

LEESBURG, FLA.—The only recreation lab set for 1975 by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board will be Jan. 3-9 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, here.

Worship leader for the lab will be William Hendricks, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Leading the music will be Mrs. Jeri Graham, youth director at the Hyland Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

The lab is open to all church staff members and denominational leaders who have responsibilities in recreation. Spouses of these workers are also eligible to attend as full participants. There is no provision for children at the lab.

In-depth courses, a conference notebook, room and board are included in the \$90 cost of the lab. Interested persons should send a \$25 registration fee (a part of the total cost) to R. Maines Rawls, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

state conventions and in some cases the appointees are already at work. (BP)

## Two Churches Accepted Under Chilhowee Watchcare

Immanuel Church and Smokey View Church were accepted into the watchcare of Chilhowee Association during its recent annual meeting, according to moderator Ralph E. Galyon. The churches are served by pastors Hank Russell and Fred David, respectively.

Serving with Galyon in the association will be vice moderator Glenn Grubb, pastor of Madison Avenue Church; treasurer Thomas A. Sawyer, a member of Maryville First Church; and clerk James W. McCulla, pastor of Rockford Church. Galyon serves as pastor of East Alcoa Church.

Horace L. Gennoe, director of associational missions, was recognized for 15 years of service to the association.

The sites for next year's annual meeting will be Seymour First, Stock Creek, and Cades Cove Memorial Churches, Oct. 23-24.

## Native Tennessean Elected To Golden Gate Faculty

Robert L. Cate, native of Nashville presently serving as pastor of First Church, Aiken, S.C., has been elected associate professor of Old Testament at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Cal. Cate, who has lived in Aiken for the past 10 years, will begin his service with the seminary on Jan. 1, 1975.



Cate

He holds the bachelor of engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has written extensively, including the commentary on "Leviticus" in the Teacher's Bible Commentary; Sunday School lessons; and columns in Baptist weekly newsmagazines.

Cate is married to the former Dorothy Wright of Nashville who is a former employee in the Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

# POWERLINE

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# The Living God Seeking Man Through A New Beginning

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

**Bible Material:** Isaiah 40:1-31; Galatians 4:1-6

**Lesson Text:** Isaiah 40:1-2, 27-31; Galatians 4:1-6

One of the pleasures of high school and college class reunions is the opportunity to share life's experiences with old friends. At a recent gathering of this type one of the most commonly heard comments was, "If I had it to do all over, I would. . . ." Another similar and often repeated remark was, "Wouldn't it be great if we could start all over again and. . . ." One of the most exciting factors about the Christian message is that it offers the fulfillment of precisely that dream—of the hope of making a new beginning.

A number of sessions have been utilized to explore how man was and is sought by God as depicted in the Old Testament. This lesson marks a transition in the entire lesson series. At this point the emphasis is beginning to be shifted to the New Testament.

## BACKGROUND

The message of chapter forty (40) should be examined in light of its setting in that period just prior to the release of the Jewish captives from their exile. To the enslaved Israelites, that must have appeared a dark, dismal, despondent period. Assyria was out of the picture and Babylon was in the process of dissolution. However, the Persians led by Cyrus quickly gained the ability to fill whatever void may have been left. They failed to realize that the era of forced bondage was about over. Little did they know that God was about to act decisively to help them experience a totally new beginning.

## ANTICIPATING A NEW BEGINNING

The very enthusiasm with which the prophet affirmed the nearness of God's redemptive activities called attention to the need of God's people for a new beginning. The urgency of the crisis simply provided the opportunity for God to address himself to the most pressing areas of need.

## Comfort for the Distraught

The passage begins with the pronouncement of comfort to the people. The situation must have seemed so hopeless to the captives that no word could really be effective until the announcement of God's com-

fort had been made. The promises of comfort did not mean that all their troubles would be ended immediately. It meant at least two things. First, the worst of their hardship was over. The declaration that "her warfare is accomplished" (40:2) was probably intended to indicate that the time of her hard service was at an end (RSV note). Second, comfort was to be derived from the realization that God himself was involved in the restoration of his people (40:3-5) "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (40:5).

## Constant Care from the Creator

The possibility for that new beginning which was about to dawn on God's people was a manifestation of the compassion of the "creator of the ends of the earth" (40:28). Even though they may have felt overlooked by God, they could live in the assurance of his concern for their predicament. The new beginning which was about to come into their midst included the reversal of their present miserable situation. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength (40:31).

## ACTUALIZING A NEW BEGINNING

Throughout the ensuing years whenever God's people found themselves in spiritual danger, the message of Isaiah revived their hope in the possibility of a new beginning. The bleaker their prospects the more precious the promises became that God offered the opportunity for them to "renew their strength" (40:31). It became the faith of the first Christians that God had, in Christ, provided the ultimate opportunity for humanity to make a new start.

The need for a new beginning had never been greater. Paul described this need in terms of the "fulness of time" (4:4). It pleased God to offer to all humanity the hope of a new beginning which would reflect a reversal of their predicament. As a result, those who "were in bondage" (4:3) "might receive the adoption of some" (4:5).

The church must cling to, confess, and live in the hope of the God-given possibility for a new beginning that can be realized even when the situation seems so unrelenting that it could not be relieved in this life.

## Tennessee Alumni Give Food To Clear Creek Families

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Tennessee alumni of the Clear Creek Baptist School here, recently donated \$2,000 worth of groceries to 36 Tennessee families enrolled at the local theological school.

