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Bible Study, Messages, Testimonies, Highlight Evangelism Conference

Pastors, church staff members, and laymen will meet Jan. 20-21 at the Belmont Heights Church in Nashville, Robert Norman, pastor, for the Tennessee State



Stanton



Bates

Evangelism Conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, F. M. Dowell, director.

Sessions will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and conclude with a Layman's Night service on Tuesday at 6:45. "Reconciliation Through Christ" will be the theme for the event.

Personalities scheduled to lead in the conference include: Lewis Drummond, professor, Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Jack Stanton, associate, Division of Evangelism, Home Mission Board; Carl Bates, Pastor, First Church, Charlotte, N.C.; and James A. Wilborn, pastor, Union Church, Atlanta. Special music at each of the sessions will be brought by Sidney L. Buckley, concert solo artist from Easley, S.C.

Drummond will lead Bible study sessions at each meeting; and Stanton, Bates, and Wilborn will deliver messages on various aspects of the theme for the conference.

Bates and Wilborn will also speak at Layman's Night services.



Wilborn



Drummond

Seven Tennesseans who will speak include: Harold Sorrells, pastor, Lockeland Church, Nashville; Billy N. Kennedy, pastor, Central Church, Hixson; J. G. Wise, pastor, Emmanuel Church, Humboldt; W.

D. Manning, register, Gibson County, and a Baptist layman; Ralph E. Norton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; John D. Wallace, president, Wallace Hardware Inc., Morristown; and D. William Dodson, pastor, Martin First Church.

Song services will be led by Frank Charton, director, Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Also scheduled to appear is the Tennessee Baptist Chorale under the direction of Louis Ball, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Carson-Newman College.

Baptist Men's Day To Be Observed Jan. 26



Churches throughout Tennessee and the Southern Baptist Convention will observe Baptist Men's Day, Sunday, Jan. 26, with mission action programs, recognition services, special addresses, banquets, and fellowships.

Recognition will be paid to laymen in Tennessee churches for the vital roles they play in their church.

Baptist Men's Day is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Men's organization of individual churches.

The purposes of the special day are: to acknowledge significant achievements and contributions made by men of the church, to share with the church information related to present and proposed mission-related activities for men, and to challenge and enlist men to active participation in the mission program of the church.

A special "Love Thy Neighbor" program has been prepared for the observance of Baptist Men's Day and was mailed to church Brotherhood directors by the Brotherhood Department of the Tennessee Convention.

Are You In This Picture?

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence."—3 John 9

This man is not further identified other than in verse 10. He may have been an elder or deacon. At any rate he aspired to be the church boss. He loved to have the first place.

It could be that he refused to let some letter from John be read to the church (2 John). It seems that he was favorable to the heretical Gnostics and opposed to John and his friends. "Prating" (v.10) means to accuse idly or falsely. He did this to John with wicked words, probably against his character.

However, he is not content simply to oppose John but also his friends. He refused to receive or welcome John's friends, probably including Demetrius (v.12), and sought to prevent the church from doing so. The verb rendered "casteth out" is the same used of Jesus casting profaners from the temple (John 2:15). It suggests the possibility even of using force, though it may mean the use of his influence.

If Diotrephes is the first such person mentioned in the New Testament, alas, he is not the last to love the preeminence. A. T. Robertson tells of writing an article on Diotrephes about eighty years ago. It

was published in one of the Baptist state papers. Twenty-five deacons wrote the editor canceling their subscriptions, claiming that they had been personally attacked by the paper. Fortunately, such deacons, pastors, and other like members are a small minority. But one is too many. The New Testament condemns such. There is no place in a New Testament church for a church boss!

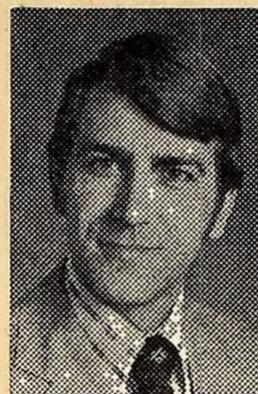
The Secret Of Success

A man is tallest on his knees. In that position he stretches clear up into heaven itself. The man who most nearly brings his life into complete harmony with God is the one who excels as the servant of God. The humblest among us may avail as much as any other in our efforts to tap the power of God and to apply it to the redemption and salvation of the world.—Howard E. Kershner

The Holy Spirit

By Bob Johnson, Pastor,
Saturn Drive Baptist Church, Nashville

"We are one in the Spirit; We are one in the Lord," affirms one of our popular folk choruses. But to hear some people talk, one would think that there are several Holy Spirits which are working in the world today.



Johnson

The spirit which may be worshiped by one group is shunned by another. The "signs" which the spirit allegedly evokes in one group of believers are labelled as anathema by other Christian circles. We would all do well to remember

the most basic, undergirding teaching of the Old Testament: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." (Deut. 6:4)

The true spirit of God—the Holy Spirit—is the same spirit which God exemplified in the Old Testament, and the same spirit which was evident in Jesus throughout his earthly ministry.

The Holy Spirit is not a new revelation of God, for he has been evident throughout history. He is the spirit of God who works through human beings—God working through us. He does not work apart from human beings. The true Spirit is one that unifies, not divides; one that builds, not destroys; and one that acts unquestionably through love, not hate, fear, jealousy, or indifference.

The unity which results among Christian brothers and sisters comes IN SPITE OF our differences, rather than as a unity which REMOVES our differences. In every way the unity is undoubtedly the visible and experienced power of the Holy Spirit—God with us—and is a sign of his continuing presence in the world today.

In his presence, man-made barriers crumble, and artificial divisions vanish which for so long have separated God's people. It is increasingly refreshing to realize that we have much more in common with most Christian groups than we have to separate us. God's Holy Spirit labors endlessly to bring this sense of spiritual unity.

Pulpit To Petro

By Jim Griffith

Due to the effects of the energy crunch, many gas stations are being abandoned, according to the National "Petroleum News" which reports that at least one service station has been changed into a church.

I can almost see the sign now: "First Church of the Gas Station."

But this idea does have possibilities. The truth is, a church ought to be a kind of "filling station" where empty lives are filled with a power that can take them down the road of life.

Furthermore, there are many persons who need their old ways changed more often than every 5,000 miles.

Then, too, in this particular situation the preacher is not likely to run out of gas. In fact, if the preacher pumps hard enough, he will come up with some high-test homiletics.

And he does have an excellent preaching theme, for all of the machinery of life would run more smoothly if lubricated with the heavy duty oil of Christianity.



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March 10-13, 1975

PraiSing '75

in Nashville
Music City, U.S.A.

PraiSing To Feature...

Tennessee Musicians

By Don Madaris

Last year's Church Training Spectacular was held in Texas. This year's Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Florida. Sunday School recently had an Early Childhood Conference in Georgia. But, PraiSing '75—THE MUSIC EVENT OF THIS GENERATION—will happen right here in Tennessee. It will happen all over Nashville during the four nights and three days from March 10 through March 13.

From Memphis to Jefferson City, Tennessee Baptist musicians will be involved. Ac-

cording to John Gardner, PraiSing '75 coordinator, the choirs of Second Baptist, Highland Heights, and Colonial Baptist of Memphis will be participating in a thirty-hour song service, joining choirs from Nashville's First Baptist Church, Belmont Heights, Judson, and Brentwood, and Old Hickory, Columbia and Goodlettsville First Baptist Churches, as they sing through the new edition of the Baptist Hymnal.

Other Tennessee Baptists will be featured in concert appearances. The Tennessee Bap-

tist Chorale, formerly called the Volunteer State Chorale, and singers from Carson-Newman and Belmont Colleges will present choral concerts during the week. Jesse Newcomer and instrumentalists from First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro will present concerts featuring handbells and recorders. Former Tennessean, Max Lyall, will be featured in a piano recital.

The 24 concerts each day are free to the public as is the sacred harp singing and the overnight singing through the hymnal.

Evening programs featuring George Beverly Shea, Hale and Wilder, The Nashville Symphony, The Centurymen, a commissioned choral work, a country and gospel night and a premiere of the new Baptist Hymnal will be in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. The \$10 per person admission fee admits you to this once in a lifetime event to the four night concerts and allows you to receive a souvenir edition of the new Baptist Hymnal.

This registration should be sent as soon as possible to the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, 37234. Hotel and motel reservations can be made through PraiSing '75 Housing Bureau, 161 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, 37219.

