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## Jackson Baptists Host 21st R. A. Congress



Smith



Carlisle



Fitts



Roaten



Padgett



Greer



Mays



Cordell



Seabough



Henry

Thirteen missionaries representing four countries, the Home Mission Board, and eight areas of state and associational missions will be present for the 21st Royal Ambassador Congress, March 28-29 in Jackson.

Meeting at Union University and Calvary Church, the RAs may participate in simultaneous sessions for Crusaders (grades 1-6) and Pioneers (grades 7-12). Each missionary on the program will have a booth set up at the mission fair where boys may have the opportunity to talk personally with them.

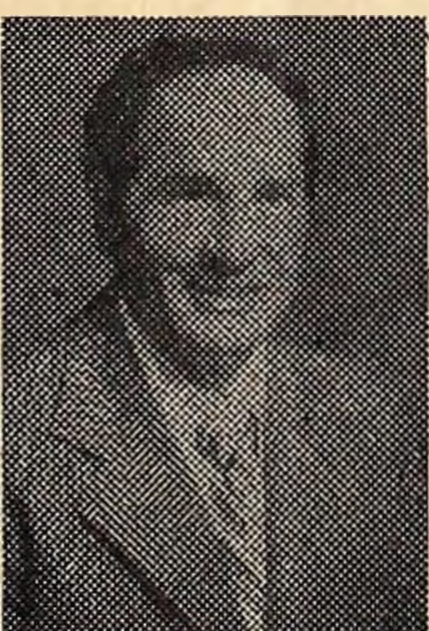
Activities scheduled for the two-day event include the pinewood derby for boys in grades 1-9; the campcraft rodeo for boys in all 12 grades; a 35-booth mission fair; speakout contest; messages and special music; and a downtown parade displaying the program of Royal Ambassadors.

Missionaries serving in four countries who are scheduled to speak include Jenell Greer, China and Thailand; Marvin Fitts, Peru; Dr. Merrill D. Moore Jr., Gaza; and Paul Roaten, Costa Rica and Uruguay.

Greer, a native of Antioch, is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southern



Moore



Horne



Baumgartner

Baptist Theological Seminary. At the age of 15, while studying the life of Lottie Moon, she felt God's call to foreign missions in China. She was appointed to that field in 1942, but could not enter the country until nearly five years later because of government restrictions. She spent one-and-one half years under the Communist occupation and takeover of China. In 1951 she was assigned to Thailand where she has served as teacher of Old Testament and other theological studies in the Chinese language. She has been called "Lottie Moon" by many of the people she has served.

Moore, the son of a Baptist minister, lived in Newport, Murfreesboro, and Nash-

ville while growing up. He is a graduate of George Peabody College and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1964 he and Mrs. Moore were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Gaza. He is a staff physician at the Baptist Hospital there and handles primarily surgical cases for refugees in the Gaza Strip.

Fitts is in preaching and education ministry in Pucallpa, Peru. A native of Mississippi, he attended Memphis State University and graduated from Union University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to moving to Pucallpa, he was interim director at the Baptist Theological Institute of Peru and taught religious education. Before his appointment to missionary service in 1959, he had been pastor's assistant and education worker at Temple Church, Memphis.

Roaten was appointed to the foreign field with his wife, Betty, in 1970. Presently on furlough living in Henderson, they will be returning to Uruguay in December 1975. After their initial appointment they lived in San Jose, Costa Rica where they studied the Spanish language. They have lived in Uruguay for three years.

Other denominational servants scheduled to be on the program are: Clifford Franklin Horne, director of Christian Social Ministries and Mission Development, Nashville Baptist Association; Ed Seabough, associate director, Department of Missionary Personnel, Home Mission Board; L. R. Baumgartner, director, state Missions Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; Phil Padgett, executive director of the United Tennessee League; Ralph Cordell, director of associational missions, Campbell County Association; Wray Smith, director of education and promotion, Knox County Association; Bill Henry Jr., associate, Student Department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; William C. Mays, chaplain and director of pastoral services and education at Baptist Hospital in Nashville; and William Luther Carlisle, director of camp, brotherhood, and athletics for Shelby County Association.

Bill Highsmith, state RA director, stated that boys arriving early may participate in a pre-congress session beginning on Thursday night. Entertainment will be provided starting at 8 p.m. at Union University. Regular registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. Friday.



# Christian Relationships

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"Servants . . . wives . . . husbands."—  
1 Peter 2:18; 3:1,7

1 Peter 2:18-3:17 reads like Ephesians 5:22-6:9. Since "servants" renders a word related to the one for "house" it means a house servant, a slave living in the house with his owner. One of the greatest tests of one's Christian life comes in the family circle where one is usually **himself** with no sham. Peter did not approve of slavery, but, like Paul, gives guidance as to how Christian slaves should live.

Slaves should be obedient whether or not their owners are kind or cruel (v. 18). They should endure hardship, even unjust punishment, to God's glory (vv. 19-20). They should follow the example of Christ (vv. 21-25). It is possible that in their freedom in Christ slaves might be rebellious of their servile state. This would bring shame upon Christ and suffering to them. If they suffer, it should be for good deeds, not bad ones. Many owners were attracted to Christ as they saw what a difference He made in their slaves' lives.

"Wives" also may have been tempted by their Christian freedom to rebel against their husbands. In that day outside of Christ they were little more than property. So Peter tells them to be subject to their

husbands. His primary reason is that by their chaste or pure lives, their manner of life, they may win their pagan husbands to Christ (3:1-2). Even though they had not obeyed the gospel, like slave owners they too would be drawn to Christ.

Their "adorning" (*kosmos*, note "cosmetics") should not be outward trappings but "a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of 'great price' (vv. 3-4). This does not forbid outward adornment, but does say that wives should strive to be beautiful on the inside also (cf. vv. 5-6).

Verse 7 also exhorts husbands to honor their wives. Her being the "weaker vessel" suggests his protection. He should remember that as Christians husband and wife are joint-heirs of "the grace of life."

A proper relationship between husband and wife contributes to the spiritual strength of the home. "Hindered" means "cut in" or "interrupt." Husbands and wives who rightly regard each other will be able to pray together effectively. Strife in this relationship can void prayer life. Families that pray together stay together.



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## "He Was Not Deserted In Death"

By J. Ralph McIntyre

Acts 2:31 Goodspeed Translation

The birth of Jesus was unusual. No one else has ever been virgin born. The life of Jesus was unusual. No one else ever lived



McIntyre

a sinless life. The death of Jesus was unusual. No one else has ever died for the sins of all mankind. The aftermath of Jesus' death was unusual. No one else ever permanently came from the grave and conquered it forever. During that eternity before He came into this world He was constantly in the presence of His

Father. In his earthly life He constantly had sweet fellowship with His Father. Only when "He who knew no sin became sin" to be punished for every sinner with that most horrible penalty . . . separation from His Father ("My God, My God . . . why hast Thou forsaken me?") . . . did He not have that eternal closeness. But the sweet fellowship was restored. "In death . . ." "He was not deserted" (Acts 2:31) . . . Jesus knew by experience what David had written . . . "yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil . . . for Thou art with me . . ." (Psalms 23). Our Lord came to do what only He could do for sinners. His death was the reason for His coming. Because "he was not deserted in death" God gave an eternal sign of victory to all that Jesus said and did. The resurrection of Jesus takes some of the dread of the grave from us. Because Jesus "was not deserted in death" . . . we who are "in Christ" will not be deserted in death either. His victory means victory for every believer. Thank God that not only was "he not deserted in death" . . . but that He let us know about His glorious Resurrection. Christian . . . do not be afraid for neither will you ". . . be deserted in death". Amen.

*Note: McIntyre is pastor of the Brainerd Church, Chattanooga.*

## Pulpit To Pew

By Jim Griffith

A few years ago a small Canadian railway company published the following advertisement: "Wanted: three hundred sleepers in good condition."

It is reported that a pastor answered the ad, offering the railway company his entire congregation. This cannot be verified, but it is a fact that churches do have worship services with several dozing dozen scattered among the brethren.

With apologies to the old hymn, the theme song goes something like this:

"Snoring in the morning,  
Sleeping eyes of blindness,  
Snoring in the noontide  
and the dewy eve.

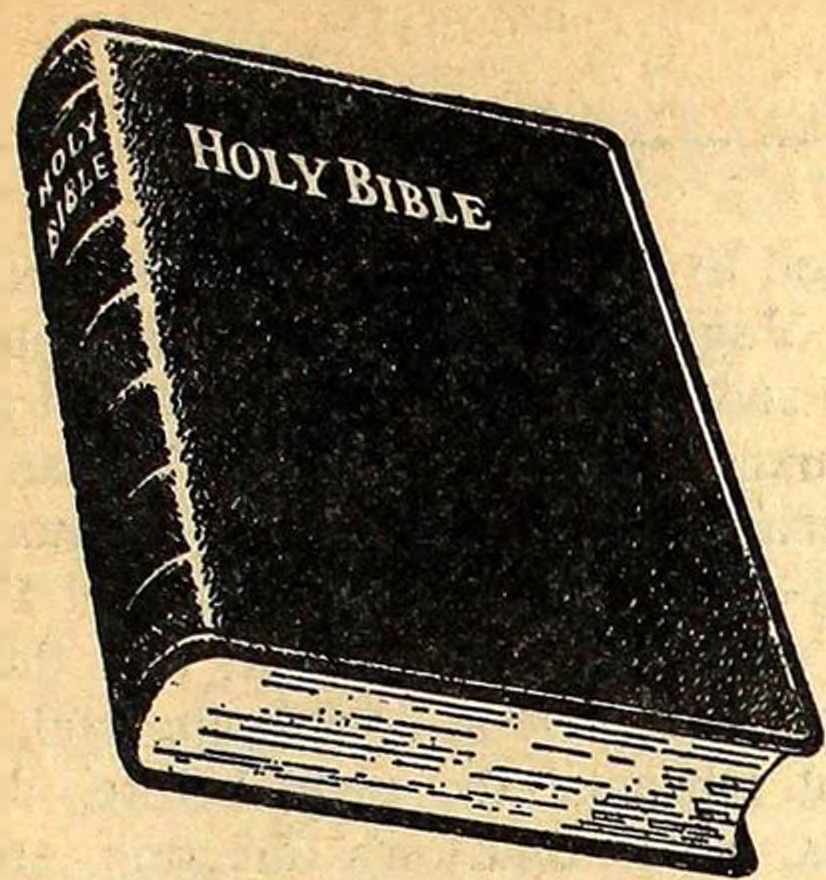
Sleeping through the harvest,  
And the time of reaping,  
We shall come a-snoring,  
Bringing up the rear."