William Barnes, newly elected president of the Tennessee chapter of the school's alumni association, helped promote the project which involved numerous Tennessee Baptist pastors and churches. Pastor of Millican Grove Baptist Church, Pigeon Forge, Barnes said, "Ministerial students at the Clear Creek Baptist School are men with families who do campus construction work, dig ditches, and pastor small rural churches to earn a livelihood as they prepare for the ministry. It's good that Tennessee graduates of Clear Creek could make this token gift of food to these student families." Each family received about one week's supply of staple groceries.

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# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## PEOPLE . . .

Henderson First Church ordained Terry Broadway to the gospel ministry. Assisting in the ordination service were Bill Smith, pastor, Decaturville First Church, Denny Broadway, and Dick Wakefield, pastor, Henderson First Church. Broadway has accepted the call to pastor Mt. Zion Church in Decaturville.

Crestview Church, Memphis ordained Jim Condray, Jim Fields, Harold Joyner, and Ed Mrok as deacons. Ed McAteer, deacon and layman, delivered the ordination message. Bill Cordle is pastor.

Raymond Talley, Arthur C. Shearin, Charles Y. Park, and Dr. Horace L. Elmore were ordained as deacons at South Pittsburg First Church. Interim pastor Paul Hall, associate in the state Missions Department, delivered the ordination message. Others assisting in the service were Paul Keener, director of missions for Sequatchie Valley Association, John Glenning, Leonard Wynne, Joe Royer, O. K. Woodfin, and Floyd Hamilton.

Richard Garrett, a Carson-Newman College freshman from Morristown, was named recipient of the 1974 Roy Harmon Baptist Athlete Award. Garrett is a member of C-N football team and an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Tom Madden, pastor of First Church, Tullahoma, was honored by members and friends earlier this month on the occasion of his 20th anniversary with the church. Ralph Norton, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was the special morning speaker, and H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of Nashville First Church and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke in the evening. A reception was held in the afternoon. In his 20 years as pastor, 2631 persons have joined the church, 1045 of them by baptism. The anniversary observance committee was headed by chairman R. F. Armstrong.

Harold Hopper was ordained to the gospel ministry by Sand Ridge Church in Beech River Association. He has been called as pastor of Central Grove Church near Chesterfield. The charge to the church was led by E. E. Deusner, pastor of Lexington First Church, and the ordination sermon was delivered by B. F. Rogers, former pastor of Sand Ridge.

Jerry Miller was ordained a deacon by Henderson First Church. Pastor Richard Wakefield preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stockman, members

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Centenary Church of Chilhowee Association has called David Allison as pastor to succeed Sanders K. Whaley who resigned several weeks ago. Allison has been serving as supply pastor at West Maryville and previously pastored Four Mile and Calderwood in the same Association and Piney Grove of Big Emory Association.

First Church, Friendsville, called Philip Whitehead, a student at Carson-Newman College, as music director. His father is Clyde Whitehead, a former pastor in Chilhowee Association. Fred H. Garner is the Friendsville pastor.

In Madison-Chester Association, Bethel's pastor, Murray J. Long resigned to move to McNairy Association where he will serve the Chewalla Church. Charles Page resigned as pastor of Clover Creek Church to accept the call of Calvary Church, Parsons. Tom Haygood has been called as pastor of East Laurel Church. He is professor of sociology at Union University.

Mrs. D. Calvin McMurtry, administrative secretary for 24 years at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville, is retiring from the position. She was honored at the church and presented with a plaque and monetary gift. Bob Norman is pastor.

R. G. Huff has resigned as minister of music and youth at Kingston First Church, effective Jan. 6. Huff plans to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he will pursue a masters degree in church music. Gary Marsh is pastor at Kingston.

Nashville First Church has called Timothy Hedquist as minister of education. He serves presently at First Church, Lenoir City, and will assume his new responsibilities on Dec. 1. H. Franklin Paschall is pastor at First Church, Nashville.

In Carroll Benton Association, Hopewell Church called Jimmy Wilbanks as pastor. He comes to the position from Eastland Church in Ripley, Thomas Duffey was called as pastor of Union Academy Church from Ramble Creek Church, Big Sandy.

of First Church, Lawrenceburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary earlier this month. Paul J. Tabor is their pastor.

In Loudon County Association, Kingston Pike Church ordained Don A. Wade a deacon.

## CHURCHES . . .

First Church, Friendsville, dedicated the sanctuary of the newly erected building which replaced the one destroyed by fire in 1971. Dedication services were held Sunday, Oct. 27. Horace Gennoe, director of missions for Chilhowee Association, preached the morning message; and Alexander Nisbet led the prayer of dedication. The mayor of the city, Ralph Bowerman, also spoke.

First Church, Antioch, held note burning services earlier this month commemorating the payment of the indebtedness incurred to build an educational unit in 1964. The note was paid off four years early. In addition to the pastor, S. Ray Jones, others leading in the service were Mrs. Ruth Gauden, Steve Hawkins, and Dean Dickey.

Enon Church, Carroll-Benton Association, purchased a lot across from the church. Miller Prince is pastor.

First Church, Lexington, completed construction on a new educational building. Edwin E. Deusner is pastor.

Sand Ridge Church, Beech River Association, finished a new educational facility and paved the parking lot.