Church and associational music leaders have already been sent additional information by the Tennessee Baptist Convention Church Music Department. Anyone not receiving this information or needing additional copies, should notify Frank Char-ton or Don Madaris, both of whom are serving on PraiSing Planning Committees. Their offices are located in the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building in Brentwood. A meeting? No, an event! That's what PraiSing '75 promises to be for Tennessee Baptists who choose to be involved in Nashville, March 10 through 13.

A Letter To Tennessee Baptists

By Gerald E. Martin

As a boy growing up in Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., Louie D. Newton constantly and faithfully held up the Cooperative Program before our church. He led each one of us to be good stewards of our possessions and to carry out the Great Commission through our personal and church budgets.

As a ministerial student, Millard Jenkens was my pastor at the First Baptist Church of Abilene, Texas. He shared with me his concern for a program that would eliminate a session of emotional appeals which resulted in an inequitable division of funds for various causes Southern Baptists supported. He was one of the men God im-

pressed with the Cooperative Program. He taught me as a young preacher the value of such a cooperative effort.

As a young pastor M. E. Dodd was my co-pastor and became a dear friend; in long chats he shared bits of valuable wisdom. One of them was his concern that Southern Baptists grow in a cooperative support of our total work.

C. E. Matthews has been one of Southern Baptists' outstanding leaders in evangelism, but I remember well Brother Charlie emphasizing the importance of cooperative effort. He said "it is one thing that ties all of us together." We as Southern Baptists differ some in methods and in doctrine, but we all

can come together in cooperation. As a denominational servant serving on boards, agencies, and commissions, I saw the lifeline of monetary support flowing through the Cooperative Program to our various needs.

Now as a college president I recognize the necessity of cooperative effort on the part of all Southern Baptists.

May God bless the future of this program which I believe he gave to us through some choice men inspired and filled with his spirit. In Christ,

Note: Martin is president of Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri.

Memphis Churches Lead 1974 List For Top 25 Baptisms

Two Memphis churches have claimed top honors for the number of baptisms in 1974, according to statistics released by F. M. Dowell, director of the Evangelism Department. Leading the list is Leawood Church with 297 baptisms and Bellevue Church with 295.

Other top 25 churches, in order with the number of baptisms and pastor is as follows:

Church	Association	Baptisms	Pastor
1. Leawood, Memphis	Shelby	297	Jerry L. Glisson
2. Bellevue, Memphis	Shelby	295	Adrian Rogers
3. Park Avenue, Nashville	Nashville	251	Robert A. Mowrey
4. Mount Olive, South, Knoxville	Knox	174	Lewis D. Gourley
5. Jackson, First	Madison-Chester	156	R. Trevis Otey
6. Tennessee Avenue, Bristol	Holston	154	Willard Tallman
7. Two Rivers, Nashville	Nashville	142	James B. Henry
8. Mt. Juliet, First	Wilson	123	Billie K. Friel
9. Trinity, Memphis	Shelby	122	W. A. Smith
10. Broadway, Memphis	Shelby	120	Bobby C. Moore
11. Southland, Memphis	Shelby	114	Bobby S. Douglas
12. East Park, Memphis	Shelby	109	V. Wayne Allen
13. Black Oak Heights, Knoxville	Knox	107	Jack Parrott
13. Southside	Bledsoe	107	James E. Binkley
14. Rugby Hills, Memphis	Shelby	105	James D. Witherington
15. Clarksville, First	Cumberland	104	John D. Laida
15. Towering Oaks, Memphis	Shelby	104	Max L. Taylor
16. Concord, Chattanooga	Hamilton	100	B. Carter Elmore
17. Rockwood, First	Big Emory	91	Robert W. Campbell
17. Elliston Avenue, Memphis	Shelby	91	Floyd Simmons
18. Radnor, Nashville	Nashville	90	Paul Durham
19. Calvary, Lenoir City	Loudon	87	Clarence Sexton
20. Bethel View	Holston	86	Warren G. Johnson
21. Athens, First	McMinn	85	Ansell T. Baker
21. East Rogersville	Holston Valley	85	Truman DeBord
22. Millington, First	Shelby	83	Bob Kendig
22. Skyline Heights	Holston	83	Grady Byrd
23. Oak Hill	William Carey	82	John Watkins
23. Bemis, First	Madison-Chester	82	Pat Kough
23. Temple, Old Hickory	Nashville	82	Darryl Harris
24. Central, Hixson	Hamilton	80	Billy N. Kennedy
24. Belmont	Holston Valley	80	Boyd M. Roberts
25. Calvary, Greeneville	Holston	75	Wayland Fillers
25. Madison Avenue	Chilhowee	75	Glenn Grubb
25. Rose Hill, Memphis	Shelby	75	R. J. Bostick

Three C-N Students To Work In Washington

Three Carson-Newman College students will travel to Washington, D.C., this month to begin participation in the Washington Internship Program, a program in which a student may work in the office of one of the elected government officials.

The school has had numerous students to participate in this program, three of which have just recently completed their semester's work and returned to campus. Working in Senator Bill Brock's office have been Kevin Carter and Stephen L. Thomas. Assisting first district Congressman James H. Quillen in his office has been Michael Lentz.

Beginning Jan. 31, Jean Ruth Hoover and Lloyd T. Parker will intern under Senator Bill Brock, and Stephen N. Smith will intern in Quillen's office. The program provides the student with 15 hours credit in political science and history and also gives them practical insights into the workings of government, according to David N. Young, associate professor of history and serving as campus coordinator for the Washington Internship.

Gloria Roe To Appear At Cookeville Feb. 4

Gloria Roe, sacred composer, arranger, pianist and vocalist, will appear at a special program, sponsored by the Baptist Young Women of Cookeville First Church, on Feb. 4 at the Tennessee Tech University Center. The event, designed to include all junior and senior high and college age girls in the state, is being sponsored by the Baptist Young Women of Cookeville First Church.

The program will consist of a banquet at 6:00 p.m. followed by a two-hour program.

According to Mrs. John M. Gray, publicity committee, the theme for the occasion will be "Reflecting Christ." Roe, accompanist for Anita Bryant, will be singing and giving her testimony. In addition, there will be a showing of fashions by local and Tennessee Tech University girls.

Reservations should be made through Mrs. Charles Hutchinson at First Church, Cookeville.

Evangelists To Host Meeting Jan. 20

Evangelists and evangelistic singers in Tennessee will host a program of special music and preaching preceding the annual session of the Tennessee Evangelism Conference, Jan. 20, according to David R. Walker, president of the conference for full-time evangelists.

The program will convene at 9:45 a.m. and adjourn at 12 noon, meeting at Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. It is

the first meeting of its type to be held by evangelists in Tennessee.

Messages will be brought by evangelist Henry Linginfelter, Alcoa, and Ramsey Pollard, former pastor of Bellevue Church in Memphis. Several musicians in the field of evangelism will present special music before each message.

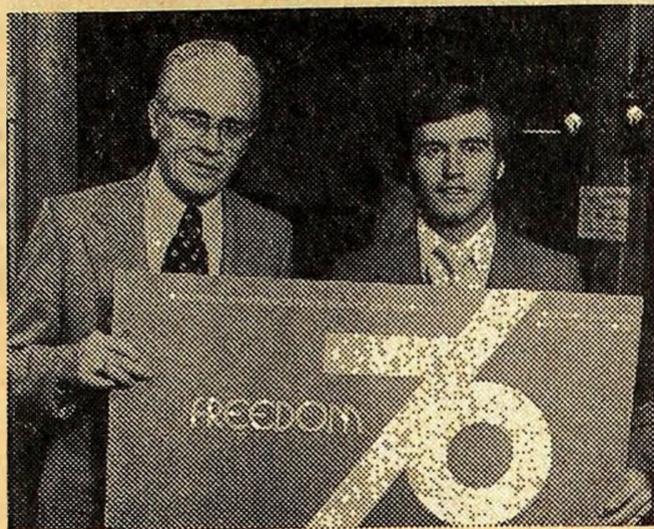
F. M. Dowell, director of the Department of Evangelism of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will welcome the group.

Hope For Modern Man Available Free

In cooperation with the American Bible Society, the Tennessee Baptist Convention is making available, without cost, copies of **Hope For Modern Man (The Gospel of John in Today's English Version)**.

Requests for as many copies as needed may be made to: Tennessee Baptist Convention, Box 347, Brentwood, Tn., 37027.