Still, there is something kind of nice about all those who feel comfortable enough to snooze in the pew. World conditions being what they are, we may reach the point where people will even find it difficult to sleep in church.

## NOTICE

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Do you often wonder where in the Bible to look for help in meeting particular experiences and problems of life? Here are Scriptures which have helped others . . .

# The Book of Life

When you are discouraged and blue and everything seems to be going from bad to worse: Read **Psalm 23, 34, 42, 43** and **Isa. 40**.

When your friends seem to go back on you: Read **Matt. 5** and **I Cor. 13**.

When you can't go to sleep: Read **Psalm 4, 56, 130**.

When worries are heavy upon you: Read **Psalm 46** and **Matt. 6**.

When you are anxious about a loved one: Read **Psalm 121** and **Luke 17**.

When you are sick or in pain: Read **Psalm 6, 39, 41, 67** and **Isa. 26**.

When you have experienced severe financial losses: Read **Psalm 37, Col. 1** and **I Peter 1**.

When you are challenged by opposing forces: Read **Eph. 6** and **Phil. 4**.

When you feel that your faith is weak: Read **Psalm 126, 146** and **Heb. 11**.

When you are lonely or fearful: Read **Psalm 27, 91; Luke 8** and **I Peter 4**.

When you are afraid of dying: Read **John 11, 17, 20; II Cor. 5; I John 3** and **Rev. 14**.

When you are bereaved: Read **I Cor. 15; I Thess. 4:13-5:28** and **Rev. 21, 22**.

When you are facing a great crisis: Read **Job 28:12-28; Prov. 8** and **Psalm 55**.

When you desire inward peace: Read **John 14** and **Rom. 8**.

For happier times the Bible also has many messages.

When everything is going well: Read **Psalm 33:12-22; Psalm 100; I Tim. 6** and **James 2:1-17**.

When you have been placed in a position of responsibility: Read **Joshua 1:1-9, Prov. 2** and **II Cor. 8:1-15**.

When you are starting a new job: Read **Psalm 1, Prov. 16** and **Phil. 3:7-21**.

When you are out for a good time: Read **Matt. 15:1-20; II Cor. 3** and **Gal. 5**.

When you are wanting to live successfully with your fellow men: Read **Rom. 12**.

When you are starting a new home: Read **Psalm 127; Prov. 17; Eph. 5; Col. 3; I Peter 3:1-17** and **I John 4**.

When you are satisfied with yourself: Read **Prov. 11** and **Luke 16**.

When you are planning an investment: Read **Matt. 7**.

When you are planning your budget: Read **Mark 4** and **Luke 19**.

When you are leaving home for a trip: Read **Psalm 119** and **Prov. 3** and **4**.

When you want a worshipful mood: Read **Psalm 24, 84, 116; Isa. 1:10-20** and **John 4:1-45**.

The Bible will help you grow spiritually.

When you have sinned: Read **Psalm 51, Isa. 53** and **I John 1**.

When you want to know the plan of salvation: Read **John 3** and **Rom. 10**.

When you want assurance of salvation: Read **Rom. 8**.

When you are tempted to do wrong: Read **Psalm 15, 19, 139; Matt. 4** and **James 1**.

When you bear a grudge: Read **Luke 6, II Cor. 4** and **Eph. 4**.

When you are impatient: Read **Psalm 40, 90** and **Heb. 12**.

When you are jealous: Read **Psalm 49** and **James 3**.

When you have been disobedient: Read **Isa. 6, Mark 12** and **Luke 5**.

When you feel that you need forgiveness in your heart: Read **Luke 15** and **Philemon**.

When you want to know better how to pray: Read **I Kings 8:12-61** and **Luke 11, 18**.

When you feel that you are becoming lax and indifferent: Read **Matt. 25** and **Rev. 3**.

When God seems far away: Read **Psalm 25, 125, 138** and **Luke 10**.

When you are bored with life: Read **II Kings 5, Job 38, Psalm 103, 104** and **Eph. 3**.

There are certain passages in the Bible which you may want to find in a hurry. Some of them are as follows:

The Ten Commandments: **Exodus 20** and **Deut. 5**.

The Lord's Prayer: **Matt. 6:5-15** and **Luke 11:1-13**.

The Sermon on the Mount: **Matt. 5, 6, 7**.

The Beatitudes: **Matt. 5:1-12**.

The Shepherd Psalm: **Psalm 23**.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son: **Luke 15**.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan: **Luke 10**.

The Great Commission: **Matt. 28:16-20**.

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# EDITORIAL

## Joy, Rain, And "PraiSing '75"

By Don L. Madaris

The person who said, "If you don't like the weather, just wait awhile" might have given up hope in Nashville last week, but the rain which fell Monday through Thursday could not dampen the spirits of the thousands who came to "PraiSing '75." Perhaps Comedian Jerry Clower summed it up best when he said, "I know the weather's bad out there, but as far as I know, the Lord still controls all of that, and if any of you have anything else to say, stand right up." His constant reference to "us deep-water Baptists" was almost too literal as Tennesseans were being driven from their homes by rising creeks and rivers.

From the Overture at Municipal Auditorium on Monday night, through the singing of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" on Thursday night, I found myself involved in an experience which is hard to put into words. (Dr. Reynolds, I found it bringing a real awakening, awareness, excitement, and renewal, as you had hoped it would bring to us all.) I also found Tennessee Baptist musicians contributing their God-given abilities to more than one fourth of the daytime concerts all over Nashville, the four night sessions, and the all-night singthrough of the new hymnal.

Daytime concerts were given by Belmont College Chorale and Chapel Choir, Carson-Newman A Cappella Choir, First Church, Murfreesboro Recorder and Handbell Choirs, and the Tennessee Baptist Chorale. David Ford, Nashville First Church minister of music, was Bass Soloist for the commissioned work, "This We Believe" on Tuesday night, in which Belmont and Carson-Newman groups also sang. Add to these the choirs from Nashville's Belmont Heights, Crieveview, Gallatin Road, First, Judson, Two Rivers, Woodmont, and Brentwood Churches and Columbia, Donelson, Goodlettsville, and Old Hickory, plus Memphis' Colonial and Highland Heights—all of whom helped sing through the hymnal, and you begin to see the involvement of Tennessee Baptists in "PraiSing '75."

The Tennessee Baptist Chorale, (the name was recently changed from Volunteer State Chorale in order that it not be confused with the junior college of the same name, and in order

that it be more closely related to the Tennessee Baptist Convention) accompanist Max Pugh of Union University, and guest soloists Faye Brandon and Frances Gill were inspired to one of their finest performances, by director Louis Ball's remark that "it has been heard that it really doesn't matter which men's group you hear—they're all nearly alike, but I'd like for us to disprove that statement." Disprove it they did! Again on Thursday afternoon, after several hours' rehearsal, a full concert and a midnight rehearsal the night before, the Chorale sang several hymns, under Charton's direction, and again received an enthusiastic applause.

Thursday night seemed to arrive in a hurry, and the excitement never ceased. It flowed through the thousands rushing around with their personal copies of the hymnal, through the orchestral overture, the songs, and was heightened by the recognition of W. Hines Sims, Mrs. B. B. McKinney, authors, composers, arrangers, and those who had served on The Hymnal Committee, including Tennessee Baptists' own Church Music director, Frank Charton.

After a scripture reading of the 150th Psalm, which conductor-arranger Buryl Red felt should have been paraphrased for the occasion to include "Praise God with the harmonica, guitar and drums," the 10,000 people attending sang such favorites as "Because He Lives," "Victory in Jesus," "How Great Thou Art" and "In the Garden," plus several exciting new hymns. They heard the Centurymen sing, and recognized several of our own state's ministers of music in the group. They gave a standing ovation to the 13 state men's groups for their singing of "Why Do I Sing About Jesus" and echoed the request of one man in the congregation to "Sing it again!" And so we did!! For me, it was one of many thrilling and exciting moments in a joyful and busy week.

"PraiSing '75" is now history! I am glad that we had an opportunity to share in it. According to William J. Reynolds, "PraiSing '75" was for celebration, for rejoicing, for sharing, for knowing, for caring, and for doing to the glory of God sights and sounds of these days." For me, for hundreds of Tennesseans, and for thousands of Southern Baptists, it accomplished all of that . . . and more.

*Note: Madaris is associate in the Church Music Department, TBC.*

## 10,000 At "PraiSing '75" Welcome New Hymnal

By Jim Lowry

**NASHVILLE**—The final notes of "PraiSing '75" brought to an end possibly the most diversified singing event in the history of Southern Baptist music.