## REVIVAL RESULTS . . .

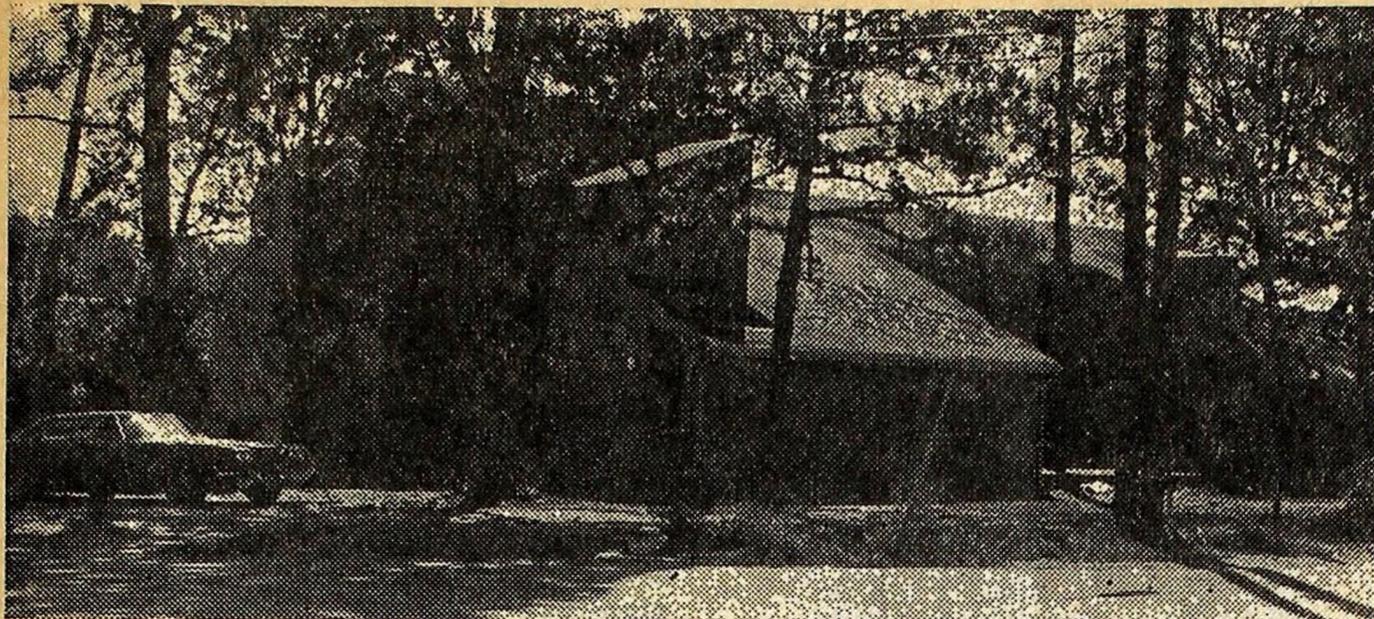
Woodland Heights Church, Chattanooga, held revival services earlier this month with C. S. Knapp, pastor of South Seminole Church. A. R. Nelms is pastor of Woodland Heights

Evangelist Ernie Habecker, St. Petersburg, Fla., led revival services at Southside Church, Martin. Music was directed by Bill Thomason, minister of music and youth at South Fulton Church. W. C. Tuten, pastor, reported 15 professions of faith, seven additions by letter, and numerous rededications.

A crusade at Tennessee Avenue Church, Bristol, resulted in 235 professions of faith and several other decisions, according to Pastor Willard B. Tallman. The crusade was led by Evangelist Freddie Gage and singer Jerry Wayne Bernard, Houston.

Revival services were held at First Church, Friendsville, resulting in 20 decisions including nine additions. Glen Grubb, pastor at Madison Avenue Church, Chilhowee Association, led the services, and Bruce Lane, music director at Madison Avenue, led the singing. Fred H. Garner is pastor.

# BSU Center To Be Dedicated At Cleveland State College



Dedication of the new Baptist Student Center, Cleveland State Community College, will be held Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m., according to Glenn Yarbrough, state student director. Sam D. Melton, chairman of the student committee, Bradley County Baptist

Association, will preside at the dedication.

A portion of the program entitled "We've Only Just Begun" will be given as seen from the college campus by David F. Adkisson, president of the college. Yarbrough and Joy Markert, president of the BSU, will develop

the theme as seen through the Baptist Student Union. Special music will be provided by the BSU choir.

Presentation of the building will be led by a representative of Architect Engineer Associates, Nashville, and the B & J Construction Company, Cleveland. J. W. Rymer, superintendent of missions for Bradley County Baptist Association will accept the building.

Jimmy Joseph, Baptist campus minister, will lead in the dedication covenant followed with prayer led by Harold Smith, moderator of the association.

Before the construction of this center, BSU activities were held in a mobile unit located on Norman Chapel Road. This is the second Baptist Student Center located on a community college campus. Construction of the building has been a cooperative project of Tennessee Baptist Convention and Bradley County Baptist Association.

## Freeland Pastor Retires After 45 Years In Ministry

H. C. Foster retired from the pastorate of Freeland Church, Nashville, after having served there nearly 23 years and being in the ministry 45 years. Members of the church and friends honored him at a dinner, named him pastor emeritus and presented him with a monetary gift.

Born in Decatur, Ala., he grew up in Blue Spring and Nettleton, Miss., where he taught school and surrendered to preach in

He attended Cumberland University in the Presbyterian Church.

Lebanon, Tenn., and served as a pastor at Bellwood, Rome, and Lavergne, and Tusculum Presbyterian Churches. During World War II he was a director of community mission work in Indiana, but returned to Tennessee in 1948, became a Baptist, and was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Mount View Baptist Church. He served the Smith Springs Church, Nashville, as pastor before going to Freeland.