Young People Urge Action On Hunger; Help Lonely Man



(BP) Photo by David Clanton

A NEW BEGINNING—Wendell Harris, right, a Baptist student at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, pauses with Charles Roselle of Nashville, left, during a planning meeting in San Antonio, Tex., for Freedom '76, a national conference for about 10,000 students and young adults, which Southern Baptist Convention agencies will sponsor in San Antonio, Dec. 28-31, 1975, to speak to student and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of the United States. Harris will help plan promotion for the conference, which is open to other Baptist groups in the States and abroad. Roselle, director of the SBC's National Student Ministries, is general chairman for Freedom '76.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Some 60 Baptist college students and young adults, meeting here with planners of Freedom '76, an upcoming nationwide conference, urged inclusion of specific action in the conference to combat world hunger.

Then, the young people, who will spend the next year working with the Freedom '76 planners from Southern Baptist Convention agencies, took time out to practice what they had been preaching.

Confronted with an opportunity to do something about another kind of hunger—that felt by a lonely man on the streets of San Antonio, who had no way home—the students, young singles and young marrieds collected money from their own pockets to send him to his family in Tennessee for Christmas.

Meanwhile, Freedom '76 planners, laying groundwork for the conference, set for Dec. 28-31, 1975, in San Antonio, agreed to ask some 10,000 expected registrants to forego one or more meals during the meeting and contribute the proceeds through the SBC Foreign Mission Board for world hunger.

Freedom '76, which will also encourage attendance from other Baptist groups throughout the United States and abroad,

will ring in the nation's bicentennial in a Christian perspective, running past midnight, Dec. 31, 1975. All SBC agencies are sponsoring the meeting through the denomination's Inter-Agency Council.

Charles Roselle Chairman

Charles Roselle, Freedom '76 general chairman and director of the SBC's National Student Ministries, calling for innovative approaches for the conference, said, "We are what we are today because of what we dream about being tomorrow. Lines must be drawn and young people must be asked what stand they will take for Christ."

The conference, says Roselle, will speak to student and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of the nation.

Citing an SBC-appointed committee now studying mission outreach of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination at home and abroad for the remainder of the century, Roselle told the planners:

"We want Freedom '76 to put feet to the mission strategy for the remainder of this century by challenging students and young adults, who will be the leaders in the year 2000, to face God's call to Christian vocations."

Planners will design the conference, he says, to "issue a clear call of God for every person to be involved in proclaiming freedom in Christ at home and abroad and to show how such freedom contributes to personal liberty and citizenship responsibility."

Christian Homes Important

"It will stress," points out Nell Magee, an SBC National Student Ministries staffer who will serve as national coordinator for the event in San Antonio's Convention Center, "the importance of all young adults assuming their role in strengthening the moral fiber of American government and society. And it will highlight the necessity of a Christian home."

Special emphasis will be given college students, single young adults, young marrieds and young military personnel, confronting them with Christian options to the crises of contemporary life, says Ed Seabough, associate director of the SBC Home Mission Board's personnel department, who will chair the promotion and registration committee for Freedom '76.

Besides program content, the registrants will have opportunities to become involved in specific mission projects, says W. F. Howard, retiring Texas Baptist student director and conference program committee chairman. (BP)

SBC Annuity Board

Trustees To Meet Feb. 3-5

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board will look over the investment picture for 1975 when they hold their annual meeting in Dallas, Feb. 3-5.

Albert H. Cox, Jr., executive vice president and chief economist for Lionel D. Edie and Co., New York City, will speak on "Investment Scene Overview—1975."

Cox is also senior economic advisor to Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, parent company of Edie.

The Edie Co. is one of six investment managers for the common stock portfolio of the Annuity Board, according to Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president.

Morgan will discuss with trustees other current issues pertaining to the Annuity Board. This will include, on the national scene, Congressional legislation on pensions.

From the denominational standpoint, Morgan will discuss the "Committee of Fifteen" report as it applied to the Annuity Board. The "Committee of Fifteen" studied the work of denominational agencies and issued an appraisal.

Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, will speak to trustees about "The Annuity Board and the SBC."

Tennessee trustees of the Annuity Board are Carl B. Allen, Hohenwald; D. William Dodson, Jr., Martin; and Lester L. Hall, Chattanooga.

Head Football Coach, Others Scheduled For 'MasterControl'*

Grant Teaff, Baylor University's head football coach, will tell January "MasterControl"* listeners how God calls the plays in his life.

Teaff will talk about the Waco, Texas' team's 1974 Southwest Conference title, about some of the players, and his own reaction to his team's first trip to a Bowl Game in 50 years. On January 1 the Baylor Bears hosted the Pennsylvania State team in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Sharing honors with their coach on the "MasterControl"* episode will be Baylor football players Aubrey Schulz and Ronald Burns. Schulz is an All-American and All-Southwest Conference center and Burns is an All-Southwest Conference defensive corner back.

The two will discuss their own reaction to the title, their feeling about the team and Coach Teaff, and their personal aspirations.

"MasterControl"*—whose asterisk represents the charge to "let your life be controlled by the Master, Jesus Christ"—is produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is heard on 626 radio stations around the country.

The Teaff show airs the week of Jan. 16. Check local station listings for exact time and day in your area.

Southern Seminary Grants Degrees To 12 Tennesseans



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Veazey

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Eleven students from Tennessee received their seminary degrees during graduation exercises December 20 in the Alumni Memorial Chapel of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. H. Cornell Goerner, Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Africa, delivered the commencement address which was followed by the presentation of degrees by Seminary President Duke K. McCall.

Students from Tennessee receiving their degrees were:

Diploma in Religious Education: Virginia Lorraine Bowman; **Master of Religious Education:** Olney Rickey Toomey; **Master of Church Music:** Gary Richard McCammon; **Diploma in Theology:** Richard Lee Crowley, Joe Dean Gammon; **Master of Divinity:** W. Kenneth Griffin, Leonard Samuel Markham, Frank Alpheus Parker,

Paul Sanders Veazey; **Doctor of Ministry:** Bobby Ralph Agee, Herbert Ralph Higdon, Andrew Jackson Prince.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

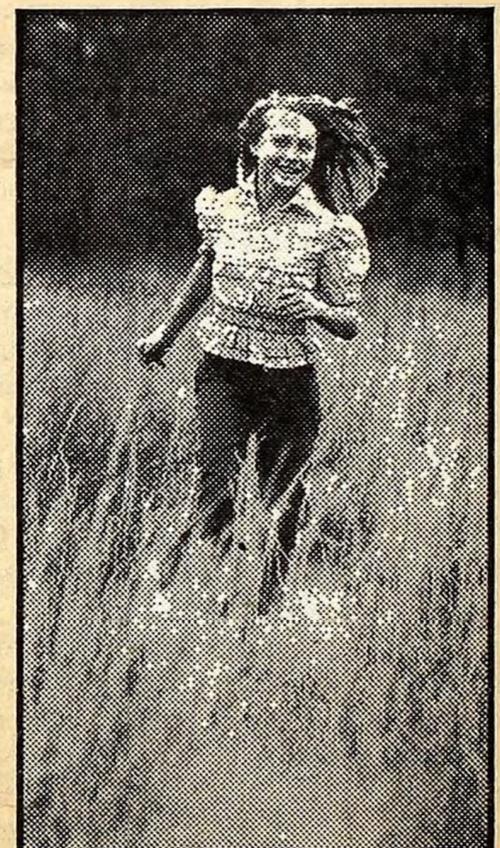
When young people are beginning to discover their own personhood, some things take on new significance. We suggested a practical approach to this problem.

I have an unusual name. It takes a while to learn how to say it and spell it correctly. Until recently I didn't mind too much-if people got it wrong. But now it really makes me mad. I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, but I think they should learn my name right!

There are a couple of practical things you might try. You can make a point of putting your name on your books and your belongings. Print it in letters that can be easily identified. If you go to a party or other activity where you will meet new friends, wear a name tag. Make an attempt to correct those who misspell your name or who mispronounce it. Do this in a friendly manner on one or two occasions. But if people do not take these hints, try not to be aggravated by it.

Try to remember that what is most important is not so much the way you spell your name but the kind of person you are. People will remember you more for your personality and your friendliness than anything else, so work on these points. Then they will want to know more about you, including the correct spelling and pronunciation of your name!