Music lovers from 47 states, Canada, Brazil and Japan gathered here 10,000 strong to celebrate the unveiling of the new "Baptist Hymnal" which is the product of over two years' intensive work.

George Beverly Shea opened the first night's program with "Amazing Grace," which he dubbed as the Southern Baptist national anthem. Shea, long-time soloist for Billy Graham Crusade teams, also sang "Jacob's Ladder," "I Will Praise Him" and a number of other well known hymns before

leaving to a lengthy standing ovation.

Approximately 8,000 persons in the first night's crowd were welcomed by Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, to "a 'first' in Southern Baptist life." He said that Music City would hear music during PraiSing "like it hasn't heard before."

The diversity of "PraiSing '75," March 10-13, was witnessed by the fact that 54 individual daytime concerts were presented at six locations over a three-day period.

Additionally, there was a Sacred Harp Singing one afternoon and 30 continuous hours of hymn singing at the "Sing the Hymnal Through" program in the Sunday School Board's Van Ness Auditorium.

On Tuesday night the Nashville Sym-

phony Orchestra accompanied a 600-voice choir for the performance of "This We Believe," by Cecil Effinger. Amerigo Marino, music director and conductor of the Birmingham (Ala.) Symphony Orchestra, was the guest conductor. The orchestra also played five orchestral improvisations of favorite Baptist hymns.

Marino replaced Thor Johnson, who died in January, 1975, as director of the symphony for PraiSing. William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board, paid special tribute to Johnson for the work he had done in preparation for "PraiSing '75" before Johnson's untimely death.

One of the most enthusiastic receptions  
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# Happenings In The Tennessee Legislature

An East Tennessee Republican and a Middle Tennessee Democrat joined in formally introducing legislation in the State House of Representatives this week that would stiffen Tennessee's drunk-driving law.

The bill, a companion measure to the one introduced earlier in the Senate, is designed to wipe out the law that allows people convicted repeatedly of drunk driving to return to the driver's seat.

Rep. Bill Boner of Nashville and Rep. Claude Ramsey of Harrison introduced the bill this week, claiming their joint sponsorship shows the issue of drunk-driving is more important than partisan politics.

There were also these legislative developments:

—Five major retail chains have hired a lobbyist to push for legalization of wine sales in grocery stores.

—Some retail liquor dealers indicated they may try to get legislation passed that would remove most of the restrictions on their operations if the fair-trade law is repealed.

—A bill was introduced in the House that would remove most of the legal requirements now necessary for obtaining a divorce.

It was two years ago that legislators legalized "restricted" drivers' licenses for convicted drunk drivers.

Efforts by a few legislators last year to repeal that measure failed. The controversy was clouded after partisan bickering between Democrats and Republicans killed the bill's chances.

The bill would increase the penalty for drunk-driving and forbid the granting of "restricted" licenses for people convicted a second time. The measure would permanently revoke licenses after the third conviction.

Existing law allows wine to be sold only in Alcohol Beverage Control-regulated liquor stores.

"This is not a moral issue since the sale is already legal," Leech said. He noted wine received "favorable mention 383 times in the Bible."

Leech said that although a rough draft of the bill has been drawn, he is seeking more information before he obtains sponsors in the House and Senate.

**Editor's Note:** In order that Tennessee Baptists might be aware of matters of moral and civic interest in the Legislature, "Baptist And Reflector" is presenting a summary each week of pending legislation which should be of interest to our readers. This is the second in a series by Charles Overby.

Wine is sold in grocery stores in several other states.

In fact, one Cleveland, Ohio grocery store has hired a wine steward.

"We do more wine business here in a week," steward Ted McKissick recently told the Wall Street Journal, "than a beverage store does in a month."

Sen. Dan Oehmig of Chattanooga disclosed last week that the liquor industry was considering an effort to repeal many restrictions now placed on liquor stores if fair-trade repeal legislation passes.

Oehmig, an attorney for a liquor wholesale firm in Chattanooga, said the whisky business is the most regulated in Tennessee and it would be "fair" to remove some restrictions if the legislature repeals fair-trade laws. The repeal of fair-trade laws would make price wars a possibility among liquor retailers and would likely reduce the profits of some retailers.

Current restrictions prevent liquor stores from operating too close to churches and schools. Liquor stores are not allowed to open on Sunday and they can do business only between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Oehmig said the liquor industry is not interested in trying to remove the restriction of selling liquor to minors.

Rep. Keith Bissell of Oak Ridge introduced legislation last week that would give Tennessee a no-fault divorce law.

## Mathematics Contest Set April 8 At Union

Union University has been selected as a host college for the West Tennessee region of the 19th annual statewide high school mathematics contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association, will be held April 8. Those receiving top honors at Union will enter competition in the West Tennessee region with winners in this category vying for state honors.

Joseph Tucker, chairman of Union's mathematics department, has been designated as the host college chairman. Approximately 38 area secondary schools will send representatives for the contest.

"The major purpose of the program is to stimulate interest in mathematics and to honor those students who are outstanding in their knowledge of the subject," said Tucker. "Over 250 students are expected to compete in the five divisions."

Special certificates, engraved plaques and savings bonds will be awarded the winners in the statewide contest.

## New Mexico Baptist Church Buries Young Murder Victim

GLORIETA, N.M.—The Glorieta Baptist Church here has been issued a court order to authorize the church to bury the body of an unidentified young woman, aged 16-22, who was the victim of an apparent rape and strangulation.

"We feel that if it were our daughter and we got separated somehow, we would appreciate someone giving her a burial," the church's pastor, Terry Morris, told the "Baptist New Mexican."

Some interested citizens had offered to donate funds for cremation and a Santa Fe real estate company offered \$50 for burial costs, but the Glorieta congregation has assumed full responsibility.

"We don't know her, but I think her parents would have a memorial service wherever she lives," said Morris, who will conduct the funeral. "I certainly hope her parents are found. We would like to be able to express our feelings to them." (BP)

## 10,000 At "PraiSing '75" Welcome New Hymnal

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was given to the Fisk Jubilee Singers of Fisk University, Nashville. The crowd of 6,000 gave them two standing ovations during their short performance time.

Jerry Clower, Mississippi comedian and member of the Grand Ole Opry, took charge of the Wednesday evening country-gospel program as master of ceremonies. Clower, decked out in his "Grand Ole Opry" bright yellow suit, had the country-gospel fans laughing "back-home" jokes.

First on the program Wednesday night was the Jake Hess Sound, a gospel trio. Jeannie C. Riley of "Harper Valley PTA" fame was next, followed by Myrtle Hall, who frequently sings with Billy Graham teams. Miss Hall's version of "To God Be the Glory" drew a standing ovation from the 7,500 persons in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. The Wednesday program concluded with soloist Cynthia Clawson and The Speer Family.

Almost 10,000 persons were on hand for the closing program Thursday night to receive souvenir copies of the new hymnal. A 900-voice men's choir composed of the Centurymen and 13 state singing men's groups started singing from the new hymnal. They were joined by the entire audience for 15 songs, which included "Have Faith In God," "Victory In Jesus," and "How Great Thou Art."

When "PraiSing '75" ended late Thursday night with the audience of 10,000 singing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," new "Baptist Hymnals" were already in the mail to churches that had placed orders before PraiSing began.

Every note has been played, every note sung, and every word read. Southern Baptists officially have a new "Baptist Hymnal."



# A People Of The Book

By Grady C. Cothen

Controversy swirls about the nature of the Bible once again. It seems that each generation must discover for itself the nature of God's word and affirm its faith in it as Holy Scripture. Our time is no different.

Recently one of America's major denominations has passed through deep trauma with serious division and bitter accusation and recrimination over the nature of the Bible. Many Bible-believing Christians of different persuasions have been drawn into the devastating controversy. Many middle-of-the-road Christians have been pushed toward the left or right by the heat of the argument. As usual, both sides seem to have been driven to extreme statements and actions that do not represent what they really feel or believe. That denomination has not been cleansed of either "liberalism" or "fundamentalism." It has been divided and may never fully recover. Satan must be delighted for the strength of that body seems to be turned toward controversy instead of the proclamation of the Gospel.

Southern Baptists now stand in their hour of greatest opportunity. To insure that the record is straight I would like to talk about the Baptist Sunday School Board and the Bible. In 1969 the Southern Baptist Convention "called to the attention of its agencies the doctrinal statement framed after careful study and much discussion at its annual session in Kansas City in 1963 and vigorously urged the elected trustees responsible for these agencies to be diligent in seeing that the programs assigned to them by the convention are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the convention's above mentioned statement of faith."

## Faith And Message Support

The trustees of the Baptist Sunday School Board took action instructing that this directive be followed. Continuing efforts have been made to follow the will of the convention. All employees of the Board who have responsibilities related to doctrinal or theological judgments sign the statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message."

In the light of these instructions, our position on the nature of the Scriptures is as follows: "The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for

its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ." (The Baptist Faith and Message, Southern Baptist Convention 1963).

The Baptist Sunday School Board belongs to Southern Baptists. They (we) have a right to be found, sustain, and control through stated procedures a church service and publication agency. The convention has a right to set the framework within which such an agency works. If one in Christian conscience as a priest cannot accept the framework, he is free to find another.

## Jesus Sole Authority

This is not, however, the end of the matter. The statement on scripture which we have quoted above is a good statement written by good men. It is joined by a statement in the Preamble which says "Baptists are a people who profess a living faith. This faith is rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ who is 'the same yesterday, and today, and forever.' Therefore, the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is Jesus Christ whose will is revealed in the Holy Scriptures."