He and Mrs. Foster will continue to live in Lavergne, and he will do interim and supply work.

### TBC Dates For 1975, 1976

Nov. 11-13, 1975, the Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet in Chattanooga at First Baptist Church. James A. Canaday, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, was selected to preach the annual sermon with C. Henry Preston, pastor of East Ridge Church, Chattanooga, as alternate.

Nov. 16-18, 1976, the Convention is scheduled to meet at West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson.

## New Committee Members Announced By Convention

Not included in the earlier report in **Baptist And Reflector**, Oct. 3, pp. 10-11, were the names of the following men elected to fill vacancies by the convention upon the recommendation of the Committee on Boards.

On The Executive Board, Luke Martin, Kingsport, was elected to fill a vacancy created by the death of Charles Ausmus, with a term expiring in 1976; and Ray Brown, Ten Mile, was elected to replace John Tresch who moved out of state, with a term expiring in 1975.

On the Board of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, F. E. Wright, Jackson, was elected to replace David Nunn who resigned, with a term expiring in 1975.

Elected to new positions on the Board of Trustees for Union University were H. L. Townsend, Parson; Argyle Graves, Milan; and Thomas Lillard, Jackson. Their terms expire in 1977, 1976, and 1975, respectively.

For Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Stirton Oman Sr., Nashville, was elected to fill a vacancy created by William Rowan, Nashville. His term will expire in 1976. Mahan Siler, Knoxville, was elected to the board of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, term expiring 1976, to fill a vacancy created by Wilson Lonas who moved out of state.

Elected to fill a vacant position on the Committee on Audits was Fred Johnson, Nashville, with a three year term; and James Best, Greeneville, with a one year term.

On the Committee on Boards, Hiram Le-

May, Nashville, was elected to a vacant position for a three year term.

George Williams, Clinton, and P. J. Scott, Martin, were elected to vacant positions for a three year term on the Committee on Credentials. For the Committee on the Journal, Wiley Rutledge, Johnson City, was elected to fill a position for a three year term; and Bob Lashbrook, Nashville, was elected for a two year term.

Filling vacant positions on the Committee on Resolutions are Charles Wainscott, McKenzie, three years; and B. B. Powers, Nashville, one year.

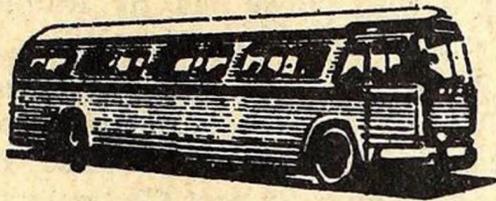
Temporary chairmen elected to head various committees included: Raymond Langlois, Nashville, Committee on Committees; Ed Deusner, Lexington, Committee on Arrangements; Marvin Sandidge, Memphis, Committee on Audits; Frederick Schlafer, Knoxville, Constitution and By-laws Committee; Norris Hite, Old Hickory, Committee on Boards. Others also elected were: E. V. Cullum, Knoxville, Committee on Credentials; Don Owens, Lebanon, Committee on the Journal; and John McGinnis, Knoxville, Committee on Resolutions.

### Mark Your Calendar

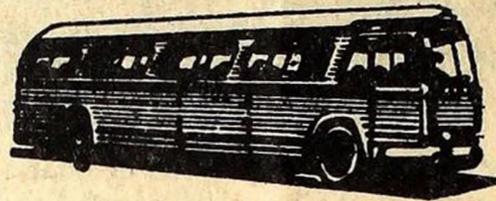
The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is December 1-8, 1974. Tennessee's Goal is \$1,625,000.

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# Convention-Wide Survey Shows Support For Foreign Missions

**RICHMOND**—A Southern Baptist Convention-wide telephone survey among a sampling of church members indicates strong support for foreign missions while pointing up the need for additional and more accurate information about the SBC's overseas missions program.

"We are encouraged by the results of this survey," said Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the SBC Foreign Mission Board's mission support division. "However, the study also reveals areas of deficiency in missions education and information. We accept the challenge of this report along with the encouragement."

The survey relates to a mandate from the convention for a missionary education study and will be shared with other agencies involved in the missionary education task, according to Fletcher.

Marketing Information Services, an independent research firm employed by the Foreign Mission Board, conducted 1,022 interviews among members of 105 churches. The telephone survey, conducted in August and September, involved responses to 40 questions or statements about foreign missions. Of those interviewed, approximately two-thirds were women.

The purpose of the survey was to determine a level of awareness about foreign missions, to ascertain basic attitudes toward missions, and to identify important sources of information and influence relative to the overall foreign missions program of the convention, according to Richard M. Styles, the board's public relations consultant, who coordinated the study.

Objectivity was a primary goal in the study, Styles said. Churches were randomly selected on the basis of membership, geographic location and an urban-non urban category. Each of the churches then provided a list of resident church members and a random selection of 10 to 12 interviewees was made from this list.

## Support Foreign Missions, Baptists Say

Almost all the church members interviewed (98 per cent) were aware of the foreign missions activities of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ninety per cent believe that foreign missions should be strongly supported by all Southern Baptists, and three-fourths believe more missionaries are needed in more countries. Only five per cent feel that foreign missionaries are out of date in today's society.

A major need, which surfaced in the survey, is for more information about foreign missions funding. Many of those interviewed were uninformed or misinformed about the board's finances, especially on the question of the amount spent in the United States for administration and pro-

motion versus the amount spent overseas.

According to the findings of the survey, attitudes toward the board's financial operation decidedly improved when interviewees were told that less than 10 per cent is spent in the States, while more than 90 per cent is expended overseas.