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Belmont College, Nashville

LESSON TEXTS: Mark 8:26-36

Mark's Gospel is often called the Gospel of Action. It vibrates with the sound of action as story after story is strung together moving Jesus ever closer to Jerusalem and to death. This episode near Caesarea-Philippi is the most dramatic and significant of them all. There is nothing in the gospel narrative which reveals the force of the personality of Jesus Christ more than does this confession by Peter



Helton

that Jesus is the Christ. From one viewpoint it was a crisis, and from another it was a turning point in Jesus' ministry. A crisis because Jesus must know whether he has gotten through to anyone, a turning point because from now on he must make clear to them what interpretation he places upon his role as Messiah.

Do You Know Who I Am? 8:27-30

When Peter answered, "You are the Christ" he could have meant one of several things so far as current ideas about the Messiah was concerned. Jewish understanding about the Messiah had a long and checkered pilgrimage and had reached sometimes violent, vengeful, and destructive conclusions. No wonder Jesus would need to reeducate them as he was being driven to death by a course of events which had their roots in such poisoned soil.

Notice that Jesus first asked what others thought of him. That is always a good starting point. You can't ignore the past. History offers a verdict, a judgment, a viewpoint which we ignore at painful cost. How foolish to make snap judgments without even considering time honored conclusions. But more foolish still is it to refuse to go beyond the judgment of others. So Jesus asked, "what do you think?" Don't demur. No matter what others think you must answer that question also. Who is Jesus Christ for you? A great prophet? A renowned teacher? A popular preacher? Or the suffering Savior who died for you? Do you acknowledge it?

Do You Know My Destiny? 8:31-33

Why did Jesus ask the disciples to tell no one about this experience? He knew that now that his disciples were convinced that he was the Messiah, he must make sure that they did not go about uttering a title

which they did not understand, or worse still, which they grossly misunderstood. So he must teach them what being the Messiah means for him, and ultimately what it means for them as his disciples. Matthew (16:21) puts it, "From that time" Jesus began to teach them that he must go to Jerusalem and die and rise again. How different this is from that long pilgrimage of blood and tears the Jews had talked about. It was so different that Peter was shocked and began to rebuke Jesus for such a suggestion. Matthew (16:22) reports Peter as saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But rebuke begets rebuke and Jesus told Peter that Satan was speaking through his lips, and bade him step aside because he was still tangled in the sticky web of tradition about the real nature of the Messiah.

Do you feel sorry for Jesus? If you do, you have never really understood him. The same words which the risen Savior uttered to the two disappointed disciples on the road to Emmaus need to be uttered again for your benefit: "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Will You Share My Destiny? 8:34-38

The moment of truth had come for the disciples. Jesus had been starkly frank, he was on a collision course with death. He would not disguise or deny the seriousness of the role he was playing as Messiah, nor would he low-profile his call for their participation as disciples who would share his burden. It is the mark of a good leader to be bluntly plain about his objectives, fully willing to undertake anything he asks others to do, and to be specific about what the cost will be for the endeavor.

His call to discipleship is startlingly realistic. The word "deny" is really stronger. It is "renounce himself". It means give up the "me-first" philosophy of life. The call to discipleship is a distinctive matter. No man can volunteer to be a disciple. If he does, he does not know what he is doing, and will not continue in spite of his best intentions. Luke (9:57-62) records an account of three people who could not become disciples of Jesus. The first was a scribe (we learn from Matthew 8:19) who volunteered to follow Jesus only to be told that "foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Why did Jesus answer

Tullahoma First Church To Host Building Conference

First Church, Tullahoma, will be the site for the 1975 Tennessee Church Building Conference, Jan. 24, according to Charles L. Norton, church building consultant for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Sponsored jointly by the Church Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the sessions are designed to meet the needs of pastors, church planning and building committees, associational leaders, and architects in discovering the best procedures related to church building projects.

Norton will deliver speeches on knowing when to build and the legal considerations involved.

Ernie Myers, consultant, BSSB, will explore the organization of the work, the planning of the budget, and the selection of the architect. Raising funds, the construction phase, and the planning processes will be presented by Roland Smith, consultant, BSSB.

thus? Because he knew that the scribe thought in the traditional terms of being a disciple of a Rabbi. It would simply be a matter of interpreting rules and regulations and following a routine pattern of being religious. Jesus abruptly reminded him that discipleship was a great adventure. There was no certainty and security such as he would find in keeping the traditions. The Son of Man had no place to pillow his hunted head. The second man was asked to follow Jesus but he wanted to stay at home until his father died and he could give him the traditional burial. Jesus replied, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." This is Jesus' way of saying that no relationship on earth, however sacred, can stand between Jesus and the disciple. The third man volunteered to become Jesus' follower, but wanted to spend some time saying the farewells to family and friends but Jesus reminded him that having put both hands to the plow he must not look back if he was going to plow a straight furrow.

The expression "take up the cross" is symbolic of death. The person who would follow Christ must be willing to die to self and live for others.

Jesus gave valid reasons for his demands. He explained that they who would save (hoard) their lives would lose all that really counts in life. Further, he stated that all who would lose (in service for others) their lives would find what life in Christ is really about. Who are the most miserable, neurotic people you know? People who hoard their lives. Who are the happiest people you know? People who give and give and give themselves until we feel sorry for them and thus betray our lack of understanding and full fellowship with a Suffering Savior.

Our People and Our Churches . . .

PEOPLE . . .

Members of Germantown Church, Shelby Association marked the 10th anniversary of **Ken Story** as pastor of the church. A plaque and scroll recording highlights of the 10 years were presented to him at the morning worship service. During his ministry at Germantown, 1123 people have joined the church, 259 of them by baptism. The church budget has increased from \$16,000 to \$228,000.

Brainerd Hills Church, Chattanooga honored **Marshall Vaughn** on his 13th anniversary as pastor with a "Pastor Appreciation Day." Members presented the family a love offering and testimonial tributes.

Jimmy Wallace was ordained to the gospel ministry by Crump First Church, McNairy Association. **Lamar Ball**, pastor, led the questioning of the candidate. **Norman Baker**, pastor, Waynesboro First Church, gave the charge to the church; and **Fred Hosea** gave the charge to the candidate. **Ball** preached the ordination sermon. **Wallace** has been called and is serving as mission pastor of Waynesboro First Church.

Members of Mt. Vernon Church, Tennessee Valley Association, honored their pastor, **David Cunningham**, on the occasion on his 10th anniversary as pastor. A reception was held at the church.

Mrs. Marie Deusner, wife of the pastor of Lexington First Church, **Edwin Deusner**, had one of her devotionals which appeared in **Baptist And Reflector** accepted by Harper and Row. It will appear in the 1976 edition of "The Minister's Manual." **Charles L. Wallis**, editor of the book, read it in our Baptist state paper.

West Jackson Church, Jackson, ordained **Jim Thomason** to the gospel ministry. **Hyrant Barefoot** delivered the ordination sermon, and **Robert Craig**, **Ed Sutton**, **C. C. Sledd**, and **David Byrd**, pastor, participated in the service. **Thomason** serves as pastor of the Barker's Chapel Church of Friendship.

In Stone Association, Eastwood Church ordained **Keith Alred** and **Winnell Howell** as deacons. **James McAfee** was ordained

LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

James Powers has accepted the call of Mt. Moriah Church in Beulah Association. The church is going full time in preaching services.

Richland Church, Memphis, called **Harvey Tingle** of Fort Worth, Tex. as its new pastor. **Tingle** is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and former pastor of Fisherville First Church in Tennessee.

In Big Hatchie Association, Eastland Church called **Ray Caveness** as pastor. He comes from the Dyer Association.

In Holston Valley Association, Independence Church called **Woodrow Mayes** as pastor. Providence has called **J. L. Collins** as pastor.

Clover Creek Church, Madison-Chester Association, called **Bill Bates** as interim pastor.

Bob Pharris has resigned as pastor of Brotherton Church, Stone Association.

to preach the gospel. **McAfee** was called by Red Boiling Springs Church as pastor.

At Calvary Church in Jackson, **Pastor and Mrs. Paul B. Clark** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and **Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Barber** celebrated their 50th anniversary. The couples are honored at a reception and open house.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Waddell were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by members of Red Bank Church in Chattanooga. **Fred Steelman** is pastor.

At Robertsville Church in Oak Ridge, **Sam Gheesling**, **Ernie Choat**, **George Brandon**, and **Emory Hale** were ordained as deacons. **Lee Morris** is pastor.