The Preamble says again about statements of faith "(2) That we do not regard them as complete statements of our faith, having any quality of finality or infallibility . . ." "(4) That the sole authority for faith and practice among Baptists is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Confessions are only guides in interpretation, having no authority over the conscience."

Southern Baptists have said it—the Bible is the thing! This book of Holy Scripture is our guide and is the basis of our message. What the Convention has said about the Bible is right and good but it recognized that other things could be said about it that would also be right and good. But the Scripture is the thing!

For me, I have signed the Baptist Faith and Message statement because I believe it. I will not substitute it for The Bible! With clear instructions from the convention through our trustees, I see our task at the Board to be teaching of the word, not debating about it; helping "bring men to God through Jesus Christ" rather than controversy; helping men toward maturity in the faith more than arguing a point of view.

We set ourselves to these tasks not knowing what tomorrow holds but knowing who holds tomorrow.

## Hobbs To Discuss

### "Other Side Of Death"

"There is life on the other side of death and the Christian need have no fear of death at all."

With that assertion, Herschel H. Hobbs begins a new series of eight messages in which he discusses "The Other Side of Death" with Baptist Hour listeners.

The series, which begins April 6 with "Is Death In God's Will?", asserts on April 13 that death is a friend. Hobbs lists ways in which God causes death to be a friend to His people.

On April 20, Hobbs reminds that "A Shadow Can't Hurt You" and on April 27 in "The First Second After Death" he cites the story Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus to say that Christians "continue to live spiritually after death. There is no long period of unconscious existence."

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

Hobbs is in his 16th year as Baptist Hour speaker.

## Laughs

The tycoon landed on the roof of a Florida hotel with "his" and "her" helicopters. It took eleven bellboys to unload his baggage, which included sleds, skis, and six Alaskan huskies.

"I beg your pardon, your excellency," said the startled room clerk, "are you sure you landed in the right place? This is Florida. We never have snow here."

"Young man," said the gentleman of means, "the snow is coming with the rest of my luggage in the next plane."—American Opinion

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Daddy: "Hush, Johnnie, your mother is trying to sing the baby to sleep."

Johnnie: "If I was the baby I'd make believe I was asleep."

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Bringing his car into the shop for the 1500-mile inspection, a motorist was asked by the service manager: "Is there anything the matter with it?" The motorist responded: "Well, there's only one part of it that doesn't make a noise and that's the horn."

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Father (in drugstore): "I want to buy this fountain pen for my boy's birthday."

Clerk: "It is a surprise, I suppose."

Father: "Yes, he's expecting a new convertible coupe."

*Editor's Note: the above article by Grady C. Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, appeared in the March 1975, issue of Facts and Trends.*



# What Makes A Valid Faith?

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

**Bible Material: Hebrews 11:1—12:29**

**Lesson Text: Hebrews 12:1-4, 7-16**

Throughout the history of the church, many methods have been utilized to evaluate the manner in which the Christian faith can be expressed most meaningfully. Some of the standards have resulted in the encouragement of immature and even unworthy attitudes and actions on the part of some Christians at certain times. The larger passage which is the basis of this lesson provides some very helpful guides to the experience and expression of an authentic faith.



Byrd

## INSTRUCTED BY ITS PAST

The verses in chapter twelve which comprise this lesson will be better understood if the reader has a clear view of the background in Hebrews in general and in chapter 11 in particular. The writer of Hebrews demonstrated from the start a serious concern about a proper understanding of faith. At an early point he emphasized the continued significance of being faithful to God (3:1-6). The ultimate example of this was Christ, who was "faithful over God's house as a son" (3:6a RSV).

A brief explanation of faith is set forth in 11:1, but its meaning is not always clearly grasped. A casual reading of this verse might create the conclusion that faith results in a daydream in which all sorts of imaginary events occur. Nothing could be further from the truth. The writer of Hebrews is really saying that faith is not separated from the realities of existence. Further, it is an attempt to convince his readers that "the unseen realities of religion have . . . validity" (Trentham).

There follows a description of some different, but authentic, responses by various great men of the past on the basis of their faith. Faith had been the foundation of Abel's authentic worship (11:4). Faith had been the vehicle by which Enoch was "attested as having pleased God" (11:5 RSV). Faith had provided the force which enabled Abraham to be obedient (11:8 RSV). Although "all these died in faith not having received what was promised" (11:13), it must be made obvious to the reader that

they lived as though they already possessed the fulfillment of their hope.

## INVOLVED IN ITS PRESENT

The readers of Hebrews were encouraged not only to look backward and be instructed by the examples of the heroes of the faith (11:1-40), but also to recognize that an authentic faith was actualized in the present. It has never been adequate for God's people to simply languish in the glory of their tradition. A faith that is valid is a faith that is vital in the life of the believer.

First of all, the assurance of God's sovereignty over all in the past should be the foundation for the Christian's present confidence in God. The problems of life are not the final word. For "by faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God" (11:3) and, as a consequence, the world is under the dominion of God.

Second, the heroes of antiquity were the audience before whom the readers of Hebrews would have to live out their confession. These readers were exhorted to run their own race. Our faith, like that of the original recipients of this epistle, does not depend upon the successes or failures of our physical or spiritual ancestors. Our call is the same as theirs, "Let us also lay aside . . . and let us run . . ." (12:1 RSV).

## INSPIRED BY ITS PROMISE

The author of Hebrews was convinced that there was a past tradition which could be instructive and a present which demanded the involvement of the believer. However, he also claimed "God had forseen something better for us" (11:40 RSV). The goal of both the past and the present was "Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (12:2 RSV).

Just as the commitment of Jesus had led him through hostility, in the same manner his followers would experience opposition (12:3-4). The opposition they faced could serve the purpose of that kind of discipline which "yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (12:11 RSV).

Christian faith may be validated by a dynamic encounter with its past and involvement in its present. It is most authentic when it is motivated by the anticipation of the promise of Jesus.

## Charles Colson To Speak To Pastors' Conference

**MIAMI BEACH**—Nixon presidential aide Charles Colson, who testifies to a life-changing spiritual experience during the Watergate trials, will deliver an address to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here June 8 and 9.

Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale of New York and Steve Davis, quarterback for the University of Oklahoma's undefeated football team, will be among the other speakers for the annual event.

After a joint session on Sunday night, June 8, with Woman's Missionary Union in the North Hall of the Miami Beach Convention Center, the Pastors' Conference main program will be held on Monday, June 9.

The joint Sunday night session will include messages by Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., national WMU president, James L. Pleitz of Pensacola, Fla., Pastors' Conference president, and will include a foreign missionary commissioning service led by Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Harold A. Coble, of Midway City, Calif., secretary-treasurer of the 1974 Pastors' Conference, states that \$1,480 left over from the group's Dallas meeting has been passed on to this year's officers for 1975 expenses.

That amount was left over after expenses for the 1974 meeting were paid from \$12,516 in offerings received at Dallas, Coble said. Jaroy Weber, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, and current president of the Southern Baptist Convention, was president of the Pastors' Conference in 1974.

The Monday sessions will center on the various roles of the pastor. In the morning, Mrs. Peale will speak on "The Pastor as a Father and Husband;" William L. Self of Atlanta, Ga., will discuss "The Pastor—Called of God;" Charles Fuller of Roanoke, Va., will deal with "The Pastor—Preparation for Service;" Russell Dilday of Atlanta will speak on "The Pastor, a Teacher Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth."

In the afternoon session, Davis, an ordained minister, will give a personal testimony and Ralph Smith of Austin, Tex., will explore "The Pastor As An Evangelist." Then two former SBC presidents, Carl Bates of Charlotte, N.C., and W. A. Criswell of Dallas, will speak respectively on "The Pastor—a Man Under Command," and "The Pastor, a Proclaimer of God's Word."

The Monday night session will close with an address by another former SBC president, R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, on "The Pastor—the Rewards for Faithfulness."

Preceding Lee will be John Claypool of Fort Worth, Tex., speaking on "The Pastor—His Involvement in the Community;" Charles Colson of McLean, Va., speaking on "A New Man in Christ Jesus"; and James Monroe of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., speaking on "The Joys of Being a Pastor."



# Our People and Our Churches . . .

## LEADERSHIP CHANGES . . .

Springdale Church, Kingsport, Sullivan Association, called **Dewey Ramey** as pastor. This is the first time this church has elected a pastor full time.

**James Gregg**, executive director-treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, was called as interim pastor of the Westwood Church in Nashville. He is a former pastor of the Lockeland Church in Nashville.

In Beech River Association, New Beech Grove Church called **Sam Arnold** as pastor. He comes from the Madison-Chester Association.

In Holston Association **Jerry Frady**, pastor, Bluff City First Church, has resigned. **Quinton Rose** is the new pastor at Oak Hill Church; and **Danny Phillips** is the new pastor at Hulen Church. Pinecrest Church called **John Perkins** as pastor, and he is already on the field. The new pastor at Central Church, Erwin, is **Kelver Mullins**.

Knox County Association has called **Tommy Everett** to serve as Baptist Center director for the association. Everett has been pastor of the Lonsdale Church. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Bill Smith**, pastor of the Mouth of Richland Church, Grainger County Association, has resigned to go to a church near Washington, D.C. where he will serve as minister of education and youth.

Short Creek Church, McMinn Association, called **Glenn Crabtree** as pastor. He is former pastor of Cottonport.

**Gene Grooms**, minister of music at Madison Creek Church, Goodlettsville, resigned to accept a position of executive director of a teachers' association near Orlando, Fla. He is a former teacher in the Nashville Metro School System. **W. W. Harrison** is pastor at Madison Creek.