## Information Encourages Support

"This says to us," Fletcher stated, "the more information we can give to Southern Baptists about foreign mission board finances, the stronger will be their support of foreign missions."

Education is a prime factor influencing awareness and attitudes toward foreign missions. As educational level increases, awareness of foreign missions activities, and a more favorable attitude toward foreign missions and the Foreign Mission Board result.

The pastor is the most frequently mentioned source of information about foreign missions and the most important source for about 15 per cent of church members. In smaller churches, the members exhibit higher identification with the pastor as the most important source of information while members of larger churches show a slightly greater dependence on church groups and missionary speakers.

Persons with college educational experience rely heavily on state Baptist papers as a source of missions information, while persons with grade school education named speakers as a primary source.

The state Baptist papers enjoy higher awareness and readership levels than any other missions information publication and are the third most frequently mentioned source of information on foreign missions, trailing the pastor and the Woman's Missionary Union organization. The survey indicates that more readers in the younger age group (16-24) mention state papers as the primary missions information source than in the other two age categories, 25-49 and 50 or older. (BP)

## Price Hall Renovated

### At Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has completed construction and renovation of Price Hall, the school's old religious education building.

For the past six months, workmen have ripped out the old facilities of J. M. Price Hall and replaced them with completely new rooms and equipment. As a result of the renovation, several classrooms have been added, the largest being a multi-purpose room which can be divided into five separate areas and will be used to experiment with the open concept of teaching.

Jack Terry is dean of the School of Religious Education.

## Brentwood Woman Receives Top Belmont Honor

A Tennessee Baptist Convention employee became the eleventh recipient of Belmont College's Alumnus of the Year Award Saturday (Nov. 23) during homecoming ceremonies.



Mrs. Edward C. Kennedy, director of children's work in the TBC's Church Training Department, received the coveted prize at an alumni buffet luncheon.

**Mrs. Kennedy**

A member of Belmont's first graduating class in 1955, the former Helen Jarrett of Nashville, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

In 1966 she was named to "Outstanding Young Women of America." She is active in Judson Baptist Church, on the board of directors of Historic Belmont Association, and director of a campaign on behalf of Belmont alumni to raise funds toward completion of current building projects.

In addition to the award given Mrs. Kennedy, the 2300-member Belmont College Alumni Association bestowed honorary membership on seven persons at homecoming, including:

Belmont President and Mrs. Herbert C. Gabhart, Mrs. R. L. Beachboard, Bell Buckle, and Miss Emma Noland, Nashville, both retired dormitory hostesses; Dr. Virginia M. Chaney, chairman of the school's Department of English and Foreign Languages; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Hitch, Columbia, who gave substantially to complete the school's new science center.

Steve Parks, of Smyrna, was installed as president on the Alumni Association. Gary Allen Anderson, of Nashville, is president-elect.

Homecoming in 1975 is set for Dec. 6.

## Bluefield College Will Move To Four-Year Status

**BLUEFIELD, Va.**—Bluefield College, a two-year Baptist school here, will begin offering a four-year program during the 1975-76 academic year.

Baccalaureate degrees will be granted in English, history, general science education, psychology and philosophy of religion, but the college will continue to offer all present associate, two-year degrees in the field of engineering, commerce and business and music, a college spokesman said.

The college is affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, one of 33 state Baptist conventions covering 50 states, affiliated with the 12.3-million-member Southern Baptist Convention. (BP)

# SBC Sets Sunday School Attendance Of 4.4 Million

**NASHVILLE**—Southern Baptist Sunday Schools reported 4,409,136 present for Bible study on "High Attendance Celebration Sunday," making Nov. 17, 1974, the highest single Sunday attendance in Southern Baptist history.

"Compared to an average Sunday in Bible study, attendance was up 659,959, or 9.2 percent," said A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, which sponsored the special attendance emphasis.

The total attendance on "Celebration Sunday" represents 61.4 percent of the 7,182,550 enrolled in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools. The 4.4 million attendance, although it set an SBC record, fell short of the goal of 5 million for Nov. 17.

The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey recorded the highest percentage attendance with 79.9 percent of the total Sunday School enrolment present. The Baptist General Convention of Texas had the highest number present with 615,436. Tennessee reported 338,304 present for the high attendance day.

Washburn said he anticipated the pos-

sibility of as many as 100,000 being added to Sunday School enrolment because of this effort.

Eugene Skelton, consultant in the Sunday School department and coordinator for Celebration Sunday, reported that "High Attendance Celebration Sunday was for many churches the climax of a 'Reach Out' emphasis, which involved a people search and six weeks of intensive visitation of Bible study prospects." (BP)

## C-N Faculty Member, Dorothy Miles, Dies

Mrs. Dorothy Wilson Miles, associate professor of music at Carson-Newman College for 19 years, died at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Jefferson City, Nov. 6.

A member of First Church, she is survived by her husband, Herbert J. Miles, and a son, Stanley, Springfield.

Services were held at Farrar's Chapel with Wade Darby, pastor, First Church, officiating along with professors Ray Koonce and Charles Hobbs. Burial was in Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

## 144-Year-Old Church Starts New Building

**MONROVIA, Liberia**—The First Baptist Church of New Georgia recently set in place the cornerstone for a new church building.

New Georgia was one of Liberia's earliest settlement towns, founded in 1825, just four years after the first settlers arrived from the United States. The Baptist church was organized in 1830.