Prospect Church, Carroll-Benton Association, ordained **Hillman Walker** to the gospel ministry.

New Orleans Degrees Awarded To Tennesseans



Smith



McDaniel

Three Tennesseans received degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary during recent winter graduation exercises.

Thomas L. Harrell Jr., formerly of Decaturville, received the doctor of theology degree. Currently serving as pastor of the Southside Church in Baton Rouge, La., he is a graduate of Union University and New Orleans Seminary.

Receiving the master of church music degree was **Stephen L. Smith**, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kinzer Smith of Palmersville. A graduate of Union University, he is married to the former **Valendia Kay Nelson** of Trenton.

Laura McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDaniel of Big Sandy, received the master of religious education degree. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin where she earned the bachelor of science degree.

George Ridenour, Minister And Educator, Dies

George L. Ridenour, minister and educator, died at his home in Caryville last month at the age of 84. He was the father of **Crea Ridenour**, missionary to Cali, Colombia.

He was born in Campbell County, Tenn., and graduated from Carson-Newman College with a B.A. degree in 1914 and an M.A. in 1915. From Southern Baptist Theological Seminary he received the Th.M. degree in 1923, the Th.D. in 1927, and the Ph.D. in 1932. He was a pastor in Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1932 he returned to Campbell County where he was active for over 30 years in Baptist work. During World War II he taught in the public school system in Campbell County, continuing to preach and teach until his retirement.

An author, **Ridenour** was interested in the history of pioneer times in Kentucky and Tennessee. At the time of his death, he was a member of Calvary Church in LaFollette.

Beside his daughter, he is survived by his widow, **Mary Heatherly Ridenour**, Caryville.

Foreign Missionary Count Tops 2,600 Mark; New High

RICHMOND—The appointment of 23 missionaries during the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here pushed the total number of missionaries over the 2,600 mark for the first time in history and brought the number of appointments during 1974 to 250, the second highest in the board's history.

The board also appropriated an additional \$36,253 for relief and rehabilitation needs in Honduras, Mozambique and Bangladesh and heard a report from the treasurer that gifts totaling over \$242,000 designated for relief had been received from individuals and churches from January through November in addition to relief funds appropriated by the board.

The appointment during 1974 of 133 career missionaries coupled with the employment of 26 missionary associates, 77 missionary journeymen, two special project missionaries and 12 reappointments, brings the total missionary count to 2,609.

Citing his gratitude for the large number of appointments for 1974, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, also added a word of caution.

"When we reach the year 1980, we will enter into the period of escalating retirements," he explained. "By the time we get to the mid-point of the decade we will find an avalanche of retirements upon us. The time will come when we must appoint 300 missionaries annually to replace those who reach retirement in order to assure some moderate advance."

Honduras Receives \$48,000

Everett L. Deane, the board's treasurer, reported that with about \$51,000 of relief contributions in October and \$55,396 in November, a total of over \$242,000 was recorded for the first 11 months of 1974, about \$176,000 more than the same months last year. He said that \$48,000 of that total was designated for relief in Honduras.

In December, the board appropriated 5,000 from donations for relief needs in Honduras, \$21,253 from funds designated for emergency relief to be used for food and rehabilitation in Mozambique, and \$10,000 from relief funds for relief and rehabilitation in Bangladesh.

The 23 new missionaries will serve in 10 countries. Among those appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Tollie M. Bibb Jr., of Texas and

Oklahoma, assigned to Ghana; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Buddy) Copeland of Tennessee and North Carolina, to Colombia; Miss Roberta Ann (Robbie) Crissey of Florida, to South America; Mr. and Mrs. Rollie E. Ennis of Oklahoma and Arizona, to East Africa.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. (Chuck) Gardner of North Carolina, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. McEachin of Georgia and Florida, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. O. Errol Simmons of Louisiana and Mississippi, to Spain; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry B. White of Mississippi, to Korea; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Williams of Virginia and Alabama, to Brazil.

Employed as missionary associates were Mrs. Gordon Wayne Cagle of Arkansas, to East Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Early of North Carolina and Georgia, to the Bahamas; and Miss Jolyne Wallace of Texas, to Gaza.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Jernigan of Texas were employed as special project missionaries to Gaza for a one-year term. (BP)

Carson-Newman Students Honored

T. Clark Bryan, Carson-Newman College's dean of students, has announced C-N's 1974-75 recipients of **Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges**. Criteria for selection to this honor are scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, service to the school and others, and promise of future success.

The 1974-75 recipients and their parents are: Linda Gay Blanc (Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Blanc, Jefferson City); John Lynn Chapman (Dr. and Mrs. Joe A. Chapman, Jefferson City); Donna Lothel Creech (Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Creech, Nashville); Catherine Amanda Damron (Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Damron, Memphis); Ronald Joseph Degges (Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Degges, Clinton, Md.); Stephen Louis Goble (Rev. and Mrs. William O. Goble, Jr., Morganton, N. C.); Carolyn Elaine Griffin (Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Griffin, Greeneville);

Ricke O'Neal Hester (Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Hester, Alcoa); Kenneth David Myers (Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers, Maynardville); James Douglas Overbey (Mr. and Mrs. David B. Overbey, Kingsport); Dennis Eugene Parkhill (Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parkhill, Trotwood, Ohio); Jackson Osbourne Pemberton, Jr. (Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pemberton, Sr., Morristown); Jeanne Renee Rucker (Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rucker, Morristown); and Deborah K. Watring (Mr. Lloyd L. Watring, Bunceton, Mo.).

Three SBC Agencies To Benefit From \$500,000 Fund Gift

NASHVILLE—An anonymous donor has established a \$500,000 charitable "remainder unitrust fund" with the Southern Baptist Foundation here for the eventual benefit of three Southern Baptist Convention agencies and two other nationally known religious organizations.

Fifty per cent of the fund will go to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission and Home Mission Boards to receive 20 per cent each, according to Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

The remainder of the fund will go to the Medical Assistance Programs Inc., and the American Bible Society, to receive five percent each, Berry said. Receipt will be at the donor's death, Berry noted, with the actual amount dependent on the fund's value at that time.

In agreement with the donor's wishes, the three Southern Baptist agencies will use their gifts to provide funds for studies concerning the mental health of ministers and their families. The money will also be used to set up training, counseling and guidance programs for missionaries and their families, Berry said.

The donor and the donor's spouse are both graduates of the seminary in Fort Worth. (BP)

WMU Names Contempo Editor

Mary Ann Ward, staff writer in the Foreign Mission Board press office, in Richmond, has been named editor of **Contempo**, the missions magazine for Baptist Young Women.

Ward assumed the position with the national Woman's Missionary Union office in Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 2. WMU began publishing **Contempo** in 1970 especially for women in the 18-29 age bracket. It now has 43,000 subscribers.

The new editor graduated from Baylor University, where she worked on **The Baylor Line** and was named outstanding senior woman. She worked as a summer intern at the **Baptist Standard** in Texas.

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By James M. Gregg,
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I still use the old-fashioned way of shaving with lather and razor. My granddaughter, Jennifer, who is now six, has never liked me with my face lathered. She was visiting our home recently and came into the bathroom just as I was preparing to shave. I turned to her and said, "Would you like to kiss me?" She said "No, erase it off quick, Papa."

At this time of beginning the new year, we all need to come to God with our sins and everything that is objectionable to Him and pray "Father, please erase my sins." He will do just that, for I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." That is erasing our sins and giving us a clean slate. Praise God.

Many of our children in the Children's Homes have made decisions for Christ during the past year. It always thrills our hearts to see them saved and have their sins erased. Through your prayers and support these many homeless and neglected children can come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Thank you Tennessee Baptists.