## CHURCHES . . .

The Lights Chapel Mission of Greenbrier First Church has begun work on the third phase of the building program. The first phase of Sunday School expansion was completed in May 1972, with the second phase, including auditorium renovation, completed in December 1973. The third phase which will include additional auditorium space and educational space was begun this month with a completion target date of Sept. 1. **Richard L. Lankford** is pastor.

## PEOPLE . . .

Haley's Grove Church, Crab Orchard, ordained **J. E. Davenport** as a deacon. **W. Guy Cooke**, director of associational missions, Cumberland Plateau Association, led in the questioning. **Pastor Wayne L. Benson** delivered the message, and chairman of deacons **John Bristow** presented the certificate of ordination.

**Pat Neff Groner**, brother of **Frank S. Groner**, president of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, will be honored with a distinguished alumnus award at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall during spring commencement exercises. The honoree serves as administrator of the Pensacola (Fla.) Memorial Baptist Hospital.

Bells First Church ordained **Donnie Hart** and **Billy Cobb** as deacons. **Lewis Sewell** is interim pastor of the church, and **Henry Williams** is chairman of deacons.

In McMinn Association, **Stewart Smith** was ordained as a deacon at Central Church, Athens. **Mike Bernard** is pastor. At North Church in Athens, **David Grisham** was licensed to the gospel ministry. **Dillard Hagan** is pastor.

**Mrs. Grant Jones**, wife of the pastor of Sevierville First Church, is improving slowly following a car-truck accident at her home on Feb. 1. She is still hospitalized at East Tennessee Baptist Hospital in Knoxville where doctors have reported she has a cracked vertebrae. According to **Jones**, she will wear a brace for at least six weeks after she is released from the hospital. **Jones** is former Tennessee Baptist Convention president.

Former Tennessee pastor **Jetta A. Forsythe** has accepted the call as pastor of the New Prospect Church in Slocomb, Ala. He is presently in his second semester at Baptist Bible Institute. Before moving to Florida, he was interim pastor of the Ramer Church in McNairy and worked in Selmer.

Halls First Church, Dyer Association, ordained **Paul Avery, Jr.** and **Tommy McDearman** as deacons. **Robert L. Orr**, pastor, Dyersburg First Church, delivered the ordination message. **Nick C. Harris** is pastor.

In Holston Valley Association, McCloud Church ordained **Philip Bates**, **Robert Davenport**, and **James Robinson** as deacons. **Glenn Sexton** is pastor.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY NEWS

**Mr. and Mrs. H. Clifford Graham**, missionary associates to Jamaica, have arrived on the field (address: 21 Roselle Ave., Kingston 6, Jamaica, West Indies). Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1969, he was associate pastor and education director of Kennedy Baptist Church, Memphis, Tn.

**Mr. and Mrs. William L. Morgan**, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 2844-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara, Brazil. Both are natives of Tennessee; she is the former **Noreta Smith**. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964 he was pastor of Southland Baptist Church, Memphis, Tn.

**Miss Kay Rodgers**, missionary journeyman in Taiwan, may be addressed at Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China. She is a native of Kingsport, Tn. Before she was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, she was graduated from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tn.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Beaty**, missionaries to Rhodesia, may be addressed at 34 Duncan Road, Suburbs, Bulawayo, Rhodesia. He is a native of Memphis, Tn., and she is the former **Thelma Osborne** of Indianapolis, Ind. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1958, he was pastor of Lamar Terrace Mission of Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis, Tn.

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"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:17).



# Belmont Hosts Missionaries' Day, Harold Gregory Honored



Harold Gregory, right, Herbert C. Gabhart, center, and H. Franklin Paschall, admire plaque presented to Gregory by Gabhart during Superintendents of Missions Day at Belmont College.

Superintendents of missions in the middle Tennessee area were honored March 7 with Superintendents of Missions Day, hosted by Belmont College, Nashville. The event is held annually as an expression of appreciation for the group's support of the school in their respective associations.

Guests of the school for the day, the missionaries were recognized during the morning chapel service, presided over by Herbert C. Gabhart, school president. Leslie Baumgartner, director, Missions Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, introduced the missionaries to the student body and visitors, pointing out the various counties represented in each association, allowing students to better identify with each missionary.

A special recognition was made during the

service. Gabhart called Harold Gregory to the speaker's stand and presented him a plaque in appreciation for his 36 years' service as superintendent of missions for the Nashville Association. In his remarks, Gabhart outlined briefly Gregory's biography, noting that some 80 Baptist churches have been established in the Nashville area during his tenure.

Following a message by H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Church, Nashville, the missionaries attended a discussion period, held in the Board of Trustees Room, Williams Library. During this time Gabhart, representatives of the school's administration and Religion department led in a discussion of the school's program, using the men as barometers as to how they felt Belmont fared in the eyes of Baptists of Middle Tennessee. The general consensus was that the image of the school continues to improve.

During the discussion, the missionaries suggested that attempts be made to get more students and student groups in the churches as representatives of the school.

Baumgartner served as moderator of a luncheon-seminar in the cafeteria banquet room, held with ministerial students. The purpose of the discussion period was to allow the students to better understand the role of the superintendent of missions and to see how churches can better utilize the talents of ministerial students.

Following the luncheon-seminar, the missionaries were taken on a tour of the twin structures which replace Blanton Hall, destroyed by fire in December of 1972.

## Annuity Board Names Insurance Services Director

DALLAS—John Dudley, 32, has been promoted from acting director to director of insurance services for the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here, according to the board's president, Darold H. Morgan.

Dudley had served as acting director for nearly a year. He joined the Annuity Board in 1972 as associate director of the board's insurance services.

Before coming to the Annuity Board, Dudley was employed as national accounts coordinator, assistant to the manager and assistant manager of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas, with offices in Dallas. (BP)

## "Hello In There" Filmstrip Available

A filmstrip, "Hello in There: Response to Older Persons", has been produced by the Department of Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board and is available for use by churches. The filmstrip has a narration on cassette tape as well as a script for reading.

The program was produced for use by general church membership and various mission action groups. The purpose is two fold: one to show that older persons are individuals and to illustrate how Baptist Homes for the aging relate to older people.

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# Baptists Attend Briefing On Congressional Issues

WASHINGTON—Fourteen Southern Baptists attended a legislative briefing on key issues before the first session of the 94th Congress here.

The briefing featured Rep. George McGovern (D., S.D.), Sen. Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.), Rep. John Anderson (R., Ill.), Rep. Morris K. Udall (D., Ariz.), Rep. Barbara Jordan (D., Tex.), and a Southern Baptist, Rep. John Buchanan (R., Ala.) among others. Represented also were religious leaders of several faiths and denominations.

C. Welton Gaddy, director of Christian Citizenship Development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said Southern Baptists invited consisted of some national, state and associational leaders "who will be able to help communicate what they learned to the mass of 12.5 million Southern Baptists." Southern Baptist participation was restricted by a quota set by the briefing's sponsor, IMPACT, a legislative information and action network of religious organizations.

"Baptists were encouraged in the briefing to raise consciousness and precipitate action on the issues discussed," Gaddy said.

A special, separate session with the Southern Baptists, hosted by the Christian Life Commission, provided opportunity for participants to discuss ways in which issues presented at the briefing are affecting or will affect the lives of Southern Baptists.

Special attention, Gaddy said, in the Baptist session was given to long-range legislative needs relating to the world food crisis.

Two key points, he said, related to the food crisis came out of the Baptist caucus:

"One was that there needs to be immediate relief to the hurt caused by the food crisis. The other need is long-range. Immediate solutions must be complemented by the passage of legislation and the formulation of policies which get at the basic causes of the problem."

Other issues discussed in the legislative briefing included the economy, the energy crisis, U. S. impact on the Third World, "how to" seminars on dealing with Congress, military spending, the environment, National Health Insurance, integrity in government/justice in society, among others, Gaddy said. (BP)

## Texas Baptists Name Isbell To Direct Lay Ministries

DALLAS—W. J. (Doc) Isbell, director of the Baptist Men's division at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, has been named director of lay ministries for the statewide Texas Baptist Men's organization here.

Isbell, who had been with the Brotherhood Commission since 1968, held one of 12 staff posts eliminated, effective March 7, by the SBC agency in the face of a growing financial deficit. The deficit exceeded \$146,000 over the past two years.

Isbell, a graduate of Auburn University, practiced veterinary medicine, 1943-55, in Alabama before becoming that state's Brotherhood secretary. He served there for about 12 years.

Robert E. Dixon, executive secretary of Texas Baptist Men, auxiliary to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said Isbell's addition "will help Texas Baptist Men strengthen its objective to train laymen to share their Christian witness in their everyday lives as well as in special campaigns around the world." (BP)

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# Fred's "Old Red Ford:" A Symbol Of Faithfulness

Be careful about standing on the street corner in Parkersburg, West Va. Fred might drive by in his old red Ford. You'll hear the car before you see it. Stand back or get hit by a loose tail pipe or a flying fender.

Fred's car troubles began in 1958 when a group of Christians started meeting in his house for Bible study. As they prayed and fellowshiped together, they became concerned for others in the growing residential section who did not know Jesus.

They decided Sunday School and church services were needed to reach more people, so Grace Baptist Church, where most of them were members, was asked to sponsor a mission. The group was organized into a chapel in May with 15 members.

And Fred's car troubles really began. Church service was held on Sunday evening with the Grace pastor preaching in Fred's garage. Fred's Ford sat outside while Sunday school classes met in the garage and in every available room of his home, which became Fairlawn Baptist Chapel.