The church first met in a thatch building, later in one of wood shingles. In 1890 a small brick building was constructed. It is this 84-year-old building that is being replaced with a larger structure made of concrete block. From inside the old church one looks out at the walls of the new one rising around because it encircles the old building.

Among those participating in the cornerstone laying were William R. Tolbert Jr., president of the republic; Christmas Lawrence, pastor; and Abraham Butler, a former pastor.

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## Belmont Slates 'Amahl' Production

Belmont College will stage Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a Christmas opera in one act, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at 7:30 p.m. in Massey Auditorium.

Robert E. Mulloy, associate professor of music, will conduct a full orchestra including musicians from the Nashville Symphony, in addition to the performers on stage. The production is in conjunction with Mulloy's opera workshop class.

Paul Thompson, 13-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. J. William Thompson, Nashville, is cast in the lead role of Amahl. Others in the cast are Belmont students.

Technical director for the Belmont production is Hank Williams.

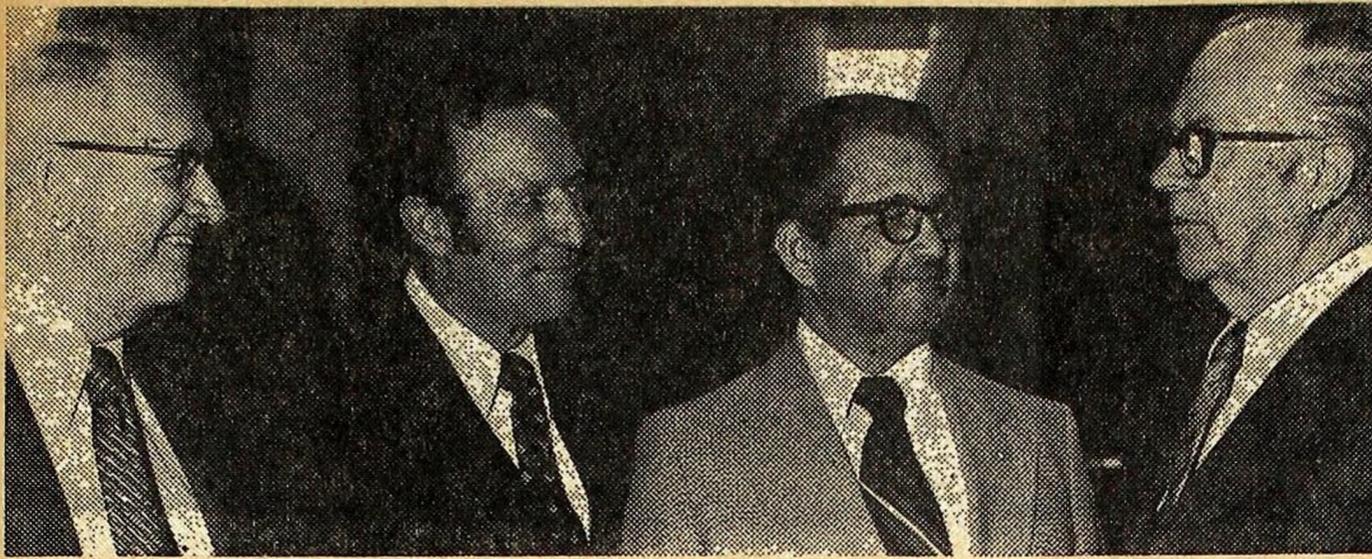
"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is a Christmas evergreen, according to Mulloy. "It is the kind of thing that gets you into the Christmas spirit. It has the type of Christmas spirit everyone can relate to," he observed.

The story concerns a crippled shepherd boy named Amahl who is visited by the three wise men in their search of the newborn babe in the manger of Bethlehem.

Tickets for the performances at Belmont are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, and a family rate of \$5. Reserved sections will be provided for groups who request them by calling the Department of Fine Arts at 383-7001.



**W. Fred Kendall, seated, retired executive secretary-treasurer, TBC, autographs a copy his new book, "A History of the Tennessee Baptist Convention," for William G. Wilson, pastor, Brentwood Church, Brentwood. Looking on is John Ross, an employee of the Baptist Book Store, Nashville.**



Personalities involved in Tennessee Baptists' first Baptist Men's Convention, held Nov. 11 in Murfreesboro, included, left to right: Roy Gilleland, director, Brotherhood department, TBC; Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Street Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Wendell Crews, Athens, State Brotherhood president; and Owen Cooper, retired industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention.



George Capps, left, pastor, First Church, Cookeville, and newly-elected president of the TBC Executive Board, talks with J. Arnold Porter, center, pastor, Parkway Church, Madison, reelected recording secretary and John Churchman, pastor, Manley Church, Morristown, vice president.



Mrs. Bob Peek, far right, Athens, reelected president of Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, heads the roster of officers elected during the recent WMU Convention in Murfreesboro. Regional vice presidents elected are, left to right: Mrs. Jonas L. Stewart, Nashville, Central; Mrs. Robert H. Gay, Lawrenceburg, South Central; Mrs. George Clark, Jackson, Southwestern; Mrs. Howard Smith, Cookeville, North Central; Mrs. Guy Hale, Maryville, Eastern; Mrs. James G. Phelps, Paris, Northwestern; Mrs. Ted Wood, Cleveland, Southeastern; Mrs. Mabel Davenport, Rogersville, Northeastern; and Mrs. Vern Powers, Brentwood, recording secretary.

## SBC Educators Plan Sessions In Dallas

**DALLAS**—Educators from across the Southern Baptist Convention will gather here Dec. 7-9 to confront the crises and challenges facing 71 seminaries, colleges, universities, and schools related to the nation's largest Protestant evangelical denomination.

The Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools and the SBC's Education Commission will both conduct business, hear speakers, and take time out for members to attend sessions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which meets concurrently at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas.

The Education Commission, which serves as liaison with the 71 Baptist educational institutions, gets underway with committee meetings Dec. 7, and will adjourn Dec. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

At the meeting of the Education Commission, which meets Dec. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., speakers include Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas; William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and chairman of the Education Commission; James F. Cole, editor of Louisiana's *Baptist Message*; and Ben C. Fisher, executive director of the Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

James H. Landes, executive secretary of The Baptist General Convention of Texas and a former president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, will address the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools on a multimillion-dollar Texas Baptist plan to increase support to the state convention's 10 Baptist schools during the next decade.

James L. Sells, president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., is president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

## R. L. Hammontree Elected Moderator For Sweetwater

Messengers to the annual meeting of Sweetwater Association elected R. L. Hammontree, pastor of Rocky Springs Church as moderator of the association. Elected to serve with him were Fred Tate, pastor, New Providence Church, vice moderator.

Reelected as treasurer was Mrs. Freddie Atkins, a member of Westside Church. Clinton Riddle, pastor of Cedar Valley Church, was reelected clerk.

The 411 Chapel applied for membership into the association. It is served by Fred Choate.

The minutes of the sessions were dedicated to W. O. Beaty.

Gregorys Chapel and Bethlehem Churches will be the sites for the 1975 sessions, Oct. 16-17.

# The Results Of Giving

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

Basic Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Focal Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

There is no such thing as growing without giving. In fact we cannot be God-like without giving. We do not necessarily refer to the giving of money. However, if we have material resources and do not share them, we cannot grow in grace.

Outgoing in love, generosity, spirit and service is a great Christian virtue and stance.

We get the reaction of the joy bells ringing in our own hearts when our generosity causes others to be happy. The generous spirit improves the quality of our whole spirit. The miser shrinks and hardens. We become like that which we esteem most. If we esteem money, we become very materialistic.

## Giving Inspires Others 2 Cor. 9:1-9

Paul inspired the brethren of Macedonia and Achaia to generous giving by the responsiveness of the Corinthians who had been very zealous in their pledges to give to the needs of the saints in Judea.

The apostle wanted to be sure that they had lived up to their liberal promises for he was making his rounds to gather up the funds that had been pledged.

The Macedonians and Achaiaans were sending messengers to accompany him. They had gone all out and were no doubt anxious to see the Corinthian brethren whose generosity Paul had reported to those of Macedonia and Achaia. Paul had faith that they would live up to their pledge but he was trying to be doubly sure. He knew human nature from experience. We know today that a sizeable number cool off in time from their zeal in pledging.

We learn another lesson from this scripture that it is perfectly all right to inspire some people by the example of others. However, he used still higher incentives as we have already seen.

Our Savior used the same idea when He called attention to the widow who gave her mite. This incident was recorded in the scriptures to inspire all the generations to come.

## Giving Pleases God 2 Cor. 9:6-10

Generous giving often produces a generous return even in material prosperity when the motive is right. It ever produces rich returns in some kind of value.

It should be observed that we are never to give in order to get something in return. We should do it willingly out of love and cheerful obedience. It should never be done for selfish ends. To help others and please God should actuate us.

## Giving Generates Gratitude 2 Cor. 9:11-15

They not only served their brethren at Jerusalem but it filled their hearts with joy, gratitude and praise. It provoked them to glorify God. They were not only thankful to those who sent the relief to them but knew the ultimate reason for it all. Therefore they magnified the Lord. They were exactly right. God had supplied the donors with material blessings in the first place and had also put it into their hearts to be generous. He used Paul, His servant, to stir the people over the desperate situation of their brethren. We can so use our blessings as to bless others by meeting their needs and cause them to think of the unspeakable gift of Christ.

All our giving and living must be index fingers pointing to Christ. We should ever be causing our acts to inspire others to glorify God. Thus we have doubly blessed them.

## Ray Brown, Ten Mile Pastor, Hiwassee Moderator

Ray F. Brown, pastor of Ten Mile Church, was elected moderator for Hiwassee Association during its recent annual meeting. He succeeds Gilbert Roberts, pastor of Pisgah Church, in the post.

Elected to serve with Brown were vice moderator James R. Tate, former pastor of Concord Church; treasurer and clerk, Mrs. Dwain M. Colyer, a member of Chapman Grove Church.

Donald F. Colyer, director of associational missions, resigned in order to attend Clear Creek School in Kentucky.

## Duck River Meet Held At Tullahoma First

The annual meeting of the Duck River Association was held at Tullahoma First Church recently.

Edward Lee, pastor, Rutledge Falls Church, was reelected to serve as moderator. The only newly elected officer was vice moderator J. C. Carpenter, pastor of Trinity Church. Malcolm Hazelip, a member of Tullahoma First, will serve as treasurer, and Susie C. Barton, a member of Highland will continue to serve as clerk.

The 1975 sessions are scheduled to be held Oct. 16-17 at the Estill Springs First Church and the Manchester Trinity Church.

## Annuitants To Receive 13th Check In December

DALLAS—A 13th Check will be paid in 1974, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here.

He said the check will amount to 8½ per cent of the annual benefit. In equivalent, this is one month's additional benefit payment beyond the 12 annual guaranteed payments under Plan A and Plan B.

Over 9,000 annuitants receiving benefits from these plans, who were on the annuitant list as of September 30, 1974, will receive the 13th Check. It will be paid in early December and will amount to over \$650,000.