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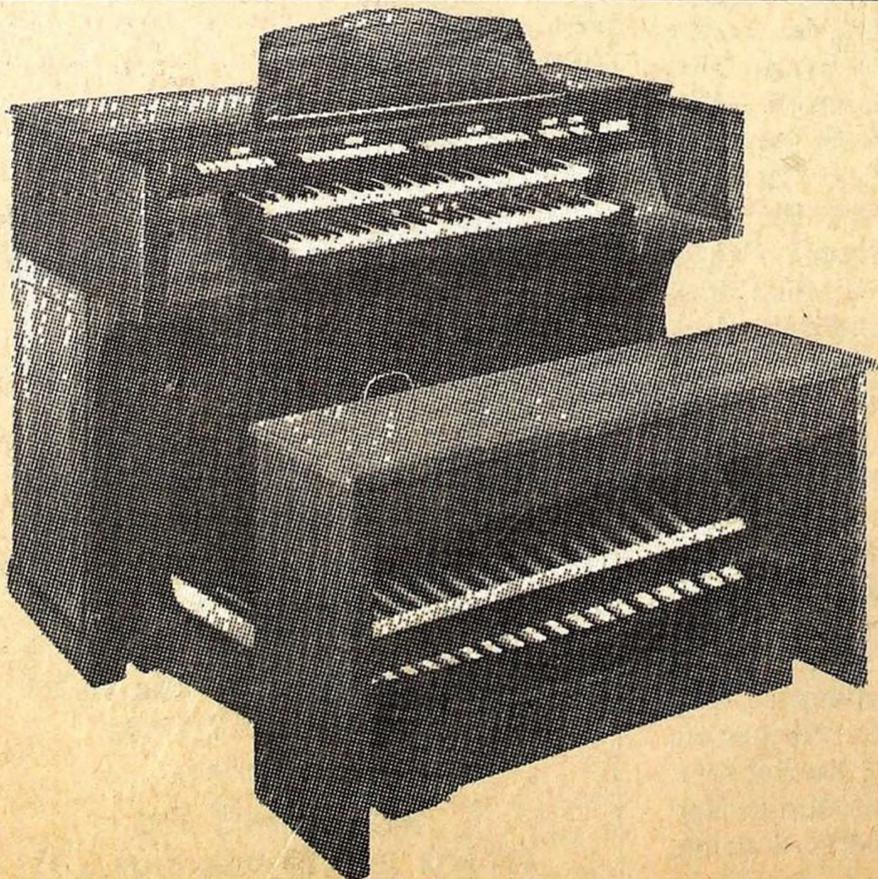
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The Case Against The "Pari-Mutuel Parasite"

By R. Paul Caudill

One of the prominent arguments of those who favor legalized gambling holds that legalization of pari-mutuel gambling will cut off the primary support of big time racketeering and gangsterism by putting the bookies out of business. But is this so? No! Legalization not only does not hurt the illegal bookie, but rather helps him.

There is evidence, in fact, that legalization increases crime. To quote again from the pamphlet by Caudill and Pleitz: "That gambling, particularly when legally sanctioned, and criminality, racketeering, extortion, and corruption travel hand in hand has long been the premise of social scientists. One New York bookie, speaking about legalization of that state's program of off-track betting, said, 'This is the best thing that ever happened to us. People are going to bet who never bet before . . . and a lot of them are going to bet with us. I figure it will double my business.'"

Crime Increase Reported

The bookie was right. After the legalization of off track betting, the New York City Police Department reported that illegal betting increased by 62 per cent and more mob-connected figures became involved with bookmaking.

The most recent FBI statistics on seven major crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft, show that Nevada had a total crime index of 4236.6 This means that for every 100,000 Nevadans, 4237 of them will be the victim of one of the above crimes.

What is the picture in Tennessee? Vastly different. The total crime index for Tennessee is about one-half that of Nevada, 2101.5.

We do not say that legalization of pari-mutuel gambling would double the crime rate in Tennessee, but we do hold that

there must be "an obvious correlation between legalization and crime in general, and an even stronger link between legalization and the increase of illegal gambling."

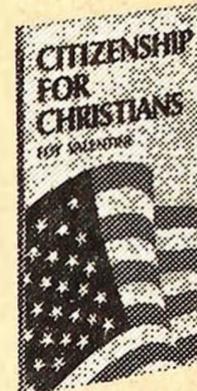
Things You Can Do

Talk to your elected officials in government. Find out where they stand. Explain to them your opposition and ask them to oppose all forms of legalized gambling.

Keep up with all elections in your area that might affect legalization. Organize such activities as phone committees, letter-writing committees, and transportation assistance to insure that all voters against gambling go to the polls.

Write letters of encouragement to governmental leaders who stand against legalization. They need to know you support them. (Next week: "A Christian Position")

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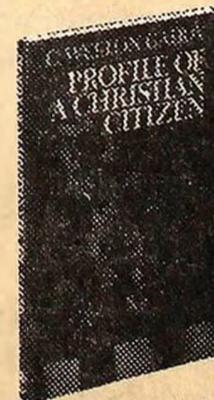
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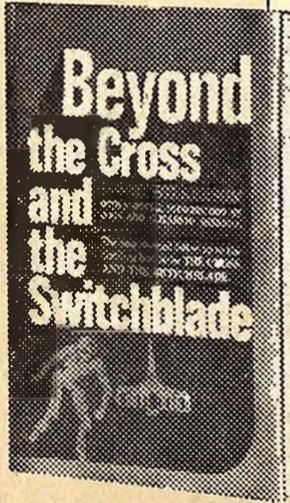
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Projected SBC Statistics Show 1974 Increases

NASHVILLE—According to statistical projections released by the Southern Baptist Convention, the denomination continued to grow in 1974, with an increase of 220,000 church members, over \$200 million in mission expenditures for the first time; and the fifth highest number of baptisms in the convention's 129-year history.

The preliminary statistics, compiled by reports received from 23,278 of the 34,665 Southern Baptist churches, indicate increases in church membership; Sunday School, church music, Women's Missionary Union and Brotherhood enrollment mission expenditures; and total financial receipts.

Decreases are predicted in baptisms and Training Union enrollment. However, projected baptisms only decreased 0.27 percent to a total of 412,872, the fifth highest number in Southern Baptist history. This marks the fourth year in succession that the number of baptisms have exceeded 400,000. Prior to 1971, the convention experienced nine successive years in which baptisms were under 400,000.

The 1974 Church Training enrollment projections, which do not include new member or leader training registration, showed only a 1.77 percent decrease as compared with a 4.6 percent decrease in 1973. This represents a projected decrease of 34,500 church training members. Further projections of favorable change in church

training statistics indicate that for the first time in several years, there was no loss in the number of churches reporting church training programs.

These projections should be "very close" to the final official figures which will be released in February, 1975, according to Martin B. Bradley, manager of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research services department. At the time, the projections were computed, approximately 12,000 churches (about one-third of the total number of churches) had not reported.

Church Membership

For several years church membership has been increasing at approximately two percent each year and 1974 will be no different. Church membership is expected to reach the 12,517,468 mark, reflecting a gain of 220,122 or 1.79 percent.

The projections indicate an 11.5 percent increase in total financial receipts amounting to \$1,343,702,755. For the first time since 1966, the percentage of mission expenditures was greater than the percentage of total receipts. Mission expenditures showed a projected increase of 12.1 percent for a total of 216,969,463. This indicates the first time mission expenditures have exceeded \$200 million.

School enrollment continued to increase in 1974, according to the projections. The estimate indicates a 0.09 increase or 6,646 members, setting the total at 7,189,014.

If the projections are correct, the church music enrollment continued to climb in 1974. Statistics indicate a 4.98 percent increase or 62,381 members for a total of 1,315,009.

Brotherhood enrollment is expected to increase 1.07 percent. A gain of 4,934 members is projected for a total enrollment of 466,014.

After a 2.1 percent decrease last year, Woman's Missionary Union gained 21,718 for a 1.97 percent increase. Total WMU enrollment is expected to be 1,124,150.

These preliminary figures were reached by computing the actual figures from 23,278 churches, then projecting through statistical means the expected reports from the nearly 12,000 remaining churches.

Weighting factors were added to give an acceptable degree of accuracy to these projected figures for planning and decision-making purposes in the denomination, says Bradley. (BP)

Baptists Plan Visits To Eastern Europe

WASHINGTON—Several thousand Americans who attend the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm in July 1975 are expected to extend their travel to include visits to other countries of Europe.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance which sponsors the congress said an estimated 10,000 persons are expected at the congress, about 8,000 from America.

He said 250 tour directors have announced itineraries which include other European cities as well as Stockholm. About half of them will go into Eastern Europe.

Interest is especially keen for visits to the U.S.S.R., Denny said. Moscow and Leningrad are the cities most frequently listed on the tour itineraries for Eastern Europe, he noted. (BP)

Drama Conference To Feature Helps In Church Recreation

A conference offering helps in the area of organized church recreation programs will be held in Tennessee on Jan. 24-25 at Broadmoor Church in Memphis, according to Don Madaris, associate in Church Music and Church Recreation for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A second conference is slated for the Middle Tennessee area April 25-26 at Brentwood Church, Brentwood.