When an area Home Mission Board missionary came to be pastor, Fairlawn soon outgrew Fred's house. Fred's car needed replacing but expanding needs of the pioneer congregation were so pressing that no member traded cars that year. Fairlawn moved to an old two-story former dwelling which provided space for about 50 persons, but before a year passed the chapel was looking for larger quarters.

### Church Constituted

A community building was rented to accommodate 150. On the first Sunday of 1970, the chapel was constituted as Fairlawn Baptist Church.

The Lord led in a special way to make 2.13 acres of land in a choice location available to the church. It was purchased and building plans started. Financial help came from the Home Mission Board for Church Pastoral Aid and Dudley Shoals Baptist Church of Granite Falls, North Carolina, also assisted financially.

But the rapidly growing church challenged each member to give sacrificially. Fred had a good job, and he could have bought a new car, but he just gave "too much money to the church."

In late 1970, Fairlawn called a full-time pastor. A mission was started in an adjoining county where no Southern Baptist work existed. A new red brick building was made usable in 1971 with much of the labor done by the congregation.

### Faithful To Church

Fairlawn has sponsored "Know Your Neighbor Day" for new residents in the area. Many mobile home court Bible Schools conducted in the court have reached

a large number of boys and girls.  
Fred's old red Ford is held together with

a combination of wire and prayer. It symbolizes all the other old cars driven by church members who "give too much money to the church."

Southern Baptists across the nation share in daily ministries of 2,200 home missionaries through their support of the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

## Bible Puzzle Page

### Answers On Page 8

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### ACROSS

- 1 Not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33)  
4 "I judge not mine own —" (1 Cor. 4)  
8 It flowed with milk and honey (Ex. 3:8)  
12 Unit  
13 Stern  
14 Field  
15 Cereal grain  
16 Three: comb. form  
17 John's surname (Acts 12:12)  
18 Patience works it (Rom. 5:4)  
22 Lair  
23 Man's name  
24 Pronoun  
26 Conflict  
29 Bookkeeper's term: abbr.

- 31 Toil  
33 Goddess of discord  
35 Land (Judg. 11:3)  
37 A Hottentot people  
38 It is come into the world (John 3:19)  
40 Muslim flute  
42 Affirmation  
43 Abbr. for 8 Across  
44 Universal: comb. form  
46 "Come, — a man" (John 4)  
48 "for the sins of the — —" (1 John 2)  
53 Christ's constrains us (2 Cor. 5:14)  
56 Alcoholic liquor  
57 Tune  
58 Smell  
59 Not kosher  
61 Geographical area: comb. form  
62 Moisture: pl.

- 63 City (2 Ki. 19:13)  
64 Staff Sergeant Major: abbr.  
**DOWN**  
1 Gusset  
2 Stone (Gen. 2:12)  
3 Kind of poverty (2 Cor. 8:2)  
4 Continent: abbr.  
5 Lacking living representatives  
6 Brawn: dial. Brit.  
7 Kind of rock  
8 He was healed (Acts 3:11; 2 words)  
9 Descendant of Asher (1 Chron. 7:38)  
10 Abner's father (1 Sam. 14:50)  
11 Hindu post station  
19 The altar (Josh. 22:34)  
20 The tumeric  
21 N.T. book: abbr.  
24 Abode  
25 Epochs  
26 Jacob's was there (John 4:6)  
27 Jejune  
28 To fit out  
30 Pro's companion  
32 Kind of horses (Zec. 6:3)  
34 They water the earth (Psa. 72:6)  
36 "children of — —" (Job 30)  
39 Tons per man-hour: abbr.  
41 Tree or shrub  
45 Direction  
47 Ex officio: abbr.  
49 Entice  
50 Drowsy man's clothing (Prov. 23:21)  
51 Theirs caused them to err (Amos 2:4)  
52 Mite  
53 Place of Benjamin (Neh. 11:35)  
54 Lyric poem  
55 Jacob made one (Gen. 28:20)  
60 Note of the scale

### CRYPTOVERSE

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# Churches Feel Money Squeeze-- Ridgecrest Conference Will Help

Like other organizations in America, Southern Baptist churches are experiencing the money squeeze as a serious problem. Dealing with this problem will be the focal point of the "Church Management Spring Workshop" at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, April 7-11.

Called "Fighting the Money Squeeze Through Better Business Practice," the session is part of the Church Administration Spring Workshop, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department.

Topics of the week-long conference will include "Cutting Utility Costs," "Soliciting Funds for Special Projects," "Finding the Best Food Buys," "The ABC's of Work Organization and Management," "Squeezing the Housekeeping Dollar," "Saving Through Better Purchasing," "Money Saving Tips on Preventive Maintenance" and "Getting the Most Out of Your Insurance Dollar."

Program personalities will include Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Jerry Stubblefield, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C.; Wallace Parham, minister of education, Hayes-Barton Baptist Church,

Raleigh, N.C.; Lawton Kizer, business administrator, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and Woody Southerland, consultant, Membership Services Institute, Dallas, Tex.

The Church Administration Spring Workshop will include conferences for Church hostesses, building superintendents, church secretaries and Day Care/Kindergarten directors.

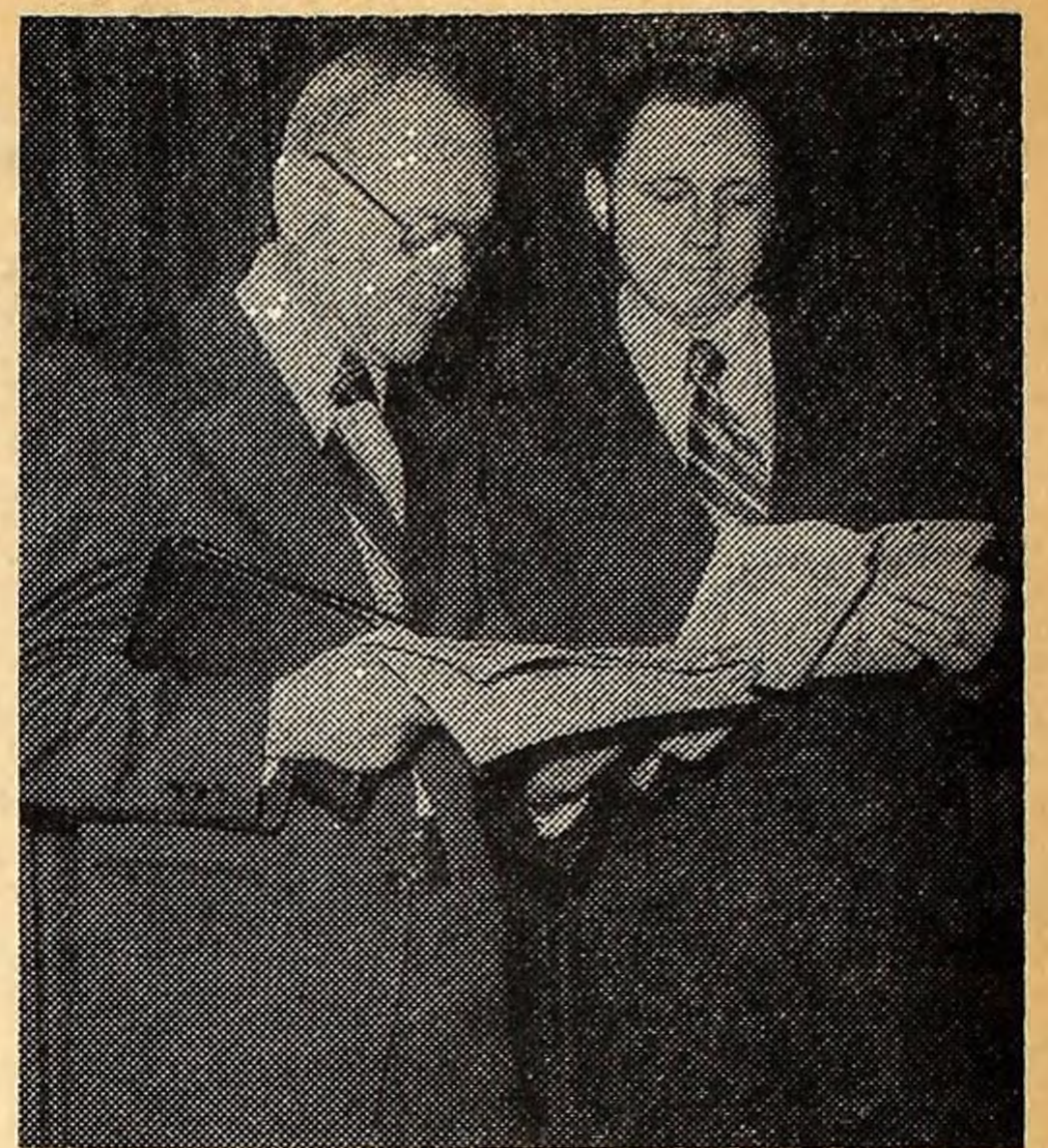
For registration contact Reginald McDonough, Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

## Belmont's Maymester Set For May 12-30

Twenty-four subjects are scheduled to be included in Belmont College's fourth annual Maymester, May 12-30, a short-term series of optional courses.

The 1975 schedule includes courses varying in length from 10 days to three weeks. College credit may be earned and grading in all areas except nursing is on a pass-fail basis.

The Maymester is open to the public, according to Glen Kelley, academic dean.