"Some have asked how we can pay any extra benefit during a year in which the stock market has suffered so greatly," Morgan said. "Funds to distribute the 13th Check this year come principally out of excess interest accumulated before the stock market entered its rapid decline.

"However, these funds are not sufficient to pay the 16½ per cent of annual benefit or two additional months of payments, the Annuity Board was able to provide last year.

"We hope the stock market will recover from its decline so that we can distribute a 13th Check in 1975. We are aware that our annuitants, faced with rapidly rising costs of living, sorely need this extra benefit," Morgan added.

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# Family Living

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## Mother May Not Know Best, But She Generally May Know First

Mother is no diagnostician, but the doctor should take her suspicions seriously when she hints something is amiss with her preschooler, stresses the pediatrician-psychiatrist head of Mich. State University department of psychiatry.

Even though examination of the child's eyes and ears indicate that hearing and vision are normal, the physician should continue to investigate reactions and behavior that are mystifying the mother, rather than tell her not to worry, says Dr. Norber Enzer. They may be the first signs of learning disabilities that will snowball into big trouble if they're not identified and treated before school entrance.

"A learning disability is anything that disrupts the process by which a child takes in information, sorts it out in his brain, and makes a decision to respond," the specialist noted in *Lansing Journal*. "A child may see or hear information wrong. He may see 'was' instead of 'saw', hear 'cause' when the teacher says 'cast.'"

When a youngster consistently tries to force round pegs into square holes, or has real trouble assembling puzzles, the mother is right to report these difficulties to the doctor, Enzer emphasizes. The doctor is wrong if he doesn't follow up.

"Children with learning disabilities are not retarded and they have the potential for catching up. Some never do, but it's not because their brains can't take it." Often help has been delayed too long and the youngster has developed emotional problems that add to his or her learning handicaps.

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### 50 YEARS AGO

The Executive Board presenting its sixth annual report to the 50th annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention said that receipts on pledges and designations during the year year amounted to \$448,614 with a balance in the treasury of \$37,096.36.

The 1924 meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention concluded the service of Lloyd T. Wilson as corresponding secretary and treasurer. Serving for five years, he had led the convention through financial depression and deflation which followed the war.

### 20 YEARS AGO

H. D. Jordan was the new pastor of Colonial Church, recently organized from a mission of Highland Church, Memphis. He resigned from the pastorate of Salem Church, Collins, Miss., where he had served for 29 years, to accept the new post.

Bird's Creek Church, Whitlock, observed Pastor C. R. Owens' fifth anniversary.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dr. John L. Hill, 86, noted Baptist author, teacher, and editor, died at his home in Nashville. He had served as editor of books and other publications for the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1923 to 1950, and for the next three years was director of promotion for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies. Services were held at First Church.

Mt. Pisgah Church, Millington, changed its name to Shelby Forest Church.

# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

One of my favorite Thanksgiving stories is one which I often refer to as "The five grains of corn." Although many of you have probably heard it many times, I want to share it with you at this Thanksgiving season because it has blessed my heart often and I think it will be meaningful to you.



Norton

The story is told of our Pilgrim fathers who were very, very wise. They were careful to see that their children did not easily forget the blessings of God. 1623 was a hard year; their first winter on the North American continent. Stark famine stalked the streets of the log fortress. Before long there were more crosses on the cemetery hill than there were residents in the village. Life hung by a thread for all of them. Food was all but gone when Governor Bradford began issuing only five grains of corn to each person . . . that's all they had to eat . . . five grains of corn a day for more than a month. But God saw them through.

And in the years that followed blessings were showered upon them. They became prosperous. The crops flourished. They made peace with the Indians and all was well. But every Thanksgiving Day when they sat down to the table, before the food was brought out, Governor Bradford saw to it that five grains of corn were placed beside each plate. They sat in silent prayer and meditation looking at those five grains of corn and remembering how God had blessed them. Five grains of corn and a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving before they ate their abundance!

On this Thanksgiving day, as we sit down to eat, may we not only remember the poverty of these early settlers, but their thankful hearts as well, and may we truly be grateful to God for his multitude of blessings to us.

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**Tennessee Seminary Alumni Meet, Elect Officers**

Seminaries held annual alumni meetings during the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Murfreesboro and elected officers to lead for 1974-75.

Officers elected to serve Tennessee alumni of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary were: president Robert W. Campbell, pastor, Rockwood First Church; vice president Gayle Alexander, pastor, Alamo First Church; and secretary-treasurer Paul Woodford, pastor, Ripley First Church.

Southwestern alumni from Tennessee elected Bob Norman, pastor, Nashville Belmont Heights Church, as president, Kenneth Hubbard, pastor, Ridgedale Church, Chattanooga, vice president; and Frances Gill, music director, Monterey First Church, secretary-treasurer.

Tennessee alumni from Midwestern Seminary did not elect officers, but did hold an organizational meeting, according to Roger Abington, pastor, First Church, Goodlettsville.

Two officers were elected to lead Tennessee alumni from Golden Gate. They were Robert L. Lowry, Nashville, chapter president; and James Lee Young, Nashville, vice president. Glenn Grubb, Alcoa, will serve as district director of the association.

Southern Seminary alumni named Howard Olive, pastor of Monte Vista Church, Maryville, as president for Tennessee. Vice president will be Robert E. Brown, pastor, Trenton First Church; and Harold Sorrells, pastor, Lockeland Church, Nashville, secretary-treasurer.

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