Madaris said the conferences will provide practical "how-to" helps in the areas of organizing for recreation, using an activities building, and using drama in the pulpit, in organizations, and for fun. Special sessions in easy ways to make and use puppets will be offered. After church fellowship and creative worship experiences will also be a part of this Friday night and Saturday morning conference, Madaris stated.

The conference is designed for recreation leaders, Sunday School teachers, Church Training leaders, Vacation Bible School and children's church workers, and children and youth choir workers, as well as pastors.

Sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday. Further information may be obtained from Madaris at the Church Music Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

New Books

The Gingerbread Man by Pat Williams and Jerry B. Jenkins, Holman Co., 120 pp., \$5.95. This dramatic autobiography of Pat Williams, the youngest general manager in the history of pro-sports, is very inspiring.

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Southern Seminary Prof. Charles A. McGlon Dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Charles A. McGlon, 64, professor of speech at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died Dec. 17 following a long bout with cancer, a seminary spokesman said.

McGlon joined the seminary faculty in 1943 and nine years later originated what has been reported as the nation's first regularly scheduled religious television series. The program was aired locally. Prior to his going to Southern Seminary, he was an active member of Woodmont Church, Nashville, and a member of the faculty of Peabody College.

A native of Florida, McGlon earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from Gainesville before receiving the Ph.D. from New York's Columbia University.

He held every major office in the Southern Speech Association, was president of the Kentucky Speech Association four times and was a member of the Speech Communication Association of America. He also served the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the American Education Theater Association, and several honorary fraternities.

Ordained in 1959, McGlon had served as interim pastor for churches in Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah and Covington, Ky.

When McGlon joined the Southern Seminary faculty, the concept of a speech and drama department was a new one for a seminary. During his three decade tenure at the school, McGlon shaped the concept into a reality.

The weeks and months of illness just ended for McGlon were not the first during which he faced death. In 1964, the spokesman noted, an eminent physician told the professor he had only one week to live unless open-heart surgery was performed. The drastic step was necessitated after a strep infection, resulting from a fall off a stage,

Professions Of Faith Made By RAs At Camp

More than one out of every 10 boys attending Royal Ambassador summer camps this year, including 106 from Tennessee, made public professions of faith in Christ, according to a Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission survey.

A total of 1846 of the 17,500 boys attending Royal Ambassador camps in 28 states professed Christ, and 856 others made commitments to full-time Christian-related vocations, according to Tim Fields, Brotherhood Commission, Memphis.

Tennessee camps registered 1,043 boys during the five weeks of camp. The boys were led by more than 800 staff members across the convention.

spread to his heart it was said. McGlon was preparing a presentation of an original drama for the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention Pastors Conference when the accident occurred.

He returned to the classroom after a hospital stay of over 300 days.

McGlon's widow, Jesse, resides in the Louisville area.

Pastor Of 22 Years Resigns Nashville Church

After 22 years of serving as pastor of Westwood Church in Nashville, Jesse H. Shannon has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 12. He has served the church since June 1, 1951.

During his ministry there, the church has reported 1251 additions, including 702 by baptism. Additional property has been purchased, and a new sanctuary seating 504 was built.

Shannon plans to reside in Huntsville, Ala.

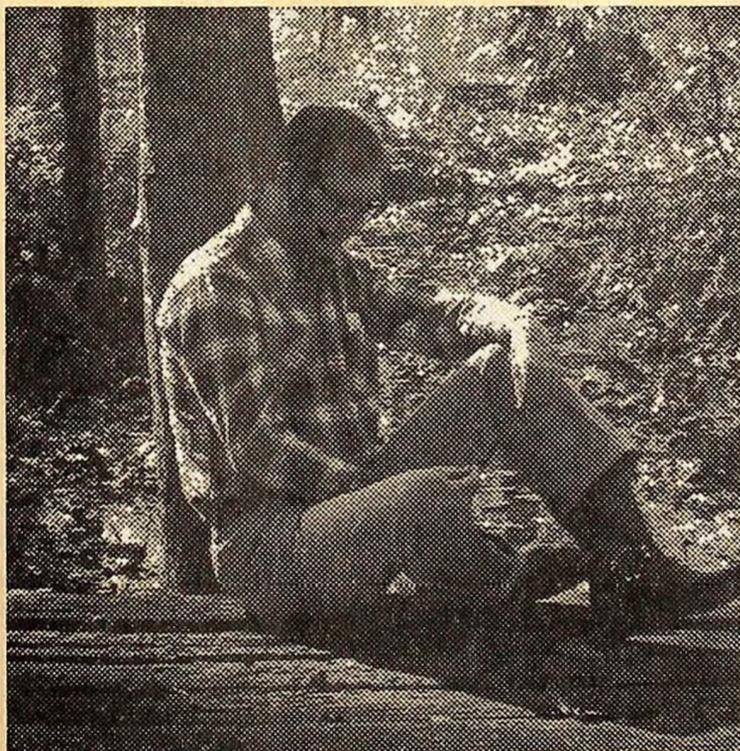
Bible Study Center Established At Chilhowee

Harrison Chilhowee Academy president, Hubert Smothers, has announced the development of a plan to establish a Bible Study Center at the academy which will offer courses of study to those persons in the surrounding counties who wish to engage in intensive Bible study.

The plan calls for study sessions to be held each Saturday morning for a two-and-one-half hour period. Subject divisions for the study will be considered over a period of nine weeks.

The opening session of the new program is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18 at 9:30 in the academy's Woody Auditorium. The subject of study for the first nine-week period is "The Wealth and Walk of the Christian—Bible Studies in Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians." Directing the study will be Jerry Heflin, a former pastor, now serving as one of the Bible teachers on the Chilhowee Academy faculty.

Smothers said it is the aim of the program to provide an intensive Bible study opportunity for any person who is interested. It is anticipated that the program will serve as a means of assisting pastors and others who are particularly involved in the Bible teaching programs of local churches.



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Willing To Sacrifice Self

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

Basic Passage: Exodus 2:11-15; 3:1-15, 32; Deut. 32:48-52

Focal Passage: Exodus 3:1-6; 32:30-34

It is not so hard to deny yourself of some things. We heard a friend say that he was perfectly willing to deny himself spinach, during Lent. There are those willing to deny themselves of things much more significant. Denying self of things and denying self is a very different matter. Sacrificing self completely is the most difficult of all things.

We often say that self preservation is the first law of life. Yet in God's scheme of things for His spiritual children, sacrificing self is the ultimate devotion if such is required for the welfare of others and the glory of God.

Our old self is our ever-present, persistent problem. It is our greatest problem and enemy besides Satan himself. It is too easily available to Satan. Crucifying the old self and placing our new self completely in the hands of Christ is the way to the victory and life at its highest.

A Vital Confrontation With God Exodus 3:1-6

Moses had slain an Egyptian who was brutally persecuting one of his brethren. He had fled to the land of the Midianites. He had married the daughter of a priest in that country. He was caring for the sheep that belonged to his father-in-law near Mt. Horeb.

An unusual phenomenon attracted his attention. He saw a flame leaping from a bush, but he noticed that it was not consuming the bush. He turned aside to examine this strange event and a voice spoke out of the bush telling him not to come near. He was warned that the ground was

holy on which he stood and that he should take off his shoes.

The voice repeated the name of Moses, telling him that it was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob addressing him. Moses turned away his face lest he look upon God Himself.

This experience gave him a concept of the majesty and might of the Lord. It identified the one speaking as the covenant of the true and living God. It was an awesome and a hallowed manifestation of the Almighty God. In holy awe he turned his face. It was a preparation for epochal events ahead in which Moses would be God's leader.

Great Spirit of Self-Abnegation Exodus 32:30-34

During the long period when Moses was absent in the mountains with the Lord, receiving and writing the Ten Commandments, the people backslid, and Aaron joined them. They turned to idolatry. Since Jehovah seemed to be dilatory, they invented for themselves another God for the situation. It was a god which had no real existence. They entered into the heathen ceremonies and dissipation which was appropriate to their deity.

The righteous wrath and judgment of Jehovah was hanging over them. Moses shrank from the idea of their total destruction which seemed to be imminent. He pled with the Lord to forgive and spare them. If not that, he besought the Lord to blot him out. He felt it would be better for him to perish than for the nation of Israel to be no more. He was willing to sacrifice himself for the survival of the covenant. Jehovah let him know that the guilty would go free as if they had done nothing, sparing them total destruction, yet allowing them to reap what they had sown. He preserved for Himself a people. None of the guilty ever saw the promised land. (It was a symbol of the best in this life, but not of heaven.)