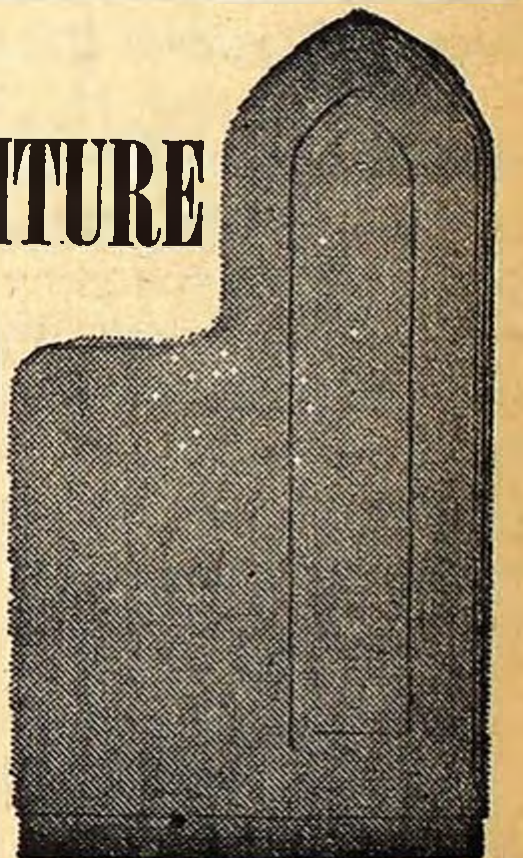
R. L. Newman (left), associational missionary for Weakley County, and Mike Davis, pastor, Dresden First Church, look at a 1907 and 1926 "Baptist And Reflector." The state papers were found when the cornerstone to the church was opened February 9. The cornerstone was laid October 31, 1926. G. T. Mayo delivered the address. T. N. Hale was pastor.

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## Knipper New Missions Director, Big Hatchie Association

Adrian Knipper, pastor of Harmony Church, Haywood Association, for more than five years, has been called as director of associational missions for Big Hatchie Association. He succeeds Teddy Evans, who retired in December of last year.



**Knipper**

Knipper is a native of Hardeman County and received his education in that school system. He earned the B.A. degree from Union University and the master of divinity degree from Mid-western Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

He has been pastor of churches at Caruthersville, Mo., Oakfield, Tenn., and Archie, Mo. He will be living in Henning, but will maintain an office in the Abernathy Building, Covington.

He will begin his new duties April 1.

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## C-N Holds Groundbreaking For Henderson Hall

Carson-Newman College president John A. Fincher announced that formal groundbreaking ceremonies for Henderson Hall were held on the campus earlier this month. The ceremony was held at the southwest corner of where the former Henderson Hall stood prior to its loss by fire on Jan. 16, 1974.

William J. Purdue, pastor of Kingsport First Church and vice chairman of the C-N Board of Trustees, delivered the prayer of invocation and commitment. Fincher presented a welcoming address and recognized special guests. A statement of history and prospect was given by C-N Board of Trustees chairman Joe R. Haynes.

Construction of the new facility will begin this spring with expected date of occupancy set for August 1976. The new Henderson Hall will consist of a multipurpose auditorium with 510 seats, a drama den, classrooms, seminar rooms, and offices. It will house the Division of Humanities with the Departments of Religion, Philosophy, English, Foreign Language, Drama and Speech.

Architects for Henderson Hall are Cooper and Perry, and the contractors are Johnson and Galyon.

The first administration building at the school began with the laying of the cornerstone in 1890 and completion in 1897. A

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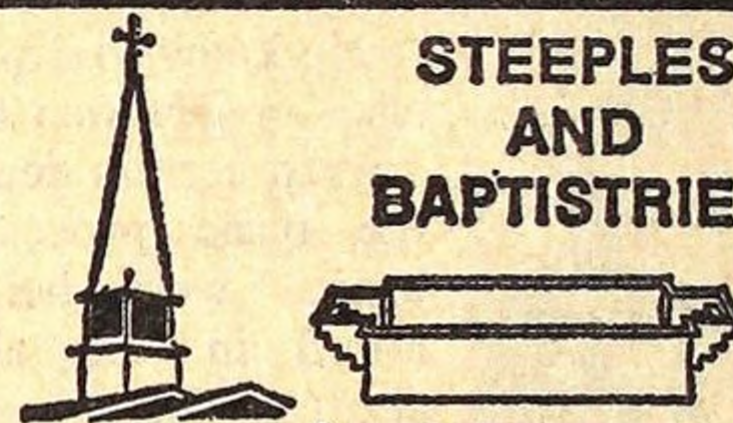
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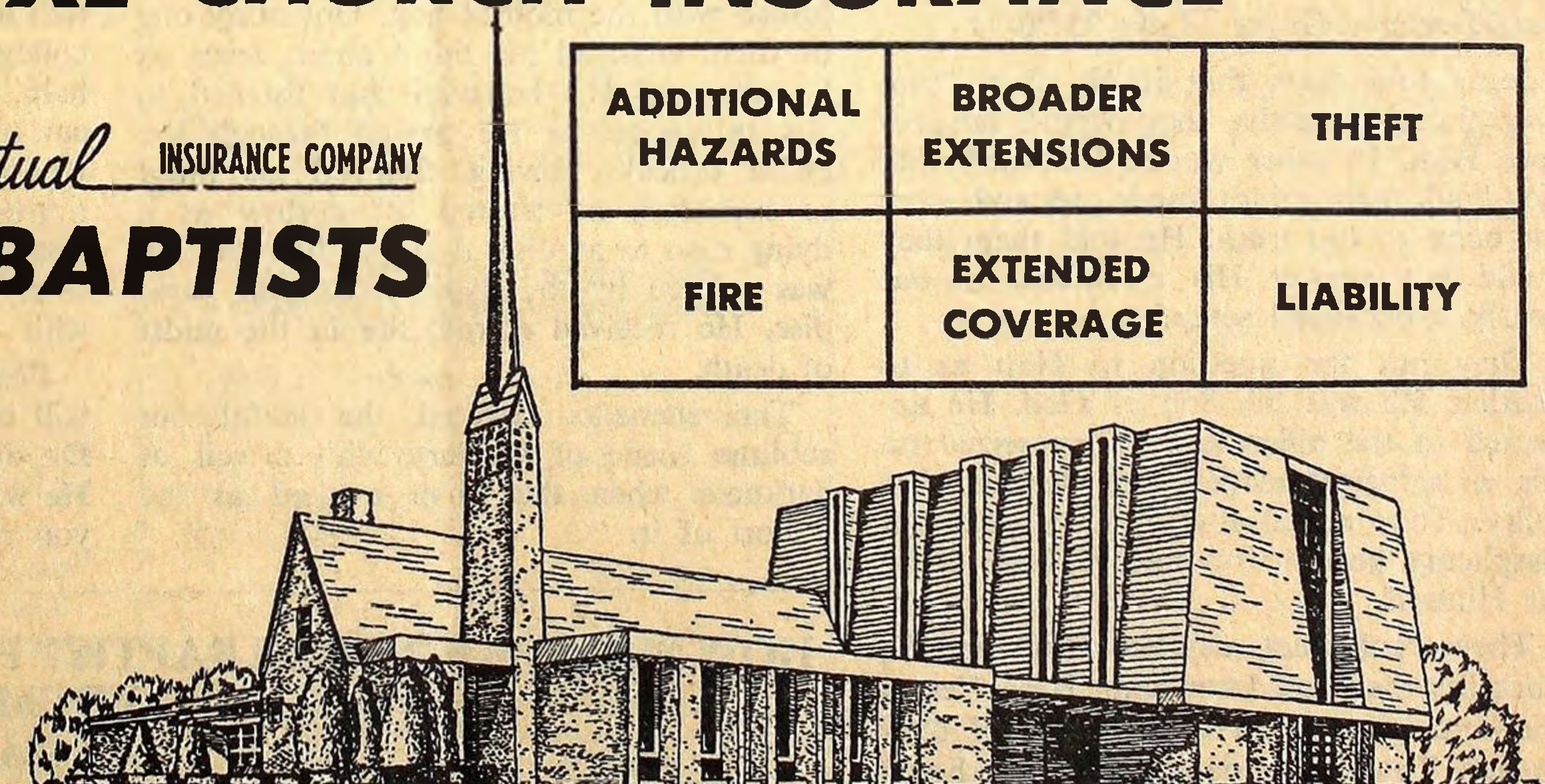
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# Faithful Unto Death

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

Basic Passage: Luke 22:26 to 23:56

Focal Passage: Luke 22:70, 23:32-46

Jesus, the holiest of the holy, the gentlest of the gentle and the loveliest of the lovely was harried and maltreated like a vile, dangerous criminal. Calmly and patiently He faced it without wavering.



White

He knew that with every step He was moving toward certain death. All the basic processes of justice were being ignored in the abortive court trials.

The fickle crowd that followed Him for loaves, fishes and marvelous miracles melted away when the tide began to turn against Him. Yet, He did not reverse the trend by calling upon heavenly hosts to come to His aid. He permitted events to carry Him swiftly to His ghastly death for our sakes.

## Jesus Declared Guilty Luke 22:70-71

Jesus told them that if He should answer them correctly, they would not believe Him. In other words, He knew that they had their minds made up and were not open to the truth. He told them they would not answer His questions. It was clearly a one-sided setup.

They put the question to Him as to whether He was the Son of God. He answered in the affirmative. They seized on this as sufficient evidence to declare Him guilty. They meant that He was guilty of blasphemy because of such a high claim for Himself.

They could not explain Him or His work but they could condemn Him. Yes, if He were not right, He was guilty of blasphemy. Those who deny His deity should remember this. He had challenged them earlier in His ministry to account for His mighty works among them and in their desperation they ascribed His powers to Satan. Jesus made this explanation look ridiculous. Certainly Satan was not out to destroy himself and his own works.

## Humiliation By Association Luke 23:32-33

They led two malefactors to Calvary to be crucified with Jesus, one on the right and the other on the left. This was a deliberately designed arrangement to make

Him look as bad as possible. They exhausted their resources to humiliate Him.

## Endured The Worst For Our Best Luke 23:34-37

We see Jesus at His best and man at his worst in Calvary and what transpired there. We also see Jesus enduring the worst for our best.

Did love ever rise so high as it did when Jesus prayed to the Father to forgive His bitter enemies when He was passing through His darkest hour, due to their diabolic hate.

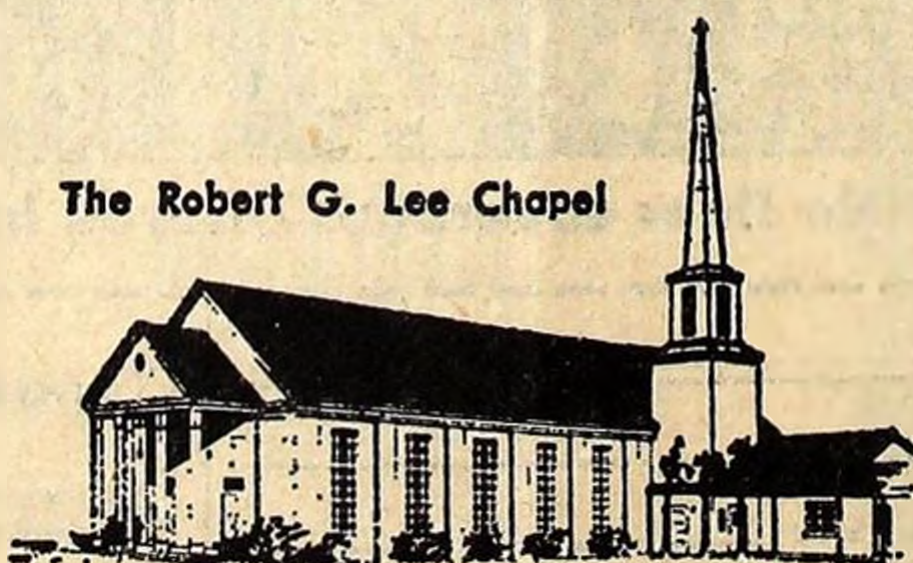
He ignored their challenges and insults. This was not due to His inability to do something about it because He would not for our sakes.

In another account of Calvary in Matthew we observe both malefactors railed on Jesus but here we have only one described as railing upon Him. Evidently both joined with the mob at first. Obviously one of them changed his mind about Jesus as he observed His behavior and listened to His utterances as He passed through the awful ordeal. Having changed his mind or repented, he trusted his destiny as a dying man to another dying at his side. He was carried by the dying Lord into paradise. He received eternal life in the midst of death.

The elements covered the awful but sublime scene of Calvary with a veil of darkness when the earth quaked at the import of it.

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## You Need A Will

By Jonas L. Stewart  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

You need a will if you have children, real estate or personal property. It is not difficult to make a will. Even the expense is minimal. Your attorney will be glad to confer with you about the cost. Our office personnel is available to discuss the importance of a Christian will with any who need such counsel.

It is estimated that more than one billion dollars accumulate in the courts each year from people who die without wills. We are told that 65 per cent of the property owners in Tennessee die without having made a will. In such circumstances the state must determine how an estate is to be distributed. This often becomes a difficult, expensive, heartbreaking experience for the beneficiaries—and it is impossible for any part of the estate to be assigned to the Lord's church or any Christian cause formerly supported by the deceased.

Love should be written into a Christian will. This love is expressed by bequests to companion, children, friends, and the Lord. Don't leave the Lord out. You love Him in life; why not love Him in death?

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For information about making a Christian will contact Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Dr. Jonas L. Stewart, Executive Secretary. He will visit you or provide information as you request without obligation.



# From the Executive Secretary

By Ralph Norton

The staff of your state paper seeks to make each issue one that meets the needs of Baptists throughout our state. It strives to be



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an informative media which will assist pastors in areas of their program planning by emphasizing activities being carried out on a state level which are of importance to churches. We are always encouraged when comments brought to our attention reflect appreciation by pastors, staff members and lay people for the contents of our paper. Serving as Acting Editor now for several months, Mrs. Eura Lannom deserves our commendation for her efforts to maintain a weekly paper that meets the needs of so many people and serves in various ways to bring the work and people of our state together in such an interesting and informative way.

Proof of the acceptance and effectiveness of this weekly paper is found through the ever-increasing subscriptions which are being received. Several churches have used the trial method to introduce the paper to the membership which has resulted in the **Baptist And Reflector** being placed in the church's budget. If a church solicits the families' desires annually as to whether or not they wish to receive the paper, unless a follow-up is carried out, sometimes a family neglects to respond and is thus deprived of the paper. In other instances, such as when new families come into a church, proper opportunity is not given them to indicate whether or not they wish to receive the paper; or, on occasion, a family will fail to make the proper response.

May I encourage our pastors to look into this matter in an effort to give each family an opportunity to receive the paper if it is desired. Make a survey of the **Baptist And Reflector** list, contact families whose names do not appear on it, and notify the **Baptist And Reflector** office of any additions which need to be made. We believe the paper continues to serve a real purpose in our state, but unless it is read by our members, its true value can never be realized.

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# HISTORICALLY

## FROM THE FILES

### 50 YEARS AGO

W. C. Furr resigned the care of the McLemore Avenue Church in Memphis to become assistant pastor of the Central Church in Memphis where Ben Cox was pastor. He served the McLemore Avenue Church for five years.

"The plucky church at Dover, Tenn.," which had only been in existence a few months, decided to build a house of worship to cost about \$6000. A lot was secured in the heart of the town. C. F. Bridges was pastor.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Central Church, Bearden, held open house in connection with the completion of its new educational unit. The church also began two morning worship services each Sunday. Henry M. Chiles was pastor.

J. E. Tilley resigned at Clear Springs Church, Knox County Association, to become pastor of Clearwater Church, McMinn Association.

### 10 YEARS AGO

James Barham was the new pastor at Pleasant Site Church, McNairy Association. He was a native of Morris Chapel and a student at Union University.

Immanuel Church, Bledsoe Association, ordained Ernest Hamilton to the gospel ministry. Edwin Alexander, pastor of the Mallory Heights Church, Memphis, preached the ordination sermon.

On Matters of

# Family Living

By Dr. B. David Edens,

Director, Marriage and Family Program  
Stephens College—Columbia, Missouri 65201

## Parents' Mixed Message Creates Confusion

"Do what you think is best dear." Parents who say this to their child had better be sure they mean it or they may produce a pretty mixed-up kid warns a psychiatrist who specializes in disturbed family relationships.

Mothers and fathers who "talk" permissively but "feel" authoritarian give out a split-level message that creates self-doubts and confusion in their children, says Beulah Parker of University of California Medical School author of "A Mingled Yarn" (Yale U. Press).

Particularly prone to "masked authoritarianism" are middle-class liberal parents whose own parents were unabashed authoritarians she has found. Much of these parents would like to be permissive, they want to be authoritarian. To the listening child, the verbal and non-verbal message they convey almost cancel each other out. The youngster doesn't know whether to respond to what he hears or what he senses. "He may come to doubt his own perception of what is really being said."

If the child takes his parents at word-value and makes his own decision, he feels his parents' displeasure. If he does what he senses they want him to do, no matter what they actually say, he's angry with himself.

"In my opinion," Dr. Parker told a "N. Y. Times" interviewer, "it would be better to say 'this is what I would like you to do but if you make another decision, I'll try to abide by it.' It would probably be better to even go to the old authoritarian way of 'I know best.' The child at least knows where he stands."

The psychiatrist's work with families of schizophrenic patients has revealed distorted communication as a factor common to the households. In contrast, parents' ability to be honest and straightforward with their children, even though they themselves were deeply disturbed, appeared to make healthy home relationships possible.

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### Annuitants' Conference Slated At Ridgecrest May 12-17

Speakers for a Conference for Annuitants to be held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center in North Carolina have been announced by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board, which sponsors it.

The program, scheduled May 12-17, will rely on annuitants for program personalities, said Kermit E. Whiteaker, Dallas Annuity Board vice president and conference director.

Homer G. Lindsay, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., will be preacher for the conference. Other speakers include Forrest C. Feezor and J. Roy Robinson, both of Shelby, N. C.

Ira C. Prosser of Lexington, Ky., will direct music and Thomas E. Carter of Oklahoma City will lead the Bible study period.

Rentz Barkley of Memphis will be pianist. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas of Anderson, S.C., will teach a class in crafts. In addition to craft study, there will be other special activities available during the conference, Whiteaker said.

Another Conference for Annuitants will be held Aug. 25-29 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in New Mexico. Program leaders for Glorieta will be announced in a few weeks, according to Whiteaker.

### Union Basketball Coach, Jim Simmons, Resigns

Jim Simmons, head basketball coach at Union University since 1970, has resigned his position at the school. Details of any new position were not divulged.

Prior to coming to Union, Simmons was head basketball, baseball, tennis, and golf coach at Cumberland Junior College in Lebanon. In 1968 he was named Tennessee Junior College Coach of the Year.

A native of Kentucky, he and his wife, Kay, are both graduates of Belmont College. He also holds the master's degree from Tennessee Tech University. At Union he has been an assistant professor, teaching courses in physical education, health and recreation, in addition to his duties as basketball and golf coach. Several college basketball records have been broken by Simmons' recruits at Union, including total points, total rebounds, total field goals and most points per game.

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