The Vision of the Might Have Been Deut. 32:49

The life of Moses was devoted to the service of others. Yet, due to his impetuosity and disobedience at one time, he was not permitted to enter into the promised land which was to become the homeland of his people. He suffered the fate of the others discussed earlier but not to the same degree because his guilt was less. He got to see the land from a mountain, in the land of Moab.

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and

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and

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From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The new year has begun with a flurry of activities along with a severe flu epidemic.



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However, all signs point to the fact that this should be a year of great progress for the work of Christ. Our study of the Book of Acts should bring forth a great impact on our church life as we experience the working of the Holy Spirit anew.

On January 20-21, pastors, church staff members, and laymen from across the state will gather for the State Evangelism Conference at the Belmont Heights Church in Nashville. The theme for the conference is "Reconciliation Through Christ." This is the good news of the gospel. Again may we encourage all of the churches to pay the expenses of their staff so they can participate in this great spiritual uplift.

Only God knows the tremendous spiritual value to his work because of these conferences.

May your year continue to be a good one!

Sydney First Choice For Youth Conference

WASHINGTON—Sydney, Australia, has been named as the first choice site of the 9th Baptist Youth World Conference in 1978.

Hong Kong was listed as an alternative choice, according to Karl-Heinz Walter of Germany, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee.

If the conference meets in Sydney, Walter said, it will be the first time the Baptist youth have met outside the Western Hemisphere.

The 9th conference may be preceded by three "satellite" meetings in Africa, India, and the Orient, Theo Patna, BWA youth secretary said. The final selection of Sydney depends on whether "satisfactory arrangements can be made," Walter noted. (BP)

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FROM THE FILES

50 YEARS AGO

O. E. Bryan, corresponding secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention stated: "Believing that Baptists can work together better in a voluntary program when they understand each other, we beg leave to submit the following: 'We advocate a unified program for Baptist cooperation. We believe it is easier to finance all of our interests all of the time in an equitable budget than it is to finance single interests by separate campaigns.'" Bryan's comments were the beginning of the Cooperative Program effort in Tennessee.

20 YEARS AGO

Woodland Church in Haywood County entered its new educational building. According to Pastor Leon Crider, the building and furnishings cost about \$10,500.

The annual state Evangelistic Conference was scheduled to be held at First Church, Nashville, Jan. 17-19. A special music conference was to be led by Dr. Hines Sims, who led the Southern Baptist music program.

10 YEARS AGO

B. Franklin Bates, preached his first sermon as pastor of Wells Station Church, Memphis. He came to Tennessee from the pastorate of First Church, Jacksonville, Ark.

Kingsport First Church ordained Walter Pierce, Lyman Reynolds, James Midgett, and Russell Woodward as deacons.

Children's Bible Drill Correction Made

There was a mistake made in the Key Passage Drill in the Children's Bible Drill pamphlet, page 9. Jesus' First Miracle is not found in Matthew 10:2-4. This passage will not be used in the State Drill and is suggested that it not be used in the church and associational drills, according to Mrs. Edward Kennedy, director of children's work, Church Training Department.

On Matters of

Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,
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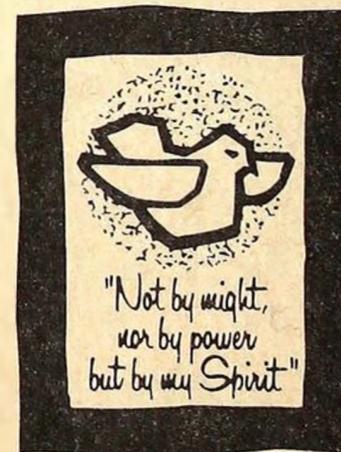
How Parents Punish Affects Child's Sense Of Right, Wrong

The way parents punish children helps determine whether the youngsters will develop a sense of right and wrong, cautions Dr. Lee Salk.

Many parents mistakenly feel that only tough punishment teaches, whereas the reverse is true, the pediatric psychologist at N. Y. Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and author points out in **Scholastic Teacher**.

Severe or inappropriate punishment leaves a child feeling self-righteous rather than repentant. It is mild punishment, "doled out by someone they love and trust," that gives kids a sense of guilt about what they've done, he says.

Guilt is that uncomfortable feeling about something we've done that "tends to be internalized as a sense of right and wrong." Harsh punishment stops a child from feeling guilty. He or she is too busy regretting that he/she has been caught.



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Chattanooga Church Plans Advertisements On Three TV Channels

Chattanooga television fans watching their favorite show after the first of the year may see an advertisement featuring a young man—wearing a sports shirt and cradling a cup of coffee—who talks about church.

He's not a professional actor, hired to mouth a message. The speaker—talking so convincingly about the merits of Red Bank Baptist Church in Chattanooga—knows exactly what those merits are. He's Rev. Fred Steelman, the pastor.

"We decided to talk about the church on television because we were convinced that many people in our city watch television who couldn't be reached by local worship services," Steelman said candidly. "We are aiming these advertisements directly at people who are not in church.

"We're using them in addition to our church WIN campaigns and strong house to house visitation. We feel that through television commercials we can reach the largest segment of our population during prime time viewing with a message about the church and the claims of Christ."

Once the decision for commercials was made, Steelman contacted W. C. Woody, President, TimeRite, Inc., Dallas, for help.

TimeRite, the advertising arm of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, was created to help local churches make the most effective use of radio and television in communicating the gospel in their cities.

"I had worked with TimeRite people in

a Florida church I pastored," said Steelman, "and I had found them so helpful and willing to go out of their way for us that I knew I could depend on them again."

Stelman came to Dallas where he and Woody selected several "soft-sell" commercials that would grab the listener's attention and set him to thinking. Then the pastor taped a concluding message to "localize" the advertisement.

"We filmed the commercial in a sports shirt, in a kitchen with a coffee cup because pastors are people and they're not always wearing a black suit and a somber expression and they're not always behind the pulpit," said Steelman.

"And I did the commercials rather than hire an actor because I wanted Chattanoogaans who might see them to realize that a pastor is faced with some of the same problems and frustrations that they may have."

Stelman's hope for the commercials is that "they will enable people to find the church a healing station for some of their deep hurts. We want these commercials to help us reach people in this community who think no one cares. This church cares."

Red Bank Baptist Church is in an upper-middle class suburban area of the city. It has a membership of 2,000.

TimeRite is helping the church buy time on the city's three television channels—WRBC (Channel 3), WDEF (Channel 12) and WTVC (Channel 9).

Look for the church commercials—out in front of the toothpaste ads and the green bean team.

Miss Allie Candler Goes To Kobe, Japan

Miss Allie Candler, a former staff member of Lockeland Church, Nashville, has been approved by the Foreign Mission Board with plans pending to go to Japan as a lay volunteer to assist with the work at Friendship House in the city of Kobe.

Miss Candler retired Sept. 30 as associational missionary in New River Baptist Association in Virginia. She expects to teach English and relieve the missionaries in whatever ways her language limitations permits.

Miss Candler also served at Temple Church, Johnson City.

Foundation

Now It's Possible

By Jonas L. Stewart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Tennessee Baptists have been asking for years, "When will Baptists have a home for the aging?" Some have said they want to include such a program in their will or other phases of their estate planning. This office has received numerous inquiries about this possibility. Until recently we could give no definite answer.

This gap no longer exists in our programs. The Tennessee Baptist Services Corporation has been approved by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and chartered by the state. Their objective is to provide total care facilities for those retiring from regular trades or professions.

A board of trustees has been elected with Thomas O. Madden, Tullahoma, as chairman. Planning and procedures are progressing rapidly.

William and Kate Catlett have given valuable property on which to build such a facility. The land is well located and beautifully situated.

Now Tennessee Baptists must match these plans and the generosity of the Catletts. Trust funds can be set up to support the project. It is a worthy cause for interested Baptists to include in their wills. Other causes must not be neglected, but those who are interested can now leave a legacy to care for the aging who have been less fortunate than they.

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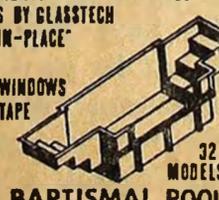
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